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Many thanks for your email of 7 August, 2007. The document of the ethics committee was sent to you by email of 9 August, 2007. Yes, I looked through the Instructions for BMC Public Health authors and Authors' checklist for manuscript formatting and revised the manuscript again.

Major Revisions:

1) "Department of Epidemiology" was added to Prof. He's affiliation.

2) Reference in the footnote of Table 4, Page18 was deleted.

3) The color of frame in all tables is replaced by black.

4) Double line spacing was used throughout the whole manuscript.
5) The format of references was revised according to instructions for BMC Public Health authors.

6) The title of Table 2 was replaced by "Adjusted a Hazard Ratio of major causes of death by smoking status at baseline" to make it laconic.

7) The style of the whole manuscript was revised according to the template downloaded from instructions for BMC Public Health authors.

8) The style of all tables and figures was also revised according to a published paper of BMC Public Health downloaded from the Pubmed.

Although I have revised the manuscript carefully, please let me know if it still has some problems. Yes, it is my pleasure if you point out the places where it should be revised. Best wishes.

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