Reviewer's report

Title: Smoking among pregnant women in Cantabria (Spain), trend and determinants of smoking cessation. A survey

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General
Again, data figures in the Results does not correlate with the table figures as
1. In the Results, figure for smoking prior to pregnancy was 52.6 in 1998 while in the table 2 the figure is 53.6 in 1998
2. In the Results, the figure for smoking in pregnancy was 32.6 in 1998 while in the table 2 the figure is 33.6 in 1998
3. In the Results, the figure for smoking in pregnancy was 31.5 in 2002 while in the table 2 the figure is 31.4 in 2002
clearly shows that data is biased.

There is also gross contaversion in the the methods and Table
- that in the Methods the paragraph "The association between several characteristics of women and smoking cessation is displayed in Table 3. These analyses are based on smokers before pregnancy (n=725)"

while Table 3 "Variables related to smoking cessation during pregnancy"
reflect that study is biased.
Statistical review of the data must be carried out.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
Tables are quite complex and complicated. These not clearly show the no. of women prior to pregnancy and during pregnancy/ their percentage, no. of women having what age in 1998-2002, their percentage and description of each variable should be in a separate table.
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Again at many places, there are no. of grammer and spelling mistakes
in conclusions, please correct the first paragraph i.e. instead of smoking pregnancy it should ne "smoking in pregnancy"
please correct the spelling of analyses, it is analysis
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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.