Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and Main Determinants of Tobacco Use in Cyprus Youth Through the Use of the GYTS

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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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)

1. There is only one concern. The authors equate the prevalence of needing or wanting to smoke the first thing in the morning with the prevalence of dependence in this sample. The problem is that needing or wanting to smoke first thing in the morning is only one of many symptoms of dependence, and not a particularly early one. This single item is therefore, not a sensitive measure of dependence. It is clear that the actual prevalence of dependence is much higher than is indicated by this single item since so many more of the subjects want to quit. In both the text and table, the authors need to refer to this item as it is and not equate it with the prevalence of dependence.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare no competing interests.