Reviewer's report

**Title:** Smoking and use of primary care services: findings from a population-based cohort study linked with administrative claims data

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**Reviewer:** Allen Cheadle

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This is a nice study with rich data, a large sample, and appropriate methods. The one concern is a low survey response rate (18%) but they appropriately acknowledge in the limitations. The effect sizes are small in magnitude but that is clearly indicated in the abstract.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**
None

**Minor Essential Revisions**
None

**Discretionary Revisions**
Remove the N’s from Table 2 and just have the percentages (with overall N's). As it is, it’s hard to make comparisons across categories.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests'