Reviewer's report

Title: Is the smokers exposure to environmental tobacco smoke negligible?

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? I think that the results of this study is important Because few studies have evaluated the effect of environmental tobacco smoke exposure among active smokers. The results of the present study help us for new studies about the health effect of environmental tobacco smoke exposure among smokers.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? I think that the part of the method of the study is inadequate. The method of collection of the air samples inside the stands and the method of determination of benzoapyrene should be indicated in the manuscript. Also the authors could define the seasonal period that air samples were collected.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled? The general characteristics of cases and stands could be shown in a table. The results could be presented seperataly for full flavour and full flavour light cigarettes. It is not essential that this manuscript is seen by an expert statistician.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes . I think this is a suitable title fort his manuscript.

7. Is the writing acceptable? This manuscript needs some language corrections and could be accepted after minor essential revisions pointed above.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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

'I declare that I have no competing interests'