Reviewer’s report

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**Reviewer:** Gordon Doig

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Review of Trials manuscript:” Promoting smoking cessation in Pakistani and Bangladeshi men in the UK: pilot cluster randomised controlled trial of trained community outreach workers”

This is a very well conducted and well written manuscript. Could I request the authors address the following issues:

1. Reference to main analytic method. Page 11. Reference 29 refers to an entire textbook. Please be more specific by providing a peer review methodological paper supporting your choice of analytic technique.

2. On page 12, paragraph 1. Please provide an explicit reference from the peer reviewed methodological literature to demonstrate the appropriate use of a type logistic regression model for your outcome ‘quit proportion’.

3. Please report intra-class correlation coefficients for all outcomes.

4. Provide a methodological reference to support the use of the Kenward-Roger method for correcting standard errors in this specific situation.

5. Page 12 and 13. Provide the appropriate methodological reference to support the use of a chi-square test for clustered data for your patient satisfaction questionnaire.

6. Page 13. Please refer to a credible source for your definition of fixed vs. variable costs. Because staff salary usually doesn’t vary with the number of patients seen it can be considered a ‘variable’ cost. Costs of salary decrease as volume of patients increases.

**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 that I have no competing interests.