Reviewer's report

Title: Lessons learned from recruiting socioeconomically disadvantaged smokers into a pilot randomised controlled trial to explore the role of Exercise Assisted Reduction then Stop (EARS) smoking.

Version: 2

Date: 11 September 2014

Reviewer: Emily Stockings

Reviewer's report:

The authors have addressed my main concerns well.

Minor essential revisions
1. Introduction: There is a minor typo on page 5, paragraph 2, line 3 "Exercise Assisted Reduction the Stop..". The should read "then".

2. Introduction: Typo, page 5, paragraph 1, line 8 "...expired ait..". Ait should read air.

3. Methods: Page 10, the authors have added in details regarding how readiness to quit and expired air carbon monoxide were measured, but references should be included for both (including a reference for why 10ppm was chosen as the threshold for abstinence).

4. Methods: Page 11, paragraph 4 "Pearson chi squared" should read "Pearson's chi-squared". The authors should also clarify if the t-tests were independent, one-sided, two sample, etc.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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