Reviewer’s report

Title: Cannabis use and other predictors of the onset of daily cigarette use in young men: what matters most? Results from a longitudinal study

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Major compulsory revisions: The authors have used several scales to assess variety of characteristics about the study participants. Many of these characteristics have not been appropriately classified/categorized to make sense. Therefore, these variables need revision and reclassification throughout. In the absence of this the whole manuscript looks a hotch-potch at the moment. For level of education was considered as demographic variable as well housing situation, means of subsistence and living with a partnership and number of siblings. These all mean different things however these have been lumped together as demographic variables.

Several scales have been used in this study, however description for most of these scales are inadequate. It is difficult to make any assessment of the manuscript when no description of the measures are available.

The quality of writing of the manuscript is unacceptable. It needs revision throughout to make it acceptable for publication.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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