Author’s response to reviews

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached the revised version of our paper "Trends in smoking behaviour among Estonian physicians in 1982–2014". This version was approved by all the authors.

We hereby detail the changes made to our manuscript in response to the editor’s minor comments.

Editor Comments:

Thank you for your revision. I am happy to accept the paper for publication, but please make these 2 minor changes in relation to the comments from Reviewer 2:
Please add this statement to the results section of your manuscript: "Age of smoking initiation was missing only in 1.8% of cases over the study period."

Corresponding sentence was added:

Page 5, line 117-119: Questionnaires with missing information concerning age of smoking initiation (1.8% of questionnaires over the study period) were excluded from the calculation of mean age of smoking initiation.

Line 108, page 3: Please change prevalence 'rates' to prevalence 'estimates'

Corresponding change was made.

Page 5 line 108: Data analysis involved the determination of prevalence estimates and the corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI).

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