Reviewer’s report

Title: Sleep quality in cigarette smokers and nonsmokers: findings from the general population in central China

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This study was based on a large-sample survey and collected a lot data. But a few critical issues were not clarified.

1. The research question is unclear for this paper. The justification of this study is weak. What is the scientific significance of studying the relationship between sleeping quality and cigarette use? References are needed for key sentences (rows 25-28 on page 5 and rows 1-4 on page 6).

2. It is unclear why this study targeted persons aged 12 years and older. Please clarify it.

3. Please provide a reference to the operational definition of cigarette smoking (rows 14-17 on page 8).

4. Statistical models should consider sample weight since the study subjects were selected using complex sampling schemes.

5. Table 4 is hard to read. If possible, please focus on the key research objectives, or separate it into two tables.

6. The discussion needs to be much improved. In particular, the new findings and their implications for policy and future studies should be detailed.

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