Reviewer’s report

Title: Smoke-free-school-hours at vocational education and training schools in Denmark: Attitudes among managers and teaching staff – a national cross-sectional study

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Reviewer Comments

Abstract:

Background: redundant, make it brief, definitions and aim and objectives.

Method: please write brief about the study population, area and sampling procedures, no need for details of statistical analysis.

Result: Rewrite to reflect the important figures only

Conclusions:

Background

Line 3, page 3, What do you mean by external cause.

Lines 14-19, page 3, the sentence is a conclusion of the following lines, suggest to move it to the end of the paragraph.

Lines 14-44, page 3, is ONE paragraph, Please break it paragraphs so it can easily be captured.

Please explain the age of the students in VET.

Line 12, page 4, add years to 18.

Line 12, 31, page 5, add reference to the statement.

Line 37, 39, 42, page 5, rove the numbering and write it letters.

Method

Use subtitles to make it reader friendly.
study design and area, study population, sampling procedures including sample size calculations, data collection and statistical analysis in addition to ethical issues.

Line 153, page 8, please verify how do validate the questionnaire and what are the results of the pilot study and is there any amendments and that are they.

Result

No reference to any table or figure in 3.1 in section.

The reporting needs major revisions.

Discussion

Please rewrite the limitations in a concise paragraph, some of the information may be suitable for the section of variables (lines 331–337).

In limitation section concentrate on the weakness in the study design, sample size, randomization and representativeness of the sample, in addition, to reliability and validity of the questions.

Rewrite the conclusion section just explain what really did you find.

References

1. Please revise all the references to be in the format.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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