**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Impact of snus use in teenage boys on tobacco use in young adulthood. A cohort from the HUNT Study Norway.

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**Reviewer:** Reviewer 2

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

**OBJECTIVE** - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)
Yes - there is a clear objective

**DESIGN** - Is the current approach (including controls and analysis protocols) appropriate for the objective?
Yes - the approach is appropriate

**EXECUTION** - Are the experiments and analyses performed with sufficient technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?
Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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No - there are issues with the statistics in the study

**INTERPRETATION** - Is the current interpretation/discussion of the results reasonable and not overstated?
No - there are minor issues

**OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL** - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors have responded well to my original comments and have made satisfactory changes to the manuscript.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
Two minor points remain outstanding:
- Can the authors mention in the limitations the fact that those loss to follow up had a higher prevalence of tobacco use? What is the likely implication of this on the results (will this result in an under- or over-estimate of the effect size, for example)?

- Could a brief sensitivity analysis be conducted on the participants with inconsistent answers. If they are dropped from the analysis, for example, do the results meaningfully change? No need for additional tables to demonstrate this, just a line in the results section will do.

**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?**
If not, please specify which controls are required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

**Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?**
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No

**Are you able to assess any statistics in the manuscript or would you recommend an additional statistical review?**
If an additional statistical review is recommended, please specify what aspects require further assessment in your comments to the editors.

I am able to assess the statistics

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