Reviewer’s report

Title: Increasing smoking cessation care across a network of hospitals: an implementation study

Version: 3 Date: 19 September 2015

Reviewer: Peter Selby

Reviewer’s report:

Major compulsory
better explanation as to why tobacco use was not recorded in a standard way. The HSI is two questions and given there was training offered, why was this excluded given smoking status is a key defining variable. Moreover, the exclusion of those with mental illness and addiction is problematic. What were the programs instructed to do if the patient did have a mental illness and or other substance use?

Minor essential
Please correct the typo in this sentence on pg
"Mental health, intensive care, substance detoxification or maternity patients were
excluded, based on their diagnostic codes, as they have special needs likely to impact
on the level of smoking care provided.

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
no change from my previous review