

## Authors' response: exposing children to secondhand smoke

Pool and colleagues make an important point about exposure to tobacco smoke<sup>1</sup> but we are uncertain of the relevance to our paper,<sup>2</sup> which reported the effects of smoking by parents as a behaviour rather than source of passive exposure. While we cannot discount the possibility that children of smokers are more likely to become smokers as a consequence of passive smoke exposure, our interpretation is that it is the behaviour that is responsible.

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