

Review of: "Tobacco Use and Perceived Stress Among Male College Students in Bangalore, India"

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I appreciate the researcher for taking on the study on tobacco use among college students. However, the manuscript may be improved on the following parameters.

Rationale for the study needs to be mentioned before methodology. As this is a cross-sectional study, the STROBE guideline may be followed in the manuscript. A flow chart showing participant recruitment as per the STROBE guideline may be added. Usually, the research guide will be the corresponding author. It is strongly advised to include the research supervisor's name as the co-author and corresponding author of the manuscript.

Table 2 needs modification. Variables are not presented in Table 2.

The conclusion needs to be brief and specific to the objectives.

Any reason for excluding female college students?

Who reviewed the research proposal, and who gave the ethical clearance for the study, has to be mentioned in the methodology. What was the estimated sample size for the study? How did you arrive at a sample size of 183? How many were excluded? How was the data collected, through the interview method, questionnaire method, or through Google Forms? It has to be explained. Socio-demographic details and cross-sectional analysis have to be done. How many were from arts, science, and commerce backgrounds? No information in the same.

What are the limitations and strengths of the study? What are the suggestions for future research? Whether the study findings can be generalised?

Addressing these lacunae in the manuscript could improve the quality.

Best wishes,

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