

Review of: "Signboards prohibiting tobacco sale within 100 yards of educational institutes: The appraisal of prohibition compliance and on-ground status of the COTPA Act, 2003 in Chanakyapuri Division of New Delhi Revenue District, the administrative precinct of India."

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The topic is very important & interesting.

The introduction , methodology , result & Discussion section need serious improvements.

Introduction: Mention findings of literature search

- What information is already there
- What are the research gaps
- Why this study is important? What value it may add in global knowledge data base

Methodology- Mention details of study population

--total no. educational institute in Chanakyapuri?

Mention details of sample size

--how & basis of what these 62 institutes have been selected? is it random sampling, how randomized ?

--how sample size has been calculated. What equation / software used?

Result & Analysis

Unlike discussion section, this section will not be descriptive , rather add few tables of analysis outputs

- Table 1 should depicts the profile of the study participants (% of Govt/Private, Secondary/ Higher secondary etc)
- Delete the list of the institute. Analysis & results should be anonymized

Table 2, 3, — The results of percent of educational institutes that are compliant with the Section 3& section 6(b) should also be tabulated.

— Only % is not sufficient. Statistical analysis should be done with more robust methodology like chi square or fishers exact test and outputs should be expressed as % with p-value

Discussion:- Discuss all the findings in light with other literatures (where the findings are similar or not)

— Probable explanation of such findings

– Possible Practical implication of the findings

– Its better to mention a few points about the author perceived weakness of the study design/methodology

In conclusion, this paper need a major revisions. Currently the paper is looking like a project report & not a scientific journal article.