

## Review of: "Role of Nicotine in RAS and Fibrosis Linked to Severe COVID-19 Manifestations"

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I think there needs to be greater clarity in terms of the relationship between COVID-19 and nicotine. While I agree it has effects on sympathetic physiology, perhaps a flow chart or a diagram would be helpful in <u>clearly</u> demonstrating the point. For example, initial studies during the start of COVID-19 suggested that smoking may have a protective effect against severe infection, whereas later studies claimed either no effect or the opposite (doi: 10.32394/pe.75.03.). Agree with other reviewers that language definitely needs to be double-checked as there are many spelling mistakes. Overall, I think the article needs to be re-evaluated in terms of what it is actually trying to convey.

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