

# Review of: "The association of smoking status with SARS-CoV-2 infection, hospitalisation and mortality from COVID-19: A living rapid evidence review with Bayesian meta-analyses (version 11)"

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Very impressed with this review and congratulations on your work especially on your research ideas! Even though I have some doubts about some conclusions such as "Recorded smoking prevalence among people with COVID-19 was generally lower than national prevalence" based on the common theoretical and published articles regarding the relationship between respiratory diseases and smoking. I also don't understand how to calculate the statistical data in the table, I hope to explain using notes. It's better to understand if you group your samples and analyze them relying on the categories. Finally, it's 52% of plagiarism by checking with [ithenticate.com](https://www.iThenticate.com) and hope authors write the manuscript using their own words.