

Peer Review

# Review of: "Youth Smoking and Vaping Social Norms and Associations with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression Symptoms"

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This study is critically important because it highlights the strong association between youth mental health and social norms related to smoking and vaping across different countries. Understanding that poorer mental health is linked to more positive perceptions and social acceptance of these behaviors underscores the need for integrated prevention strategies.

**Here are some identified suggestions for improvement based on the research provided:**

- If possible, use visual aids such as charts or infographics to clearly illustrate the relationships and differences across countries, making the findings more understandable and impactful.
- Clearly acknowledge the limitations related to measurement and design, ensuring readers interpret the findings with appropriate caution and understanding.
- Focus on actionable insights that can inform existing policy and intervention efforts to address youth mental health and social norms surrounding smoking and vaping.

## Declarations

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.