

# Review of: "[Commentary] Snus Has Saved Many Lives in Sweden – And Can Save Many More"

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This is a well-written article. However, a few points may be considered:

The shift from cigarette smoking to snus, in itself, does not completely reduce the risks of smoking. This needs to be considered while discussing the review.

The abstract mentions: Actual Swedish data are compared with two scenarios without snus – a group of comparable countries, and a hypothetical Sweden with no snus use. Both scenarios suggest that around 4,000 lives per year have been saved by the use of snus. This kind of mentions that snus saves lives - which is not exactly the gist of this study. It may encourage snus vis-a-vis not smoking at all.

Hypothetical data for no snus use is mentioned. However, all the statistics mainly evaluate outcomes among males. Similar approximations can be done for females, although it is mentioned that the use of snus among women has not had time to yield visible reductions in mortality in the middle of 2010

Opportunities for support of snus: This statement probably seems to encourage snus.