

Review of: "Mobile Phone Recycling and Stockpiling Behaviour in the UAE: A Gender and Age Study"

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The article is intriguing and relevant as it tackles a global issue.

The introduction; is good, but some improvements can be made. It would be better to add information about EEW recycling and the objectives of the study. Additionally, the topic of stockpiling seems to be overlooked in the introduction, methodology, data, results, and discussion. Thus, it might be better to remove it from the title.

The theoretical framework; is good, but it would help if C1-C3 were emphasized in the study and introduction since it guides the analysis.

The methodology; is good, but it would be more comprehensive if it were a mixed one as it would provide an in-depth view of the residents' opinions and perceptions regarding the matter. The open-ended responses are not clear, and it is unclear whether the sample size is from the entire UAE or some state. It would also be better if the author showed data from different states since attitudes towards the matter may differ. For instance, Dubai is more liberal than other states. Therefore, the discussion seems too general.

The results and discussion; are good, but it would be helpful to link them to the framework and discuss them based on the theory of behavior change (C1-C3). It would also be great if the author could reference other empirical studies. The discussion might not be coherent enough for a layman to understand. Additionally, the data on stockpiling is missing.