

Review of: "Low incidence of daily active tobacco smoking in patients with symptomatic COVID-19"

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Congratulations to the authors for the paper. About 1 month ago (March 23) we reported for the first time a sex-standardized lower prevalence of smoking among hospitalized COVID-19 patients in China, analyzing 5 studies (<https://www.qeios.com/read/article/541>). Over time, we expanded our analysis with 13 studies included in our latest version (<https://www.qeios.com/read/article/561>). In fact, our incidence ratio was 0.244, very close to the incidence ratio reported in France, although we could not adjust for age. A question we were unable to address was how accurate the recording of the smoking status was in Chinese patients. Could you give us some information about your cases on the accuracy and confidence that the smoking status was recorded accurately?