

Review of: "Barriers to quitting smoking – a survey among 1000 adult cigarette smokers in Germany"

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This is a very interesting study exploring a serious public health issue. However, it needs further clarification which is as follows:

In the introduction, there is no description of serious health effects of smoking.

In the method section, all measures were taken to exclude the confounding factors, which is very commendable. However, there is no mention of how did the Investigators arrive at the sample size.

One of the findings is misperceptions about Nicotine. However, in the discussion section there is no detailed explanation of how nicotine works, its addictive properties and how NRTs or other licensed smoking cessation drugs such as Varenicline support in maintaining the quit status.