

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

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Neubert et al. researched barriers to quitting smoking for adult smokers: a case study in Germany. Researchers furthermore assess the general motivation to quit smoking cigarettes. The research study's findings revealed that most smokers in Germany are not motivated to stop smoking cigarettes, and the barriers and motivations to quit smoking cigarettes differed among the smoker's subgroups. The minority of smokers (29 %) intended to stop smoking. Thus, smokers were considered a homogeneous group of people and required a differentiated approach towards the decision to quitting smoking. This research is fascinating. However, line numbering has not been given to enable reviewers pointing areas that need improvement, making it difficult to indicate areas that need to be revised. Therefore, despite this weakness, I have noticed a few areas that need improvement, as described below.

**The research Title** is okay.

**The abstract** needs pruning of words to be more focused on the results.

## Introduction

Line 1: Indicate 17 million out of what population?

Line 18: 3-6%

Line 14-16: References are required

## Methodology

[This section contains mixing methodology, data collection and analysis. The authors need to reorganize this section to have subtitles for methods, data collection, and data analysis]

Line 1-2: Locations where the survey was done need to be indicated

Page 3: Line 2, a subtitle for 'Data collection is required

Line 4-7: Rephrase to indicate the data collection

Line 8: Fit to be given a subtitle for 'Data analysis'

## Results

[This is not a discussion or a literature review, authors should provide results obtained during their ten days of studies]

Line 3: Add a comma after the word 'groups'

## Discussion

Authors need to rewrite this section to discuss the results obtained and support the results with other author's references.