

Review of: "Influence of Culture Among Users of Illegal Drugs: An Ethnographic Study"

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The language is mostly appropriate, but some sentences are overly complex. Simplifying these would improve readability and engagement for a broader audience.

The article focuses on and discusses a critical problem, which is drug abuse, but I had some comments for the author:

- 1. Introduction: It would enhance the introduction if the author referenced a study specifically discussing the wealth or economic status of Omani people, rather than relying on references 4 and 5, which may not be directly related.
- 2. **Method Section**: The method section lacks transparency regarding how many prisoners met the inclusion criteria but were eventually excluded. This should be clarified to ensure methodological rigor.
- 3. Section 2.5 (References): The author incorrectly cites Braun and Clarke in reference (14). This citation refers to Al Sultan A, et al. about Omani female workers and work-life balance. Please correct this discrepancy.
- 4. **Results Section**: It is unclear whether the most relevant responses were highlighted or if there was a general consensus among participants. The author should clarify if most participants provided similar responses.
- 5. Participants' Future Education: Given that half of the participants are in college, it would be insightful to ask if they plan to return to their universities after their situation improves. This could add valuable information to the study.
- 6. Future Studies on Substance Abuse: The author should consider emphasizing the need for future studies to explore the factors driving drug and substance abuse in Oman. This would provide a deeper understanding of the issue and potential interventions.