

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

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Many thanks for the opportunity to review your manuscript and this study can be a substantial contribution to revise smoking cessation programs in Germany. This is very interesting topic. Overall, this manuscript needs a bit of work to make it a solid article for publication. There are several areas that I feel need to be considered and are important issues to address. So, I would recommend to authors to review it seriously, to be edited by native English speakers/professional English editor for grammatical and narration as well as sentence structures.

Imp: This manuscript needs major revision.

1. Please put space between two paragraphs.
2. Number citations can put like [1,3] rather than [1][3].
3. In result section- write table, not tab and same like figure not fig.
4. Statistical analysis could be helpful to readers, prefer to add it.
5. No need to put survey question in the figure topic, so remove it from there, you can. mention it in method section or supplemental file or in appendix.
6. Not sure what author like to say- "What keeps smokers from quitting cigarette. smoking?" I think it would be a good idea to list out barriers with short description such as: a. Environment b. peer pressure c. Lack of support d. Stressful life situation etc.
7. Too many figures- some representative figures and text is fine. You can make some tables to present some data.
8. Need to write limitation and future recommendation of the study.
9. What about ethical approval?

Thank you.