

Review of: "Tobacco Use and Perceived Stress Among Male College Students in Bangalore, India"

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This seems like a good study exploring the relationship between the nature of tobacco use and psychological stress amongst adolescents and young adults.

It is not clear in the methods about the nature of undergraduate colleges [the discipline of study may have an impact on stress or smoking, and this can cause bias in the findings], the environments of colleges may differ. The author needs to clarify how many colleges were taken, whether all colleges were the same [in terms of subjects, faculty, or discipline].

Clarify the time lapsed from quitting smoking for the non-smokers group called "who smoked cigarettes regularly in the past."

Apart from gender and age matching, what other factors were considered for making the groups homogenous? Please mention possible biases in the study. There may be other limitations of the study overall, and include recommendations for other researchers.