

Review of: "Tobacco- and Nicotine-Containing Product Use in Italy: Results From Two Cross-Sectional Studies"

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This is a nice manuscript that should be accepted with minor revision, providing the scientific community with new information. I believe it should be reduced in volume, and the results section should be reduced by putting a lot of data only on tables or creating a supplement for those.

Except for some minor comments that I will present line by line, reading the manuscript, I had some questions which I believe would be interesting to address in the paper.

1. Do we have any data on how many of the persons included in the survey of year 1 are the same persons included in the survey of year 2?
2. Do the percentages of I-HTP mentioned in the paper correspond to the sales in the same time period? It would be interesting to know this to understand if the data apply to the general population.
3. The meaning and the consequences on result interpretation of the phrase on page 19 "the general adult sample was not asked about their risk perception of I-HTPs"

Also,

Page 2, line 2: Instead of "viable alternative," I would prefer "a less harmful—as far as we yet know—alternative."

Page 3, line 2: "who don't quit" would be better as "who are unable or unwilling to quit."

Page 3, line 3: lower-risk to "- smoke-free products with emission of reduced harmful substances."