

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

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The study is very interesting. Some minor issues could improve the text.

The study investigates tobacco and nicotine-containing product (TNP) use in Italy through two cross-sectional studies. The design is appropriate for gathering data over time and allows for a comparison of trends in TNP use. However, a potential limitation is the reliance on self-reported data, which may introduce bias due to the participants' desire to conform to social norms.

Suggestion: Consider discussing the limitations associated with self-reported data in greater depth. Additionally, acknowledge the potential influence of social desirability bias on participants' responses, particularly in sensitive topics such as smoking and TNP use.

The sample size is robust, with more than 6,000 participants in each cross-sectional study. The rationale for the sample size calculations is well described, particularly in relation to the prevalence estimates.

The results are clearly presented, with comprehensive tables and figures illustrating TNP use trends. However, the study could benefit from a more detailed statistical comparison of the two cross-sectional surveys.

Suggestion: Consider performing additional statistical tests, such as a chi-square test for independence, to compare the prevalence of TNP use between the two study years. This would provide stronger evidence for any observed changes in TNP use over time.

The conclusion appropriately summarizes the findings, highlighting the low prevalence of I-HTP use and the potential for TNPs to play a role in harm reduction. However, it could benefit from a more nuanced discussion of the challenges associated with implementing harm reduction strategies in Italy.