

Review of: "Purchasing and sourcing of e-cigarettes among youth in Scotland and England following Scotland's implementation of an e-cigarette retail register and prohibition of e-cigarette sales to under-18s"

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General comments

This is a well written study to investigate Purchasing and sourcing of e-cigarettes among youth in Scotland and England following Scotland's implementation of an e-cigarette retail register and prohibition of e-cigarette sales to under-18s.

Thank you for giving opportunity to review this study.

introduction

1. Citations are needed as some paragraphs do not have citations.
2. There are previous studies so why this study was conducted? Any gaps with previous studies?

Methods

1. Clarify your study population selection criteria
2. How you get 9982 need clarification.
3. What was your sample size determination?
4. How you measured your outcome is not clear
5. Your study participants were adolescents. No ethical consideration for this study. Moreover the study participants were minors who were not eligible to give consent, can you explain how you managed this issue?
6. Please explain the what statistics test used to show significantly associated factors. How you selected variables for multi variable analysis is not clear
7. In table column say all age may not be so important
8. "0" figure is mostly not recommended in the table better removed.
9. Your conclusion and recommendations should be inline with the findings of your study.