

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

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In the manuscript entitled "Tobacco Use and Perceived Stress Among Male College Students in Bangalore, India," the authors set out to provide answers regarding the correlation between psychological stress and tobacco dependence in a group of Indian male adolescents and young adults aged 18-22 years. Specifically, the authors sought to analyze whether there was a difference in psychological stress experienced between the groups of tobacco/cigarette users and those of non-tobacco users, and whether there was any relationship between psychological stress and level of tobacco/nicotine dependence.

The manuscript is certainly interesting; therefore, I suggest that the authors explore the topic further. In particular, I refer to the materials and methods part by better clarifying what the inclusion and especially exclusion criteria were in the sample recruitment phase. It should also be specified, in my opinion, whether the questionnaires used were previously validated by the scientific community.

Finally, I suggest that the authors specify as best as possible the limitations of the study (as well as its advantages).

In conclusion, I consider the article suitable for publication following minor revisions.