

# Review of: "Consumption of Beverage among Secondary and Intermediate Students in Riyadh Schools, Saudi Arabia: A Cross-Sectional Study"

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The present descriptive study aimed to determine the consumption of beverage among students. While interesting, and with some aspects of merit such as the number of participants, the higher response rate, and some results (higher coffee consumption in girls, which is in agreement with previous results, for example, in university students), there are some questions regarding format and results presentation that should be improved even before a more detailed review of contents.

-The manuscript would benefit from an English revision, at least in sentences such as "Children aged (14-18) years consumed higher coffee..."

-For most of the values provided decimal places could be removed. What does two decimal places for age mean? Furthermore, I don't know any methodology allowing a result about beverage consumption with a precision of 0.01 mL.

-Introduction could be clearly shortened, putting more focus on the study aim and contents.

-Tables should be provided and reported properly in the text rather than at the end of the paragraph.

-In results section, most of values reported should be removed. The main results, or the statistical effects, should be highlighted, and the reader should be able to find them in the tables. In any case, I suggest changing sentences like "Males' beverage consumption (2238.53±879.96) was higher than females' (1918.88±796.01), with a statistically significant difference ( $p<0.001$ )" to read instead "Males' beverage consumption was higher than females' (2238.53±879.96 vs. 1918.88±796.01,  $p<0.001$ ).". This allows a more easy, fluent and continuous reading.

-Consider removing "statistically significant differences" as this is redundant when statistical analysis has been performed.