

Review of: "Successful Cessation Programs that Reduce Comorbidity may Explain Surprisingly Low Smoking Rates among Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients"

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It is very useful to see the 'reverse causation' argument expounded in detail and it could need be a major factor in the apparent protective effect. In principle this can be assessed by looking at whether ex-smokers are over-represented and the time since quitting.

It is also not to forget collider bias which is harder to understand but can lead to spurious positive associations.