

Review of: "Barriers to quitting smoking – a survey among 1000 adult cigarette smokers in Germany"

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Pros:

- This study substantiates the findings of ongoing DEBRA study. Thus, help us in understanding an overall picture of the smoking issues in Germany.
- It takes socioeconomic factors into consideration.

Cons:

- How did they decide the sample size? No info. Regarding why only 1000 participants were selected?
- Very in-general recommendations statements. Based on their findings, authors should have included a separate section on recommendation.
- Why they have over-emphasized the use of smoke free alternatives? Further, there seems to be conflict of interest. In this scenario, such studies should not be published.
- How just between 25th May and 4th June, they are able to collect data on 1000 participant. Very doubtful about the authenticity of the data collection.
- Aspects of culture are missing from the discussion section.
- Section on limitation is missing.