

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

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While the researcher(s) claimed “the group of male college-going Indian youths probably represents the most vulnerable of all the groups in India owing to the period of relative autonomy of college education leading to the gradual entry into adulthood and coupled with the financial liberty specific to urban affluent backgrounds,” unfortunately, only a total of 183 male college students between the ages of 18 and 22 years participated in the research study. Researcher(s) should provide the population size and how the 183 derived from the population as the sampling frame. The researcher(s) should justify why only male college students from Bangalore were selected as respondents, as it would maybe be misleading to the statement “More than 250 million individuals use tobacco in some form on a daily basis in India, and adolescents make up a significant proportion of that number.” Therefore, 183 of 250 million is extremely low to represent adolescents with the nature of tobacco use and psychological stress study.

The researcher(s) should elaborate on the financial liberty related to the urban affluent (whether it refers to Mumbai?); however, the samples were from Bangalore, the Silicon Valley of India. Any further demographic profiling of the respondents is critical to the study, especially on economic background, household income, education, and family background.

Overall, the study is well written and organized, just needs to update the latest literature to enhance the robustness of the study.