

# Review of: "Exploring the Experiences and Perceptions of Young People's Recreational Nitrous Oxide Use"

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This study is a baseline/first study of N<sub>2</sub>O use in youth in Australia, but will be of interest to researchers and policy makers in other jurisdictions as well.

Clear, detailed introduction, and overall very easy to read and understand. Going through the qualitative results provides the reader with a fairly good sense of the motivations, methods of use, etc. of nitrous oxide.

Although the broad application of the study is limited (all university students, only 7 participants), the authors do acknowledge this, and I think the study will still be valuable to other nitrous oxide researchers.

A few minor suggestions:

Introduction, paragraph 1, line 1 - Is it correct to say that nitrous oxide was developed specifically for recreational use in 1722?

Methods - It is unclear whether the interviews were conducted as structured interviews - if so, the authors should include the interview questions either in the methods, as an appendix, or supplementary information.

Table 1 - If none of the participants identify as First Nations, you could note that in the text and remove the column from the table, or change that column to "Born in Australia" or something.