

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

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The research is generally good. It refers to the fact that one of the inclusion criteria is gender, but were they all male? The place of origin of the students should be written in the sample section and should specify how many universities they came from and the characteristics of these universities, as well as specifying which careers, cycles, etc., the students came from, since these could be explanatory variables in the study and, if not taken into account, could be a limitation for the findings. Improve the presentation of tables 2 and 3 in order to make them easier to read (consider the names of the variables and/or subgroups).

I also suggest improving the justification of the research, considering that there is a significant number of studies that speak of the existence of a relationship between smoking and perceived stress, specifying in the discussion other limitations of the study, such as those mentioned in the previous paragraph, and in this framework, providing recommendations for other researchers on the subject.