

Review of: "The association of smoking status with SARS-CoV-2 infection, hospitalisation and mortality from COVID-19: A living rapid evidence review"

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The living review is a great idea that could provide a useful contribution to a hot topic. On most outcomes though, smokers were merged with ex-smokers. (The conclusion that 'current and former smoking is associated with greater disease severity' implies this is true for both of these groups, rather than for the merged sample of ever-smokers). The counterintuitive hypothesis that is making waves and that is in urgent need of further testing is that current smoking (rather than smoking in the past) may provide a degree of protection (Qeios 561, 574, 581).

Can you show the results for smokers and for ex-smokers separately?