

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

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It is well appreciated that the authors have tried to target the young population and analyze the dependence on cigarettes in light of stress. Mental health is really a problem in youngsters, especially in urban areas.

Being a survey study, the sample size appears to be very small to generalize the results. The authors have not taken into consideration the intake of nicotine in any other ways, such as chewing gums or electronic nicotine delivery systems. The percentage-wise calculation, e.g., 85 out of 183, is also not accurate. The p-value, as $p=0.05$, has not been taken into consideration at significant levels. Being an observational study, the STROBE guidelines should have been followed.