

Review of: "Low incidence of daily active tobacco smoking in patients with symptomatic COVID-19"

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Thanks for sharing an interesting paper.

I understand that the new paper finds current smoking much lower than expected (gross figure 5.1% daily, and another 5.1% occasional, compared with 25.4% and 6.6% in general population, see Figure 1:

http://beh.santepubliquefrance.fr/beh/2019/15/2019_15_1.html). On the other hand, the gross *former* smoking rate looks much higher than general population 54.2% compared with 36.6%. While, gross never smoker figure looks similar 35.6% compared with 36.6%. These are unadjusted for sex and age and just reported directly from manuscripts. Is it possible to make equivalent adjustments and comparison for former smoking with general population?

Also, I cannot see any information on recency of quitting. I imagine a substantial proportion of former smokers may have quit very recently - do you have information on time since quitting among the former smokers?