

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

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

•Overall, I found the manuscript to be well-structured and thoroughly researched. The study investigates an important topic, namely the relationship between tobacco use and perceived stress among male college students in Bangalore, India. The methodology employed is robust, including the use of standardized psychometric scales and appropriate statistical analysis.

•Strengths:

1.**Rigorous Methodology:** The study utilizes standardized psychometric scales to measure perceived stress and nicotine dependence, ensuring reliability and validity of the results. The statistical analysis is appropriate and effectively supports the study's findings.

2.**Clear Presentation:** The manuscript is well-written and organized, with clear sections delineating the background, methods, results, discussion, and conclusions. This clarity enhances readability and comprehension.

3.**Critical Discussion:** The discussion section critically evaluates the findings in the context of existing literature, providing insightful interpretations and implications. The authors effectively highlight both significant results and potential limitations of the study.

•Areas for Improvement:

1.**Citation Style Consistency:** There are minor inconsistencies in citation style throughout the manuscript. Ensuring uniformity in citation formatting would enhance the professionalism and clarity of the manuscript.

2.**Inclusion of Recent Studies:** While the manuscript cites relevant literature, there is scope for incorporating more recent studies to strengthen the discussion and contextualize the findings within the current research landscape.

•Recommendation:

•Based on the strengths and areas for improvement identified above, I recommend acceptance of the manuscript pending minor revisions. The study contributes valuable insights into the relationship between tobacco use and perceived stress among male college students in Bangalore, India. Addressing the minor revisions suggested would further enhance the quality and impact of the manuscript.

