

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

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Overall, the work is robust. Just a couple of comments.

In defining a former smoker, it is of great value to state the duration of quitting. For example, if the student stopped smoking since 1 month, they are not considered a former smoker as if for six months.

The headings in Table 2 are not clear. For instance, you should clarify where the smoking status is and where the PSS score is (reformulate the table).

Please add the graphs for the correlation as they are the only significant results, and a pictorial presentation of it will be more informative.

The first 2 paragraphs in the discussion should be deleted as they are a repetition of the results and add no new information, and no part in the discussion should refer to the tables.