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#### REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title:

#### Recommendation:

Accept as the projected of prevalence can generalized

Accept after minor revision of alignment & Adding recommendation

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Mrs. Shreya Vaz Date:24/07/2025

#### Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

The article presents a well-researched and focuses on the rapid rise of electronic cigarette (ecigarette) use among adolescents which has become a global public health concern. This study aimed to determine the prevalence of e-cigarette use among high school students in Makkah and explore related behaviors, beliefs, and influencing factors thereby preventing the abuse among younger population. One of the article's key strengths lies in its effort to select large adolescent population and the paucity of prior research conducted on the use of e-cigarettes in this population in the region.

While the article would benefit from improved knowledge and misconception of Electronic cigarette being safer, the trend of electronic cigarette can be terminated

### Detailed Reviewer's Report

This article provides a comprehensive content as it is a cross-sectional study among 476 high school students (grades 10-12) selected stratified random sampling. Data were collected using an adapted version of the CDC's National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) and 14 analyzed using SPSS version 28. Descriptive statistics, chi-square tests, and logistic regression were employed to examine 15 associations. Results revealed Overall, 27.1% of students reported ever using e-cigarettes, This study reveals alarmingly high e-cigarette use among Makkah adolescents, influenced by accessibility, flavors, and 24 family factors. The findings underscore the urgent need for school-based interventions, stricter sales regulations, and targeted 25 prevention programs addressing the unique cultural and social drivers of

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youth vaping in Saudi Arabia. Policy measures should 26 prioritize flavor restrictions and improved cessation resources to curb this emerging public health crisis

The article includes all the chapters Introduction, Review of literature, methodology, results, discussion and conclusion.

The article includes all the aspects of every chapter, Introduction has shown the need for the conducting the study, methodology has included sampling method, size and even setting, results depicts the prevalence for youth vaping and use of e-cigarettes

Minor corrections of grammar, graphs can be added and spacing can be corrected.

Recommendation: Accept with minor revisions.