**Critique of “Characteristics of adolescent intermittent and daily smokers”**

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“Characteristics of adolescent intermittent and daily smokers” is an observational study of 129 (124?) intermittent and 50 (55?) daily thirteen- to seventeen-year-old, interested, available, capable, permitted, non-nicotine-therapized, non-pregnant smokers without chronic disease in the San Francisco Bay Area that compares statistics for these samples “for the purpose of providing a more detailed characterization of intermittent smoking in adolescents”. Study facilitators performed non-random convenience sampling, recruiting adolescents responding at their conveniences to study advertising in the convenient San Francisco Bay Area.

The ability of the study to fulfill its purpose is limited given that the study considers samples of thirteen- to seventeen-year-old, interested, available, capable, permitted, non-nicotine-therapized, non-pregnant smokers without chronic disease from the San Francisco Bay Area (a subset of adolescents). The numbers of intermittent and daily thirteen- to seventeen-year-old, interested, available, capable, permitted, non-nicotine-therapized, non-pregnant smokers without chronic disease in the San Franciso Bay Area studied (129 and 50) are small. Therefore, the study’s statistics are not generalizable to populations of smokers with all of the above constraints, let alone populations of smokers with fewer than all of the above constraints.