

### **Editor's Comment:**

This paper should be well received. It is clearly presented, although some improvements in language/syntax are noted below.

I approve the paper for publication after the authors make the changes that I have noted below. No further review is necessary.

Line 59: In relation to the above, Zimaman *et al.*, 2000 **came out that**, the association between man smoking and semen quality was stronger (**positive or negative?**) in healthy men than in the infertile population.

Bad wording

Line 63: change "hurting" to "damaging"

Line 73: change to "gave informed consent"

Line 78: "were open ended and closed" what does this mean?

Line 126: "whiles"?

Line 134 "sperms" change to spermatozoa

Line 141: Figure 1 is a mess: "frequenc? Change "percentage" to "%", adjust labels so that they are not on top of each other (as they are now, I cannot read the figure).

Line 196: It looks like heroin use was a significant effector,  $p=0.5$

Line 202 change to "findings are"

Line 213: change this sentence: "According to Sanjay *et al.*, (2008), obesity/overweight may result in hypogonadism, increased scrotal temperatures, impaired spermatogenesis, decreased sperm concentration and motility, and increased sperm DNA damage and men presenting with a BMI greater than  $25 \text{ kg/m}^2$  have fewer chromatin-intact normal-motile sperm cells per ejaculate and therefore, to ensure maximum fertility potential, patients may be advised to reduce body weight (Hilton *et al.*, 2006)."

Line 309: change to "includes"

Line 322: (bad sentence) "Lipid levels was had no influence on sperm characteristics in this setting."

The authors should state that the marijuana effect may arise from small subgroup size.

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