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I am a tenure track statistician with the Department of Biostatistics, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky. I reviewed the statistical analysis methods for manuscript number 36763, entitled "Factors associated with tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use among youth living in West Central Mexico" by Dr. Campollo and colleagues, and it is my determination that the analysis are sound and well executed.

Dr. Fernando A. Wagner designed and performed the analysis. He is a psychiatric epidemiologist who serves as Professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Dr. Wagner completed his Master of Public Health, Doctor of Science, and Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology programs at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles in top-tier journals. He also serves as reviewer for more than 15 international peer review journals, including the American Journal of Public Health, the American Journal of Epidemiology, Preventive Medicine, Addiction, and Drug and Alcohol Dependence, to name a few of them. With his credentials and demonstrated knowledge and skills, I can confidently certify he is capable of successfully designing and implementing this and even more complex analysis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any question.

Sincerely,



Olga A. Vsevolozhskaya