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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I thank the editor for giving me the opportunity to review the manuscript and thank you Author's for interesting in the topic of smokeless tobacco, ST. But the document sent for revision is too huge probably un-necessary files were attached mistakenly or some thing else. Too many tables and two separate portions of references included??? Either the editor or corresponding author have to revise this and related issues before sending for revision. Regards.

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the manuscript analyzed multiple studies done in US and Scandinavia on smokeless tobacco and analyzed the risk of COPD, IHD, Stroke and lung cancer and proposed that the risk of smokeless tobacco is lesser than smoking tobacco and suggested the use of smokeless tobacco as a substitute of smoking tobacco. however, the use of smokeless tobacco is maximum in Asian countries and the studies from these countries were not included in the study. this is one of the major limitation of the study. moreover, there are nicotine based preparations available in market and approved by FDA for deaddiction of smoking tobacco. the conclusion that smokeless tobacco can be a lesser harmful substitute for smoking tobacco is giving a wrong message for readers as smokeless tobacco has been proved to be harmful and cause multiple cancers. future studies should consider the other effects of smokeless tobacco affecting the mortality and morbidity like oral cancer.