



Innovative Approaches to Smoking Cessation and Smoking Harm Reduction in People with HIV

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Smoking prevalence is substantially higher in people with HIV (PWH) compared with the general population and is associated with increased rates of lung cancer and other malignancies. The increased risk for cancer is due in part to a high prevalence of traditional risk factors for cancer in this population—most notably tobacco use.

In fact, PWH lose more years due to smoking than to HIV infection itself. It has been estimated that at least 90% of lung cancers and 20% of all other cancers in PWH could be prevented by eliminating smoking. However, smoking cessation studies in PWH have demonstrated disappointing outcomes, with low quit rates, poor adherence to therapy, and a lack of sustained abstinence.

This Special Issue, titled “Innovative Approaches to Smoking Cessation and Smoking Harm Reduction in People with HIV”, welcome papers that describe innovative approaches to tobacco dependence in PWH, including smoking cessation research studies and tobacco harm reduction studies. Studies describing perceptions of harm, novel tobacco product use, the impact of use on health risk and health behaviors, and biomarkers are welcome.





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