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Title: Exploring comorbid use of marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol among 14 to 15-year-olds: Findings from a national survey on adolescent substance use

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Re-submission to BMC Public Health

Dear Natalie Pafitis, Executive Editor, BMC Public Health

Please find attached our manuscript, Exploring comorbid use of marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol among 14 to 15-year-olds: Findings from a national survey on adolescent substance use by Joanna White, Dr. Darren Walton and Dr. Natalie Walker, to be considered for publication as an original article in BMC Public Health.

This manuscript is being resubmitted on request from the Journal Editorial Office, with an added clarification around parental consent. Given the anonymity of the survey and the relative minimal risk of harm to students, it was not considered necessary to seek active consent from parents. Instead, written consent to participate was given by School Principals and Deputy School Principals on behalf of their students, and students themselves were informed the survey was anonymous and voluntary.

Thank you again for considering our submission, and I look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Yours sincerely

Joanna White