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Overall: This is an interesting report examining the association among cigar package quantity, cigar price, and cigar smoking in the general U.S. adult population. The report is based on a nationally-representative longitudinal study with a large sample size. Further concerns regarding the reports are listed below:

Abstract:
1. (Page 2 line 32,33) Smaller quantity packages (i.e., packages with fewer cigars) were cheaper per-pack than larger quantity packages but more expensive per-stick for all three cigar types.
2. Whether buying larger packages at Wave 1 predicted using any other cigar type and cigarette use at Wave 2 (Table 5) is not reported in abstract.

Background:
3. Including whether buying larger packages at Wave 1 predicted using any other cigar type and cigarette use at Wave 2 (Table 5) in aims

Methods:
4. Data Source: please report the number/percentage of smokers and cigar users in study sample
5. (Page 6 line 124) To my understanding, only participants who reported they typically purchased the cigar in person would report on Package Quantity and Price? Please explain.
6. Potential interest: users of multiple cigar types (optional)

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