

Review the article - Spatial patterns and sociodemographic predictors of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Florida

1. Given the recognized differences in smoking rates by sex, and considering smoking's significant role in predicting COPD prevalence, could author explain the rationale why sex is not a predictor in this analysis?
2. Previous studies have established a link between air pollution, socioeconomic factors such as poverty, and COPD prevalence. Given the likely variation in these factors across different counties, it's surprising that this study did not observe similar associations. Could the author clarify the absence of these expected associations in the study's results?
3. Phosphate mining is one of the major industries in Florida, and past research has highlighted the potential COPD risks associated with mining activities. Could the author discuss any potential link between COPD prevalence and regions with significant mining activities, despite this aspect being listed as a limitation?