

Reviewer comment-1

In APA, the author must put the page number for direct quotations. The word "church" is capitalized when it is not being used as a proper noun.

The headings and subheadings do not follow APA style. The Introduction/Lit Review section is too detailed and confusing. By the end of the first page or two, the reader should understand what this paper is about. In this case, I was on page 6 before I read what this current study was investigating.

Its overall length needs cut, as well. Methods - this section should describe the quantitative process, including sampling procedure, the instruments' reliability and validity, etc. It seems the survey was comprised of two standardized scales, but they did not include citations for those scales. Further, the article states it is about "spirituality," but it seems entirely focused on Christianity.

References within the scale to "Church" and "the Bible" indicate a bias towards religious views of just one faith. I'm not sure that the instrument is sufficiently able to measure the spirituality of people from other faiths. Table 1 - would be more beneficial if it showed percentages, rather than frequencies, although knowing someone has tried a substance one time does not really indicate anything at all.

A more helpful measure would be using the substance routinely. A table with the demographic information would also be helpful, as we only know how many were Latino or African American, but we do not know the other races or ethnicities present.

Table 2 seems less a measure of spirituality and more a measure of Christianity. If a Buddhist were to complete this survey, it would not appear that they are spiritual at all. In terms of the ANOVA, it was unclear where these three groups came from. What was different between the groups?

It was mentioned that one group has been sober for less than a year and one group was actively using, but it was not clearly explained how many were in each group and whether the groups were equivalent in their demographic makeup. I disagree with the author's conclusion that the findings of this study contribute to the body of literature.

The methods used do not control enough for other variables that could be impacting the outcomes. Their conclusions draw from both spirituality and religious practices; however, they do not measure spirituality with these instruments, and it is limited to only Christian religious practices. If they wanted to revised the article to specifically state that it is measuring how Christianity affects sobriety, then it would be more fitting; however, better descriptions of the data analysis would be required.