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### Abstract

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## Materials and Methods

### Sample collection

Blood samples were collected in sterile condition from 58 African American men and women volunteers as per the institutional guidelines and grouped on the basis of smoking behaviour. Plasma were separated from these samples by centrifugation for 10 min and stored at -20°C in aliquots until further use. Enzyme Linked Immuno-Sorbant Assay (ELISA) kits were purchased from Alpco, Salem (NH).

### Plasma concentrations of GABA and Glutamate

Plasma levels of GABA and Glutamate were measured by ELISA according to manufacturers' instructions. Plates were read in EPOCH

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