

## Review of: "Evidence-based policies benefit the men and women who smoke"

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This paper is a critical review of the WHO study group on tobacco product regulation (TobReg) report. I found the paper very interesting. The authors have pointed out some of the weaknesses of the report which are valid and quite concerning. This was mainly related to the presentation (or lack of) scientific evidence in the report. The authors correctly pointed out that several parts of the report and recommendations are not supported by scientific evidence while in other parts, the scientific evidence was exaggerated. The authors have also pointed out some of the possible serious ramifications if the policy recommendations are implemented. A good and critical review overall. I would have liked to see more scientific papers in support of some of the claims made by the authors. For example, the recent research results that show that vapes are not as bad as they were initially made out to be.

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