

# Review of: "Discourse on the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Tax in Indonesia: The Multistakeholder and Consumers' Perspectives"

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First of all, I would like to point out that the subject matter of the work I have reviewed is of enormous interest, both from an economic and a health perspective. I believe, therefore, that the authors have selected an aspect, already addressed in other countries, that influences the taxation of products that have a negative influence on the health of individuals, such as tobacco, alcohol or, in this work, sugar-sweetened beverages due to their high sugar content.

In my opinion, I believe that the work could be improved by providing, above all, some information that is missing after reading the manuscript.

First. It would have been desirable to have data on other countries, in terms of the tax rate applied, the impact on product prices, the impact on the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and, if possible, on their production volumes. In this way, the economic impact of a new consumption tax could have been assessed, which should be complemented by studies on the impact on the health of individuals, i.e. whether there has been a reduction in diseases associated with the consumption of this type of high-sugar beverages. However, such data is probably difficult to obtain at best.

Second. Given that focus group discussions (FGDs) are a methodology commonly used in qualitative research, perhaps it would have been desirable to explain in more detail what they consist of, how the groups are selected, the purpose of the research, etc. It would also be useful to summarise in a table the issues raised and the questions discussed in the different groups and the solutions that were proposed, in order to have as close an idea as possible of the variety or otherwise of the situations that arose in each of the groups.

Finally, although the authors make some reference to the role played by the sugar-sweetened beverage industry and the possibilities for lobbying the competent authorities, I do not know whether it would have been desirable to have created a focus group discussion (GFD) made up of the companies that manufacture this type of beverage to find out their position on this problem and to draw up some kind of proposal to solve it.

In conclusion, I would just like to congratulate the authors for the ideas they put forward in their work and I am sure that they will continue their research to improve it.

