

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

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Major revision is required on this paper.

Authors have talk about NCDs, specifically obesity at world level. It will be good if this can be discussed for Indonesia as well. Current situation of tax on SSB in Indonesia should also be discussed.

Authors have mentioned that through this paper they will put an end to the constant debate (last paragraph in Introduction). Do they really think that this one publication will end the debate?

Overall, there is need to update Introduction part of the paper.

Objective of paper need to be clearly mentioned.

In methodology section, authors have to include exclusion criteria of SSB consumers and other stakeholders and CBOs (if any).

Authors have mentioned that content analysis was done but how further content of FGD was analysed, whether using a software like Atlasti or manually?

Need to include like how many participants in each FGDs? Total number of FGDs conducted with different categories of participants?

HSR approval was taken or not? If it was taken, then please mention details about it?

Acknowledge if there is any conflict of interest of authors.

In methodology section, "SSB consumer" is mentioned and in results section "informants" is mentioned. Authors are suggested to be consistent in terms of using terminology.

Under the heading "SSB Consumption in Indonesia: Consumer's Behaviour, Awareness, and Perspective", results are discussed by age group. Was this the objective of paper as it is not mentioned. Also authors should discuss the results at overall level.

It is mentioned that “They reported that energy drinks were much more expensive, ranging between IDR 10,000 to IDR 15,000.” And in very next line this is mentioned “This is considered very affordable for young consumers.” These two are contradictory statements.

Authors are sometimes discussing SSB consumer, then stakeholders followed by CBOs. There should be consistency in reporting the results. It is difficult to understand the results as sequencing is not very clear.

Authors have to include SSB consumers perspective as well in result section.

In discussion section authors can also discuss about role of mass media campaigns in setting the agenda for tax increase. There are lot of literature available that suggests that MMCs play an important role in setting agenda for tax.

Please follow standard referencing style.