Review of: "The association of smoking status with SARS-CoV-2 infection, hospitalisation and mortality from COVID-19: A living rapid evidence review with Bayesian meta-analyses (version 11)"

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This authors have conducted a thorough literature review by using Bayesian Meta Analysis to explore the association between smoking and COVID-19 infection, hospitalization and mortality and came up with the following conclusion "Compared with never smokers, current smokers appear to be at reduced risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection while former smokers appear to be at increased risk of hospitalization, greater disease severity and mortality from COVID-19." I have serious reservation about the findings because it does not make any sense. It should be otherwise. More smoking intensity leads to more mortality due to COVID-19. Transmission has nothing to do with smoking. Respiratory illness is seriously aggravated due to to COVID-19. That's why the author has probably made any methodological mistake in failing to explore this established channel of mortality.