

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

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Congratulations on a well-written article. It is not only a timely topic as Indonesia is facing the emergence of diet-related non-communicable diseases as well-explained in the Introduction section of this paper, but also much needed strategic policy approaches being discussed in the paper.

I have some points to consider:

Materials and methods

- As the study was conducted during the period of Covid-19 pandemic, it would give additional clarity if you can mention in the Methods section whether you used online or f2f interviewing or both.
- I suggest explaining more how to select the policymakers. Readers may wish to know more about the strategies used in inviting them as we all know it is not easy to have their voices included in policy research such as this paper.

Discussion

- As the data collection among consumers was done during the Covid-19 pandemic, what is your opinion on the potential effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the food pattern of the population that is contributed by diets high in sugar/SSB, salt and fats?
- I am not convinced that the high price of SSB products would always result in a lower demand of the products. What is your opinion on the opportunities of small home-based retailers to create an alternative SSB that is cheaper? In the case of Indonesia this alternative may be something like *es teh manis* sold in the population-dense areas in Jakarta for instance. Do you have supporting evidence from your study about this? Or perhaps from other studies?
- Could you explain further what factors associated with "the public acceptability in accepting SSB tax"?
- Finally, I propose you add some examples of the strategies that would contribute to the increase consumption of healthier drinks.
- Lastly, is it contextually appropriate for proposing a short-term policy effort as a result of this study?