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Title: Impact of Additional Counselling Sessions through Phone Calls on Smoking Cessation Outcomes among Smokers in Penang State, Malaysia

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Dear Editor:

I am pleased to resubmit for publication the revised version of our manuscript (Ref no: 1421538145114819) “Impact of Extra Front Counseling Sessions through Phone Calls On Smoking Cessation Outcomes among Smokers in Penang State, Malaysia”, I appreciated the constructive comments of the reviewers.

Reviewer: Susan M Zbikowski

I have addressed and modify all the recommendations.

• Abstract: We add the biochemical verified results in the abstract section for the 3rd and 6th month’s findings.

• Page 10: As recommended the last sentence was change to
"The effectiveness of additional counselling in the first month of the quit attempt....."

• Page 12: the 3rd sentence was changed to
"At the three months follow-up visit after the quitting date, participants who received the additional counselling in the first month had significantly higher rate of success..."

• Page 13: End of 2nd full paragraph was changed to
"The majority of the study participants did not try to quit smoking in the past (87.9%)"

• Conclusion: last sentence was changed to
"Therefore, this study provides evidence that additional counselling during the first few weeks after the quit date is a promising treatment strategy that should be evaluated further"