Reviewer’s report

Title: Methodologies used to estimate tobacco-attributable mortality. A review.

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The manuscript is highly recommendable because it is an excellent revision of the different methods that consider mortality due to the tobacco. The excellent aspects of the manuscript are:

1. The manuscript reviews articles that were selected following established criteria of quality before this revision.
2. The authors make a critical revision of articles describing the assumptions of each method. The knowledge of these assumptions is indispensable when an investigator chooses certain method.
3. The manuscript presents a classification of the existing methods. This taxonomy is indispensable for the comparative study and to identify the existing methodologic lagoons.
4. The "discussion" of the manuscript is excellent because it set the general limitations of the existing methods.
5. The manuscript set the excellent possibility of the intensive methods of computing procedures.