Reviewer's report

Title: Economic costs of obesity in Thailand: Cost-of-illness study

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The authors admitted that the data they have is adequate and the method of analysis using the existing data will give a wrong answer. They defensed that they have put as the limitation in the discussion.

To me, these shortcomings are methodologically not acceptable. The authors should revisit the data, make various assumption of lapse time and use discount rate for financial preference to get net present value of economic loss.

We all know very well about the cardiovascular risk factors and it qualitative potential burden on our own lives and our family future burden. Majority of people do not change their behaviours because of their reckon long lapse time between the behaviours and the health outcome. Only those who have low discount rate and thing that the elapse time is short will effectively protect themselves from the alluring stimulants.

If the authors still insist on not changing the analysis, the paper if published, will mislead policy formulation. So it should be rejected.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests