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Title: The effect of a very brief smoking-reduction intervention in smokers who have no intention to quit: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Dear editor,

We would like to submit the enclosed manuscript “The effect of a very brief smoking-reduction intervention in smokers who have no intention to quit: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial” for consideration of publication in *BMC public health*.

Effective strategies are needed to provide cost-effective and timesaving treatments for tobacco dependence, particularly in developing countries like China. The current protocol describes a two-arm randomized controlled trial. We aim to test the long-term effectiveness of a very brief behavioral smoking reduction intervention among smokers who have no intention to quit. This active, individual intervention will provide increased access to evidence-based tobacco treatments in mainland China, for which evidence from RCTs is scarce.

We are most grateful for the comments from the editor. We have made changes in this new article as follows:

We seek the assistance of a fluent English speaking colleague to correct the language.

Thanks for your consideration.

Your regards,

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