Reviewer’s report

Title: A systematic review protocol on small/kiddie cigarette packaging size and its impact on Smoking

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This protocol describes the authors proposal to conduct a systematic review of studies examining the impact of small cigarette packaging size on smoking.

Background

- Authors reported the prevalence of smoking in Malaysia. I would suggest keep this global or international since the research question is relevant globally. Similar later in the background - although this is an example for the need of this review in Malaysia but it is quite relevant to other countries.

- Methods

- I would not restrict the language of publication to English language, specially to produce a relevant review for Malaysian context with regards to the prevalence of this phenomena.

- I wonder if a randomised controlled trial is a possible study design for this question?

- Authors reported that "Titles and/or abstracts of the original publications will be screened independently by four independent pairs of reviewers to exclude publications that does not meet the eligibility criteria." This need to be clarified as whether this screening will be in duplicate and why four not two?

- Authors reported that they will use QATSDD tool but I would suggest using Cochrane risk of bias tools RoB or ROBIN.

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