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I Made Dwi Mertha Adnyana, Budi Utomo, Linda Dewanti, Shifa Fauziah, Dwinka Syafira Eljatin, Muhamad Frendy Setyawan, Lesty Helda Marsel Sumah, Citra Al Karina:

We have reached a decision regarding your submission to National Journal of Community Medicine, "Effects of exposure to incense smoke associated with impaired lung function and respiratory disease: A Systematic Review".

Our decision is: **Revisions Required**

The reviewer's comments are briefly mentioned below and are also mentioned in the enclosed document.

Do not delete these comments. Write your reply in the **"Reply" box below the "Comment."**

Revise the article based on the reviewer's comments and resubmit it within **two weeks** on receipt of this mail. **Highlight the changes** with the yellow color for easy recognition by the editor and reviewer.

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Reviewer A:

General

1. While the research question is interesting, the lack of a meta-analysis in this study does not answer the question which you wish to answer. It should be a systematic review with a meta-analysis with pooling of effect sizes. The authors should explain the reasons for not conducting a meta-analysis.
2. A lot many confounding variables are involved, which adds complexity to the association between incense smoke and pulmonary functions. Author should justify non-inclusion/discussion of confounding variables.

Materials and methods

1. The sentences are written in future tense. Just make sure that the methods is in past tense.
2. "The appeasement of comparisons of each article and the varying size of results resulted in a meta-analysis." - as such, I don't see results of pooling of effect sizes in the results or abstract.

Results

1. More sub-headings are required.

Discussion

1. Discussion is not well-substantiated.

Reviewer B:

The author should fill out the enclosed PRISMA abstract checklist and PRISMA checklist, and submit them along with the revised article.

In the third paragraph, line 8, of the Results section of the study summary, the author talked about the reported side effects. Here, the author talked about the number of studies in the review that showed the presence of respiratory disease. I think the author should consider the number of subjects instead of the number of studies.

In table 1, one of the column headings is 'Intervention.' However, not all studies were interventional. As a result, the author should use a more relevant column heading, such as "objectives," "methods," or something similar.

Otherwise, the article is good.

Recommendation: Revisions Required

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