

## Our view on smoking reduction in the world

Dear Editor

The number of smokers is not very clear in the both developed and developing countries. The number of smokers also is not very clear in both sexes (male and female) totally in the world. There are many populations in the world who are suffering from smoke of smokers, but nothing can be done for preventing the problem. Therefore, smoking is one of health concern for World Health Organization (WHO) at present time. Many researches have been conducted on the adverse effects of smoking till date. A large number of them focused on diseases related to smoking either directly or indirectly like non-communicable diseases<sup>[1,2]</sup> and communicable diseases.<sup>[3,4]</sup> Also studies showed that the smokers are more likely to have high risk of social behaviors and unhealthy lifestyle.<sup>[5,6]</sup> Nowadays, we need to make a very important decision. How we could reduce the rate of smoking in the world in particular for who are not smoker at the present time, actually they are at risk of smoking and its related diseases.

Although financial barriers or financial penalties for smokers may be effective in a limited way,<sup>[7]</sup> but we wish our world without smoking. Perhaps different health policy by using different laws and religious obligations as well as health education programs and international collaborations may be needed in order to overcoming the problem anyway. We strongly think that the slogan of "No smoking world" is achievable by increasing attitude, knowledge, and practice in the societies. What we know is that it would be possible through our scientific society's serious decision for campaign against smoking and also by sufficient support of our governments. If we wish we can!

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