Message from the Guest Editors

Despite considerable progress achieved in tobacco control efforts and steady reduction in smoking prevalence as well as the size of smoking population at the global level, tobacco use remains one of the major risk factors for non-communicable diseases. In order to understand how existing and potential regulation of alternative products impacts tobacco use and public health, more evidence is needed. The deaths and disease burden are expected to continue to shift to lower income populations and jurisdictions who are experiencing a rise in tobacco consumption. It is therefore critical to enhance the knowledge and understanding of how to accelerate the pace of reduction in tobacco use, based on scientific evidence and the experience of tobacco control initiatives in diverse policy setting.

This Special Issue welcomes studies and reviews belonging to, each or the interface of, three broad areas of tobacco control policies:

(i) Demand reduction; (ii) Supply reduction; (iii) Harm reduction.

This special issue will provide readers with state-of-the-art policy perspective on tobacco control aimed at the protection of people’s health and environment.
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