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Re: Resubmission of manuscript Ms. ID 34277

Dear Professor Li,

I am pleased to resubmit for publication the revised version of Ms. ID 34277 "Mining Twitter to Understand the Smoking Cessation Barriers". I sincerely appreciated the constructive criticisms of the reviewers. We have carefully reviewed the comments and have revised and rewritten the manuscript accordingly. We will respond to the comments point counter point. We have sent the revised manuscript.

We hope the revised version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chayakrit", written in a cursive style.

Chayakrit Krittanawong, MD

Response to Reviewer

Thank you for your review of our paper. We have answered each of your points below.

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer: 1

The authors described mining Twitter to understand the smoking cessation barriers. The topic is important and very interesting.

Thank you for pointing this out. We have added references to the manuscript.

Reviewer: 2

Comments to the Author

This is an interesting letter about the use of twitter and smoking cessation issues. However, although the authors claim that they have analyzed the twitter mining they do not provide any information on this matter apart from a few examples, they just point out the potential of twitter for smoking quitting. Please report how many twitters were about specific barriers for smoking cessation, how many about therapies....., how many could be defined as a positive message for other people, how many as a negative...

Thank you for pointing this out. We have revised the manuscript as suggested.