

Letter to the Editor

E-cigarettes ?

I submit this correspondence in the hope of clarifying several misunderstandings in previous communications. First, significant portions of the Thai populations refer to electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) inaccurately as *electric cigarettes (buree faifa)*¹. Second, several academics use the term electronic cigarettes solely in reference to liquid-nicotine cigarettes, or vape pens, which function by heating the liquid to form a vapor that can be inhaled into the lungs^{2,3}. By definition all noncombustible cigarettes, including those produced by PMI, i.e. heat-not-burn tobacco products, are classified as electronic cigarettes⁴.

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