

## Letter to the Editor

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**Regulation of e-cigarettes**

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Stuart P. Thomas and his two colleagues at the University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, bravely forwarded a short note of their alternative view regarding e-cigarettes controls in Australia in the section of *General Correspondence* of the Internal Medicine Journal.<sup>1</sup> Notably, they mistook the nicotine-e-liquid vaping cigarettes<sup>2</sup> (the “cigalikes”) and the Philip Morris International Tobacco Heating System (PMI THS) to be the same sort of e-cigarettes.

When they mentioned the uncertainty about the content of e-cigarettes vapor and the unproven safety of long-term use, they apparently lacked the knowledge of nicotine aerosol chemistry and of the

content in tobacco smoke of burnt cigarettes. As a matter of facts, there is not yet clear as regard the contents in the heat-not-burn tobacco cigarettes in respect of carcinogenic components. It must be learned that the study comparing the contents in smokes from burnt and the aerosol from not burnt tobacco cigarettes are pending.

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