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Dear Sir;

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the comments and suggestions raised by associate editor.

We hope we have responded adequately to criticisms/suggestions (see below) and improved the overall quality of our manuscript. Please note that corrections are marked up in the text. We would be therefore very grateful if you would consider this re-submission for publication in the JMCR.

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1) Abstract- Conclusion: This can be toned down- , can be rewritten as “This is the first time that objective measures of smoking cessation are reported in smokers who quit successfully after using an E-cigarette. Remarkably, this was accomplished in smokers who repeatedly failed in previous attempts with professional smoking cessation assistance using usual nicotine dependence treatments and smoking cessation counselling.
We have carefully included your feedback.

2) Case presentations: 1st Paragraph - delete - Despite failing repeatedly our smoking cessation programs, these three individuals were able to quit tobacco smoking on their own by using E-cigarettes. As per your request, we have deleted - Despite failing repeatedly our smoking cessation programs, these three individuals were able to quit tobacco smoking on their own by using E-cigarettes.

3) Discussion: Line 3- “This is quite outstanding in consideration of the fact that this result was accomplished by highly addicted smokers, without the support of recommended nicotine dependence treatments and smoking cessation counselling, and who had repeatedly failed in previous attempts when provided with professional smoking cessation” may be rewritten as- "Remarkably, this was accomplished in heavy smokers who repeatedly failed in previous attempts with professional smoking cessation assistance using usual nicotine dependence treatments and smoking cessation counselling.”
We have carefully included your feedback.

4) Page 8, Para 3- E cig to be replaced by E cigarette.
Amended in the text.

5) The discussion is very lengthy and loses focus at many points. It can be further abbreviated to enhance readability.
As per your request, discussion is now abbreviated.

Finally: As consent forms and our response to reviews uploaded as additional files may identify the patient, we will remove these files as additional files.