Reviewer's report

Title: Successfull smoking cessation with e-cigarettes in smokers with a documented history fo recurring relapses: case report

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Reviewer: David Burns

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Use of e-cigarettes for cessation which has not been well documented previously in spontaneous cessation

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting set of case reports on the use of e-cigarettes for smoking cessation. There are widespread claims for these products suggesting that they can be used as substitutes for cigarettes and that they are an aid to smoking cessation, but to m knowledge there is no documentation of how they have been used in this process. This report therefore provides useful information on how they are used. The report would be strengthened if there were cotinine measurements for the period that the e-cigarettes were used as there is also
considerable controversy as to whether they actually deliver nicotine in substantial amounts to the user, but the report is valuable even without that information.

The report also needs some English language editing.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have not competing interests, but have testified extensively against the tobacco companies in litigation