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Cochrane review update leaves big questions unanswered regarding vaping: implications for medical practitioners

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To the Editor:

We read with great interest the recent correspondence by PISINGER and VESTBO [1], published in the *European Respiratory Journal*, which summarises the findings of a Cochrane review on electronic cigarettes for smoking cessation [2]. We strongly agree with PISINGER and VESTBO [1] that the authors have not presented a balanced scientific view and have overlooked the dangers of early, such as e-cigarette or vaping associated lung injury (EVALI), and long-term electronic cigarette use. This is an important public health issue, and we would like to further enhance this discussion.