

Evaluation of the Tobacco Heating System 2.2 -A Candidate Modified Risk Tobacco Product

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Reduced-Risk Products ("RRPs") is the term the company uses to refer to products with the potential to reduce individual risk and population harm in comparison to smoking cigarettes. PMI's RRPs are in **various stages of development and commercialization**, and we are conducting **extensive and rigorous scientific studies** to determine whether we can support claims for such products of reduced exposure to harmful and potentially harmful constituents in smoke, and ultimately claims of reduced disease risk, when **compared to smoking cigarettes**.

Before making any such claims, we will **rigorously evaluate the full set of data** from the relevant scientific studies to determine whether they substantiate reduced exposure or risk. Any such claims **may also be subject to government review and authorization** as is the case in the US today.

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PMI R&D- Background

- Smoking causes serious diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (U.S. Surgeon General, 2004)
- Smoking cessation remains the most effective approach to minimizing the risk for smoking-related diseases (Godtfredsen et al. 2008; Gepner et al., 2011)
- Providing reduced risk alternatives to adult smokers who would otherwise continue to smoke cigarettes represents the basis of the "Tobacco Harm Reduction" strategy (IOM, 2002)
- Philip Morris International (PMI) is developing novel products with the potential to reduce individual risk and population harm in comparison to smoking cigarettes.
- To determine whether such potentially reduced-risk products (RRP) have the potential to reduce individual risk, we are conducting extensive and rigorous scientific studies comparing their biological impact with that of cigarettes.



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Cigarette Smoke vs. Heat-not-Burn

Underlying Principles

- Approximately 8000 constituents identified in cigarette smoke
- Some of these constituents are categorized as harmful and potentially harmful (HPHCs)
- Many of the HPHCs are formed during combustion (burning) of the tobacco
- It is not known which HPHCs are responsible for tobacco-related diseases selective reduction not an effective approach



THS2.2 – Operating Principles

Key Principles:

- Electrically heated tobacco system version 2.2 (THS2.2)
 - Tobacco plug which generates visible aerosol
 - Tobacco blends and flavor systems developed to suit lower operating temperature (< 350° C)
- Heating engine precisely controlled using built-in software
 - Heater maintains tobacco temperature in the distillation range
 - Heater also acts as a temperature sensor



From Exposure to Population Harm: A Causal Chain of Events



Average reductions in formation of harmful or potentially harmful constituents for THS2.2 compared to levels measured in smoke from the 3R4F reference cigarette*



*Aerosol collection with Intense Health Canada's Smoking Regime (55 mL puff volume, 2 second puff duration, 30 second interval puff); Comparison on a per-stick basis Reduction calculations exclude Nicotine, Glycerin and Total Particulate Matter The PMI 58 list includes the FDA 18,and the 15 carcinogens of the IARC Groups 1



Systems Toxicology

- Decoding the toxicological blueprint of active substances that interact with living systems
- Integrates classic toxicology approaches with network models and quantitative measurements of molecular and functional changes occurring across multiple levels of biological organization



Sturla SJ, Boobis AR, Fitzgerald RE et al. (2014) Systems Toxicology: from basic research to risk assessment. Chemical research in toxicology 27:314-329

Quantitative Mechanism-Based Systems Impact Assessment



"Omics" Workflows



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Case study 1: Eight Month ApoE^{-/-} Mouse Inhalation Study for Comparative Tobacco Product Testing

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- Assessment of the effects of conventional cigarette smoke and a potential Reduced-Risk Product (pRRP), using PMI's Heat-not-Burn technology, in 2 animal models of COPD:
 - ApoE^{-/-} mouse (C57Bl6 background), typically used as model for cardiovascular disease
 - A/J mouse, used as model for lung cancer
- Both animal models are responsive to cigarette mainstream smoke and develop different pathologies, among which aspects of COPD such as *lung inflammation*, changed *pulmonary function*, *emphysema**
- Other endpoints, such as general (chronic) toxicity, atherosclerosis, lung tumor development determined in these studies will not be reported here

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Common disease mechanisms in different mouse models, relevance to human situation



- Possible interrelationships and roles for the identified common mechanisms in five mouse models of emphysema in a framework of classical human COPD mechanisms.
 - transcription factors (*black font*)
 - inflammatory mediators (orange font) classical pathways of human COPD pathogenesis (black arrows) as depicted,

From: Cabanski M, Fields B, Boue S, Boukharov N, DeLeon H, Dror N, Geertz M, Guedj E, Iskandar A, Kogel U, Merg C, Peck MJ, Poussin C, Schlage WK, Talikka M, Ivanov NV, Hoeng J, Peitsch MC. (**2015**): Transcriptional profiling and targeted proteomics reveals common molecular changes associated with cigarette smoke-induced lung emphysema development in five susceptible mouse strains. Inflamm Res.64(7):

Methods – Conventional cigarette smoke and aerosol from a RRP



Assessment of smoke/aerosol – Health Canada Intense smoke protocol

Conventional <u>cigarettes</u>: <u>Smoke</u> from University of Kentucky Standard Reference Cigarette 3R4F

Potentially Reduced-Risk product: **Aerosol** from Heatsticks and Tobacco Heating System, THS2.2



ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Study design

- Comparative assessment of effects of THS2.2 and 3R4F
- Switching design upon initiation of disease:
 - to assess reversibility (switch to fresh air, i.e. cessation) and
 - To quantify how similar switching to THS2.2 is to cessation





ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Methods - Exposure regime



Nicotine concentration in exposure chamber (study average)

*29.9 µg/l nic corresponds to 6.5 mg/kg, daily dose- or the nicotine amount from approx. 32 for a 800 kg SEARCH & DEVELOPMENT human, based on body surface comparison, Guidance document Heq dose, FDA

concentration

Nicotine

SD

g/l +/-

sham

ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Aerosol uptake (biomarkers of exposure)



Urinary Metabolites (months 3, 6, 8)

ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result summary: Disease mechanisms - Lung inflammation



Groups 3R4F Cessatio n Switchin g THS2.2 Sham / Air



ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result summary: Disease mechanisms - Lung inflammation







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ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result summary: Disease endpoints- Lung function and lung volume

Lung function: Pressure Volume Loops (PVsP) (FlexiVent (Scireq))





ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result summary: Histopathology of the lung – Pulmonary inflammation











*: Statistically significant compared to sham

*: Statistically significant compared to 3R4F:CONT at month 2

- Decrease in mean scores after switching to fresh air or THS2.2 (statistically significant from month 6)
- No statistically significant difference between Cessation group and THS2.2-Switch group at month 3

Switching Study in an Animal Model of Disease Result summary: Tissue changes – Histopathology

Histopathological Assessment emphysema







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*: Statistically significant compared to 3R4F:CONT at month 2

ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result Summary: Lung tissue changes – Morphometry



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Destructive index (emphysematous tissue (%) +/- SEM Groups 3R4F Cessation Switching THS2.2 Sham / Air

Bronchiolar attachments

- Fewer Bronchiolar attachments in 3R4Fexposed group

Mean chord length (MCL)

- Mean linear intercept length
- Increased MCL in 3R4Fexposed group

Destructive index (DI)

- Index of parenchymal destruction
- Increased DI in 3R4F-

ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result Summary: Systems response profile: differential gene expression - Lung



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ApoE^{-/-} mouse switching study Result Summary: Disease mechanisms - Network perturbations - Lung



Switching Study in an Animal Model of Disease Summary and Conclusions

- The ApoE^{-/-} mouse model is suitable for studying smoke-related aspects of COPD
- Continuous exposure to smoke from 3R4F causes lung inflammation, lung function and emphysematous changes as of one month of treatment
- Continuous exposure to aerosol from THS2.2 for up to 8 months does not increase inflammation and emphysema in comparison to Sham group
- Switching from cigarette smoke exposure after 2 months to fresh air (Sham) exposure reverses the onset of disease as measured in apical, functional, and molecular endpoints
- Switching from cigarette smoke exposure to THS2.2 aerosol exposure reverses the onset of disease in a similar manner as cessation

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Ongoing study: A/J Mouse Study Design (OECD TG 453 -Chronic toxicity & Carcinogenicity Study)

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Study Objective

- Objective: To assess the impact of lifetime exposure to THS aerosol, compared with 3R4F cigarette smoke, on development of emphysema and on lung tumor incidence and multiplicity in a 18-month exposure study in A/J mice.
- Rationale for the use of A/J mouse strain:

The A/J mouse is highly susceptible to lung tumor induction. Several studies including ours showed aerosol concentration dependent increased lung tumors following exposure to mainstream cigarette smoke (MS) in A/J mice. (Coggins, 1998; Stinn, 2005; Stinn, 2010)

Transcriptomics analysis demonstrated differences between lung tumors that developed from MSexposed versus spontaneously arising tumors (Luettich, 2014)

A/J mice also develop inflammatory and emphysematous changes following chronic exposure to MS (Stinn et al., 2012, 2013)



A/J Mouse Study Design (OECD TG 453 – Chronic toxicity & Carcinogenicity Study)

Nicotine in test atmosphere SHAM 13.4 μg/L 3R4F THS2.2 LOW 6.7 μg/L THS2.2 MEDIUM 13.4 μg/L THS2.2 HIGH 26.8 μg/L 10 18 months 5 10 18 months Interim dissections Terminal Terminal dissection dissection BALF analysis Equivalent to the 300 µg TPM/I Lung \star concentration in the previous studies function (Stinn et al., 2012, 2013) Biomarkers of exposure, hematology, blood **Biomarkers of exposure, blood FACS, urinalysis** FACS, clinical chemistry, urinalysis Omics Omics Histopathology Histop. RNA DNA 26.8 µg/l nic (high dose) corresponds Protein Lipids to 11.6 mg/kg, daily dose- or the - 10 nicotine amount from approx. 56 cig/day for a 60 kg human, based on body surface comparison, Guidance document Heq dose, FDA PMI RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

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Case study 2: In vitro Systems Toxicology for Comparative Product Testing

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Establishment of Reliable in vitro Systems Supports the Principles of 3Rs





Background - Replacing, Reducing and Refining

2009: European Commission published a report on «Alternative Testing Strategies for «Replacing, Reducing, and Refining» («3R») the use of animals in research.

 Human organotypic tissues based on primary cells cultured in three dimensions, with proper cell-cell contact, recapitulating biological functions (e.g. mucus secretion, muco-ciliary clearance,...) and allowing whole cigarette smoke exposure at the airliquid interface.

"The Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act directs the FDA to consult with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) on the design and conduct of studies for the assessment of MRTPs. In its 2011 report. Scientific Standards for Studies on Modified Risk Tobacco Products, the IOM identified, as a standard step in this assessment, in vitro tests for cytotoxicity, genotoxicity, proliferation, apoptosis, oxidative stress, inflammation, mucus production, and endothelial cell activation."

> PETA issued a letter in March 2014 (include reference at the bottom to the link) whereby PETA stated the in-vitro field has progressed significantly with many varied technological advances and the in vitro testing of tobacco products is no longer "limited to a small number of cytotoxicity and genotoxicity assays"



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Belgium, Estonia, Germany, UK and Slovakia have banned animal testing for tobacco testing



Organotypic Bronchial, Nasal, and Oral Tissue Cultures Resemble *in vivo* **Respiratory Epithelium**



- Sampling the bronchial epithelium to identify potential biomarkers of exposure response and disease has yielded significant insights.
- Many of the smoking-related changes in the bronchial epithelium are also present in the nasal and buccal epithelium.

Sridhar et al: Smoking-induced gene expression changes in the bronchial airway are reflected in nasal and buccal epithelium. BMC genomics 9: 259 (2008) Iskandar et al: Systems approaches evaluating the perturbation of xenobiotic metabolism in response to cigarette smoke exposure in nasal and bronchial tissues. BioMed research international. 2013;2013.

Reduced Biological Impact of THS2.2 Aerosol Exposure was Observed in Human Nasal and Oral Cultures Compared with CS at Comparable Nicotine Concentrations



Zanetti et al: Systems toxicology assessment of the biological impact of a candidate Modified Risk Tobacco Product on human of the biological impact of a candidate Modified Risk Tobacco Product on human of the biological impact of a candidate Modified Risk Tobacco Product on human of the biological cultures. Chemical Research PMI RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Reduced Biological Effects of THS2.2 Aerosol Exposure in Human Nasal Cultures as Compared to CS at comparable nicotine concentration

Concentrations of Representative Carbonyls (µg/mL)



FoxJ1-Marker of Ciliated Cells





(Air) (0.15) Nic (mg/L)

THS2.2

(Air) (0.15)

3R4F







1.000

8.000

0.125





Alterations in FoxJ1-proportions, ciliary frequency, secreted pro-inflammatory mediator level, and activity of CYP1A1/1B1 were markedly lower following THS2.2 aerosol than 3R4F smoke at comparable nicotine concentration (0.15 mg/L) PMI RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

A Series of Studies: Cigarette Smoke (CS) Exposure Assessment using Organotypic Three Dimensional (3D) Upper and Lower Airway Epithelial Tissue Cultures

Author/ Year	Mode of Exposure	Duration	Cytotoxicity	Gene Expression	Cilia Frequency/ Function	Inflammatory Mediators	Epithelial Barrier Integrity	Additional endpoints
Mathis 2013	Single exposure to whole CS	7-28 min		✓		✓		miRNA profile
Iskandar 2013	Repeated exposure of whole CS	4 cigs		✓		✓		CYP activity
Talikka 2014	Repeated exposure of whole CS	4 cigs		✓		✓		Histology
Zhang 2014	Single exposure of CSE	1-4 h					\checkmark	Glycosylation
Aufderheide 2015	Repeated exposure of whole CS	4 cig/d (8 d)	\checkmark		\checkmark			
Astrand 2015	Single exposure of whole CS	1 cig			\checkmark			Epithelial sodium channel activity
Azzopardi 2015	Single exposure of whole CS	30 min	\checkmark			\checkmark		
Kuehn 2015	Repeated exposure of whole CS	4 cigs		✓	✓			CYP activity
Mathis 2015	Single exposure of whole CS	7-28 min		✓				miRNA profile
Iskandar 2015	Single exposure of whole CS	28 min	✓	✓		✓		Histology, CYP activity
Schamber 2015	Single exposure of CSE	7-28 d		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		Protein expression
Zanetti 2016	Single exposure of whole CS and RRP	28 min	✓	✓		✓	✓	Histology, CYP activity, miRNA profile
Iskandar 2016	Single exposure of whole CS and RRP	28 min	√	✓	✓	✓		Histology, CYP activity, miRNA profile



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Case study 3: Summary of ambulatory exposure clinical ZRHM-REXA-07-JP Study Results

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• A randomized, controlled, open-label, 3-arm parallel group, multi center study to demonstrate reductions in exposure to selected smoke constituents in healthy smokers switching to the Tobacco Heating System 2.2 Menthol (THS2.2 Menthol) or observing smoking abstinence, compared to continuing to use menthol conventional cigarettes, for 5 days in confinement and prolonged by 85 days in an ambulatory setting



Study Products and Interventions





= THSm2.2 (Tobacco Heating System 2.2 menthol)





= mCC (Menthol conventional cigarettes)



- To demonstrate the reduction of biomarkers of exposure (BoExp) to harmful and potentially harmful constituents (HPHCs) in smokers switching from menthol conventional cigarette (mCC) to THS2.2 Menthol (THSm2.2) compared to smokers continuing to smoke mCC
- MHBMA, 3-HPMA, S-PMA, COHb after 5 days (confinement)
- Total NNAL after 90 days (ambulatory)



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Additional Objectives and Endpoints

- To determine the reduction of a list of BoExp and to determine the levels of nicotine over the entire exposure period
- To evaluate self-reported nicotine/tobacco product use and human smoking topography
- To describe product evaluation and subjective effects of smoking
- To monitor selected risk markers and the safety profiles





Study Design





Abbreviations: mCC = Menthol conventional cigarette(s); THS = Tobacco Heating System; Figure not to scale.



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Japanese Population Characteristics

Characteristics	THSm2.2 (N=78)	mCC (N=42)	SA (N=40)	Overall (N=160)
Females – n(%)	33 (42.3)	17 (40.5)	18 (45.0)	68 (42.5)
Age (years) - Mean±SD	37 ± 11	37 ± 11	37 ± 10	37 ± 11
BMI Normal Weight- n(%)	60 (76.9)	32 (76.2)	32 (80.0)	124 (77.5)
Daily mCC Consumption– n(%) 10-19 cig/day > 19 cig/day	40 (51.3) 38 (48.7)	23 (54.8) 19 (45.2)	21 (52.5) 19 (47.5)	84 (52.5) 76 (47.5)
ISO Tar yields – n(%) 1-5 mg 6-8 mg 9-10 mg > 10 mg	46 (59.0) 21 (26.9) 7 (9.0) 4 (5.1)	22 (52.4) 14 (33.3) 4 (9.5) 2 (4.8)	23 (57.5) 12 (30.0) 2 (5.0) 3 (7.5)	91 (56.9) 47 (29.4) 13 (8.1) 9 (5.6)
ISO Nicotine ≤ 0.6mg – n(%)	63 (80.8)	32 (76.2)	30 (75.0)	125 (78.1)

THSm2.2= THS 2.2 Menthol, mCC menthol Conventional Cigarettes, SA: smoking abstinence, SD: story at on PMI RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

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Exposure to Harmful and Potentially Harmful Compounds

Biomarkers following 90 days of exposure (1/3)





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Biomarkers following 90 days of exposure (2/3)







Biomarkers following 90 days of exposure (3/3)



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Product use

Product Use – Average Daily Product Use

Time point	THSm2.2 Mean±SD	mCC Mean±SD
Baseline mCC	13.1±3.8	12.5±3.9
Day 5	13.9±4.3	13.6±4.7
Day 5-30	11.7±5.9	13.8±4.2
Day 30-60	12.7±6.2	14.9±5.7
Day 60-90	12.7±6.5	15.2±5.0



THSm2.2= THS 2.2 Menthol, mCC menthol Conventional Cigarette, SD: standard deviation; n: subjects in the main analysis population

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Nicotine Uptake



Exposure THSm2.2 vs. mCC

- Nicotine uptake profile is similar, marginally higher for THSm2.2
 - 80% of subjects smoke low-nicotine containing mCC.
- A process of adaptation is observed throughout the 3-month period, resulting in a 4% difference on day 90.
 - Nicotine yield in mCC variable, and fixed in THSm2.2

Selected Clinical Risk Endpoints (indicative results, not statistically significant)

Disease Pathway	Marker	Expected SA Effect at 6m ^(*)	REXA-07 SA Effect at 3m	REXA-07 THS Effect at 3m
Lipid Metabolism	HDL-C	4.13 mg/dL	6.4 mg/dL	4.5 mg/dL
Inflammation	WBC	-0.81 10 ⁹ /L	-0.41 10 ⁹ /L	-0.57 10 ⁹ /L
Airway Impairment	FEV ₁	2.18 %pred	1.93 %pred	1.91 %pred
Endothelial Dysfunction	sICAM-1	20.0 %reduction	10.9 %reduction	8.7 %reduction
Oxidative Stress	8-epi-PGF _{2α}	32.0 %reduction	6.0 %reduction	12.7 %reduction
Clotting	11-DTX-B ₂	22.0 %reduction	19.4 %reduction	9.0 %reduction

(*) Expected SA effect from literature data



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- No serious or severe adverse events (AEs).
- During the run-in (product test), 22 AEs observed in 16 (9%) of 175 enrolled.
- Following randomization, 49 AEs in 32 (41%) subjects in THS, 22 AEs in 14 subjects for both mCC (33%) and SA (35%) arms. One mild not expected AE related to product in THS arm (Diarrhea). Most frequent AEs were decreased hemoglobin and decreased neutrophils.
- No clinically relevant abnormality in vital signs, ECGs, or physical examination.





Conclusion

- All studies demonstrated that switching from mCC smoking to THSm2.2 aerosol resulted in substantial reductions in exposure to selected HPHCs.
- Reduction following switching to THSm2.2 achieved HPHC levels close to those observed following smoking abstinence (SA).
- Initial exploratory clinical data on monitored risk markers indicate favorable shifts in the direction of SA. While in ApoE-/- mice, switching from cigarette smoke exposure to THS2.2 aerosol exposure reverses the onset of disease in a similar manner as cessation



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- **Crowd-sourcing**: A natural evolution of web technologies led to the development of distributed problem-solving. Challenges are broadcasted to potential interested stakeholders (solvers). The winning participants are rewarded either with monetary awards, prizes, certificates, or with recognition.
- **Collaboration by Competition**: The scientific community sought to understand the limitations and comparative advantages of their methods by challenging model developers to make blind predictions on previously unseen data in a competitive framework.
- The community appreciates the successful methods which grow in credibility. Therefore, consideration of the scientific community is one of the forces that shape what is **currently considered as the way to do the science right**

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