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INNOVATION OF REDUCED RISK ALTERNATIVES: ORAL TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS

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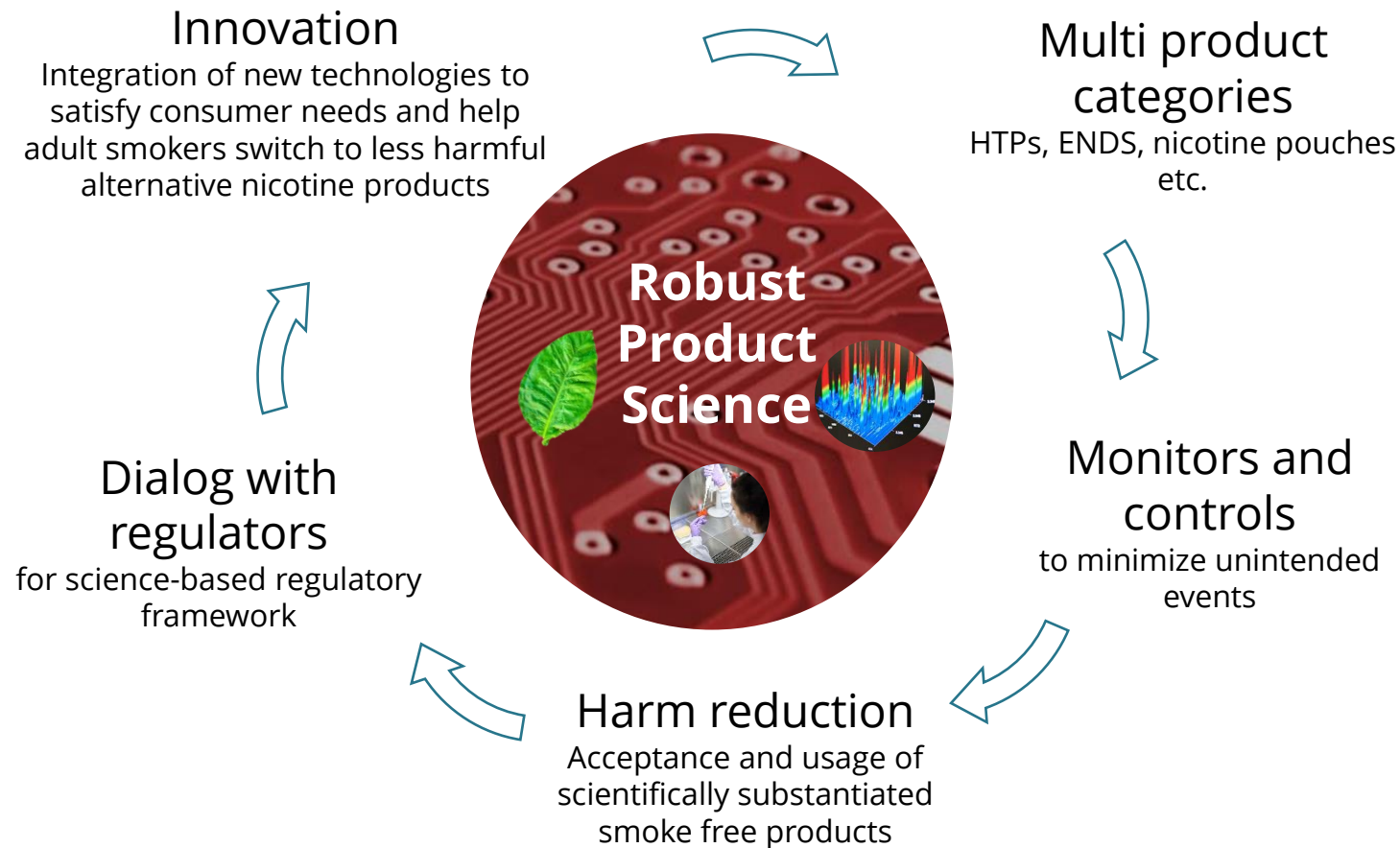


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Innovation and Tobacco Harm Reduction

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ENDS, electronic nicotine delivery system;
HTP, heated tobacco product

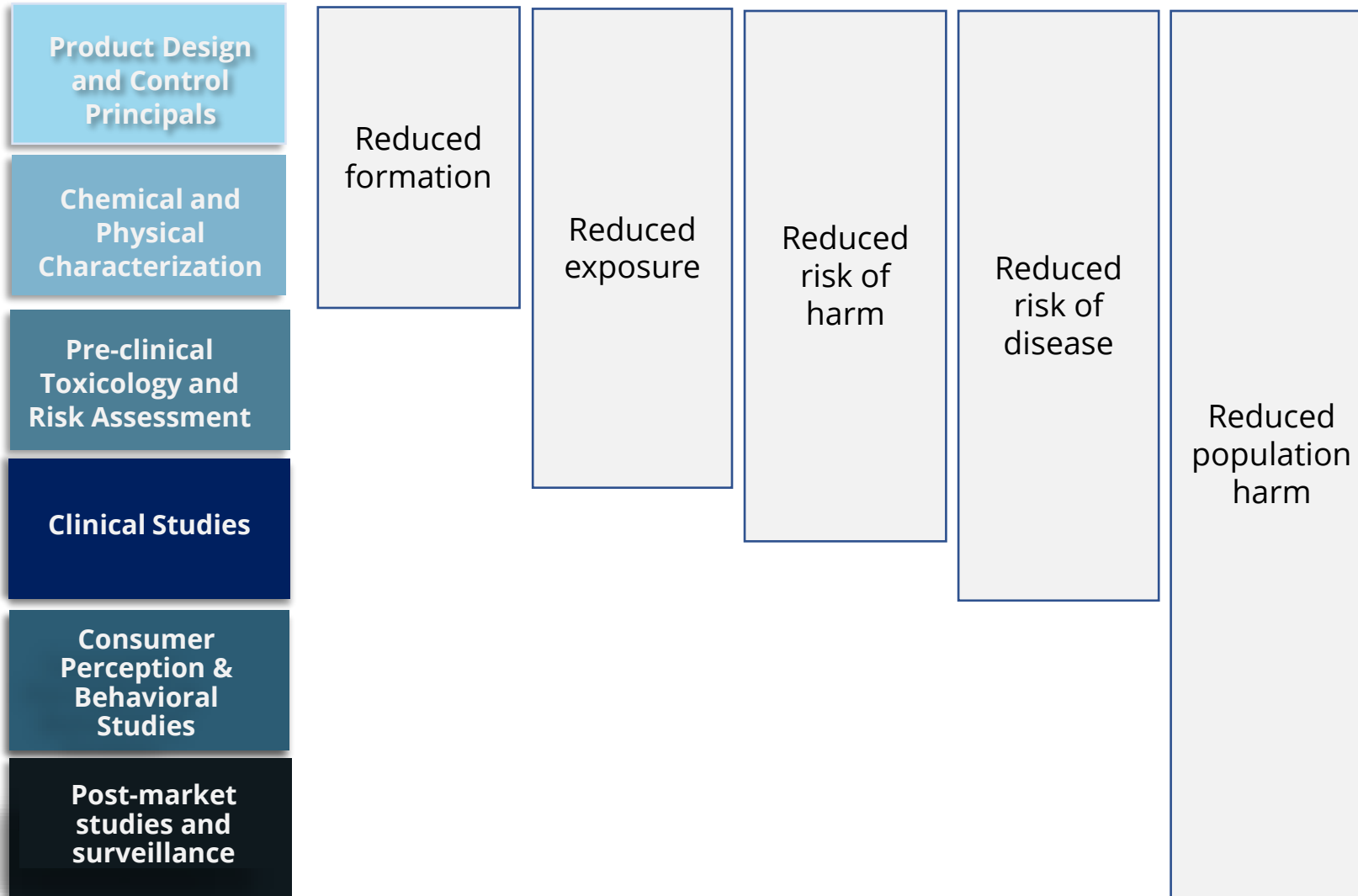


Population Harm Reduction



Successful Harm Reduction Requires Current Adult Smokers to be Offered a Range of Reduced-risk Products that are acceptable by Adult Tobacco and Nicotine Users while Minimizing Unintended Use

Balance between Speed of Innovation & Robust Product Science



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Product Design and Control Principles

Chemical and Physical Characterization

Non-clinical Toxicology and Risk Assessment

- Product design using QbD principles
- Manufactured to appropriate quality standards and sufficiently characterized to document product performance parameters
- All components and ingredients are appropriate for use and will not present new or increased toxicity
- Adherence to Swedish Institute of Standards on Nicotine Pouches
- No combustion; reduced HPHC levels compared to cigarettes
- Reduced toxicity in *in vitro* systems compared to cigarettes
- Oral safety – pre-clinical and clinical

HPHC, harmful and potentially harmful constituent; QbD, quality by design

Clinical Studies

- Pharmacokinetic studies do not raise additional questions about nicotine uptake
- Reduced HPHC formation leads to reduced exposure in humans
- Reduced risk and harm

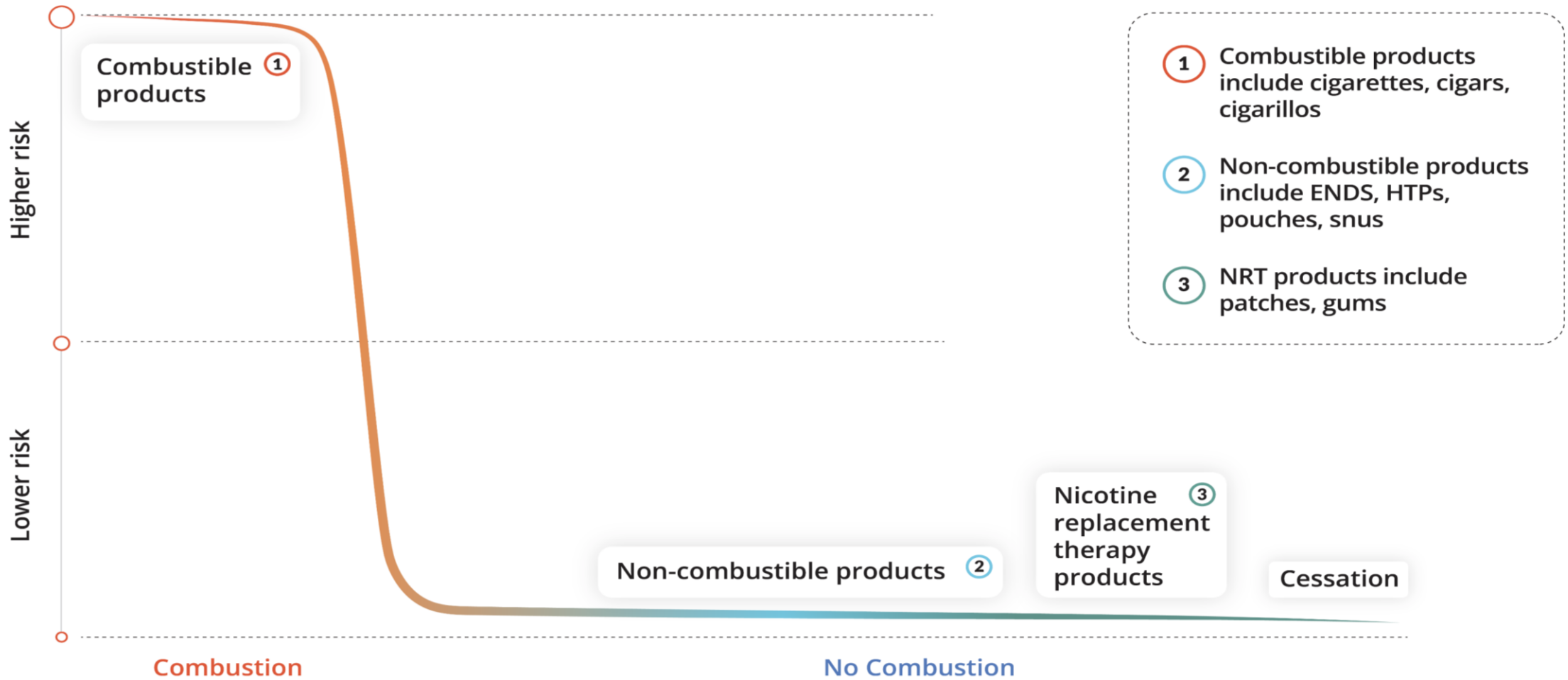
Consumer Perception & Behavioral Studies

- Product use behavior among adult smokers and non-smokers
- Product design and messaging is appropriate for adult smokers but not attractive to youth and non-smokers

Post-market studies and surveillance

- Consumer perception and tobacco use behavior
- Longer-term assessment of exposure and health outcomes
- Adverse events related to product use

Risk Cliff between Combustible and Non-combustible Products



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Nicotine Pouches vs. Traditional Snus

Traditional Snus



VS.

Nicotine Pouches



- **Contains tobacco and commercialized for decades**
- Different flavors, but tobacco dominates
- Swedish Match snus product authorized by the U.S. FDA to be commercialized with the claim: **“Using General Snus instead of cigarettes puts you at a lower risk of mouth cancer, heart disease, lung cancer, stroke, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis”¹**
- Usage leads to **tooth discoloration**

- **Commercialized since 2017**
- No tobacco
- Predominantly non-tobacco flavors
- Epidemiological data on snus indicates that this tobacco-free product has high potential to be significantly less harmful than continuing to smoke and/or using snus
- White pouches **do not stain teeth**

¹ FDA grants first-ever modified risk orders to eight smokeless tobacco product (<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-grants-first-ever-modified-risk-orders-eight-smokeless-tobacco-products>)

General Snus



FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA grants first-ever modified risk orders to eight smokeless tobacco products

FDA concludes completely switching from cigarettes to these authorized products lowers certain health risks

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For Immediate Release: October 22, 2019

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced today that, for the first time, it has authorized the marketing of products through the modified risk tobacco product (MRTP) pathway. The authorizations are for eight Swedish Match USA, Inc. snus smokeless tobacco products sold under the “General” brand name.

GRANTED DUE TO:

- Significantly lower levels of HPHCs (TSNAs) than traditional smokeless tobacco*
- Low likelihood of nonuser uptake or decreases in cessation



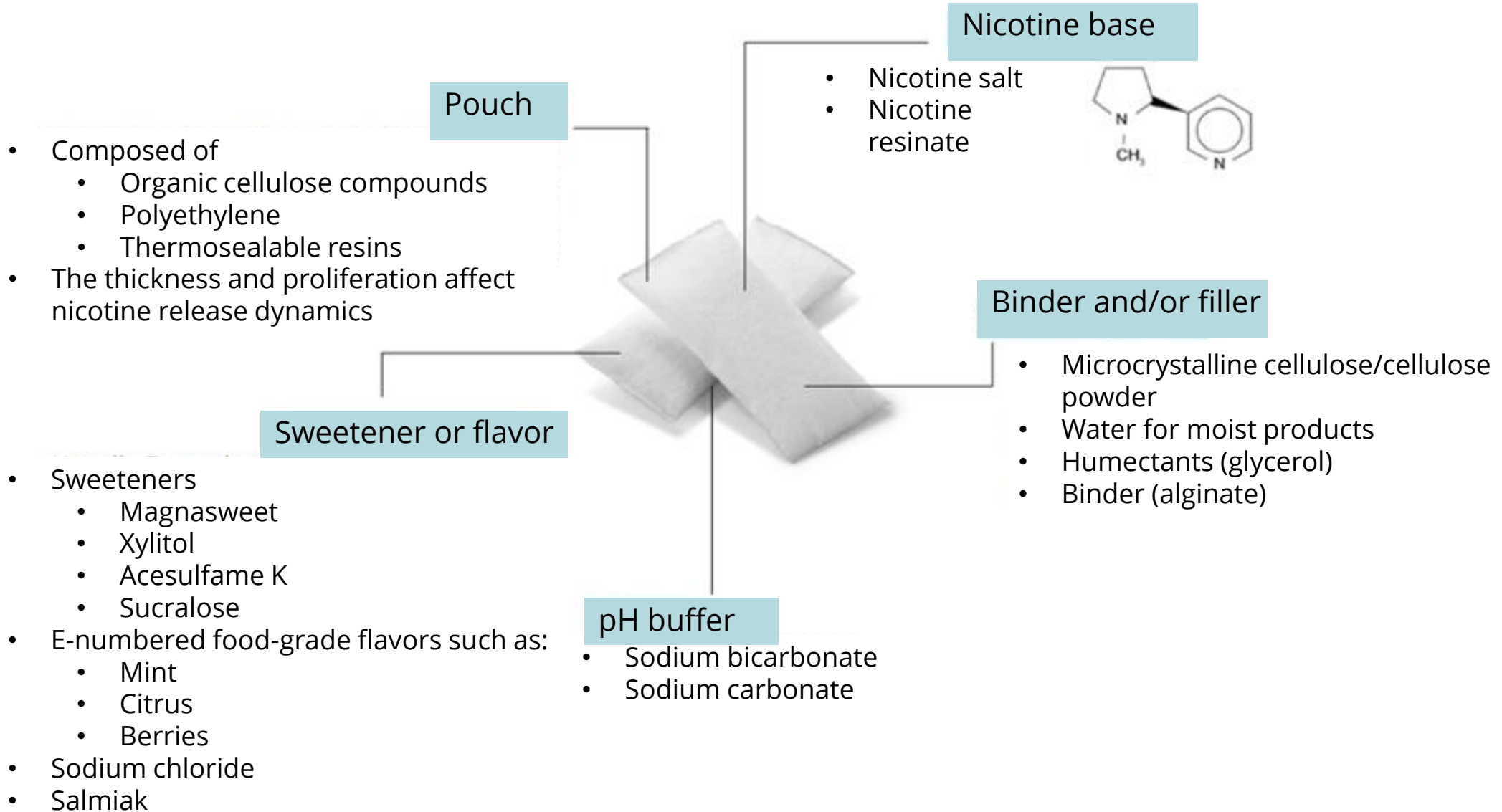
“Using General Snus instead of cigarettes puts you at a lower risk of mouth cancer, heart disease, lung cancer, stroke, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis”¹

*Tobacco-specific nitrosamines comprise one of the most important groups of carcinogens in tobacco products, particularly cigarettes and fermented dipping snuff.
Source: <https://www.acs.org/pressroom/newsreleases/2012/august/first-identification-of-a-strong-oral-carcinogen-in-smokeless-tobacco.html>

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Typical Nicotine Pouch Composition





Chemical and Physical Characterization

Example: Swedish Institute of Standards for Nicotine Pouches¹

- Supply chain requirements
 - Ingredients are food or pharma grade
 - Negative list (prohibited ingredients)
 - Ingredient quality
 - Toxicological risk assessment
- Final product
 - Constituent limits: pH (≤ 9.1) ; Nicotine (20 mg/pouch)
 - Water activity (< 0.7 ; if above, toxicological risk assessment)
 - Shelf life
- Packaging
 - Approved for food packaging
 - Product information and labeling
 - Disclosure of consumable/flavoring formulation

GOTHIATEK standard for snus²

GOTHIATEK[®] limits for undesired substances in nus production

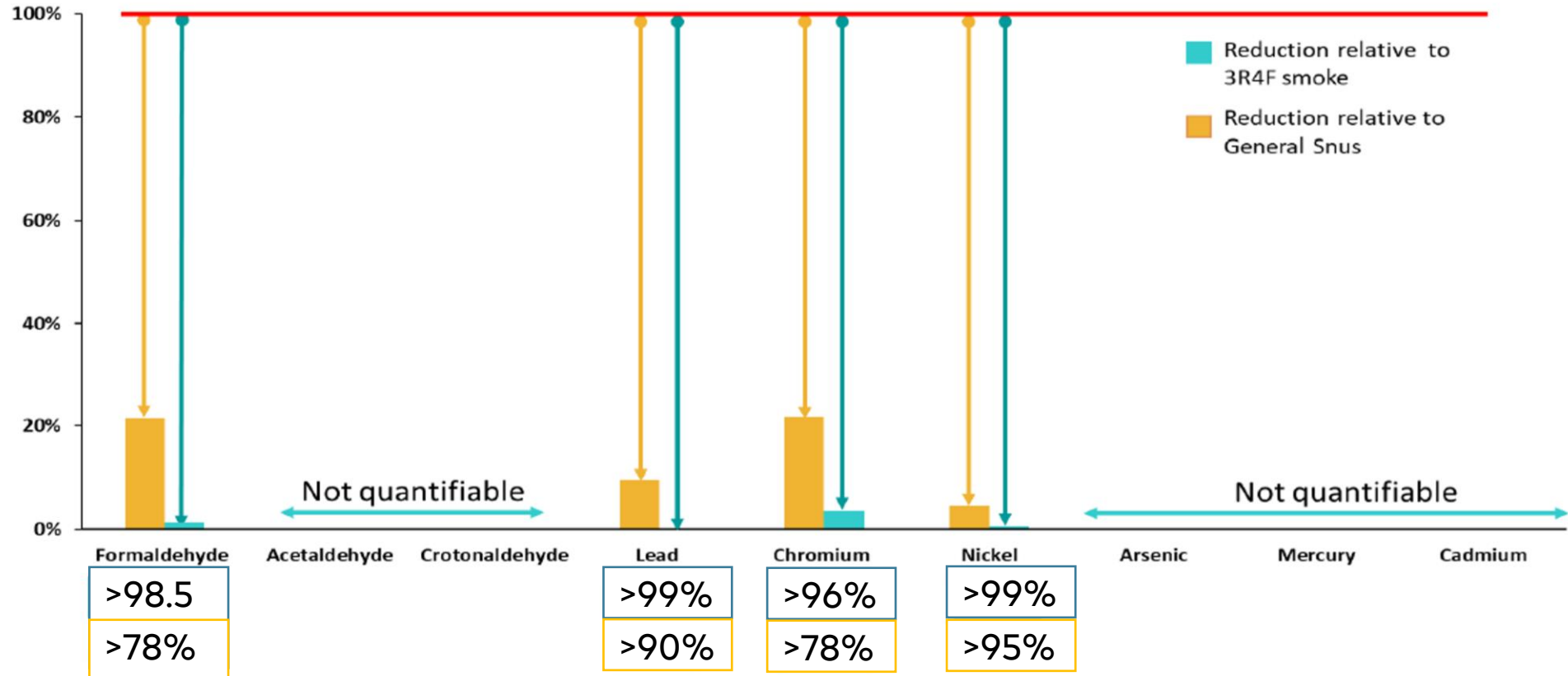
- TSNA
- B[a]P
- Ochratoxins and aflatoxins
- Aldehydes
- Metals
- Agrochemicals
- Declaration of contents in accordance with food labeling
- Manufacturing controls

¹ [Swedish Institute for Standards \(SIS\) for Nicotine-containing, tobacco-free oral products – Safety and quality related requirements \(SIS/ftTS 72SIS/TK 442/N107\)](#)

² [Swedish Match – GOTHIATEK[®] standard](#)



Reduced Harmful Toxicants



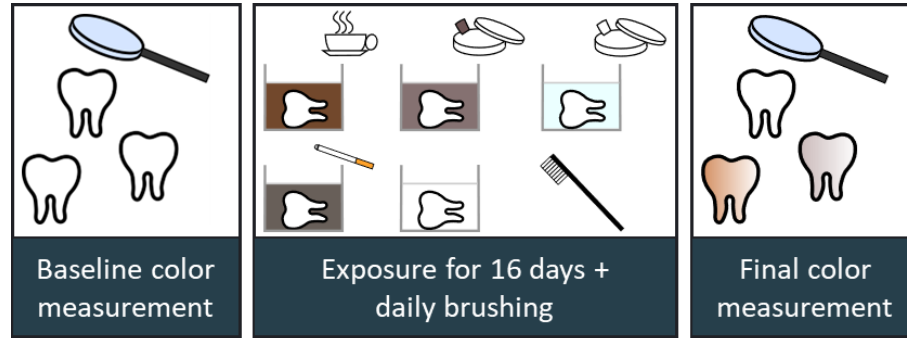
Representative percent average reduction in selected HPHC levels for nicotine pouch (Shiro) compared to General Snus* and reference 3R4F cigarette smoke

PMI Nicotine pouches have a >99% reduction in toxicants vs. cigarettes and far lower levels of HPHCs than General Snus

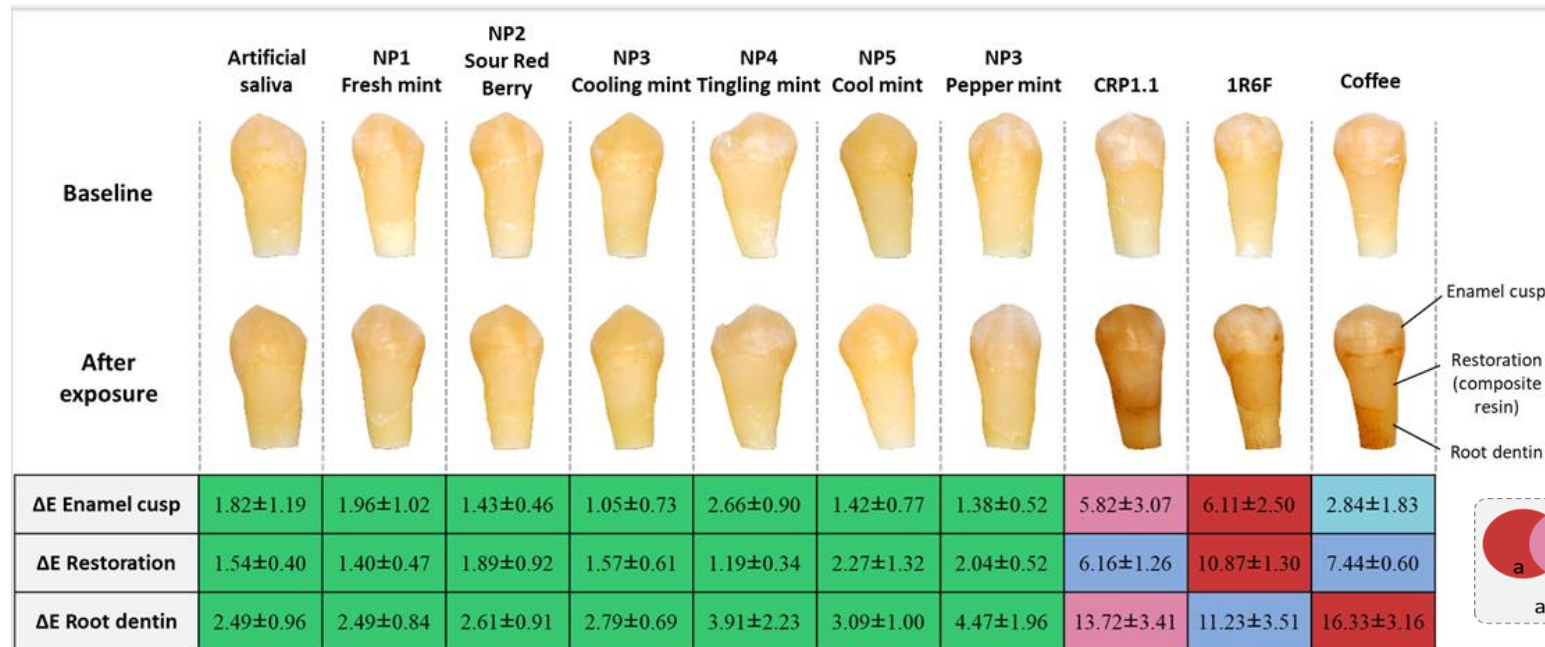
Tooth Discoloration



Study Design:



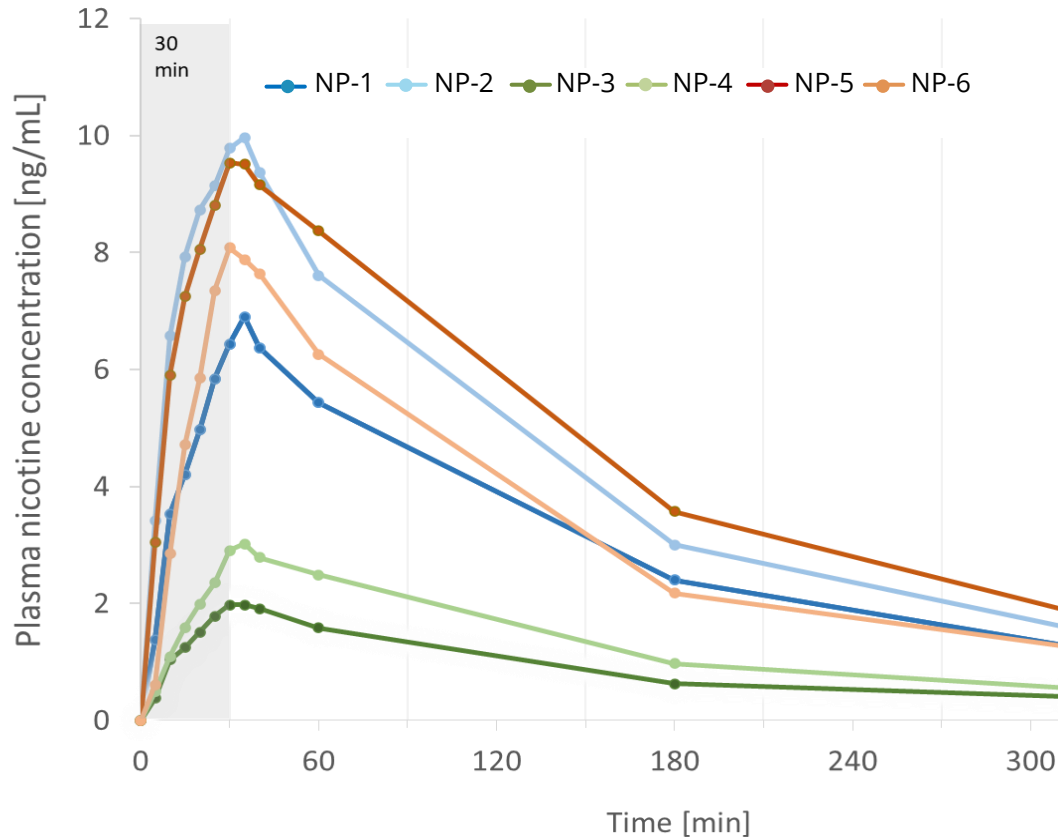
Results:



PMI Nicotine Pouches do not cause tooth discoloration



Nicotine Pouches Exploratory Study: Nicotine Uptake Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics (PK/PD)



AUC, area under the curve; C_{max}, maximum concentration; T_{max}, time to reach C_{max}
<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05317195>

Study to investigate:

- 24 healthy, smoking subjects
- Fixed product-use duration (30 min)
- Nicotine PK profiles
- Subjective effects: Craving, Liking, Satisfaction
- Safety and tolerability
- Uptake: Analysis of residual nicotine

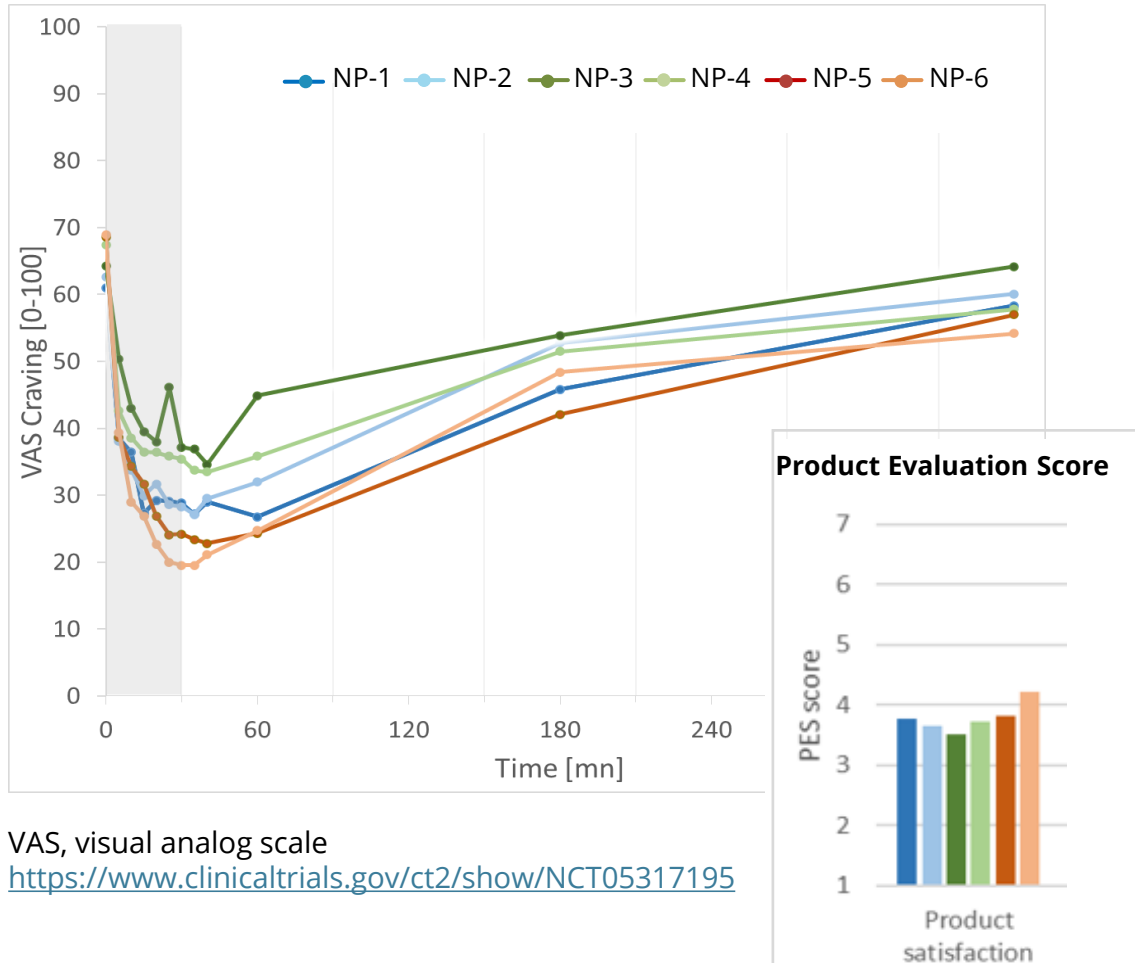
Product	Parameters
NP-1	Nicotine Moisture pH Pouch format
NP-2	
NP-3	
NP-4	
NP-5	
NP-6	

Results:

- C_{max} driven by formulation, not exceeding cigarette smoking
- T_{max} driven by duration of product use
- All subjects reported reduced craving after the start of product use
- Liking and product evaluation differ between products
- No safety signals
- Not all nicotine extracted



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Results:

- Consumers respond differently to nicotine strength
- Differences in PK absorption profiles do not necessarily induce similar differences in PD profiles (Liking and Satisfaction), although craving is reduced for all products tested
- Lower strength products do address craving for cigarettes and deliver satisfaction – albeit at reduced rates
- Subjective effects are self-reported and weakly associated with nicotine absorption

Summary



- PMI's main goal is to design a smoke-free future and provide a portfolio of product options that help adult smokers who otherwise continue to smoke switch to less harmful alternative nicotine products
- Robust product science is key to developing and assessing those products and demonstrate their harm reduction potential
- Not all tobacco and nicotine products present the same health risks: Tobacco-free nicotine pouches are relatively new products that may serve as a low-risk alternative to cigarettes or conventional tobacco-based oral products among current tobacco users
- Our assessment program was designed to collect multiple types of scientific data to validate the hypothesis that nicotine pouches carry less risk than continued smoking, with a focus on nicotine pharmacokinetics, product use behavior, and long-term use health risks

THANK YOU

