Biomarker of Exposure Reductions Upon Switching for 5 Days from Cigarettes to a Carbon Heated Tobacco Product (CHTP 1.0)

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Intro

The Carbon Heated Tobacco Product (CHTP 1.0) is designed to heat tobacco without burning it in order to reduce formation of, and consequently exposure to, harmful and potentially harmful constituents (HPHCs) as compared to cigarettes while replicating the ritual, taste, sensory characteristics and nicotine uptake of cigarette smoking. The main objective of this study was to demonstrate the reduction of biomarkers of exposure (BoExp) to selected HPHCs in smokers switching from cigarettes to CHTP 1.0 as compared to smokers continuing to smoke cigarettes for 5 consecutive days. Among other assessments the nicotine uptake and subjective effects of CHTP 1.0 use were evaluated in this study.

Results

85 healthy adult smokers (age of 21+) were randomly assigned to two groups and asked to: (1) switch from cigarettes to CHTP 1.0 (40 participants) or (2) continue to use their own non-menthol cigarettes (39 participants). Participants were eligible if they smoked ≥10 commercially available non-menthol cigarettes per day for the last 6 weeks prior admission and had smoked cigarettes for ≥3 consecutive years before enrollment and were not planning to quit smoking in coming 3 months.

1. CHTP 1.0 is a heat not burn product that does not involve tobacco combustion.
2. The product generates a nicotine-containing aerosol which has significantly lower levels of HPHCs than cigarettes.
3. CHTP 1.0 has been designed to resemble a cigarette as closely as possible.

Conclusions

At the end of the 5 day exposure period biomarkers of exposure to HPHCs were markedly reduced upon switching to CHTP 1.0 use, whereas nicotine levels were similar to cigarette smoking.

Smoking urge questionnaire scores indicate similar responses for CHTP 1.0 as for CC, which is encouraging for CHTP adoption as an alternative to CC.