### Formation of Selected HPHCs in Non-Commercial JUUL2 Devices as Function of Temperature

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## Background

- A major factor influencing formation of Harmful and Potentially Harmful Chemicals (HPHC) is temperature
  - When an e-cigarette is heated, the e-liquid undergoes vaporization, creating an aerosol that is inhaled by the user
  - The temperature at which this vaporization occurs can impact the composition of the aerosol and the formation of HPHCs
- Temperature regulated devices play a crucial role in limiting the formation of HPHCs
- Importance of temperature regulation
  - Reduces the risk of overheating
  - Reduces the thermal degradation of e-liquid which leads to formation of higher levels of HPHCs
  - Ensures a more consistent and controlled aerosolization process

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### Goals

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Assess the performance of non-commercial JUUL2 devices in terms of:

- Device temperature regulation
- Impact of temperature regulation on limiting the formation of Harmful and Potentially Harmful Constituents (HPHCs)
- Controlled aerosolization process and delivery



#### **Experimental Design**

- JUUL2 devices with temperature setpoints:
  - o 247°C, 271°C, 296°C, 321°C
- E-liquid composition: PG:VG (50:50 by weight), 4% added nicotine
- Aerosol collection:
  - Puff volume: 55 mL
  - Duration: 3 seconds
  - Interval: 30 seconds
  - Puff Profile: Square
  - Puff segment: 50 (80 puffs for glycidol)
  - Device Orientation: Vertical 45 degrees
- Condensates collected on CFP's/impingers per test method
  - 3 replicates per test

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 Continuous device temperature monitoring as measurement of coil resistance changes

- PG, VG , Nicotine measurements by GC-FID
- Carbonyl measurements by LC-MS
- Glycidol measurements by GC-MS

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#### **Device Temperature Monitoring During Aerosol Collection**





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#### **Device Mass Loss (DML) (mg/puff)**





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#### Nicotine, VG and PG in Condensate (mg/puff) vs. Temperature



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#### Glycidol Concentration in Condensate (µg/mg) vs. Temperature





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#### Carbonyl Concentration in Condensate (µg/mg) vs. Temperature



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#### Selected HPHC Emissions for JUUL2 vs. 1R6F Reference Cigarette

- JUUL2 setpoint: 321°C
- Nicotine normalized: mg analyte per mg nicotine





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#### Conclusions

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- Temperature control of non-commercial JUUL2 devices was studied at various temperature setpoints
  - JUUL2 devices are equipped with precise temperature control mechanisms to effectively avoid temperature overshooting.
  - o DML increases with temperature, exhibiting minimal variability
  - JUUL2 devices ensure steady temperature and delivery, as evidenced by DML and the primary constituents' distribution
  - HPHC concentrations remain constant up to the normal setpoint of JUUL2 and increase at higher temperatures, but remain consistently low indicating the device's proficiency in maintaining uniform delivery.
  - At the highest temperature studied (exceeding the normal operating range by more than 30 °C), the device's HPHCs output is significantly lower compared to a combusted cigarette.
- JUUL2's temperature control enables a more stable and controlled aerosolization process mitigating the formation of HPHCs



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# Thank you for your attention

# Any Questions?

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