

Protocol

A Global Health Survey of People Who Vape but Never Smoked: Protocol for the VERITAS (Vaping Effects: Real-World International Surveillance) Study

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- Aim: Compare Respiratory symptoms in 500 current Vapers/never smokers to that in 250 never vape/smoke
- Sample = internet recruitment, globally
- Outcome = self-reported using ‘validated’ questionnaire = Respiratory Symptom Experience Scale (RSES). Validated in an April 2023 study published in the same journal by five authors with affiliations with JUUL (makers of vapes) or a consultancy (Pinney Ass.) which lobbies for policies to facilitate over-the-counter access to ENDS (and works with JUUL).
- The reviewer of the protocol that ‘validated’ the questionnaire is a co-author on this VERITAS paper and comes from the same centre as Riccardo Polosa, who is funded by the tobacco industry.

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