

Review of: "The case for development of an E-cigarette Ontology (E-CigO) to improve quality, efficiency and clarity in the conduct and interpretation of research"

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This description of the reasons to create an ontology for E-cigarettes is well written and easy to understand. The current confusion and misrepresentation of data that justifies the need for this ontology is clearly explained, however, I would have liked to see more details about the Addiction Ontology and how the E-Cigo terms will fit in, but that may be coming in a follow up paper, describing the actual E-Cigo effort. I would also like to read how user feedback will be facilitated and who the team of experts will be. Once created, outreach to encourage use of E-Cigo among policy makers will be necessary. Hopefully, some can be involved early on. The citations used were well chosen and meet the needs of this paper.