

## Review of: "[Commentary] On Heated Tobacco Products and the Importance of Science-Based Assessments and Product Classification"

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Altogether, I share the opinion that in HTP, pyrolysis or oxidative pyrolysis takes place rather than real combustion, as in conventional cigarettes, and that this makes HTP preferable over conventional cigarettes. As for the distinction between smoke and aerosol, however, I think that a rigorous definition is needed because there is still a lot of confusion both in the literature and in common sense. This work has the merit of having triggered a discussion on this topic, as well as on other interesting scientific issues, emerging also from all the comments.

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