

# Advancing Harm Reduction for Adults Who Smoke

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# The Problem: Harm Caused from Cigarette Smoking

## COMBUSTIBLE TOBACCO – MOST HAZARDOUS FORM OF TOBACCO



**~31 MILLION<sup>1</sup>**  
**U.S. adult smokers**

**OVERWHELMING  
EVIDENCE**

**Cigarette smoking is addictive and  
causes serious diseases including:**

Lung cancer | Emphysema | Cardiovascular disease

**~480,000 U.S. Deaths**  
**Attributable Each Year to Cigarette Smoking<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Source: Altria Client Services LLC Adult Tobacco Consumer Tracker (ALCS ATCT) – Q1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/resources/data/cigarette-smoking-in-united-states.html#:~:text=Cigarette%20smoking%20remains%20the%20leading,than%20480%2C000%20Americans%20each%20year.>





# Tobacco Harm Reduction Framework

**Traditional  
Strategies**



**Complement to  
Existing Approach**



**Tobacco  
Harm  
Reduction  
Framework**

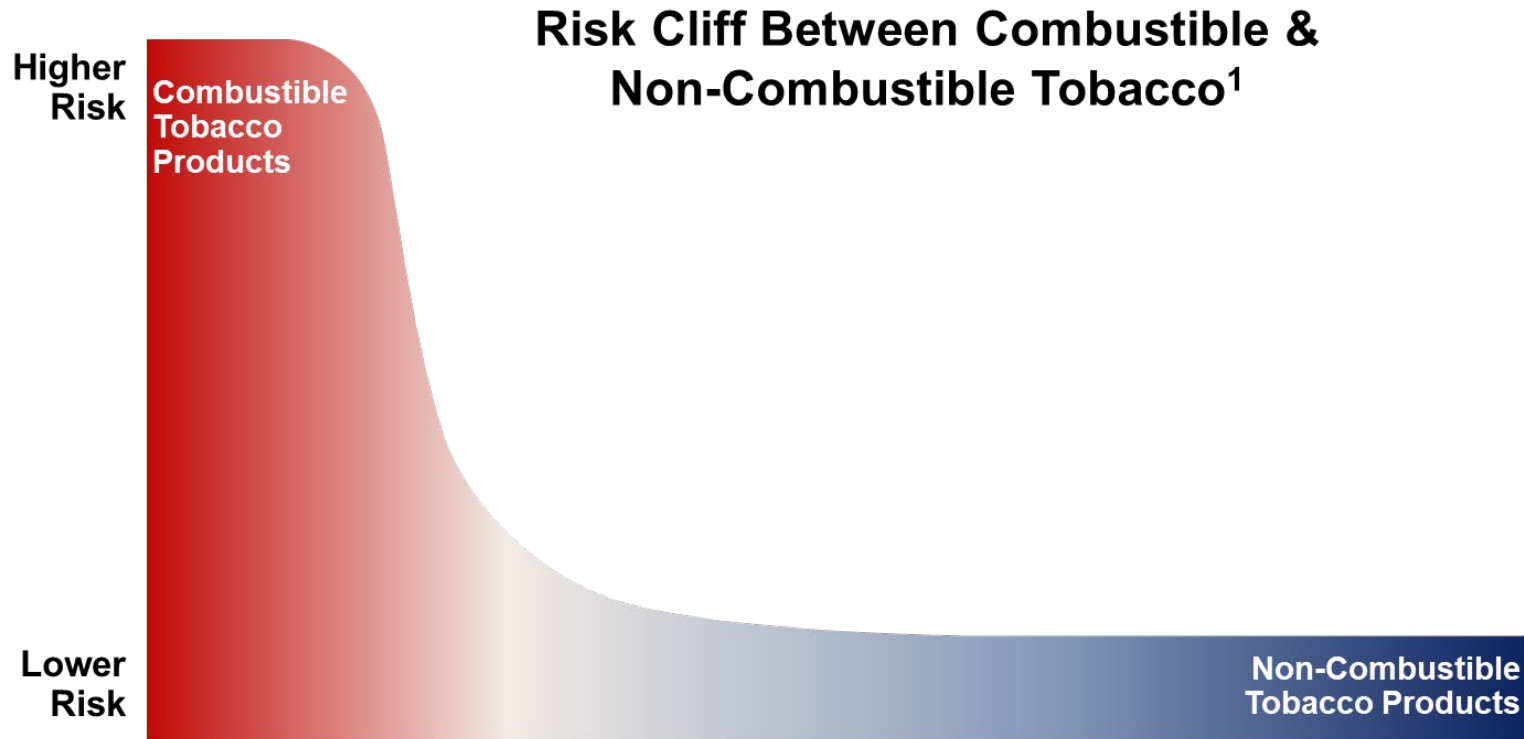


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ATC=Adult Tobacco Consumers

# Tobacco Harm Reduction Focuses on Moving Adults Who Smoke Down the “Risk Cliff”



<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Nutt, et. al. Estimating the Harms of Nicotine-Containing Products Using the MCDA Approach. Eur. Addict Res 2014; 20:218-225.



# A Portfolio Approach to Harm Reduction

Advance Altria's harm reduction aspiration through smoke-free product platforms



**Smokeless  
Tobacco Products**  
e.g., Copenhagen®

**Modern Oral  
Tobacco Products**  
e.g., on!® Nicotine Pouches

**Heated  
Tobacco Products**  
e.g., PLOOM®\*

**E-Vapor  
Products**  
e.g., NJOY®



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# Scientific Framework

## CONSTITUENT REDUCTION



### THE PRODUCT

- Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls
- Product Stability
- Chemical characterization

## INDIVIDUAL RISK REDUCTION



### EXPOSURE and HEALTH RISK

- Toxicology & Risk Assessment
- Health risk assessment (absolute and relative)
- Biomarker Studies
- Abuse Liability Studies
- Human Factors Assessment

## POPULATION HARM REDUCTION



### IMPACT on the POPULATION

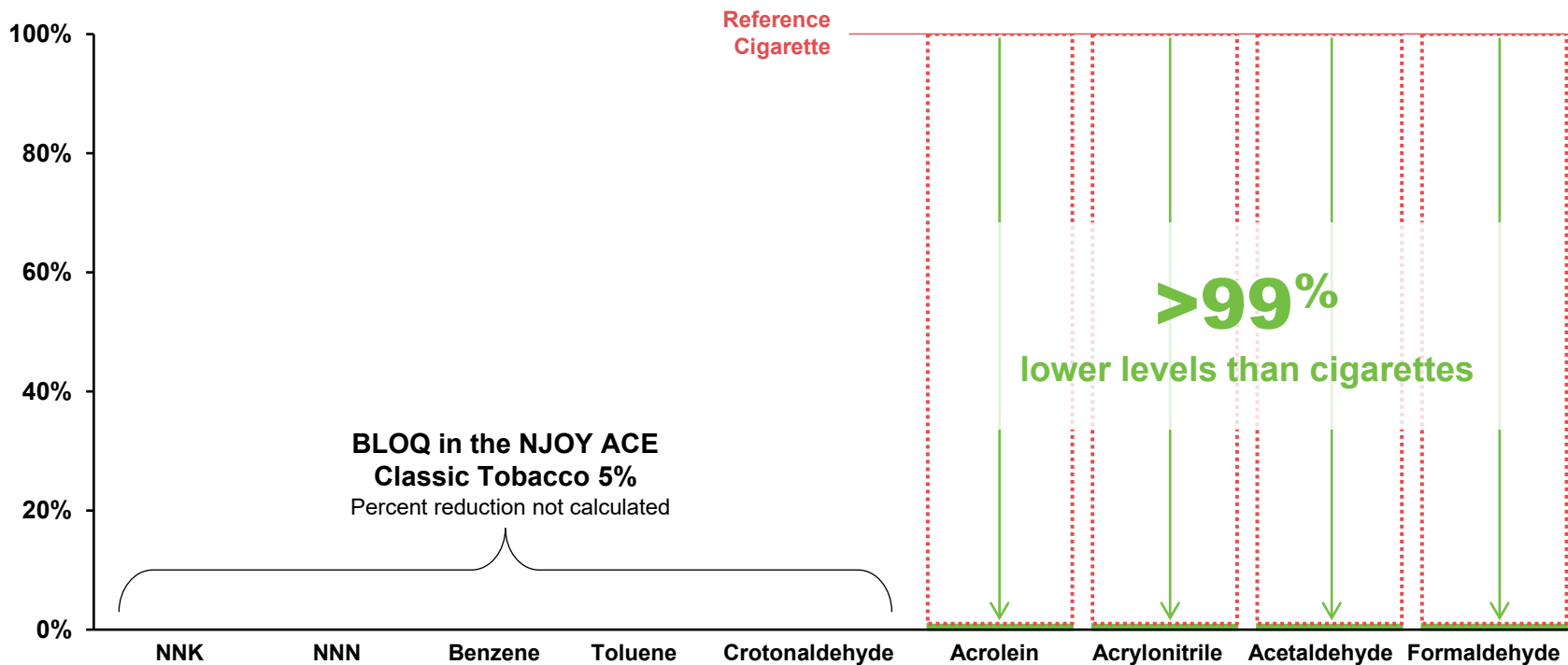
- Risk perceptions (absolute and relative)
- Impact of product on users
- Impact on non-users
- Overall impact on the population
- Environmental Assessment



# HPHCs in NJOY ACE® Classic Tobacco 5% are Not Detected or Substantially Reduced Compared to Cigarettes



CONSTITUENT REDUCTION



BLOQ=below limit of quantification; HPHC=harmful and potentially harmful constituents; NNK=4-(methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone; NNN=N-nitrosonorcotine.

Source: Percent reductions based on average HPHC levels in 5% Classic Tobacco NJOY ACE product compared to cigarette mainstream smoke levels measured under ISO conditions.



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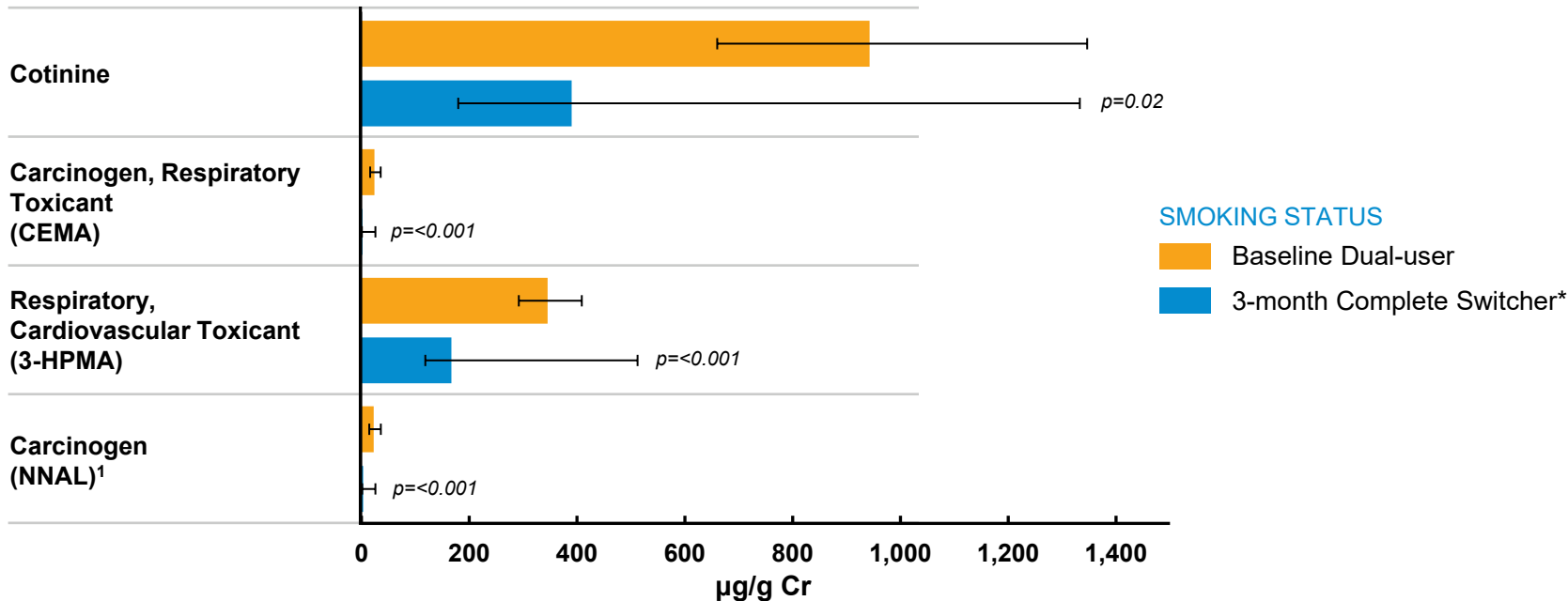
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# Biomarkers of Exposure are Significantly Reduced Among Switchers Based on Real World Evidence



INDIVIDUAL RISK REDUCTION

## BIOMARKER



\* Indicates that biomarker levels were significantly lower than dual-users ( $p < 0.05$ ); Data represented as Least Square Means  $\pm$  95% CI from Statistical Model.  
3-HPMA=3-Hydroxypropylmercapturic Acid; CEMA=Cyanoethyl mercapturic acid; NNAL=4-(Methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanol). <sup>1</sup>NNAL is expressed as ng/g Cr.



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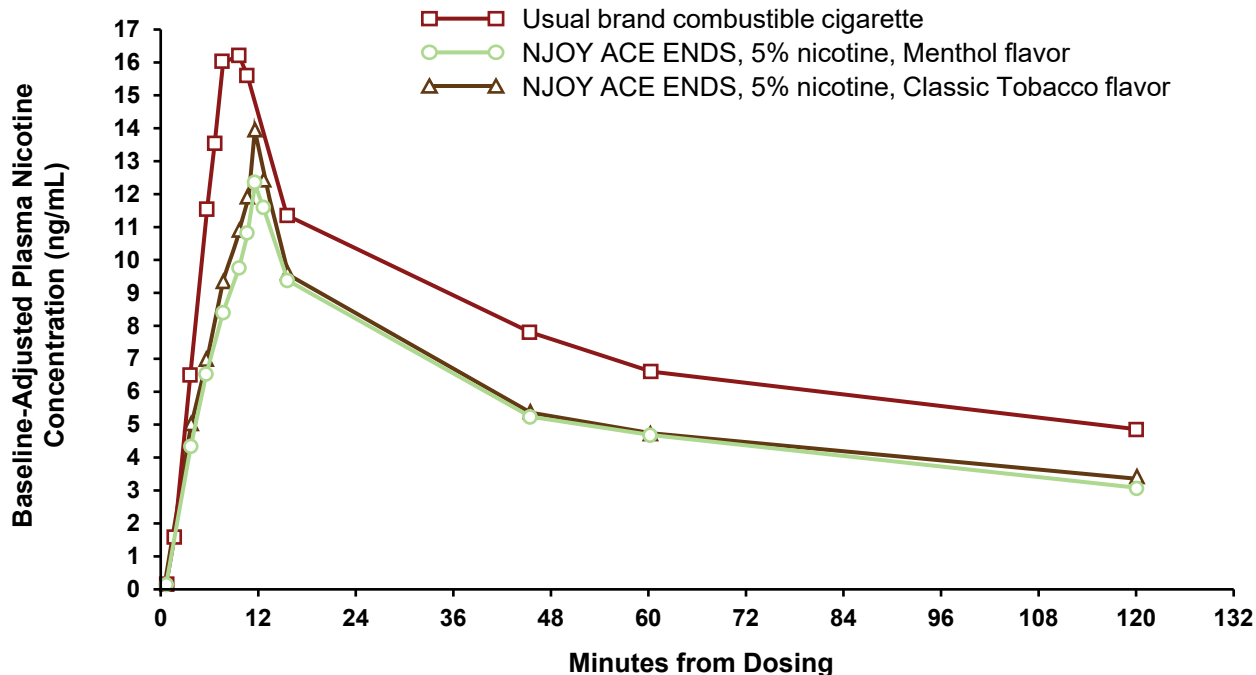


# Nicotine PK indicates NJOY ACE<sup>®</sup> Abuse Liability Not Likely to be Higher Than Cigarettes

## Abuse Liability

“The new products’ abuse liability—i.e., ability to promote continued use, addiction, or dependence—is comparable to that of combusted cigarettes and other ENDS tested”

Quotes from FDA Technical Project Lead PMTA Summary



PK=pharmacokinetics.



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# Longitudinal Cohort Study Demonstrates Significant Switching Potential for NJOY ACE



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## NJOY User Study

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The NJOY User Study demonstrated that **switching from combusted cigarettes to the new ENDS products does occur among current adult smokers.**

The applicant has therefore demonstrated the potential for these products to benefit adult smokers as compared to continued exclusive cigarette use.

”

Quotes from FDA Technical  
Project Lead PMTA Summary  
(Emphasis added)



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# Longitudinal Cohort Study Overview

## PROSPECTIVE LONGITUDINAL ONLINE OBSERVATIONAL SURVEY

### Evaluating the Effectiveness of NJOY ACE® ENDS on Reduction and Switching From CC Use



## PURPOSE

Assesses relationship between the frequency of combustible cigarette smoking, switching from combustible cigarettes to ENDS, and the purchasing and use of NJOY ENDS products

## STUDY DESIGN

National purposive sample of 8,002 US adult subjects aged 21+ years who first used NJOY ACE® within the 12-month period prior to completing the baseline survey

## COHORTS

### Primary Outcomes

Baseline and 3-month timepoints

### Secondary Outcomes

Baseline, 3-months and 6-month time-points

CC=combustible cigarette.



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# Survey Data Collected



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- ✓ Participant demographics
- ✓ NJOY ACE<sup>®</sup> use
- ✓ Combustible tobacco cigarette smoking behaviors
- ✓ Non-NJOY ENDS use
- ✓ Other tobacco/nicotine product use
- ✓ Harm perceptions and perceived addictiveness
- ✓ Negative consequences associated with ENDS use
- ✓ Health outcomes  
(i.e., respiratory symptoms, fatigue, physical health)

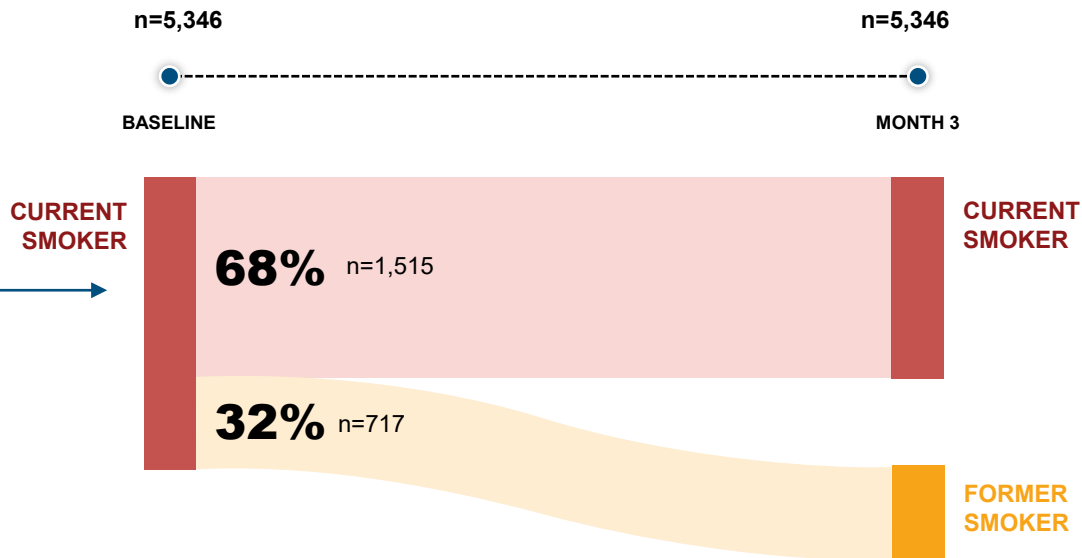


# Real World Evidence Demonstrates Switching Success with NJOY ACE®



POPULATION HARM REDUCTION

**32%**  
of Adult  
Smokers  
(21+ at Baseline)  
transitioned to  
Former Smokers\*



\* Indicates switching rate calculated based on the number of participants initially using NJOY ACE at baseline and completing survey at three months (per protocol population).  
Source: Prospective Longitudinal Cohort Study Figure 7-1.



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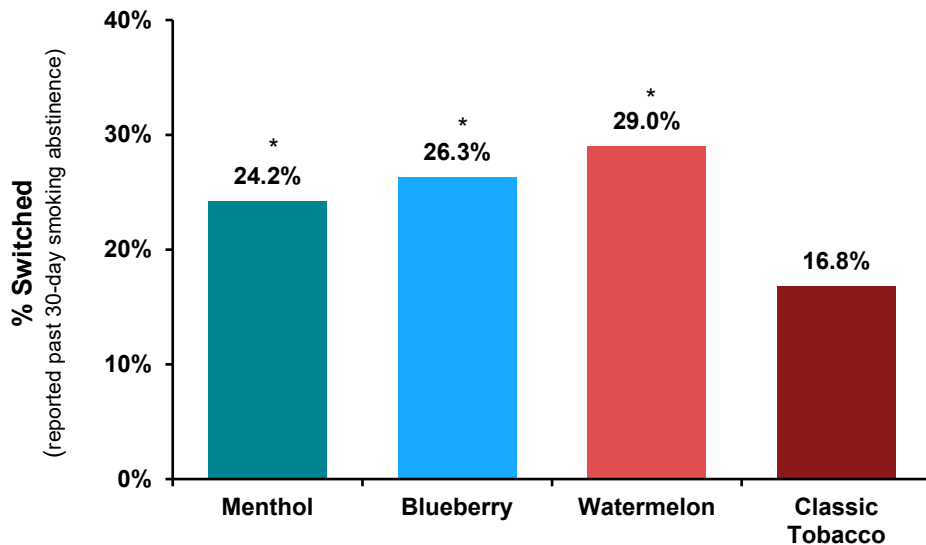
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# Flavored NJOY® Products More Effective in Promoting Complete Switching Relative to Tobacco-Flavored

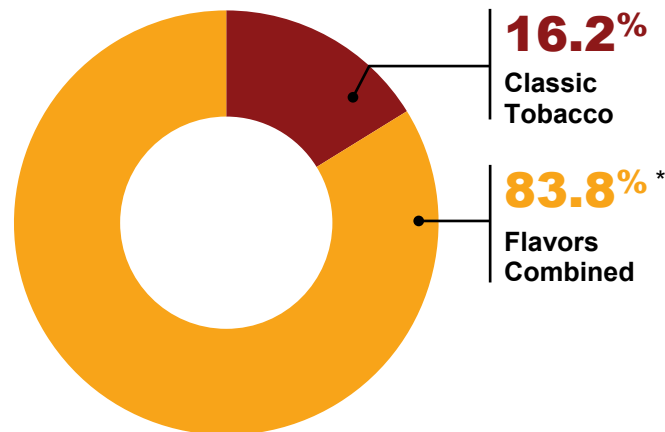
## Complete Switching at 3 Months

(based on those completing the survey at 3 months)



## Proportion of Complete Switchers at 3 Months

(based on those completing the survey at 3 months)



\*Statistically significantly greater than Classic Tobacco-flavored NJOY ACE products

Analysis shows per protocol 30-day point prevalence abstinence for initially used NJOY ACE flavor.

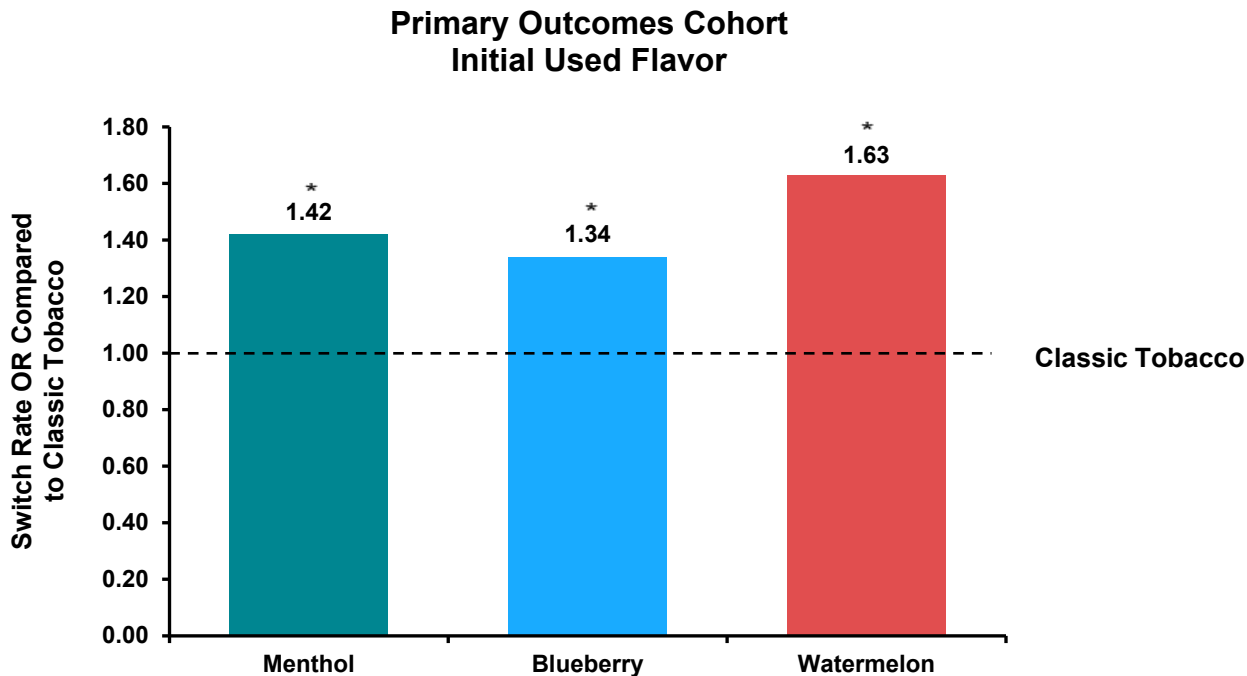
Source: NJOY ACE User Survey Supplemental Blueberry and Watermelon Report; Initial Used NJOY Flavor.



# Higher Odds of Complete Switching for NJOY ACE® Flavors vs. NJOY ACE® Classic Tobacco



POPULATION HARM REDUCTION



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Source: NJOY ACE User Survey Supplemental Menthol Report; NJOY ACE User Survey Supplemental Blueberry and Watermelon Report; Analysis shows Switch Rate Adjusted Odds Ratios for Per Protocol 30-Day Point Prevalence Abstinence for Initially Used NJOY ACE Flavor

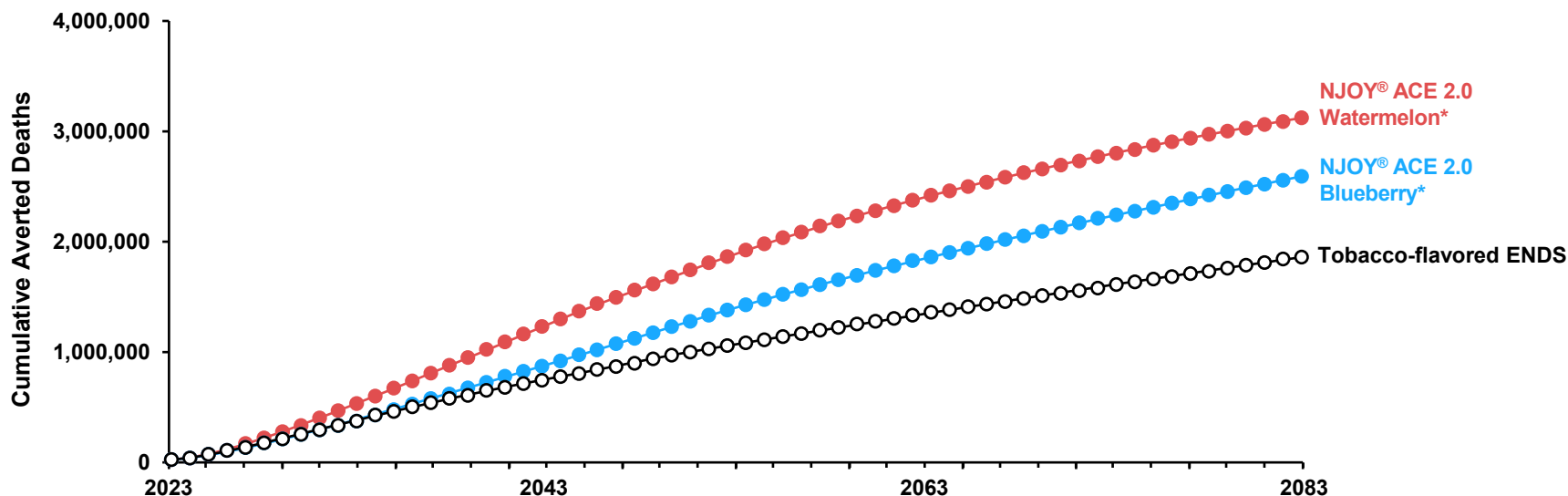


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# Population Impact Model

## Cumulative Averted Deaths (SADs – SVADs) for ENDS Scenarios vs. No-ENDS Scenario for the Total Population from 2023-2083



\* Per protocol

Source: Module 6.6.1 PopModel – ACE 2.0 BLE – Report Figure 5.2.

ENDS= electronic nicotine delivery system; SAD=smoking-attributable death; SVAD=smoking and vaping-attributable death.



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# NJOY ACE® ENDS Youth Prevalence is rare



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## NJOY Brand Detection Trends in NYTS

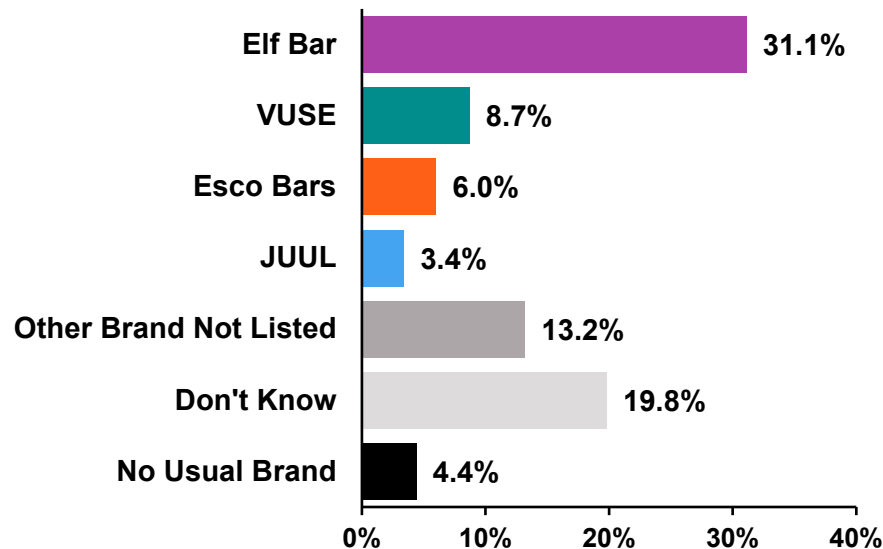
NYTS	NJOY Usual Brand Used Among Middle and High School E-Cigarette Users	Last 30-Day ENDS Use % (95% CI)
2021	NA <sup>a</sup>	11.3 (9.7–13.0)
2022	NA <sup>a</sup>	14.1 (12.4–16.0)
2023	NA <sup>a</sup>	10.0 (8.8–11.4)

<sup>a</sup>Data not shown because responses were too low to determine statistically reliable estimates

Sources: Cullen et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2020; Park-Lee et al., 2021; Cooper et al., 2022; Birdsey et al., 2023

NYTS=National Youth Tobacco Survey; CI=confidence interval; ENDS=electronic nicotine delivery system; NA=not applicable

## 2023 Usual Brand Used Among Middle and High School Current E-Cigarette Users



National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2023. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2023;72:1173–1182.  
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7244a1>



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# FDA Technical Project Lead Highlights

FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION	
<b>Technical Project Lead (TPL) Review of PMTAs</b>	
<b>New Products Subject to this Review<sup>1</sup></b>	
STNs	PM0000630-PM0000631
<b>Common Attributes</b>	
Submission date	March 30, 2020
Receipt date	March 30, 2020
Applicant	NJOY, LLC
Product manufacturer	NJOY, LLC
Application type	Standard
Product category	ENDS (VAPES)
Product subcategory	Closed E-Cigarette
<b>Cross-Referenced Submissions</b>	
All new products	0045
<b>Supporting FDA Memoranda Relied Upon in this Review</b>	
All STNs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistical Consultation finalized on May 6, 2021</li> <li>Tobacco Product Surveillance Team Consultations finalized on September 30, 2020 and on February 2, 2022</li> <li>OHCE Consultation finalized on February 24, 2022</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	
Issue marketing granted orders for the new products subject of this review.	
<b>Technical Project Lead (TPL):</b>	
Digitally signed by Luis G. Valerio -S Date: 2022.06.09 17:27:29 -04'00'	
Luis G. Valerio, Jr., Ph.D., ATS Associate Director Division of Nonclinical Science	
<b>Signatory Decision:</b>	
Concur with TPL recommendation and basis of recommendation	
Digitally signed by Matthew R. Holman -S Date: 2022.06.10 06:31:28 -04'00'	
Matthew R. Holman, Ph.D. Director Office of Science	

“Based on the information provided in the application and other scientific data, as described in this Technical Project Lead (TPL) review, I find that permitting the marketing of the new products listed above (“new products” or “subject ENDS”) is appropriate for the protection of the public health (APPH)”



# NJOY Submits PMTAs to FDA for NJOY ACE® 2.0 Featuring Bluetooth®- enabled Access Restriction Technology



## **NJOY Submits Premarket Tobacco Product Applications to the FDA for NJOY ACE 2.0 Featuring Bluetooth®-enabled Access Restriction Technology**

RICHMOND, Va. (May 20, 2024) – Today, NJOY, an Altria company, announces the submission of a supplemental Premarket Tobacco Product Application (PMTA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to commercialize and market the NJOY ACE 2.0 device. This new device incorporates access restriction technology designed to prevent underage use via Bluetooth® connectivity to authenticate the user before unlocking the device. The company also re-submitted PMTAs for Blueberry and Watermelon pod products that work exclusively with the NJOY ACE 2.0 device.

"Altria's Vision is to responsibly lead the transition of adult smokers to a smoke-free future. We're excited to build on our existing FDA-authorized products. NJOY ACE 2.0 includes critical technology features to prevent underage access to flavored NJOY products, while also responsibly providing flavored options for adult smokers and vapers," said Shannon Leistra, President & Chief Executive Officer of NJOY.

NJOY ACE currently remains the only pod-based e-vapor product with marketing authorization from the FDA. In the first quarter of 2024, NJOY broadened distribution to over 80,000 stores and expects to expand to approximately 100,000 stores by year-end. NJOY also continued the roll-out of the brand's first retail trade program, which is designed to help achieve optimal retail visibility and product fixture space.

"Given the widespread illicit flavored e-vapor marketplace, this product offers the FDA a sound solution for balancing the known risk to youth with an opportunity to offer adults legal, regulated choices," said Paige Magnus, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of Altria Client Services LLC. "We hope the FDA prioritizes the review and authorization of this application given its interest in device access restriction technologies to reduce youth access."

NJOY previously received Marketing Denial Orders (MDO) for its Blueberry and Watermelon pods. NJOY believes these applications sufficiently address the FDA's concerns regarding underage use by both incorporating device age and identity-based access restriction and demonstrating that these

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