**E-cigarette smokers ARE at risk of serious lung damage, warn UK scientists**

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Vapers are at risk of chronic lung conditions

Electronic cigarette smokers are at risk of chronic lung disease, according to a new study.

Scientists from the University of Manchester say that 'vaping' can cause the same debilitating conditions as smoking normal cigarettes - worrying news for those smokers who believe e-cigs are healthier.

They claim the study, which is the first of its kind, shows that chemicals found in the e-cig vapour have been known to lead to conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Dr Andrew Higham from The University of Manchester says it contains formaldehyde and acrolein – similar to traditional cigarettes – which could be harmful if taken over the long term.

In research published in the open access journal Respiratory Research, Dr Higham examined the effect of e-cig exposure on human white blood cells taken from 10 non-smokers.