An imported case of e-cigarette or vaping associated lung injury in Barcelona

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To the Editor:

Very recently, Layden et al. [1] published the first series of 53 patients with acute lung injury associated with the use of e-cigarettes (also known as vaping) in Wisconsin and Illinois, USA. To our knowledge, only a few cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, associated lung injury (EVALI) have been reported outside the USA (in Canada and Japan) and, so far, none in Europe [2]. Here we present the case of a 31-year-old woman who lived in Chicago (Illinois, USA) and arrived in Barcelona (Spain) on vacation on September 17, 2019 and, as detailed below, suffered EVALI. To our knowledge, this is the first case of EVALI reported in Europe and, given the current trend towards globalisation that allows individuals to travel to other countries easily, it highlights the need of being aware of the possibility of encountering, thus diagnosing and treating, a case of vaping-induced acute lung injury outside the USA.