

Table 2 Active and passive smoking characteristics in smokers and non-smokers in Lebanon

Variable	Type of smoker								P-value	Total (n = 425)	
	Non-smokers (n = 183)		Cigarettes (n = 81)		WP (n = 75)		Mixed (n = 86)			Mean	SD
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
No. of smokers at home ^{a,b}	0.7	1.0	1.6	1.2	1.8	1.3	1.9	1.1	< 0.001	1.3	1.2
No. of smokers at work ^{b,c}	0.4	1.3	1.5	2.8	0.9	2.2	1.8	2.6	< 0.001	1.0	2.2
No. of cigarettes/day ^b	NA		22.4	17.8	NA		20.8	15.5	< 0.001	8.5	14.8
Duration of cigarette smoking ^b	NA		21.9	15.6	NA		14.9	11.9	< 0.001	7.2	12.6
No. WP/week ^b	NA		NA		5.5	7.0	3.6	3.7	0.03	4.5	5.5
Duration of WP smoking ^b	NA		NA		7.7	10.9	6.4	7.0	0.37	7.0	9.0
Cumulative dose ^b	NA		NA		68.2	168.2	23.6	37.4	0.02	44.3	120.0
No of persons sharing ^b	NA		NA		1.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.39	1.6	1.2
					No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Persons smoking:	NA		NA								
1 WP/week					26	35.1	23	28.0	0.04	49	31.4
2–6 WP/week					21	28.4	42	51.2		63	40.4
≥ 7 WP/week					27	36.5	17	20.7		44	28.2
Inhales WP smoke	NA		NA								
Never					51	68.0	26	31.3	< 0.001	77	48.7
Sometimes					13	17.3	38	45.8		51	32.3
Always					11	14.7	19	22.9		30	19.0
Size of WP	NA		NA								
Small					11	14.7	22	26.5	0.15	33	20.9
Medium					54	72.0	54	65.1		108	68.4
Large					10	13.3	7	8.4		17	10.8

^aNumber of smokers at home Tukey post-hoc tests: non-smokers < cigarette smokers = WP smokers = mixed smokers

^bMean and SD are reported in groups of comparison.

^cNumber of smokers at work Tukey post-hoc tests: non-smokers = WP smokers < cigarette smokers = mixed smokers.

Cumulative dose = no. of WP weekly × duration (years).

WP = water pipe; SD = standard deviation; NA = not applicable.