

Table 4 Healthcare professionals' opinions about providing smoking cessation advice

	Response	Non-smokers (<i>n</i> = 298) (%)	Smokers (<i>n</i> = 102) (%)	<i>P</i> value ^a
Healthcare professionals have to set a good example to their patients by not smoking	Agree	290 (97.3)	81 (79.4)	<0.01
	Undecided	4 (1.3)	14 (13.7)	<0.01
	Disagree	4 (1.3)	7 (6.9)	<0.01
Healthcare professionals should ask patients about their smoking behaviour	Agree	253 (84.9)	75 (73.5)	0.03
	Undecided	30 (10.1)	17 (16.7)	0.03
	Disagree	15 (5)	10 (9.8)	0.03
Healthcare professionals should advise patients to stop smoking	Agree	282 (94.6)	86 (84.3)	<0.01
	Undecided	9 (3)	10 (9.8)	<0.01
	Disagree	7 (2.3)	6 (5.9)	<0.01
Providing advice about smoking cessation by healthcare professionals may increase likelihood of patients quitting smoking	Agree	190 (63.8)	55 (53.9)	0.14
	Undecided	83 (27.9)	33 (32.4)	0.14
	Disagree	25 (8.4)	14 (13.7)	0.14
Healthcare professionals should advise their patients to avoid smoking near children and pregnant women	Agree	293 (98.3)	97 (95.1)	0.15
	Undecided	2 (0.7)	3 (2.9)	0.15
	Disagree	3 (1)	2 (2)	0.15
Healthcare professionals who smoke are less expected to advise people to stop smoking	Agree	268 (89.9)	82 (80.4)	0.01
	Undecided	21 (7)	10 (9.8)	0.01
	Disagree	9 (3)	10 (9.8)	0.01
Healthcare professionals should receive professional training on providing smoking cessation advice and on smoking cessation strategies	Agree	282 (94.6)	89 (87.3)	0.03
	Undecided	10 (3.4)	6 (5.9)	0.03
	Disagree	6 (2)	7 (6.9)	0.03

^a χ^2 test.