

Table 2 Characteristics of 6th-year medical students who were current cigarette smokers, current waterpipe smokers and non-smokers, Lebanon, 2010 (n = 191)

Variable	Current cigarette smoker (n = 50)		Current waterpipe smoker (n = 56)		Non-smoker (n = 104)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age [mean (SE) years]	23.4 (0.13)		23.7 (0.12)		22.9 (0.14)	
Sex						
Male	34	68.0	38	67.9	52	50.4
Female	16	32.0	18	32.2	52	49.6
Parents' education						
Father: university education	35	70.0	38	67.8	67	64.4
Mother: university education	34	68.0	35	62.5	65	62.2
Monthly allowance (US\$)						
< 200	5	10.0	4	7.1	14	13.3
200–400	20	40.0	29	51.8	42	40.0
400–600	12	24.0	14	25.0	30	28.9
> 600	8	16.0	7	12.5	11	10.4
Perception that waterpipe smoking more harmful than cigarette smoking	23	46.0	24	42.8	26	54.8
Age at initiation of smoking (years)						
≤ 10	0	0.0	1	1.8	n/a	n/a
11–15	12	24.0	4	7.1	n/a	n/a
16–17	12	26.8	17	30.4	n/a	n/a
18–19	18	31.7	14	25.0	n/a	n/a
20–25	7	13.8	15	26.8	n/a	n/a
Smoking status					n/a	n/a
Current waterpipe smoker	19	38.0	56	100.0	n/a	n/a
Current cigarette smoker	50	100.0	19	34.0	n/a	n/a
Intention to quit smoking	19	38.0	28	50.0	n/a	n/a

SE = standard error; n/a = not applicable.