

Table 1 Characteristics of students who smoked compared with non-smokers in the Syrian International University for Sciences and Technology, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic

Characteristic	Total	Smokers		Non-smokers		Test	P-value
Age (years)							
Mean (SD)	21 (1.2)	25 (2.2)		21 (1.8)		$t = 2.1$	< 0.025
	No.	No.	%	No.	%		
Sex							
Male	394	103	26.1	291	73.9	$\chi^2 = 20.4$	< 0.001
Female	189	18	9.5	171	90.5		
Residency							
Away from family	226	63	27.8	163	72.2	$\chi^2 = 10.7$	< 0.005
With family	357	58	16.2	299	83.8		
Faculty							
Health	421	61	14.5	360	85.5	$\chi^2 = 34.8$	< 0.001
Non-health	162	60	37.0	102	63.0		
Total	583	121	20.8	462	79.2		

SD = standard deviation.