

**Table 3 Factors contributing to waterpipe tobacco use among females in Gorgan, Islamic Republic of Iran, n = 206**

<b>Cause of waterpipe tobacco smoking initiation</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Standard deviation</b>
Having a positive opinion of waterpipe smoking	-		5.20	10.45
I thought waterpipe smoking was less harmful than cigarettes	124	60.3	4.65	2.22
I thought waterpipe smoking was not addictive and I can quit whenever I want	157	76.2	5.33	1.98
I saw no problems or illnesses in people who have been waterpipe smoking that would make me think negatively about waterpipe smoking	141	68.4	4.92	1.86
I thought smoking waterpipe smoking was fun	181	87.9	5.90	1.41
Curiosity	-		5.58	1.42
I wanted to experience waterpipe smoking	165	80.1		
I was curious to find out how it feels to smoke waterpipe tobacco	150	72.9	5.47	1.59
I needed recreation and relaxation	-		4.07	1.86
I needed recreation and amusement	106	51.4	4.39	2.18
I wanted to spend my leisure time waterpipe smoking	93	45.2	3.94	2.16
I wanted to reduce my stress and anxiety by waterpipe smoking	94	45.6	3.89	2.22
Attracting others' attention and cooperation	-		3.39	1.46
To be like others, I chose waterpipe smoking over cigarettes	81	39.4	3.82	2.32
I notice when someone is waterpipe smoking, he/she gets accepted better by others (friends and relatives)	78	37.8	3.57	2.25
I notice that waterpipe smoking has become a fashion	95	46.1	3.94	2.09
I thought people did not view women waterpipe smoking as badly as cigarette smoking	145	70.5	5.18	1.90
If I did not smoke waterpipe tobacco, my friends would have thought negatively of me	32	15.5	2.46	1.84
I was afraid that if I turned down the offer of waterpipe smoking (friends and relatives), they would be upset with me	31	15.0	2.41	1.79
I thought I could attract others' (friends and relatives) attention by waterpipe smoking	32	15.6	2.36	1.86
Waterpipe smoking behaviour of family members and relatives	-		5.10	1.92
Some of my female relatives enjoy waterpipe smoking	162	78.7	5.27	1.98
Some of my family members enjoy waterpipe smoking	146	70.9	4.94	2.24
Availability of waterpipe tobacco use	-		5.90	1.32
Access to waterpipe smoking is easily available in recreational centres	166	80.5	5.69	1.65
We enjoy waterpipe smoking in social gatherings	181	87.9	6.11	1.45