

**Table 2 Characteristics of the 144 school adolescents who were smokers in Monastir city by sex**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Males (n = 121)</b>	<b>Females (n = 23)</b>	<b>P-value</b>
Mean (SD) age of smoker	15.2 (2.3)	16.7 (2.0)	< 0.01
Mean (SD) age at first smoking experience	13.7 (2.3)	14.2 (2,2)	< 0.01
Median no. of cigarettes smoked/day	6.5	7.2	NS

*SD = standard deviation; NS = not significant.*