Variable	Waterpipe-only user (n = 777)	Multiple tobacco product user (n = 713)	P-value
	No. (%)	No. (%)	
Smokes waterpipe			
Monthly	16 (2.1)	13 (1.8)	
Weekly	85 (10.9)	166 (23.3)	< 0.001
Daily	676 (87.0)	534 (74.9)	
Age when started waterpipe smoking (years)			
11-17	419 (53.9)	304 (42.6)	< 0.001
18+	358 (46.1)	409 (57.4)	
Place where usually smoke waterpipe			
Cafe/restaurant	309 (39.8)	384 (53.9)	
Home	319 (41.1)	155 (21.7)	< 0.001
Other	149 (19.2)	174 (24.4)	
Type of waterpipe tobacco smoked			
Plain	622 (80.1)	555 (77.8)	
Flavoured	135 (17.4)	126 (17.7)	0.125
Both	20 (2.6)	32 (4.5)	
Believes effects of smoking waterpipe tobacco on health are:			
Good	124 (16.0)	53 (7.4)	
Neither good nor bad	146 (18.8)	165 (23.1)	< 0.001
Bad	469 (60.4)	464 (65.1)	
Don't know	38 (4.9)	31 (4.3)	
Believes the harmful effects of smoking waterpipe tobacco compared to smoking cigarettes are:			
Fewer	128 (16.5)	115 (16.1)	
The same	184 (23.7)	145 (20.3)	0.021
More	403 (51.9)	417 (58.5)	
Don't know	62 (8.0)	36 (5.0)	
Believes the nicotine content of waterpipe tobacco compared to cigarette tobacco is:			
Lower	135 (17.4)	99 (13.9)	
The same	122 (15.7)	123 (17.3)	< 0.001
Higher	273 (35.1)	342 (48.0)	
Don't know	247 (31.8)	149 (20.9)	
Ever tried to quit, yes	156 (20.1)	134 (18.9)	0.551
Aware of pictorial health warnings on waterpipe tobacco packs, yes	471 (60.6)	503 (70.5)	< 0.001
Discussed pictorial health warnings on waterpipe tobacco packs with others, often ^a	130/459 (28.3)	189/492 (38.4)	0.001
Pictorial health warnings on waterpipe tobacco packs changed waterpipe smoking habit ^a	(n = 459)	(n = 492)	
Reduced hagar	276 (60.1)	337 (68.5)	0.025
Forgone a smoke	164 (35.7)	237 (48.2)	< 0.001

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More likely to consider quitting 244 (53.2) 312 (63.4)

"These questions were answered only by those who responded "yes" to "Aware of pictorial health warnings on waterpipe tobacco packs"; a few responses were missing.