

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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| <p>Dear participant; In the study titled ‘The effects of the pandemic on smoking behaviors of smokers in a border region where easy access to low price tobacco products available’, the following questions will be asked to you face-to-face. Your identity information will not be included in the form. Your data will be used for scientific research purposes. The principal investigator of the study is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dilek Karadoğan and if you consider to get more information about the study, you can contact us by calling.....phone or by e-mail from cakmakcidilek@yahoo.com. Your participation in the study is on a voluntary basis.</p> | |
| <p>Age: Occupation:</p> | <p>Marrital status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/widow</p> |
| <p>Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male</p> | <p>Household member number:</p> |
| <p>Education level: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary school <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary school <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> University and over</p> | <p>How do you perceive your financial status? <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Middle <input type="checkbox"/> Low/bad</p> |
| <p>Presence of smoker household member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes number:.....</p> | <p>Monthly income to your household: <input type="checkbox"/> Below minimum wage <input type="checkbox"/> Equal to minimum wage <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 3 times the minimum wage <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 times the minimum wage</p> |
| <p>Do you have a diagnosed chronic disease? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> | <p>Have you ever been diagnosed with COVID-19? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |
| <p>Smoking initiation age:.....</p> | <p>How long have you been smoking?</p> |
| <p>How many cigarettes do you smoke per day? Before pandemic:.....stick/day Now:.....stick/day</p> | <p>How many minutes after waking up in the morning do you smoke? Before pandemic:..... Now:.....</p> |
| <p>Did you use any tobacco/nicotine product other than cigarettes before the pandemic? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes please specify..... <small>(hookah/e-cigarette/roll your own cigarette/stick cigarette/other..)</small></p> | <p>Are there any tobacco/nicotine products you use other than cigarettes during the pandemic process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes please specify..... <small>(hookah/e-cigarette/roll your own cigarette/stick cigarette/other..)</small></p> |
| <p>Where did you get cigarettes before the pandemic?..... <small>(duty free/roll your own cigarette/Tekel/non taxation, etc)</small></p> | <p>Where did you get cigarettes during the pandemic process?..... <small>(duty free/roll your own cigarette/Tekel/non taxation, etc)</small></p> |
| <p>How has your smoking status been affected during the pandemic period? <input type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Increased <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased If decreased the reason:</p> | <p>How has your economic situation been affected by the pandemic? ? <input type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Negatively <input type="checkbox"/> Positively How has your budget for cigarettes changed during the pandemic period? <input type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/> Increased <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased</p> |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial reasons <input type="checkbox"/> Health concerns <input type="checkbox"/> Other..... | If it increased or decreased, which behavior did this lead you to? <input type="checkbox"/> I reduced the number of cigarettes per day <input type="checkbox"/> I turned to cheap tobacco products.....like <input type="checkbox"/> I tried yo quit smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Any other..... |
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Thanks for your contribution...

Comparison of budget for tobacco products according to the financial status of the sample

| Financial status perception | Budget for tobacco products | | Total n: 200 | p |
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| | No change or increased (n:168) | Decreased (n:32) | | |
| Good-middle income | 150 (84.7%) | 27 (15.3%) | 177 | 0.425 |
| Low income | 18 (78.3%) | 5 (21.7%) | 23 | |

Row percentages were used

Comparison of smoking status during pandemic according to income level

| Income level | Smoking status during the pandemic | | Total (204) | p |
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| | No change or increase (176) | Decreased (28) | | |
| Lower than minimum wage | 35 (89.7%) | 4 (10.3%) | 39 | 0.484 |
| Equal to or higher than minimum wage | 141 (85.5%) | 24 (14.5%) | 165 | |

Row percentages were used

Comparison of change between financial status and tobacco use during the pandemic (n:203)

| | Financial status during pandemic not changed or positively affected (n:63) | Financial status during the pandemic was negatively affected (n:140) | p |
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| Change in tobacco use during pandemic | | | |
| No change | 41 (65.0%) | 92 (65.7%) | 0.93 |
| Changed | 22 (34.9%) | 48 (34.2%) | |

Column percentages were used