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Smoking and risk of sleep-related issues: a systematic review and meta-analysis of prospective studies

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Abstract

Objectives Smoking has many deleterious consequences on health, one of which can be sleep-related issues. Therefore, a metaanalysis was performed with the aim of pooling results from studies on the relationship between smoking and sleep-related issues. **Methods** The present study follows PRISMA guidelines. Databases were searched by both researchers to find the articles. The review was done up to December 2018. In order to analyze the results of the screened articles, statistical indexes were converted to logarithms and the studies were combined with each other. Finally, several analyses were conducted with respect to various subgroups. In the subgroup analysis, the pool index of the studies was determined and the degree of heterogeneity in each subgroup was presented. Meta-regression was also used.

Results Smoking is associated with a risk of developing sleep-related issues. Risk ratio (1.47; 1.20–1.79) for smokers was higher than for non-smokers. Egger's test and Begg's test indicated publication bias.

Conclusions Smoking is associated with sleep-related issues. Informing smokers about the effects of smoking on sleep issues can be effective in reducing and preventing its consequences.

Résumé

Objectifs Le tabagisme a de nombreuses conséquences délétères sur la santé, et les problèmes liés au sommeil peuvent en faire partie. Nous avons effectué une méta-analyse en vue de regrouper les résultats d'études sur la relation entre le tabagisme et les problèmes liés au sommeil.

Méthode Notre étude suit les lignes directrices PRISMA. Les deux chercheurs ont interrogé des bases de données pour trouver les articles. La revue a été menée jusqu'en décembre 2018. Pour analyser les résultats des articles filtrés, des indices statistiques ont été convertis en logarithmes, et les études ont été combinées entre elles. Enfin, plusieurs analyses ont été effectuées pour divers sous-groupes. Dans les analyses des sous-groupes, nous avons déterminé l'indice des études regroupées et présenté le degré d'hétérogénéité dans chaque sous-groupe. Nous avons aussi utilisé la méta-régression.

Résultats Le tabagisme est associé à un risque de contracter des problèmes liés au sommeil. Le risque relatif (1,47; 1,20-1,79) des fumeurs était supérieur à celui des non-fumeurs. Le test d'Egger et le test de Begg ont montré un biais de publication.

Conclusions Le tabagisme est associé à des problèmes liés au sommeil. Informer les fumeurs des effets du tabagisme sur les problèmes de sommeil peut être un moyen efficace d'en réduire et d'en prévenir les conséquences.

Keywords Smoking · Sleep · Sleep-related issues · Sleep disturbances · Systematic review · Meta-analysis

Mots-clés Fumer · Sommeil · Problèmes liés au sommeil · Perturbations du sommeil · Revue systématique · Méta-analyse

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Introduction

Sleeping is one of the most important aspects of life and any disruption in it can have deleterious consequences (Roberts et al. 2009). Sleep disturbance, especially insomnia disorder, is an important health problem (Pandi-Perumal et al. 2006). Sleep disorders are associated with poor quality of life and the

important aspects of physical and mental problems (Hertenstein et al. 2018; Kim et al. 2016; Milojevich and Lukowski 2016; Sivertsen et al. 2014; Thomas et al. 2017; Troxel et al. 2007) such as obesity, diabetes and depression (Anothaisintawee et al. 2016; Baglioni et al. 2011; Beccuti and Pannain 2011; Hargens et al. 2013; Li et al. 2016; Martinez-Gomez et al. 2013; Sakamoto et al. 2017; Sivertsen et al. 2012). One of the sleep problems is insomnia (Thorpy 2012) which is visible in the general population (Ford and Kamerow 1989; Ohayon and Bader 2010), and its prevalence in the elderly population is reported to be between 20% and 40% (Foley et al. 1995; Liu and Liu 2005; Maggi et al. 1998; Ohayon et al. 2001).

In 2015, smoking was one of the major risk agents of death and disability worldwide (Forouzanfar et al. 2016). Smoking plays an important role in increasing the burden of disease, especially in low-income countries (Forouzanfar et al. 2016). Age-standardized prevalence of daily smoking has been reported as 25% for men and 5.4% for women (Reitsma et al. 2017). 11.5% of global deaths were due to smoking in 2015 (Reitsma et al. 2017). Smoking is associated with an increased risk of various diseases, including cancer (O'Keeffe et al. 2018; Sugawara et al. 2018), diabetes (Liu et al. 2018a, b), respiratory health (Jayes et al. 2016), stroke (Haheim et al. 1996; Peters et al. 2013) and coronary heart disease (Huxley and Woodward 2011).

Review studies also address the risk factors of sleep-related issues (Al Lawati et al. 2009; Bartel et al. 2015; Jaehne et al. 2009; Smagula et al. 2016; Taveira et al. 2018; van de Wouw et al. 2012; Xiaolin Gu 2017; Yang et al. 2017). A recent published meta-analysis on obstructive sleep apnea and tobacco did not report a significant association (Taveira et al. 2018). Insomnia carries the risk of being unable to quit smoking (Short et al. 2017) and nicotine can also affect sleep via neurotransmitters (Jaehne et al. 2015) and it can increase arousal and the difficulty in initiating sleep (Kishimoto and Domino 1998). The studies have examined the role of smoking in relation to sleep-related issues, especially insomnia disorder and poor sleep quality. But most studies which have been conducted on the effects of smoking on sleep disorders are based on cross-sectional studies (Ban and Lee 2001; Cohen et al. 2018; Conway et al. 2008; Fritsch Montero et al. 2010; Gomes Felden et al. 2017; Harma et al. 1998; Kageyama et al. 2017; Zhang et al. 2017). Cross-sectional studies are not very desirable for researchers due to not providing a complete understanding of the research design, fear of bias, and ambiguity about the relationship between the dimensions being measured (Reichenheim and Coutinho 2010; Shahar and Shahar 2013). The systematic review, along with meta-analysis, is considered the best method of synthesizing the scientific evidence (Haddaway and Watson 2016) and can provide more reliable findings (Antman et al. 1992; Oxman and Guyatt 1993). On the other hand, studies on the effects of smoking on sleep-related issues have not yet been pooled to clarify the ambiguities. The purpose of the current study was to determine the effects of smoking on sleep-related issues based on systematic review and meta-analysis.

Materials and methods

The PRISMA (Moher et al. 2009) checklist was used to examine the risk of sleep-related issues among smokers. This checklist contains a collection of items needed for meta-analysis.

Search in databases

Four databases were searched by the researchers (current study authors SA and SB) to find articles related to the research topic. The databases include PubMed, Scopus, ResearchGate and Google Scholar, which were searched according to the keywords. The words used for this purpose are listed in Table 1. The researchers prospectively and independently searched the databases up to December 2018. SA searched two databases (PubMed, ResearchGate) and SB searched two other databases (Scopus, Google Scholar) to find articles. The researchers screened articles they found on their own searched databases; in cases where there was a difference of opinion between them with regard to whether or not the article in question met the inclusion criteria, the matter was discussed until agreement was reached. After independent screening of the papers, the researchers finally reached a consensus on each article.

Selection criteria

Only studies with prospective designs were considered eligible for inclusion. Studies that measured baseline smoking and also assessed sleep-related issues at the end of the line were eligible for the current study as well. Smoking includes cigarette smoking, nicotine dependence and smoking habits; it also involves the following classes: ever-smokers, chronic smokers, heavy smokers, moderate smokers, experimenter smokers, established smokers, current smokers and former smokers. Smoking was considered as an exposure variable. All of the studies that measured smoking based on self-report or clinical evaluation were eligible for inclusion. Outcome variables included in this research were sleep-related issues. Sleep-related issues must be measured at the finishing line in eligible studies. This category of sleep problems included insomnia, sleep disturbances, sleep complaints, daytime sleepiness, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, and sleep difficulty. Age greater than or equal to 12 was considered. In articles with the same database, only one article with the highest quality was selected and other articles were excluded.

search up to December 2018	#1	Sleep Disorders [Mesh] OR Sleep Disorders [Text Word] OR Sleep Disorder [Mesh] OR Sleep Disorder [Text Word] OR Insomnia [Mesh] OR Insomnia [Text Word] OR Sleeplessness [Mesh] OR Sleeplessness [Text Word] OR Sleep disturbance [Mesh] OR Sleep disturbance [Text Word] OR Narcolepsy [Mesh] OR Narcolepsy [Text Word] OR Narcoleptic Syndrome [Mesh] OR Narcoleptic Syndrome [Text Word] OR Hypersonnia [Mesh] OR Hypersonnia [Text Word] OR Apnea [Mesh] OR Apnea [Text Word] OR restless legs syndrome [Text Word] OR restless legs syndrome [Mesh] OR Obstructive sleep apnea [Mesh] OR Obstructive sleep apnea [Text Word] OR Snoring [Mesh] OR Snoring [Text Word] sleep related breathing disorders [Text Word] OR Central sleep apnea [Text Word] OR Parasonnias [Text Word] OR Sleepwalking [Text Word] OR Sleep terrors [Text Word] OR Sleep Eating Disorder [Text Word] OR Sleep paralysis [Text Word] OR nightmares [Text Word] OR Sleep talking [Text Word] OR Circadian Rhythm Sleep-Wake Disorders
	#2	Cigarette smoking [Mesh] OR Cigarette smoking [Text Word] OR Tobacco Smoking [Mesh] OR Tobacco Smoking [Text Word] OR Tobacco Use [Mesh] OR Tobacco Use [Text Word] OR Pipe Smoking [Mesh] OR Pipe Smoking [Text Word] OR Cigar Smoking [Mesh] OR Cigar Smoking [Text Word] OR Cigarette consumption [Mesh] OR Cigarette consumption [Text Word] OR nicotine [Mesh] OR nicotine [Text Word]

Extraction

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Both researchers independently extracted all of the papers' information and the differences were resolved by discussion. This checklist relates to the data extraction along with the details which are presented in Table 2.

Quality measure

The Effective Public Health Practice Project Quality Assessment Tool (EPHPP) (Armijo-Olivo et al. 2012) is a valid tool in qualitative evaluations. For the current study, an adapted version was used. The EPHPP has quantitative and qualitative dimensions (Armijo-Olivo et al. 2012). Its dimensions include sample size and sampling method, the design of the study, the method of variables assessment and controlled variables (Armijo-Olivo et al. 2012). At the psychometric level, the study also shows that this tool is desirable (Armijo-Olivo et al. 2012).

Analysis strategy

According to the systematic review and meta-analysis methodology, several analytical methods have been used for this study. These were done as follows: (1) The results of each of the studies were transformed into a single index, i.e., if multiple subgroup results were reported in one study, the subgroups were pooled together using the fixed effects method. (2) Subgroup results also became a single index for pooling the subgroups. (3) Once the results of the studies have been combined, the overall estimation time has been achieved. (4) These indices and their confidence interval were converted to an index using logarithms. (5) Finally, all studies were pooled initially in the overall level. The dimensions of qualitative evaluation were also analyzed separately. In the subgroup analysis, the pool index of the studies was determined and the degree of heterogeneity in each subgroup was presented. Meta-regression was also used in this study to investigate the results of the relationship between smoking and sleep-related issues in quality assessment (Al Lawati et al. 2009). In addition, two other issues were examined. First, the bias was measured with tests which are common in meta-analysis (Begg and Mazumdar 1994; Duval and Tweedie 2000; Egger et al. 1997) and then the heterogeneity of the studies in the relationship between smoking and sleep-related issues was investigated (Q test and I^2) (Higgins and Thompson 2002; Ioannidis et al. 2007) using STATA software.

Results

Flow chart of screen

The articles were screened according to the principles of PRISMA (Fig. 1). Ten cohort studies (Brook et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2017; Haario et al. 2013; Janson et al. 2001; Lee et al. 2016; Nordmann et al. 2016; Patten et al. 2000; Phillips and Mannino 2005; Theorell-Haglow et al. 2015; Tom et al. 2010) were found eligible and the information in these articles is shown in Table 2.

Quality of eligible cohort studies

The results are reported in Table 1. In the first dimension (selection), half of the articles were of good quality and the other half were of poor and moderate quality. In the second dimension (confounders), most of the studies were of poor and moderate quality. From the standpoint of variable exposure assessment, 10 studies have moderate bias. In the dimension of measuring the outcome variables, most of the studies were of good and moderate quality. In the last dimension, all articles were of good and moderate quality and poor quality was not seen in any of the articles.

First author and year of publication	Country	Population	Follow-up time	Age range	Sex	Sample size	Smoking	Sleep-related issues
Chen et al. 2017	Taiwan	General	7 years	≥ 18	46.6% women	12,728	Self-reported	Clinically diagnosed (insomnia)
Haario et al. 2013	Finland	population General population	5 years	40–60 at baseline	81.3% women	6458	Unknown	Four-item Jenkins Sleep Questionnaire (insonnia)
Lee et al. 2016	NSA	General	23 years	14–32	60% women	674	Self-reported	Insonnia
Nordmann et al. 2016	France	population Opiate denendence	1 year	31.9–34.3	16.05% women	162	Nicotine	Severity index measure (insomnia) Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression; Oniate Treatment Index (OTI) questionnaire
Patten et al. 2000	USA	General	4 years	12–18	49.3% women	7960	Standard question	(sleep disturbance) (Sleep disturbance) TAPS questionnaire (sleep disturbance)
Phillips and Mannino 2005	USA	population General	9 years	45–69	55.2% women	13,564	Self-reported	Maastricht
Theorell-Haglow et al. 2015	Sweden	population General	10 years	43.7 ± 15.2	Women	7051	Six questions	Questionnaire (sleep complaints) Uppsala Sleep Inventory; Self-reported
Janson et al. 2001	Sweden	population General	10 years	30-69	Men	2602	questions	(excessive daytime; sleepiness) Questionnaire (sleep disturbances)
Tom et al. 2010	UK	population General	Unknown	48–54	Women	962	Unknown	Self-reported (sleep difficulty)
Brook et al. 2012	USA	population General population	25 years	Mean 40–65	Women	498	Self-reported	Five questions (insomnia)
First author and year of	Quality as	ssessment: risk o	f bias				Results	Adjustment for other covariates
publication	Selection	Confounders	Performance bias	Data collection method	Withdrawals dropouts	and		
Chen et al. 2017	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low		Hazard ratio Ever-smoker	Socio-demographic, health-related variables
Haario et al. 2013	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low		1.06 (CI 0.91–1.23) 1.06 (CI 0.91–1.23)	Age, gender, baseline insomnia symptoms, marital status, occupational class, sleep duration, common mental disorders
Lee et al. 2016	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low		Odds ratio Chronic smokers 2.69 (CI 1.06–6.82) Moderate smokers 5.33 (CI 1.94–14.64)	Sex, ethnicity, depressive symptoms, age, educational level, partner status, BMI

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Table 2 (continued)							
Nordmann et al. 2016	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Odds ratio Nicotine dependence Moderate Sleep disturbance 3.44 (CI 1.46–8.11) Severe sleep disturbance	Multivariate analysis
Patten et al. 2000	Low	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low	CO.CI-CZZ.(L) Odds ratio Experimenter 1.20 (CI 1.03–1.40) Established smoker 1.47 (CI 1.16–1.87)	Multivariate analysis
Phillips and Mannino 2005	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low	1.4.7 (C1 1.10-1.07) Odds ratio Current smoking 1.20 (C1 1.04-1.30) 0.80 (C1 0.70-0.90) 1.00 (C1 0.90-1.20) Former smoking 0.90 (C1 0.80-0.96) 1.00 (C1 0.90-1.10) 0.90 (C1 0.80-1.01)	Age, sex, menopausal status, race, education level, income, body mass index, depression, presence of cardiac disease, lung function status, presence of hypertension, alcohol intake, diabetes, and hypnotic use
Theorell-Haglow et al. 2015 Janson et al. 2001	Low Moderate	High Moderate	Moderate Moderate	Moderate Moderate	Low Moderate	Odds ratio Current stano 7.27 (CI 2.57–20.5) Odds ratio Ever-smoker	Age, development in all covariates, somatic disease Medical disorder, BMI, physically inactive, alcohol dependent
Tom et al. 2010	High	High	Moderate	High	Moderate	1.06 (CI 0.92–1./1) Odds ratio Ever smoked Moderate sleep disturbances 1.14 (CI 0.93–1.39) Severe sleep disturbances 1.35 (CI 1.02–1.80)	Age
Brook et al. 2012	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Odds ratio Heavy Smokers 2.76 (CI 1.10–6.92) Moderate Smokers 2.24 (CI 0.74–6.77)	Age, marital status, body mass index, health conditions, depressed mood and educational level





Smoking and sleep-related issues

In Fig. 2, the results indicate that smoking is associated with a risk of development of sleep-related issues: RR = 1.47. For this relation, the confidence interval was as follows: 1.20–1.79 with *p* value < 0.001.

Based on the results of Table 3, it can be shown that there is no difference between the studies in low (Chen et al. 2017; Haario et al. 2013; Patten et al. 2000; Phillips and Mannino 2005; Theorell-Haglow et al. 2015) and moderate (Janson et al. 2001) selection bias, but in high selection bias (Brook et al. 2012; Lee et al. 2016; Nordmann et al. 2016; Tom et al. 2010) the result was significant. In dimension of controlling the confounders, high (Nordmann et al. 2016; Patten et al. 2000; Theorell-Haglow et al. 2015; Tom et al. 2010) and moderate (Brook et al. 2012; Chen et al. 2017; Janson et al. 2001; Lee et al. 2016) studies had significant results. In both methods of measuring exposure variable, results were statistically significant. Results were significant in all three dimensions of low (Chen et al. 2017), moderate (Brook et al. 2012; Janson et al. 2001) and high (Tom et al. 2010) in the outcome measurement method. The fifth dimension results also showed that the results were significant in low bias, but in moderate bias the result was not significant.

Publication bias

The results of Egger's test (p = 0.001) and Begg's test (p = 0.060) revealed publication bias. Examining the publication bias graph (trim-and-fill in Fig. 3) (Duval and Tweedie 2000) indicated that six studies were missed. As the test results show ($I^2 = 90.2\%$), there is a high degree of heterogeneity (Higgins et al. 2003). In most analyses based on qualitative evaluation, the level of heterogeneity was still high (Table 2). In addition, χ^2 was also examined (91.53; df = 9; p < 0.001). Accordingly, Fig. 3 demonstrates a lack of symmetry.

Meta-regression

Evaluation of meta-regression results shows that the relationship between smoking and risk of sleep-related issue is not related to any quality dimension (Table 2).

Discussion

It was found that smoking increases the risk of developing sleep-related issues. This rate was 1.47%. In other words, smokers are 47% more likely to experience sleep-related



Fig. 2 Forest plot of smoking and sleep-related issues

issues than non-smokers. As the research literature in this area indicates, smoking has a negative effect on sleep and its quality (Janson et al. 1995; Revicki et al. 1991; Townsend et al.

1991). The possible mechanism that has been stated about the effects of smoking on sleep-related issues is that smoking triggers depression or health-related issues (Brook et al.

Table 3 Smoking and sleep-related issues based on quality assessment

Quality assessment	Pooled RR	Lower CI	Upper CI	Weight	Heterogeneity (I-squared)	P value	Meta-regression (p value)
Selection bias							
Low Moderate	1.24 1.06	1.00 0.78	1.55 1.45	58.80 10.95	91.3 0	0.50 0.713	<i>p</i> = 0.433
High	2.55	1.20	5.38	30.25	88.6	0.014	
Confounders bias							
Low Moderate	0.98 1.73	0.91 1.14	1.06 2.64	28.67 34.59	35.2 77.7	0.648 0.011	<i>p</i> = 0.172
High	1.93	1.28	2.90	36.74	88.6	0.002	
Performance bias							
Moderate High	1.27 1.54	1.12 1.22	1.45 1.94	14.08 85.92	0 90.1	0.001 0.001	<i>p</i> = 0.621
Data collection metho	od bias						
Low Moderate	1.45 1.56	1.20 1.22	1.76 2.00	13.14 73.30	0 90.6	0.001 0.001	<i>p</i> = 0.518
High	1.21	1.03	1.43	13.56	0	0.024	
Withdrawals and drop	pouts bias						
Low Moderate	1.58 1.28	1.22 0.95	2.04 1.72	70.35 29.65	92.6 59.0	0.001 0.109	<i>p</i> = 0.553



Fig. 3 Funnel plot of smoking and sleep-related issues

2012; Jaehne et al. 2012; Lee et al. 2016; Wetter and Young 1994). According to the mechanism of smoking effects on depression, obesity, diabetes and diseases (Baglioni et al. 2011; Beccuti and Pannain 2011; Hargens et al. 2013; L. Li et al. 2016; Liu et al. 2018a, b; Martinez-Gomez et al. 2013; Sakamoto et al. 2017; Sivertsen et al. 2012), it is stated that there is comorbidity between smoking and depression, obesity, diabetes and other disorders and diseases that can also be involved in sleep-related issues. Smoking is also associated with sleep-related breathing problems, which results in poor sleep quality and sleepiness (Jaehne et al. 2009) which is also associated with the reduction in rapid eye movement sleep (Davila et al. 1994; Gillin et al. 1994). As mentioned, nicotine can cause arousal and thus make sleeping difficult (Kishimoto and Domino 1998). Also, smoking has been recognized as a mechanism to deal with chronic pain and emotional problems (Ditre et al. 2010; Patterson et al. 2012). This is important because smoking affects mental distress and pain intensity and through this mechanism, it causes sleep problems (Custodio et al. 2015). Another approach claims that there is an inverse relationship, in that sleep problems are associated with increased pain perception (Smith et al. 2009) and this itself increases the risk of smoking (Hamidovic and de Wit 2009). Evaluating the qualitative results of the studies included in the meta-analysis of the 5 dimensions indicated that there were some differences in the dimensions of the quality assessment.

The strengths that can be mentioned about this study are as follows: This meta-analysis somehow sought to summarize studies of the relationship between smoking and sleeprelated issues and it is a pioneering study with a review perspective, and no other meta-analysis studies have been done before. Second, compared with the research background in this area, our study is the only one that has examined the longitudinal researches, and it leads to the inference of causal relationships. Third, in the studies included in the metaanalysis, confounders were adjusted to some extent.

Therefore, the role of other variables in relation to smoking and sleep-related issues was adjusted as much as possible. Limitations: The study of sex differences was not carried out, because studies entered into the meta-analysis did not provide adequate results about this issue. But there are some differences between men and women in terms of sleep (Mong and Cusmano 2016). For example, sleep problems may have more negative consequences for women's health than for men's (Mong and Cusmano 2016) and in this regard, it has been found that girls are twice as likely as boys to experience sleep problems (Mong et al. 2011). Also, sleep-related issues studied in this article included insomnia, sleep quality, and sleeplessness; therefore, this limitation has to be considered in generalizations and interpretations. Another limitation of the present study is that, with a few exceptions, other studies are based on self-report evaluation of sleep-related issues and smoking. Another limitation in this study is the bias of publication which can affect the results and findings. Therefore, in interpreting the results, this restriction should be considered. The investigation of the relationship between smoking and other sleep problems is recommended. This can be possible with the growth of research literature. The study involved different age groups. This can be a reason for heterogeneity. Therefore, age differences in the relationship between smoking and sleep-related issues cannot be ignored. As sleep in different age groups can have different quality, sleep patterns change with aging (Li et al. 2018) and aging accompanies quantitative and qualitative changes in sleep (Espiritu 2008; Vitiello 2006). Heterogeneity has made limitations for this meta-analysis as well. There were differences in the present study with regard to smoking, type of smoking, sleep problems, population size and type of population, socioeconomic and other differences. The heterogeneity is due to two sources: clinical and methodological differences (Higgins and Green 2011).

In summary, according to the current research results, smoking can have adverse effects on sleep quality and it can also increase the risk of sleep-related issues. Taking advantage of smoking prevention techniques can reduce the negative consequences of smoking on sleeping health.

Public health implications

Smoking is considered an important public health issue (Jaehne et al. 2009) that has significant effects on adverse health dimensions, including mortality (Doll et al. 2004), chronic diseases (Office of the Surgeon General, Office on Smoking and Health 2004) and other health consequences (Newcomb and Carbone 1992). Therefore, studying the different health dimensions associated with smoking is an important public health issue. On the other hand, the present study showed that smoking was a risk factor for sleep problems. Sleep disturbances are also associated with mental health

(Hestetun et al. 2018). Therefore, increasing attention to smoking and sleep-related problems is a matter of public health priority, because stopping smoking is associated with reduced sleep disturbance (Patten et al. 2000) and it can increase sleep quality by itself (Wetter et al. 1995).

Compliance with ethical standards

Conflict of interest The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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