Supplementary file: Perceptions about e-cigarettes harmfulness, benefits and addictiveness by smoking status; rural areas of Taizhou and Dali, China 2018 (N=1161).

|                              | Overall n (%) | Smoker n (%) | Nonsmoker n (%) | P-value |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| **Heard about e-cigarettes (n=1161)** | 0.0013        |              |                 |         |
| Yes                          | 613(53)       | 375(57)      | 238(47)         |         |
| No                           | 548(47)       | 284(43)      | 264(53)         |         |
| **e-cigarettes relative harmfulness (n=553)* a** | 0.8981        |              |                 |         |
| Less harm                    | 324(59)       | 197(59)      | 127(58)         |         |
| Equal or more harm           | 229(41)       | 138(41)      | 91(42)          |         |
| **e-cigarettes benefits (n=598)* a** | 0.0958        |              |                 |         |
| Helpful to quit smoking      | 334(56)       | 194(53)      | 140(60)         |         |
| Otherwise                    | 264(44)       | 171(47)      | 93(40)          |         |
| **e-cigarettes addictiveness (n=604)* a** | 0.0035        |              |                 |         |
| Yes                          | 80(13)        | 37(10)       | 43(18)          |         |
| Otherwise                    | 524(87)       | 332(90)      | 192(82)         |         |

*Applicable only to those who has heard about e-cigarettes; *a total number not equal to 613 due to missing cases.

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