Smartphone addiction and associated factors among postgraduate students in an Arabic sample: A cross-sectional study.

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Introduction:

Smartphones are handheld mobile devices with an internet connection and the ability to run additional software (Email, social media, webbrowser..etc). The first smartphone was produced in 1992, but the term "smartphone" was designated in 1995 ever since the functions of a smartphone evolved to include more than communications. It now includes, but is not limited to, entertainment, social media, health monitoring, productivity, and utility functions such as day planners, and text and photo editing all in one handheld device. With this wide array of functionalities built into smartphones, researchers can now observe the increasing number of smartphone users. In 2017 Google announced that they had reached 2 billion active users, and in 2019 that the number had reached 2.5 billion (Google, 2019). Additionally, in 2019 Apple announced 900 million active users (Maestri, 2019). In 2019, Google and Apple collectively announced that there were 3.4 billion people using smartphones. These numbers do not consider the smartphone users who do not use Apple or Google products.

According to the American psychiatric association, addiction is "A complex condition, a brain disease that is manifested by compulsive substance use despite harmful consequences."

Regardless of whether the addiction is substance or behavior related, there are five elements of addiction (Sussman et al., 2011). The first element is feeling different, which includes feeling relatively uncomfortable, lonely, restless, or incomplete (Jacobs et al., 1986). The second element of addiction is the preoccupation with the behavior, excessive thoughts about and desire to perform a behavior, excessive time spent to plan and engage in the behavior, and possibly recover from its effects, and less time spent on other activities (Campbell et al., 2003) despite potentially diminishing appetitive effects (Robinson et al., 2001) (Robinson et al.,
Temporary Satiation is the third element of addiction, after acute engagement in an addictive behavior, some period of time may occur in which urges are not operative, addiction craving is "shut down", only to return soon (Foddy et al., 2010; Orford et al., 2001; Marks et al., 1990). The fourth element is Loss of Control, wherein many people who claim to be struggling with addiction experience feeling compelled to the addiction, a loss of control, and in some cases, neglecting essential self-care, which suggests a loss of will (Nordenfelt et al., 2010). The final element is negative consequences which means continuing to engage in the addictive behavior after suffering numerous negative consequences. This last component of addiction has often been a criterion of dependence on the addictive behavior (Goodman et al., 1990).

"Smartphone addiction" could be considered as one form of technological addictions. Generally, similar to internet addiction, smartphone addiction consists of four main components: compulsive behaviors, tolerance, withdrawal, and functional impairment (Block et al., 2008). In a study completed among 2367 university students in Riyadh, results indicated that 27.2% of participants stated that they spent more than 8 hours per day using their smartphones (Alosaimi et al., 2016). In another study done on 688 Lebanese university students, 49% reported excessive smartphone use (≥5 hours/weekday) (Boumosleh et al., 2017).

Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) is a mental illness portrayed by hindering changes to the way a person thinks, acts, and feels. It causes feelings of sadness and bitterness and a loss of enthusiasm when partaking in activities the individual once enjoyed. MDD can present with a wide variety of symptoms, including lack of appetite, fatigue, trouble sleeping (e.g., Insomnia), feelings of guilt, and thoughts of suicide. Contingent upon the severity of MDD, it can be associated with a degree of cognitive dysfunction affecting the capacity to perform...
everyday home and work activities by prompting an assortment of physical and emotional issues (American Psychiatric Association, 2013) (McIntyre et al., 2013) (Chen et al., 2013). MDD seems to have a close relationship with addiction and substance abuse. Two epidemiological studies in 1990 and 1994 have showcased evidence that mood disorders increase the risk of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) (Regier et al., 1990) (Kessler et al., 1994). One literature review examined the relationship between Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD) and MDD and found a correlation between the two, where AUD would double the risk of developing MDD and vice versa (Boden et al., 2011). Mood disorders and SUD comorbidity lowers the prognosis and treatment outcome for each problem (Quello et al., 2005). However, there is evidence to suggest that the successful treatment of a comorbid mood disorder would decrease craving and substance abuse (Cornelius et al., 1997). Furthermore, the correlations are not exclusive to substance addiction and several studies have concluded that behavioral addictions (such as internet and smartphone addiction) can be associated with MDD (Kumar et al., 2018) (Alhassan et al., 2018)

Insomnia is defined as a subjective perception of difficulty falling or staying asleep; it can have acute episodes of one night or last chronically for up to several weeks or even months, it is associated with decreased mental and physical Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQoL) scores (Scalo et al., 2014), and psychiatric illness (Haynes et al., 2011). Furthermore, though indirectly, it is associated with smartphone overuse (Demirci et al., 2015).

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder with onset in childhood that may last into adulthood characterized by hyperactivity, impulsiveness, or inattentiveness, and often all three symptoms (DSM-IV-TR (APA, 2000) that interfere or affect the quality of social, academic or occupational performance or development (Batstra, et al., 2012). A study in different countries in America, Europe, and the Middle East, showed average adult ADHD prevalence of 3.4% with a higher percentage of high economic countries (4.2%) compared to poor economic countries (1.9%) (Fayyad et al., 2007). Adults with ADHD have a
significantly high chance of suffering from depressive, antisocial personality, anxiety, and
substance use disorders (Faraone et al., 2000).

Past studies have been done on the prevalence of smartphone addiction and its relationship
to mental and physical issues, be that as it may, these investigations showcased a portion of
the components identified with smartphone addiction. In contrast, numerous elements, such
as ADHD or nicotine addiction, were left uninvestigated. The objective of this study is to
discover the level of relationship between Smartphone addiction and different elements
including, but not limited to, MDD, Nicotine Dependence, Quality of life, and Sleep to locate
standard variables among postgraduates that will ideally prompt awareness and knowledge
about smartphone addiction on society while surveying the level of its mental impacts.

The goal of this examination is to distinguish the prevalence of smartphone addiction among
postgraduate students. Because of the expanded apparent pressures that these individuals
experience (Pfeifer et al., 2008), we believe that Postgraduate students are an especially
vulnerable populace to smartphone addiction. Postgraduate students will, in general, use
smartphones to communicate, access data they need in school as well as entertainment. As
far as we know, no present investigations are recognizing the prevalence of smartphone
addiction among arabian middle eastern postgraduate students. In this article, we will be
investigating the prevalence of smartphone addiction among postgraduate students as well
as assessing its relationship to social demographics, depression, ADHD, and nicotine
dependence.

Methods:

A cross-sectional online survey filled by 558 Arabic participants, was sent via email and social
media accounts for postgraduate education (Twitter, Facebook, and WhatsApp) to post-
secondary students. Participants were considered in the study if they were Postgraduates and
smartphone users. Postgraduate students from 187 different universities participated in the
study. Participants were studying in different countries around the world, including Saudi
Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Kuwait, Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Fiji, Cyprus, Australia, England, United States, and Canada. We excluded fifty-two students from the study due to incomplete questionnaires leaving us with a total of 506 participants. This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Imam Mohammad ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The online survey consisted of 43 questions and took approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete; we divided it into six parts. The first part was concerned with socio-demographic information (such as age and gender). The second and third parts included the Arabic-validated versions of the Smartphone Addiction Scale (SAS) and the Patient Health Questionnaire for Depression (PHQ9). The fourth part used Athens Insomnia Scale (AIS) to assess the quality of sleep, and the fifth section concerned nicotine dependence and implemented the Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence Questionnaire (FTCd) for assessment. Finally, the sixth section was the Adult ADHD Self-Report Scale (ASRS-v1.1).

Smartphone addiction was measured using the arabic version of Smartphone Addiction Scale (SAS). SAS is a self-diagnosis scale that was modified from K-scale which is a scale to assess Internet addiction for juveniles. SAS consists of 33 items with 6 subscales, which are daily life disturbance, positive anticipation, withdrawal, cyberspace-oriented relationship, overuse, and tolerance (Kwon et al., 2013). Items are scored on a six-point likert scale as follows: strongly disagree (1), disagree (2), weakly disagree (3), weakly agree (4), agree (5), strongly agree (6). The sum of the six subscales refers to SAS score with a range of 33 to 198. Higher score means higher addictive behaviour with smartphones (Kwon et al., 2013). Data factorability for the arabic version of SAS was confirmed using Kaiser–Meyer–Olkin (KMO) test of sampling adequacy with a resulting value of 0.94 and supported with Bartlett’s test of sphericity to verify the suitability of data for factor analysis which showed a significant value of p < 0.01 (Sfendla et al., 2018). The internal consistency for Arabic SAS was calculated using Cronbach’s alpha with a value of a = 0.94 (Sfendla et al., 2018). In this study, we grouped participants who
scored 116 or more in SAS in the high smartphone usage group and participants who scored less were put in a low smartphone usage.

The second part of the questionnaire was the Patient Health Questionnaire for depression (PHQ9), a self-report questionnaire designed to assess the level of depression over the last two weeks, where higher scores indicated a higher chance of depression (Kroenke et al., 2001). We used a validated and translated version to assess our Arabic population; it had internal consistency reliability of 0.857 calculated using Cronbach’s alpha (Alhadi et al., 2017). We used the cut-off point of 10 for clinically significant depression; we then further classified the depressed participants to clinically significant, moderately severe, and severe. We have considered those who scored between 10-14 to have clinically significant depression, scores that range between 15-19 are moderately severe depression, and severe depression for participants who scored more than 20. Participants who scored 15+ warranted active treatment (Kroenke et al., 2001).

Athens Insomnia Scale (AIS) was used to measure sleep quality, the English version had an optimum specificity of 85% and sensitivity of 93% (Soldatos et al., 2003), it assesses sleep quality over the last month, using a 4 point system of 0 to 3, where zero means no insomnia symptoms and three means more acute sleep difficulties. In our study, we considered any participant with a score of 6 or more to have insomnia. We used an Arabic translated version by Toronto Sleep Clinics, an English-speaking healthcare professional whose mother tongue is Arabic translated the scale from English to Arabic, and using the same approach as the first translation, another translator did back-translation to English, a few English-speaking translators reviewed any problematic contextual discrepancies. However, it is yet to be tested for validity.

The fifth part included Fagerstrom Test for Cigarette Dependence Questionnaire (FTCd) a 6-item questionnaire used to measure the nicotine dependence associated with cigarette smoking, it uses a 10 point system, wherein we considered those who score less than four to be minimally dependent, 4-6 were moderately dependent, 6-10 were highly dependent. FTCd
was found to be moderately reliable on an Arabic sample and was valued 0.68 on the Cronbach alpha coefficient (Kassim et al., 2012).

We used the validated arabic version Adult ADHD Self-Report Scale (ASRS-v1.1), a 6-item screening tool for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) to assess Adult ADHD, it was proven to be a reliable tool, with a sensitivity of (68.7%), and specificity of (99.5%), two-thirds of clinical cases of ADHD scored 4-6 (Kessler et al., 2005)

Results:

The total number of participants in this study was 506, 158 (31.23%) males, and 348 (68.77%) females. 9.41% of participants were between 21 to 24 years old, 35.88% were between 25 to 29 years of age (P= 0.007), 44.51% were from 30 to 39 years old, and 10.20% of the participants were 40 years old and above. 46.18% of our respondents were single, 50.68% were married, and 3.13% were divorced. The majority of participants did not have any children at 56.19%. The participants were taking different majors, the majority of participants at 49.32% were partaking courses in Humanities/Social sciences, 12.72% were studying Biological/Physical Sciences, 12.92% were in Engineering, and 25.05% were from other unspecified majors. 67.72% of the participants were studying for a Master’s degree; on the other hand, 32.28% were preparing their Ph.D. First-year students were 26.39%, students in their second year were 32.08%, third-year students were 20.40%, while 10.30% of the students were in their fourth year and the same number of students were in their fifth year of studies. 33.86% of our participants are studying abroad, while 66.14% of students were studying in their country of origin. (Table 1) [Insert Table 1 Illustration Here]

According to the Smartphone Addiction Scale, 51.0% of the participants appear to be high smartphone users, while 49.0% are low smartphone users. (Table 2)

Table 2: Prevalence of Depression and Anxiety disorders

| Disorder                        | Number | %  |
|---------------------------------|--------|----|
| Depression                      | 598    | 59.5|
| Moderate to Severe Depression   | 133    | 13.2|
Statistical analysis showed no significant relationship between smartphone use and most sociodemographic characteristics which include: gender, marital status, number of children, studies majors, educational level, academic year, being outside the country, participants monthly income, family monthly income, GPA, and the number of published papers. However, it showed a statistically significant relationship between smartphone use and the population’s age (p= 0.026). (Table 3)

In this research, P values of <0.05 were considered statistically significant. Regarding high-smartphone use and age; 35.4% (17) of participants between the ages of 21-24 years of age, 57.3%(105) of people between the ages of 25-29, 51.5%(117) of people of the age 30-39, and 42.3%(22) of those above 40 years of age scored high on the SAS scale. (Table 3) [Insert Table 3 Illustration Here]

The PHQ-9 questionnaire for depression showed a significant association between high smartphone use and MDD (r=0.408) (p=0.001) (Table 4); 65.9% of participants with high smartphone use had no depression, while 10.3% had severe depression, 16.1% had moderately severe depression, and 7.7% of the participants had moderate depression. 81.7% of the non-smartphone addiction group showed no depression symptoms, while 6.0 % showed severe depression, 4.4% showed moderately severe depression, and 8.0% showed moderate depression. Multivariate analysis showed an elevated risk of simultaneously having severe depression and smartphone addiction (OR= 3.779) (P=0.001) (Table 2) (Table 5). In conclusion, high smartphone use is associated with a higher prevalence of depression. [Insert Table 4 and 5 Illustration Here]

We used the Fagerstrom Test to assess nicotine dependence. The total result showed a moderate positive significant Pearson Correlation coefficient between smartphone addiction and smoking (r=0.323) (p=0.018). 20.8% of our population are active smokers, 8.4% of those
with smartphone addiction were smokers, which means that 41.5% of smokers were addicted to smartphones (p=0.039). (Table 4)

We measured Sleep difficulty by using Athens Insomnia Scale (AIS); it showed a significant correlation between the severity of insomnia and smartphone use (r=0.306) (p=0.001) (Table 4); 65.7% of those with high smartphone use had insomnia, and 34.3% did not. On the other hand, only 44.4% of the non-smartphone addiction group had insomnia while 55.6% free of it, which showcases a higher prevalence of insomnia among high smartphone users. Smartphone addicts have about two times the risk of developing insomnia (OR= 2.113) (P=0.013) (Table 5).

We applied the Adult ADHD Self-Report Scale (ASRS-v1.1) symptom checklist to consider ADHD symptoms. 47.8% of high smartphone use participants had ADHD symptoms. On the other hand, 19.7% of the non-smartphone addiction group showed ADHD symptoms, indicating a significant relationship between smartphone addiction and Adult ADHD symptoms (r=0.405) (p=0.001) (Table 4). Those who were addicted to smartphone use had a significant risk of developing ADHD symptoms (OR =2.712) (P <0.001) (Table 5).

Discussion:

Our study reveals that 51% of our population scored high on the SAS. In a similar study in Lebanon, they used the Smartphone Addiction Inventory and found that 49% of university students had smartphone addiction (Boumosleh et al., 2017), while another study in Saudi Arabia found that 61% of university students had high smartphone use (Alosaimi et al., 2016).

We found a significant relationship between age and smartphone addiction, A study in Turkey suggested that gender and young age were independent factors for smartphone use. Women and younger populations may, therefore, be at higher risk for smartphone addiction (Demirici et al., 2015) however, our results show no significant relationship between gender and smartphone addiction. Reaffirming previous literature, we have found a significant positive relationship between smartphone addiction and MDD; research has consistently shown a
similar association (Alhassan et al. 2018; Yen et al. 2009; Gao Y et al. 2017). In a review of 23 studies, it was found that depression is a consistent variable associated with smartphone use (Elhai et al. 2017). A study on Korean adolescents found an association between unhealthful lifestyle habits and smartphone addiction, linking unhealthy diets, weight gain, and sleep disturbances to smartphone addiction, which are also considered to be symptoms and consequences of MDD (Kim et al. 2018). A study done to university students in Saudi Arabia, showcased that 43% of problematic smartphone users were found to have reduced sleeping hours (Alosaimi et al. 2016). Our current research indicates that there is a strong association between the use of smartphones and insomnia, where most of our subjects (65.7%) reported insomnia and high usage of smartphones. Intensive smartphone use was shown to be positively correlated with poor sleep quality, and daytime sleepiness, which was consistent with our findings (Spagnoli et al., 2019). In another study conducted at King Abdul-Aziz University, Jeddah, showed that mobile use was highly prevalent among participants (73.4% used them >5 h/day), where two-thirds of participants had poor sleep quality and latency to sleep (Ibrahim et al. 2018). A Belgian study revealed that bedtime smartphone use indicated later self-reported rise time, higher insomnia score and increased fatigue (Exelmans et al., 2016). A study on students between the ages of 18 and 39 indicated that insomnia is associated with phone use (Fossum et al. 2013). The National sleep foundation's 2011 sleep in America poll showed results indicating that use of numerous technological devices before bedtime would lead to difficulty falling asleep (Gradisar et al., 2013). Confirming our finding of a higher prevalence of ADHD symptoms among those with smartphone addiction (47.8%) compared to low-use smartphone users (19.7%); An epidemiological study done on 4512 south korean adolescents using SAS examined the relationship between Smartphone addiction and symptoms of depression, anxiety and ADHD found that those with smartphone addiction had a higher likelihood of having ADHD symptoms (Kim et al., 2019). Studies have found similarities between Smartphone Addiction and Internet Addiction (IA) (Ben-Yehuda et al. 2016). A study comparing smartphone addiction and IA, using 12 addiction risk factors, found that there are several similar risk factors, such as depression, anxiety, self-control, life
satisfaction, and aggression; the effects of the five identified addiction psychological factors were all significant (P<0.01) for both IA and smartphone addiction (Jeong et al., 2019). Current results have shown a relationship between behavioral addictions and adult ADHD. A previous similar study looked at the relationship between Internet addiction (IA) and symptoms of ADHD severity and emotional distress through an online survey established a significant relationship between the severity of IA symptoms and the presence and severity of ADHD symptoms (Evren et al., 2018). Furthermore, studies showed that individuals with ADHD are more likely to develop other types of behavioral addictions, such as gambling disorders. (Brandt et al., 2017; Fatseas et al., 2016). Adult ADHD is strongly associated with substance use disorder in a literature review of Adult ADHD in the Arab World (Hayek et al., 2019).

Limitations:

Due to the nature of cross-sectional studies representing a single point of time rather than a longitudinal observation, it is therefore not guaranteed to be representative of the population. This research cannot be used to analyze the behavior of the population over a period of time. Cross-sectional studies do not specify the cause of the disease. There is also a chance of recall bias on the part of participants. Since our study has been circulated online, through emails and various social media channels, it excludes people who develop MDD, Insomnia, and ADHD who do not have access to social media, or who are not interested in taking part in our questionnaire due to social stigma. Therefore, future research should involve participants who are more open to the idea of mental health and mental illness. Besides, while PHQ-9 is the most commonly used questionnaire for the diagnosis of MDD in clinical practice, it contains somatic symptoms such as exhaustion and poor appetite that can be attributed to other diseases, thereby placing the study at risk of overestimating MDD prevalence.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, due to the ease of access and the utter dependence of smartphones in our daily lives, their mental and physical impacts should be studied across different populations.
The post-graduate student population is underrepresented throughout the medical literature, and we hope to extend the knowledge regarding post-graduate students to include smartphone addiction. Confirming several studies, we found a positive association between Insomnia, Depression, Adult ADHD, and Smartphone overuse. Therefore, we encourage the scientific community to study the impacts of smartphone addiction and the mental health of post-graduate students.

Finally, we recommend that smartphone addiction be carefully monitored for post-graduate students displaying Depression, Insomnia, or ADHD.

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| Table 1: Characteristics of the participants | Number | %  |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| Gender                                     |        |    |
| Male                                       | 158    | 31.23|
| Female                                     | 348    | 68.77|
| Age                                        |        |    |
| 21-24                                      | 48     | 9.41 |
| 25-29                                      | 183    | 35.88|
| 30-39                                      | 227    | 44.51|
| >=40                                       | 52     | 10.20|
| Marital status                             |        |    |
| Single                                     | 236    | 46.18|
| Married                                    | 259    | 50.68|
| Divorced                                   | 16     | 3.13 |
| Number of children                         |        |    |
| 0                                          | 286    | 56.19|
| 1                                          | 67     | 13.16|
| 2                                          | 64     | 12.57|
| >=3                                        | 92     | 18.07|
| Educational level                          |        |    |
| Master                                     | 342    | 67.72|
| PhD                                        | 163    | 32.28|
| Academic year                              |        |    |
| First                                      | 136    | 26.93|
| Second                                     | 162    | 32.08|
| Third                                      | 103    | 20.40|
| Fourth                                     | 52     | 10.30|
| Fifth                                      | 52     | 10.30|
| Being outside the country                  |        |    |
| Yes                                        | 173    | 33.86|
| No                                         | 338    | 66.14|
Table 3: Relation between smartphone addiction and Characteristics of the participants

|                             | High smartphone use group (261) | Low smartphone use group (251) | P value |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
|                             | Number | %      | Number | %      |         |
| **Gender**                  |        |        |        |        |         |
| Male                        | 88     | 33.8   | 70     | 28.5   | 0.191   |
| Female                      | 172    | 66.2   | 176    | 71.5   |         |
| **Age**                     |        |        |        |        |         |
| 21-24                       | 17     | 6.5    | 31     | 12.4   |         |
| 25-29                       | 105    | 40.2   | 78     | 31.3   | 0.026*  |
| 30-39                       | 117    | 44.8   | 110    | 44.2   |         |
| >=40                        | 22     | 8.4    | 30     | 12.0   |         |
| **Marital status**          |        |        |        |        |         |
| Single                      | 115    | 44.1   | 121    | 48.4   |         |
| Married                     | 135    | 51.7   | 124    | 49.6   | 0.268   |
| Divorced                    | 11     | 4.2    | 5      | 2.0    |         |
| **Number of children**      |        |        |        |        |         |
| 0                           | 147    | 56.3   | 139    | 56.0   |         |
| 1                           | 37     | 14.2   | 30     | 12.1   | 0.867   |
| 2                           | 31     | 11.9   | 33     | 13.3   |         |
| >=3                         | 46     | 17.6   | 46     | 18.5   |         |
| **Educational level**       |        |        |        |        |         |
| Master                      | 180    | 69.2   | 162    | 66.1   |         |
| PhD                         | 80     | 30.8   | 83     | 33.9   |         |
| **Academic year**           |        |        |        |        |         |
| First                       | 80     | 30.8   | 56     | 22.9   |         |
| Second                      | 80     | 30.8   | 82     | 33.5   |         |
| Third                       | 48     | 18.5   | 55     | 22.4   | 0.349   |
| Fourth                      | 27     | 10.4   | 25     | 10.2   |         |
| Fifth                       | 25     | 9.6    | 27     | 11.0   |         |
| **Being outside the country**| Yes    | 94     | 36.2   | 79     | 31.5   | 0.264   |
|                             | No     | 166    | 63.8   | 172    | 68.5   |         |
| **Monthly income**          |        |        |        |        |         |
| 5000 SR                     | 104    | 40.3   | 92     | 39.3   |         |
| 5000-10000 SR               | 71     | 27.5   | 67     | 28.6   |         |
| 10000-20000 SR              | 69     | 26.7   | 60     | 25.6   | 0.952   |
| > 20000 SR                  | 14     | 5.4    | 15     | 6.4    |         |
| **Monthly income for father or mother or both** |        |        |        |        |         |
| 5000 SR                     | 79     | 30.5   | 60     | 25.1   | 0.425   |
| 5000-10000 SR               | 59     | 22.8   | 54     | 22.6   |         |
Table 4: Relation between smartphone addiction and Smoking, Depression, Insomnia, Physical Activity and ADHD symptoms.

| Smoking | Smartphone | No smartphone | P value |
|---------|------------|---------------|---------|
|         | Number     | %             | Number  | %     |
| Yes     | 22         | 8.4           | 31      | 12.4  |
| low independence | 7 | 2.7 | 20 | 8.0 |
| low to mod independence | 6 | 2.3 | 4 | 1.6 | 0.039* |
| moderate independence | 7 | 2.7 | 6 | 2.4 |
| high independence | 2 | .8 | 1 | .4 |
| No Smoking | 239 | 91.6 | 220 | 87.6 |
| Moderate depression | 20 | 7.7 | 20 | 8.0 |
| Moderately severe depression | 42 | 16.1 | 11 | 4.4 | 0.013* |

| Income | Smartphone | No smartphone | P value |
|--------|------------|---------------|---------|
|        | Number     | %             | Number  | %     |
| 10000-20000 SR | 77 | 29.7 | 73 | 30.5 |
| > 20000 SR | 44 | 17.0 | 52 | 21.8 |
| Smoking | Depression | Odds ratio | 95% CI | P value |
|---------|------------|------------|--------|---------|
| No Depression | 172 | 65.9 | 205 | 81.7 |
| Severe depression | 27 | 10.3 | 15 | 6.0 |
| Insomnia | insomnia | 151 | 65.7 | 99 | 44.4 |
| no insomnia | 79 | 34.3 | 124 | 55.6 |
| ADHD symptoms | have ADHD symptoms | 110 | 47.8 | 44 | 19.7 |
| have not ADHD symptoms | 120 | 52.2 | 179 | 80.3 |

Table 5: Multivariate associations between Smoking, Depression, Insomnia, with ADHD symptoms with smartphone addiction
|                       | Clinically significant depression |             |             |             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Depression            | Moderately severe depression     | 1.261       | 0.562       | 2.829       | 0.574       |
|                       | Severe depression                | 1.43        | 0.508       | 4.023       | 0.498       |
|                       | No Depression                    | 3.779       | 1.317       | 10.846      | 0.013*      |
|                       | ** used as reference             |             |             |             |
|                       |                                  |             |             |             |
| Insomnia              | insomnia                         | 2.113       | 1.372       | 3.255       | 0.001*      |
|                       | no insomnia**                    | 1           |             |             |             |
| ADHD symptoms         | have ADHD symptoms               | 2.712       | 1.682       | 4.374       | <0.001*     |
|                       | have not ADHD symptoms           | 1           |             |             |             |

* Significant p value

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