

# HOOKAH FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO WESTERN COUNTRIES

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# Outline

- Anatomy and epidemiology
- Toxicology
- Evidence-based health effects
- Managing hookah dependence
- Policy on hookah



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# ANATOMY AND EPIDEMIOLOGY



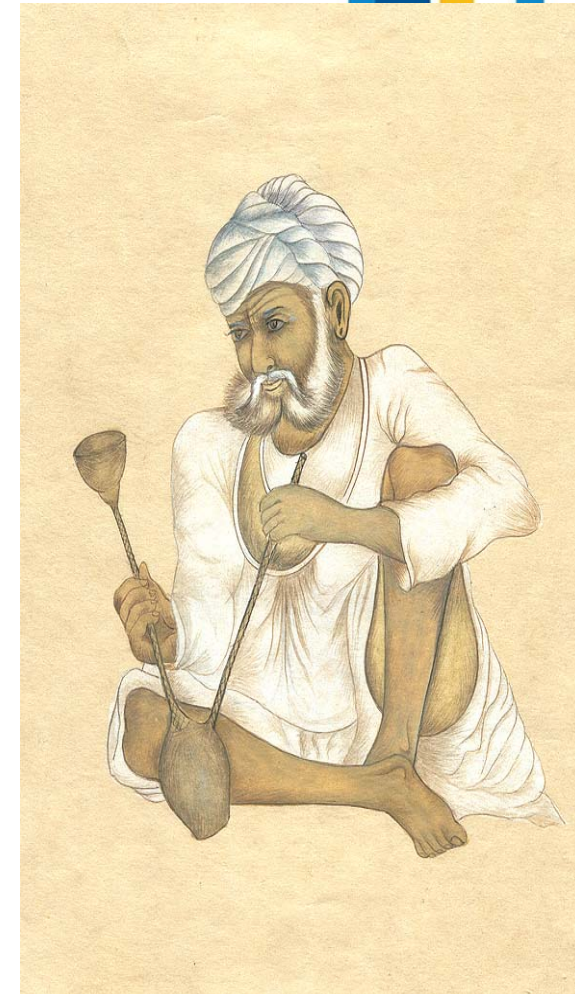
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# Overview

- Invented in India during the 16th century by an Indian physician
- Smoke “should be passed through a container of water so that it would be rendered harmless”
- Today, hookah cafés are gaining popularity around the globe, including Middle East ,Britain, France, Russia and the United States



# Different names, same concept ...

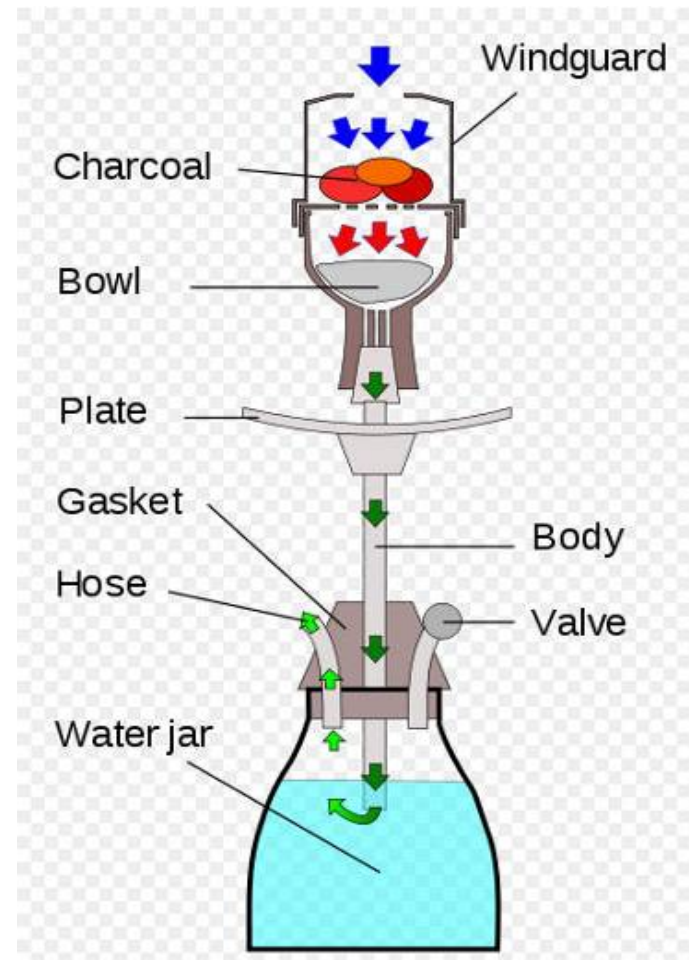
- Africa, India, US
  - Egypt, KSA
  - Jordan, Lebanon, Syria
  - Iran
  - Pakistan
  - China
- Waterpipe
  - Shisha, Borry, Goza
  - Narghile, Arghile
  - Ghalyoun, Ghalyan
  - Huqqa
  - Shui yan dai
  - Hubble Bubble



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# Anatomy of Hookah



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# Prevalence of Adult Hookah Use in Western Countries

Country	WP Use	Rate	Study
British university students	ever WP use	38%	Jackson & Aveyard, 2008
French high school students	ever WP use	40%	Jackson & Aveyard, 2008
US universities	current WP use	7 to 20%	Cobb et al, 2010
(a sample of 8745 students in eight colleges in the US)	ever WP use	29.5%	Primack, Fertman, Rice, Adachi-Mejia, & Fine, 2010
	current WP use	7.2%	



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Country	WP Use	Rate	Study
<b>United States</b>			
12th graders/ Arizona	current WP users	7%	Barnett et al, 2009
high school students/ Florida	ever WP users	11%	Barnett et al, 2009
<b>Canada</b>			
youth (15–24 years)	ever WP users	8%	Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS), 2006



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# Prevalence of Adult Hookah Use in the EMR

Country	WP Use	Rate	Study
<b>Pakistan</b>			
university students	current WP use	33%	Anjum, Ahmed, & Ashfaq, 2008; Jawaid et al, 2008
school students	current WP use	17%	
<b>Jordan</b>			
university students	current WP use	42.7%	Azab et al., 2010



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# Hookah Use Among Future Healthcare Professionals in EMR

Country	Current WP Use	Study
<b>Medical Students</b>		
Lebanon	20.6%	Almerie et al, 2008
Syria	23.5%	
Turkey	28.6%	
<b>Nursing Students</b>		
Jordan	40.5%	GHPSS/Jordan-2007



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# Prevalence of Hookah Use Among the Youth Globally

- **GYTS Report:** looking at time trends of tobacco use (1999–2008) among youth showed that cigarette smoking is either stable or declining, other forms of tobacco use are showing a rising trend, most notably WP smoking
- Report included more than half a million youth ages 13–15 years, involving 209 surveys in 95 countries and 5 areas

Warren et al.,2009



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# Prevalence of Hookah Use Among the Youth in EMR

- GYTS results from 16 countries and Gaza Strip suggest that current WP smoking ranges between 6-34% among 13–15 year olds

Warren et al, 2009



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# Waterpipe and Cigarette Smoking Among College Athletes in the United

## Methods:

- Online survey of 8,745 college students at eight institutions as part of the revised National College Health Assessment
- Used multivariable regression models to assess the associations between tobacco use (cigarette and waterpipe) and organized sports participation

Primack et.al. J Adolesc Health. 2010



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# Waterpipe and Cigarette Smoking Among College Athletes in the United

## Results:

- Sports participants of any type had lower odds of having smoked cigarettes.
- Participants who played intramural sports (odds ratio=1.15, 95% confidence interval  $\frac{1}{4}$  1.03, 1.29) or club sports (odds ratio=1.15, 95% confidence interval= 1.001, 1.33) had significantly higher odds of having smoked waterpipe tobacco.



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# Waterpipe and Cigarette Smoking Among College Athletes in the United

## Conclusions:

- College athletes are susceptible to waterpipe tobacco use
- Compared with nonathletic counterparts, club sports participants and intramural sports participants generally had higher odds of waterpipe tobacco smoking
- Allure for waterpipe tobacco smoking may exist even for individuals who are traditionally considered at low risk for tobacco use



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# Why is HTS spreading so much?

## Accessibility:

- Availability
- Affordability
- Innovation
- Influence of media
- Lack of a policy framework
- Sensory characteristics evoked

Nakkash et al, 2011

Amin T et al, 2010

## Misperceptions:

- Less addictive & less harmful than cigarettes
- Users can quit at any time
- Primary motives for hookah smoking are outings with friends, company, boredom and wasting time
- More socially acceptable than cigarettes
- Can relieve stress and tension



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- Social activity
- People share hookah
- Often mix cigarettes and hookah



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# Ethnicity and waterpipe smoking among US students

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# Ethnicity and Waterpipe Smoking Among US Students

- **OBJECTIVES:** Examine effect of ethnicity on WP smoking among college students.
- **DESIGN:**
  - A cross-sectional study
  - Online survey ( $n = 2334$ ) from March to April 2011. The survey included questions on demographic characteristics (sex, age, race/ ethnicity), tobacco use experience, risk perception, social acceptability and popularity.
- **We determined predictors of WP use with three outcomes:**
  - ever-use vs. no use
  - past-year use vs. no use
  - past-month use vs. no use



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# Ethnicity and Waterpipe Smoking Among US Students

## Results:

- Half of the sample had previously smoked tobacco using a WP:
  - A third in the past year and 12.5% in the past month
- Significant predictors of WP use included
  - Middle Eastern ethnicity
  - Middle Eastern friend
  - Past cigarette or cigar use
- Perception of harm was associated with less use in the ever-use model
- Perceived addictiveness, social acceptability and popularity of WP were predictors in all models



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# Ethnicity and Waterpipe Smoking Among US Students

## Conclusions:

- It is important to develop culturally appropriate interventions to control WP smoking among Middle Eastern Americans and those of Indian/Pakistani descent to curb further spread in US society
- It is important to develop interventions that target the perceived addictiveness, social acceptability and popularity of WP smoking



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# TOXINS IN HOOKAH



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- 4) Exposure to second hand smoke from hookah is harmful



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# Tobacco Used in Hookah

**Mu'essel:** based on fruits and other artificial flavors (cola, bubble gum, etc...) contains ~30% tobacco & 70% molasses (honey)

**Jurak:** Indian origin, contains fruits or oils, but sometimes could be unflavored

**Ajami (Tumbak):** pure dark paste of tobacco

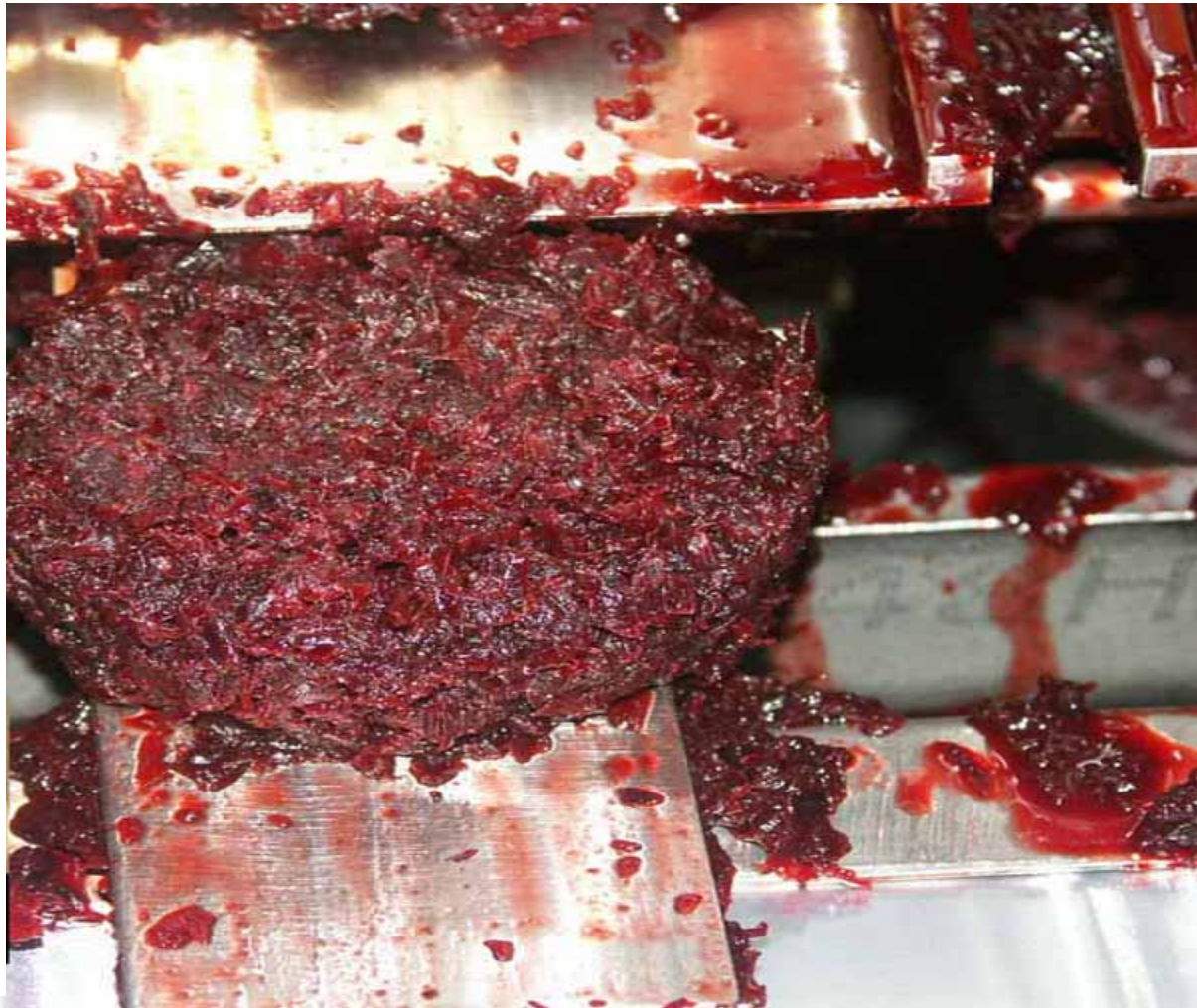
**The tobacco used in one hookah smoking session weighs ~ 10 to 20g**



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# Tobacco Juices and Variety of Flavors



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# Charcoal

- Increases the health risks by producing high levels of carbon monoxide, metals, and cancer-causing chemicals
- A restricted product under the Hazardous Products Act. According to the Canadian Department of Justice



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# Cigarettes vs. Hookah

## Cigarette Smoking

- Up to 0.9L in 7 min



## Hookah smoking

- 7.5-200L in 20-80 min
- Equivalent of up to 100-200 times the volume in one cigarette



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World Health Organization Study Group on Tobacco Product Regulation (TobReg). *Advisory Note: Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Health Effects, Research Needs and Recommended Actions by Regulators*. 2005. Available at: [http://www.who.int/tobacco/global\\_interaction/tobreg/Waterpipe%20recommendation\\_](http://www.who.int/tobacco/global_interaction/tobreg/Waterpipe%20recommendation_)

# Toxins in Hookah

- **Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH):**
  - 100 chemicals formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil and gas, garbage, or other organic substances like tobacco
- **Nitrosamines (TSNA):**
  - only in tobacco products
  - formed from nicotine and related compounds by a nitrosation reaction that occurs during the curing and processing of tobacco
- **Heavy metals:**
  - Arsenic
  - Beryllium
  - Chromium
  - Cobalt
  - Lead
  - Nickel



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# Toxicant Yields

Toxin (ng)	Waterpipe <sup>1</sup>	Cigarette <sup>2</sup>
Arsenic	165	80
Beryllium	65	300
Chromium	1340	37
Cobalt	70	0.17
Lead	6870	60
Nickel	990	17

<sup>1</sup>Shihadeh, 2003; <sup>2</sup>Hoffman, 2000



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# Cigarettes vs. Hookah

## Chemicals Found in Hookah Smoke *versus* Cigarette Smoke

Adapted from Shihadeh and Saleh, 2005, and Asotra, 2005

Chemical	Yield from 10 gm hookah tobacco <sup>a</sup>	Yield from 1 cigarette <sup>b</sup>	Multiple of average cigarette smoke value
"Tar," mg	802	Range: 1-27 Average: 11.2	72X
Nicotine, mg	2.96	Range: 0.1-2 Average: 0.77	4X
Carbon monoxide CO, mg	143	Range: 1-22 Average: 12.6	11X
PAH Phenanthrene, µg (co-carcinogen)	0.748	0.2-0.4	2.5X
Fluranthracene, µg (co-carcinogen)	0.221	0.009-0.099	4X
Chrysene, µg (tumor initiator)	0.112	0.004-0.041	5X

<sup>a</sup>Ten grams of tobacco mixture used in hookah bowl; 171 2.6-second puffs of 0.671 volume each, spaced 30 s apart, inhaled with 1.5 g/dm<sup>3</sup> charcoal filter.

<sup>b</sup>Reported ranges of commercial cigarettes (Jarvis et al, 2000), and arithmetic mean for 12M diameter cigarette brands tested by FTC for 1996 (FTC, 2000).

Shihadeh, A. and Saleh, S. 2005. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, tar, and nicotine in the sidestream smoke aerosol of the long-stem water pipe. *Toxic and Chemical Pathology* 43(2):452-461. Asotra, K. 2005. "Hooked on Hookah: What You Don't Know Can Kill You." *MSDF Newsletter*, 7(2) August 2005.

# Cigarettes vs. Hookah (Puff Topography)

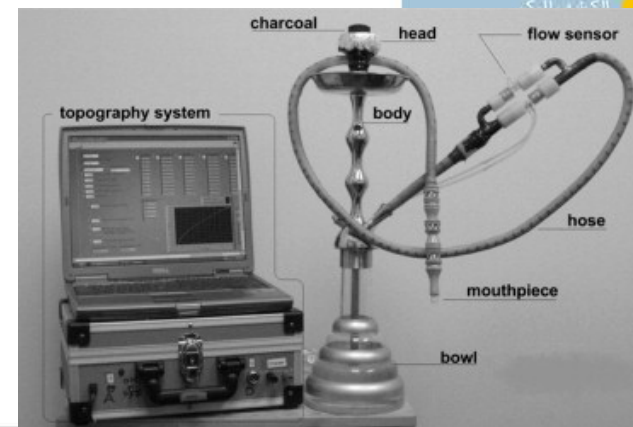
	Cigarettes	Waterpipe
Puffs	8-12	50-200
Duration/minute	5-7	20-80
Smoke/liters	0.5-0.6	0.15-1
Carbon Monoxide/ ppm	4.0	35.5



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WHO Advisory Note: "Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Health Effects, Research Needs and Recommended Actions by Regulators, 2005"

# CAN HOOKAH CAUSE DEPENDENCE?



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# Hookah Dependence

- One session of 10 gm hookah tobacco produce 4 times the nicotine in one cigarette
- Daily use of WP produced a 24-hr urinary cotinine level of 0.785 microg/ml (equivalent to smoking 10 cigarettes/day)

Neergaard J. et al. 2007



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# Hookah Dependence (2)



Nicotine & Tobacco Research, Volume 11, Number 7 (July 2009)

Table 1. Scores of subjective questionnaires and physical measurements pre-post waterpipe use after 24-hr abstinence (N=61)

Measure	Presmoking; <i>M</i> ± <i>SD</i>	Postsmoking; <i>M</i> ± <i>SD</i>	Difference (post-pre)	Paired <i>t</i>	<i>p</i> *
CO	4.0±1.7	35.5±32.7	31.5	-7.550	.000
Hughes-Hatsukami scale					
1—Urges to smoke	39.5±33.2	22.0±30.2	-17.5	4.047	.000
2—Irritability/frustration/anger	21.8±29.6	16.9±24.4	-4.9	1.088	.281
3—Anxious	26.5±28.0	19.3±26.2	-7.1	1.844	.070
4—Difficulty concentrating	21.7±27.5	19.4±25.2	-2.3	0.529	.599
5—Restlessness	31.4±32.3	19.3±24.2	-12.1	2.854	.006
6—Hunger	27.4±30.3	29.7±31.4	2.3	-0.562	.576
7—Impatient	30.8±34.0	22.4±28.9	-8.4	1.747	.086
8—Craving a waterpipe/nicotine	36.7±35.8	18.0±25.8	-18.8	4.415	.000
9—Drowsiness	18.1±23.7	24.4±26.3	6.3	-1.857	.068
10—Depression/feeling blue	21.6±30.9	21.8±27.2	0.2	-0.053	.958
11—Desire for sweets	35.7±36.4	36.8±35.2	1.1	-0.257	.798

# Nicotine Dependence (3)

All were significantly associated with the number of hagaras (sessions) smoked per day. (Auf RA. et al. 2012)

- Time to the first smoke of the day
- Smoking even when ill
- Time to tobacco craving
- Hating to give up the first smoke of the day



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# Nicotine Dependence (4)

- Smoking and recovery phases after WTS and Cigarettes showed similarity in the way they both:
  - Suppressed withdrawal
  - Suppressed craving
- Recovery of some of these symptoms can be faster with cigarette use. (Rastam S. et al. 2011)



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# Nicotine Dependence (5)

## Hookah smoking vs. placebo

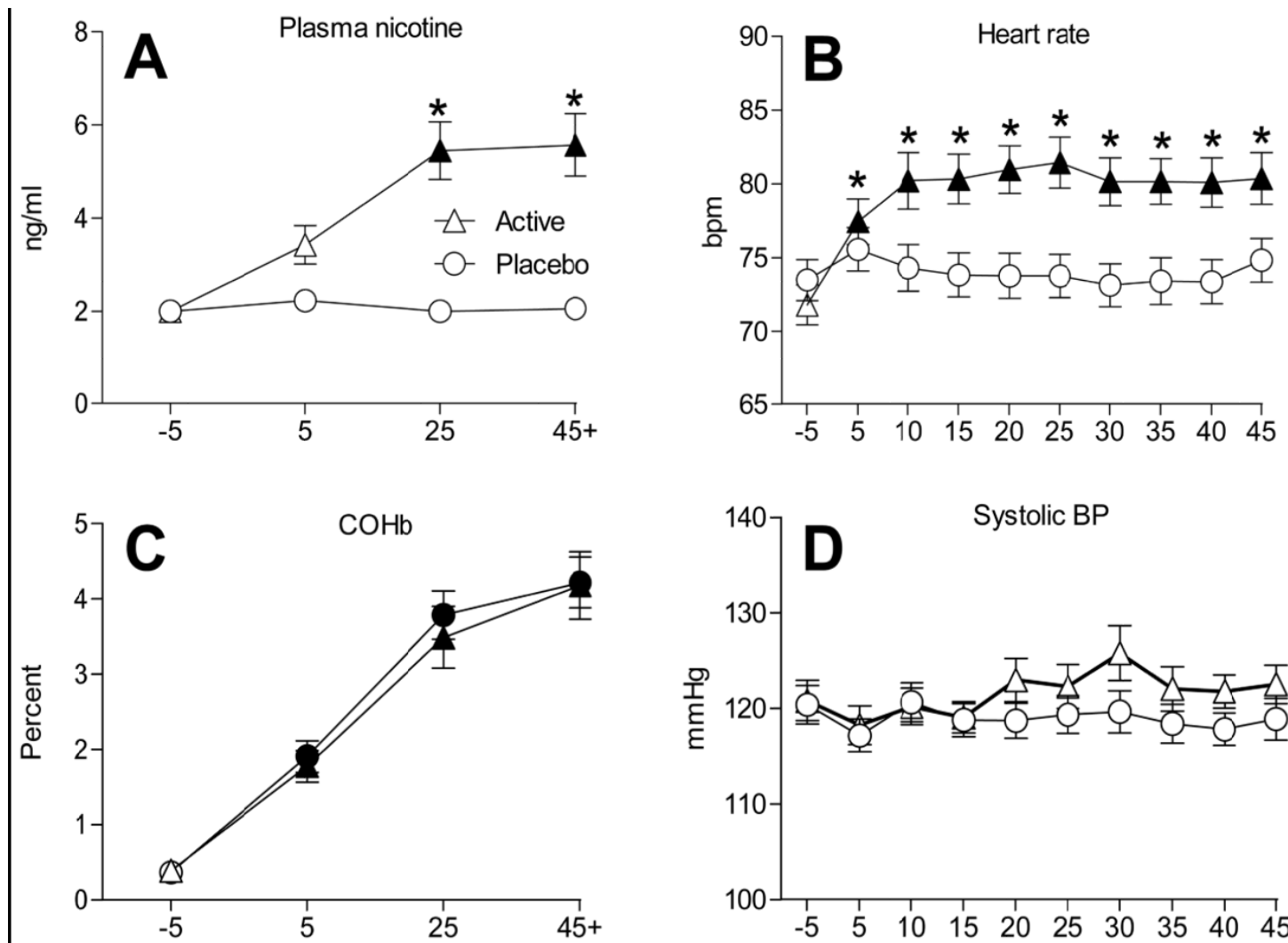
- WT smokers completed two double-blind, counterbalanced sessions: tobacco and tobacco-free preparation (sugar cane, molasses, flavor)
- Independent of condition:
  - Symptoms of withdrawal were reduced
  - Direct effects of nicotine were increased



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**Figure 1.** Means ( $\pm 1$  SEM) for plasma nicotine (A), HR (B), COHb (C), and systolic BP (D) for active and placebo waterpipe tobacco conditions. The time point “45+” refers to the fact that some participants (n=12) smoked longer than the minimum 45 minute bout. Filled symbols indicate a significant difference from baseline and asterisks (\*) indicate a significant difference between active and placebo conditions at that time point (Tukey’s HSD;  $P < .05$ ).



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# Lebanon Waterpipe Dependence Scale (LWDS-11)

First scale to characterize WP dependence:

Items:

- Physiological nicotine dependence
- Negative reinforcement
- Psychological craving
- Positive reinforcement

This scale was suggested and validated to be compatible with the Fagerstrom Scale for cigarette smoking. It is not simple or handy and needs to be simplified



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# HEALTH EFFECTS OF HOOKAH



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## RISK FACTORS

# The effects of waterpipe tobacco smoking on health outcomes: a systematic review

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# The Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Health Outcomes

## Methods:

- A systematic review using the Cochrane Collaboration methodology for conducting systematic reviews
- Rated the quality of evidence for each outcome using the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) methodology



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# The Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Health Outcomes

- **Included:**
  - Observational studies
  - case–control studies and cross-sectional studies) assessing the association between WP tobacco smoking and health outcomes
- **Excluded:**
  - Case reports
  - Case series
  - Outbreak investigations and abstracts
  - Studies assessing physiological outcomes (FEV1)



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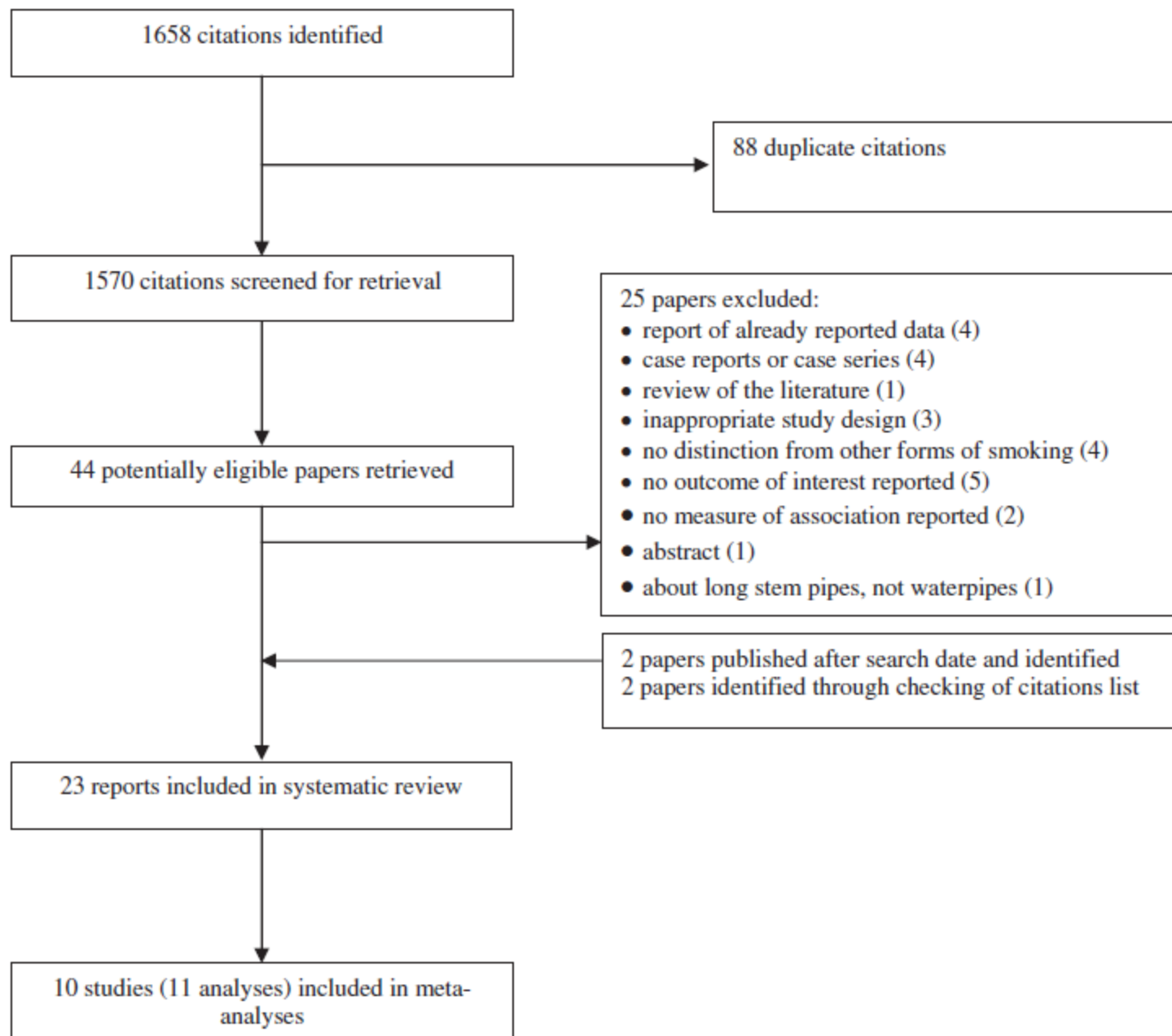


Figure 2 Study flow diagram

# The Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Health Outcomes

## Conclusions:

- **WTS was significantly associated:**
  - Lung cancer
  - Respiratory illness
  - Low birth-weight
  - Periodontal disease
- **WTS was not significantly associated with**
  - Bladder cancer
  - Nasopharyngeal cancer
  - Esophageal cancer
  - Oral dysplasia
  - Infertility
  - Hepatitis C.

**The overall quality of evidence varied from very low to low.**



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# HOOKAH EFFECT ON LUNG FUNCTION AND EXERCISE CAPACITY



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# Hookah Effect on Lung Function

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## Effects of waterpipe tobacco smoking on lung function: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Dany Raad, Swarna Gaddam, Holger J. Schunemann, Jihad Irani, Philippe Abou Jaoude, Roland Honeine and Elie A. Akl

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# Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Lung Function

## Methods:

- Systematic review using the approach of the Cochrane Collaboration
- Conducted two separate meta-analyses comparing:
  - WP smokers with nonsmokers
  - WP smokers with cigarette smokers

Both comparisons for each of three spirometric measurements ( $FEV_1$ , FVC, and  $FEV_1/FVC$ )



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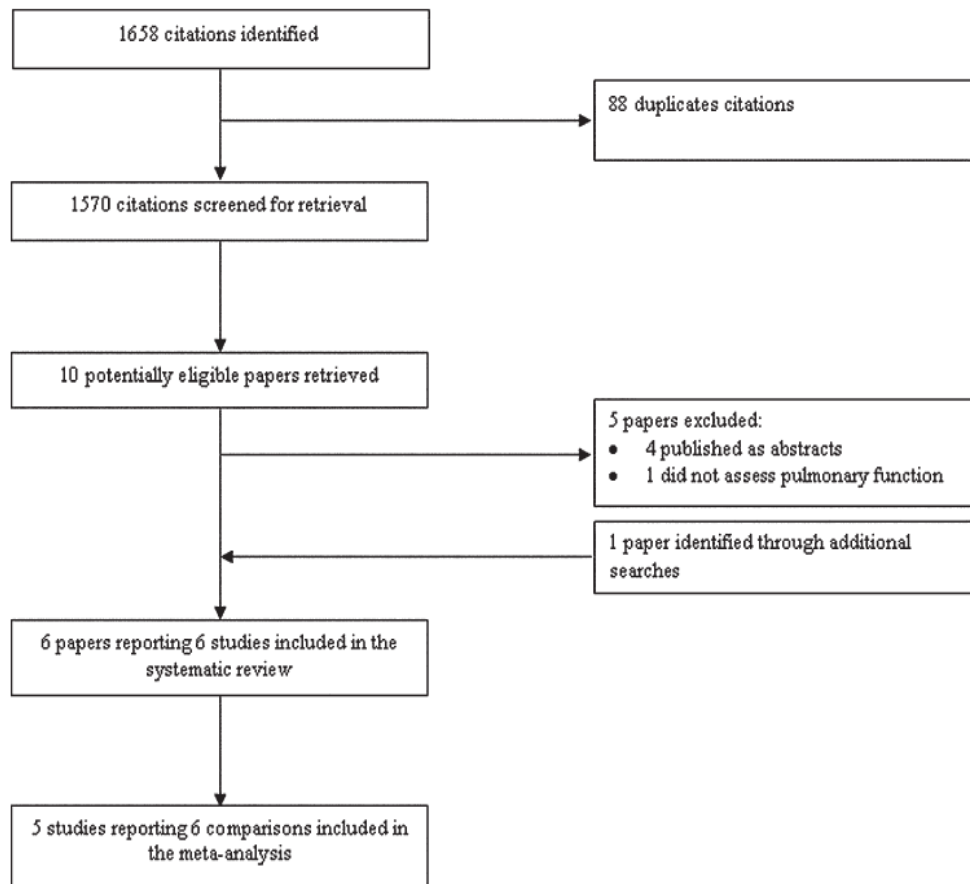


FIGURE 2. Study flow diagram.



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# Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Lung Function

## Results:

WPS was associated with:

- Statistically significant reduction in  $FEV_1$  (SMD = -0.43; 95% CI, -0.58 to -0.29; equivalent to a 4.04% lower  $FEV_1$ %)
- A trend towards lower FVC (SMD = -0.15; 95% CI, -0.34 to 0.04; equivalent to a 1.38% reduction in FVC%)
- A lower  $FEV_1$ / FVC (SMD = -0.46; 95% CI, -0.93 to 0.01; equivalent to a 3.08% lower  $FEV_1$ / FVC).
- Comparing WPS with cigarette smoking, there was no statistically significant difference in  $FEV_1$ , FVC, and  $FEV_1$ / FVC.



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# Effects of WP Tobacco Smoking on Lung Function

## Conclusions:

### WPS:

- Negatively affects lung function
- May be as harmful as cigarette smoking
- Likely to be a cause of COPD



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# The Acute Effects of Waterpipe Smoking on Lung Function and Exercise Capacity in a Pilot Study of Healthy Participants.

Hawari FI, Obeidat NA, Ayub H et.al.  
(Under review)



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# Study Design

- **Objective:**
  - Characterize the acute effects of WTS on lung function and exercise capacity
- **Methods:**
  - 24 healthy WP male smokers
  - A pilot single-group pre-test (abstained from WTS for  $\geq 48$  hours) post-test (within 0.5 hours of a 45-minute WTS session) design
  - Performed spirometry, DLCO and time-limited CPET (cycloergometer; 2-min 20-Watt warm-up and 25-Watt increase every 2-minutes for 10 minutes)



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# Table 1. Sample characteristics and changes observed after a waterpipe session

Demographic Data	Mean (range)	
Age (years)	20.4 (18-25)	
Average height (cm)	179.3 (169-192)	
Average weight (Kg)	80.6 (54-107)	
Average BMI (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	25.0 (17.6-32.2)	
Frequency of WTS (waterpipes per week)	4 (0.5-14)	
Years of WTS	3.7 (1-7)	
Changes Following WTS session	Pre-exposure to waterpipe smoking	Post-exposure to waterpipe smoking
Carbon Monoxide Level	3.7 ppm	24.4 ppm
Average minutes of exercise time completed	9.4 min	9.2 min
Average Watts	138.6	136.3
VO <sub>2</sub> (L/beat)**	1.86	1.7



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WTS: Waterpipe smoking

\*\* : Significance testing was conducted for VO<sub>2</sub> values – significance was detected (one-sided p-value=0.03)

**Table 2. Mean changes in respiratory parameters evaluated pre and post waterpipe exposure in 24 healthy males**

Parameter	Pre-waterpipe exposure	Post-waterpipe exposure	P-value
FEV <sub>1</sub> (L/sec)	5.03	4.95	-
FEF <sub>25-75%</sub> (L)**	5.51	5.29	0.042
FVC (L)	5.94	5.89	-
DLCO mL/mmHg/min	40.6	42.5	-
Baseline respiratory rate	17.7	19.7	0.0005
Borg scale at mid exercise	1.7	2.4	0.017
Borg scale at peak exercise	4.4	5.2	0.013
Breathing reserve (%)	43.88	42.54	-
VE max (l/min)	97.5	98.9	-
O <sub>2</sub> sat (%) at peak	96.4	96.1	-

\*\*significant one-sided p-value (<0.05)

- Non-significant one-sided p-value



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# Conclusion

Acute WTS appears to induce impairment in lung function and exercise capacity. Larger studies are warranted to further characterize the nature and extent of such impairment.



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# Case Study

A 35 year old healthy male smokes hookah daily. He just got married 2 years ago and recently became a father of a 6 month old baby. He has an 8 to 5 office job. His wife refuses to allow him to smoke at home. He leaves to a coffee shop directly from work daily. He self referred himself after noticing that his marriage is in danger.



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# TDT FOR HOOKAH



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# Treatment Interventions - Cochrane Review

## No waterpipe cessation interventions

The Cochrane Review: Interventions for waterpipe smoking  
cessation. 2011



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# Are hookah users interested in quitting?

- Interest in quitting was expressed by 28.4% of subjects
- The majority (89.2%) reported health concerns as a primary reason
- And 59.2% made an unsuccessful quit attempt in the past year

Ward KD. et al. 2005



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# TDT for Hookah Smokers

- Anecdotal
- Detailed patterns of use (regular vs. occasional)
- Counseling and motivational interviewing (creating interest to quit)
- Avoid comparing cigarettes to hookah (both are bad)



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# TDT for Hookah Smokers (2)

- Using pharmacotherapy:
  - NRT: dose and timing
  - Bupropion
  - Varenicline
  
- Dealing with relapse



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# Most large US cities ban hookah smoking in bars:

- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Do not know



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# US Health Policy Related to Hookah Tobacco Smoking

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# US Health Policy Related to HTS

- **Objective:** Assess how a representative sample of US tobacco control policies may apply to HTS
- **Methods:**
  - Municipal, county, and state legal texts applying to the 100 largest US cities were examined



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**TABLE 1—Categorization of 100 Largest US Cities by Clean Air Policy Type**

Policy Environment Label	Description of Policy	Cities, No.	Specific Cities <sup>a</sup>
Smoking legal	No comprehensive clear air legislation related to any type of tobacco use in bars	27	Jacksonville, FL; Indianapolis, IN; Fort Worth, TX; Memphis, TN; Nashville, TN; Las Vegas, NV; Oklahoma City, OK; Virginia Beach, VA; Atlanta, GA; Miami, FL; Tulsa, OK; Arlington, TX; New Orleans, LA; Tampa, FL; Pittsburgh, PA; Henderson, NV; St. Petersburg, FL; Orlando, FL; Lubbock, TX; Baton Rouge, LA; Garland, TX; Reno, NV; Hialeah, FL; Chesapeake, VA; North Las Vegas, NV; Irving, TX; Birmingham, AL
HTS exempt	Comprehensive legislation disallowing cigarette smoking in bars; however, HTS specifically exempted by name	4	Chicago, IL; Boston, MA; Albuquerque, NM; Long Beach, CA
TRE exempt	Comprehensive legislation disallowing cigarette smoking in bars; however, HTS exempted via a generic exemption for TREs or cigar bars	65	New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA; Houston, TX; Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; Dallas, TX; San Jose, CA; San Francisco, CA; Austin, TX; Columbus, OH; Charlotte, NC; Detroit, MI; El Paso, TX; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Denver, CO; Portland, OR; Tucson, AZ; Fresno, CA; Sacramento, CA; Kansas City, MO; Mesa, AZ; Colorado Springs, CO; Omaha, NE; Raleigh, NC; Cleveland, OH; Oakland, CA; Minneapolis, MN; Wichita, KS; Bakersfield, CA; Honolulu, HI; Anaheim, CA; Aurora, CO; Santa Ana, CA; St. Louis, MO; Corpus Christi, TX; Riverside, CA; Cincinnati, OH; Lexington, KY; Stockton, CA; Toledo, OH; St. Paul, MN; Newark, NJ; Greensboro, NC; Buffalo, NY; Plano, TX; Lincoln, NE; Fort Wayne, IN; Jersey City, NJ; Chula Vista, CA; Norfolk, VA; Chandler, AZ; Laredo, TX; Madison, WI; Winston-Salem, NC; Durham, NC; Glendale, AZ; Scottsdale, AZ; Fremont, CA; Irvine, CA; Rochester, NY; San Bernardino, CA; Spokane, WA
Strict	Comprehensive legislation disallowing cigarette smoking in bars; HTS does not seem to be exempt from this legislation	4	Seattle, WA; Louisville, KY; Milwaukee, WI; Anchorage, AK

Note. HTS = hookah tobacco smoking; TRE = tobacco retail establishments.  
<sup>a</sup>Cities are listed in order of population, from highest to lowest.



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# US Health Policy Related to HTS

- Three fourths of the largest US cities disallow cigarette smoking in bars
- Nearly 90% of these cities may permit HTS via exemptions
- Closing this gap in clean air regulation may significantly reduce exposure to HTS



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# Air Quality?

## Indoor air quality in Virginia waterpipe cafes.

Cobb C et al. Tob Control 2012 Mar 24.



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- A revised indoor air quality law has been implemented in Virginia to protect the public from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke exposure.
- This legislation contains exemptions that include allowances for smoking in a room that is structurally separated and separately ventilated.



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# Indoor Air Quality in Virginia WP cafes

## Objectives:

- Examine the impact of this law on air quality in waterpipe cafés
- Compare the air quality in these cafés to restaurants that allow cigarette smoking and those where no smoking is permitted



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# Indoor Air Quality in Virginia WP cafes

## Methods:

- Indoor air quality was assessed in 28 venues (17 waterpipe cafés, five cigarette smoking-permitted restaurants and six smoke-free restaurants (five with valid data))
- Real-time measurements of particulate matter (PM) with  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$  aerodynamic diameter or smaller (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) were obtained
- Occupant behavior and venue characteristics were assessed



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# Indoor Air Quality in Virginia WP cafes

## Results:

- Mean PM(2.5) concentration:
  - WP café smoking rooms (374  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), n=17)
  - WP café non-smoking rooms (123  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), n=11)
  - Cigarette smoking-permitted restaurant smoking rooms (119  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), n=5)
  - Cigarette smoking-permitted restaurant non-smoking rooms (26  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), n=5)
  - Smoke-free restaurants (9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), n=5)



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# Indoor Air Quality in Virginia WP cafes

## Results (2):

- Smoking density positively correlated with PM(2.5) across smoking rooms smoke-free restaurants
- PM(2.5) was positively correlated between smoking and non-smoking rooms of venues



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# Indoor Air Quality in Virginia WP cafes

## Conclusions:

- Air quality in the WP café smoking rooms was worse than restaurant rooms in which cigarette smoking was permitted
- State-required non-smoking rooms in WP cafés may expose patrons and employees to PM(2.5) concentrations above national and international air quality standards
- Reducing the health risks of secondhand smoke may require smoke-free establishments in which tobacco smoking sources such as WP are prohibited



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# Action Against Hookah Is Needed!

- Research: trends, harms, cessation, etc...
- Subject to same anti-tobacco regulations
- Health warnings
- Fight false advertisement about hookah's safety
- Cessation interventions
- HCP education about risks to vulnerable groups



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# Thank You



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