

# 1 S1 Appendix. E-Cigarette-Associated $\Delta$ Transition

## 2 Probability of Cigarette Smoking Cessation

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4 Let A equal a set of age groups. For age group  $a \in A$ , let  $quit_{a,aid}$  equal the probability of  
5 cessation using pharmaceutical aids,  $quit_{a,no\ aid}$  equal the probability of cessation not using pharmaceutical  
6 aids,  $quit_{a,e-cig}$  equal the probability of cessation using e-cigarettes,  $quit_{a,no\ e-cig}$  equal the probability of  
7 cessation not using e-cigarettes, and  $OR_a$  equal the odds ratio of cessation among current cigarette  
8 smokers interested in quitting who used e-cigarettes compared to those who did not use e-cigarettes.  
9 Pharmaceutical aids included: nicotine patch; nicotine gum or lozenge; nicotine containing nasal spray or  
10 inhaler; prescription pill such as Chantix, Varenicline, Zyban, Bupropion, or Wellbutron.

11 By definition, the odds ratio,  $OR_a$ , equals the ratio of (1) the ratio of the probability of cessation  
12 among current cigarette smokers interested in quitting who used e-cigarettes,  $quit_{a,e-cig}$ , and its  
13 complement (2) the ratio of the probability of cessation among current cigarette smokers interested in  
14 quitting who did not use e-cigarettes,  $quit_{a,no\ e-cig}$  and its complement. Conservatively, we set  $quit_{a,no\ e-}$   
15  $cig$  to equal  $quit_{a,aid}$ . Then, solving for  $quit_{a,e-cig}$ :

$$16 \quad quit_{a,e-cig} = \frac{OR_a \times quit_{a,aid}}{1 - quit_{a,aid} + OR_a \times quit_{a,aid}} \quad \square$$

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18 We then estimated the difference in the probability of cigarette smoking cessation at 6 months  
19 between current e-cigarette users and non-current e-cigarette users as the weighted average of (1) the  
20 difference in the probability of cessation using e-cigarettes ( $quit_{a,e-cig}$ ) and the probability of cessation using  
21 a pharmaceutical aid ( $quit_{a,aid}$ ) and (2) the difference in the probability of cessation using e-cigarettes  
22 ( $quit_{a,e-cig}$ ) and the probability of cessation using no pharmaceutical aid ( $quit_{a,no\ aid}$ ). The weight for (1)  
23 equaled the proportion of current cigarette smokers with a past-year quit attempt who used a  
24 pharmaceutical aid ( $p_a$ ). The weight for (2) equaled 1 minus the proportion of current cigarette smokers  
25 with a past-year quit attempt who used a pharmaceutical aid ( $1-p_a$ ).

$$26 \quad \Delta \text{ prob. cessation}_a = p_a \times (quit_{a,e-cig} - quit_{a,aid}) + (1 - p_a) \times (quit_{a,e-cig} - quit_{a,no\ aid})$$

27S1 Table 1 presents parameter values for the estimation of the difference in the probability of cigarette  
 28smoking cessation at 6 months between current e-cigarette users and non-current e-cigarette users,  $\Delta$   
 29probability cessation<sub>a</sub>.

**S1 Table 1. Parameters for Estimation of Difference In The Transition Probability Of Cigarette Smoking Cessation At 6 Months Between Current E-Cigarette Users And Non-Current E-Cigarette Users (%)**

Parameter	Notation	Age Range	Point Estimate (95% CI)	Source
Proportion Of Current Cigarette Smokers With a Past-Year Quit Attempt Who Used A Pharmaceutical Aid During Quit Attempt* (%)	$p_a$	25-34	25.9 (21.5, 30.2)	2010 NHIS
		35-49	39.5 (35.0, 44.0)	
		50-69	39.1 (34.4, 43.9)	
Probability of Cigarette Smoking Cessation $\geq 6$ Months Among Current Cigarette Smokers Who Seriously Tried to Quit and Used A Pharmaceutical Aid During Quit Attempt (%)	$quit_{a, aid}$	25-34	8.1 (5.5, 10.8)	Messer et al.[1]
		35-49	9.3 (7.9, 10.6)	
		50-69	8.3 (6.6, 10.0)	
Probability of Cigarette Smoking Cessation $\geq 6$ Months Among Current Cigarette Smokers Who Seriously Tried to Quit and Did Not Use A Pharmaceutical Aid During Quit Attempt (%)	$quit_{a, no aid}$	25-34	7.9 (6.9, 8.9)	Messer et al.[1]
		35-49	5.2 (4.5, 5.8)	
		50-69	6.4 (5.5, 7.3)	
Odds Ratio of Quitting Smoking Among Smokers with an Interest in Quitting	$OR_a$	25-69	0.86 (0.60, 1.23)	Kalkhoran & Glantz [2]

30Note: CI=confidence interval; OR=odds ratio.

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35 Finally, we estimated the variance of  $\Delta$  probability cessation<sub>a</sub> by performing the bootstrap method  
 36 N=100,000 times. S1 Table 2 shows the point estimates and 95% confidence intervals of  $\Delta$  probability  
 37 cessation<sub>a</sub>.

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**S1 Table 2. Age-Group-Specific Point Estimate and 95% CI of  $\Delta$  Probability Cessation (%)**

Parameter	Notation	Age Range	Point Estimate (95% CI)
Difference In The Transition Probability Of Cigarette Smoking Cessation At 6 Months Between Current E-Cigarette Users And Non- Current E-Cigarette Users (%)	$\Delta$ prob. cessation <sub>a</sub>	25-34	-0.92 (-3.73, 2.27)
		35-49	1.26 (-1.58, 4.11)
		50-69	0.05 (-2.55, 2.77)

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