Supplementary Table A1. Summary of differences in reasons for regular vaping by user groups, country and device type among smokers and ex-smokers.

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| **Reasons to vape:** |  | **Differ by:** | | | | | | |
| **Smoking status** | **Quit duration** | **Smoking freq** | **Vaping freq** | **Age** | **Country** | **Device** |
| Less harmful to others | Smoker | Y | NA |  |  | Y |  |  |
|  | Ex-Smoker | Y | Y | NA |  | Y |  |  |
| More acceptable | Smoker |  | NA |  | Y |  |  |  |
|  | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA |  |  |  |  |
| Enjoyment | Smoker | Y | NA |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  | Ex-Smoker | Y | Y | NA | Y | Y |  | Y |
| Use in smoke-free areas | Smoker |  | NA |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA |  |  |  |  |
| More affordable | Smoker |  | NA |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |
|  | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA | Y |  |  | Y |
| Help cut down | Smoker |  | NA |  | Y | Y |  | Y |
|  | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA |  |  |  |  |
| Help quit smoking | Smoker |  | NA |  | Y |  | Y | Y |
|  | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA |  |  |  |  |
| Help stay quit | Ex-Smoker |  |  | NA | Y |  | Y | Y |
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Note: Y, significant difference found with blank showing no significant difference; NA, not applicable.

Supplementary Table A2. Summary of differences in reasons for stopping regular vaping by user groups.

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|  | **Overall sample** | **Among smokers** | | | |
| **Reasons to stop vaping:** | **Differ by smoking status** | **Differ by:** | | | |
| **Smoking freq** | **Age** | **Country** | **Device** |
| Becoming addicted | Y | Y | Y |  |  |
| Cost too much |  |  | Y |  | Y |
| Negative experiences |  |  |  | Y |  |
| Uncomfortable in public |  | Y | Y | Y |  |
| Safety concern |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not satisfying | Y |  |  | Y |  |
| Too much effort |  |  |  |  | Y |
| No help for quitting smoking | NA |  |  |  |  |
| No use to stop cravings | NA |  |  |  |  |
| Not needed to stay quit | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

Note: Y, significant difference found with blank indicating no significant difference; NA, not applicable