

Use of qualitative research to ensure we measure what matters to users of tobacco and nicotine products

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- A portfolio of **consumer-reported outcome measures** (CROM) to support **perception** and **behavior** assessment related to the use of tobacco and nicotine products (TNP)
- Developed in collaboration with scientific experts in the fields of measurement science, tobacco/nicotine research, and consumer perception
- By using best measurement and development practices, these measures are to be made fit for purpose to accurately assess both combustible and smoke-free TNPs





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Current portfolio



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Measuring what matters

Outcomes and outcome measures: Measuring what matters is in the eye of the beholder

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ISPOR TASK FORCE REPORTS

Content Validity—Establishing and Reporting the Evidence in Newly Developed Patient-Reported Outcomes (PRO) Instruments for Medical Product Evaluation: ISPOR PRO Good Research Practices Task Force Report: Part 1—Eliciting Concepts for a New PRO Instrument

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Why develop ABOUT–Health and Functioning?

In light of **tobacco harm reduction** strategies and the increasing availability of **less harmful alternative smoke-free TNPs**:

- Important to measure self-reported experience and changes in the health and functioning status of individuals who switch from cigarettes smoking to using smoke-free TNPs
- No established fit-for-purpose and standardized TNP-specific measure

Develop a new valid, reliable, responsive, interpretable, and adaptable self-report measure to assess the impact of different tobacco and nicotine products on consumer's health and functioning

Why develop ABOUT–Health and Functioning?



"Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity"

World Health Organization (WHO) Constitution

Project Roadmap



Triangulation of evidence led to:

Drafting of a **preliminary** conceptual model

Identification of 69 concepts across the core health and functioning domains impacted by TNP use and conceptually related domains

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ABOUT–Health and Functioning Development



ABOUT–Health and Functioning — Who and what to measure?

Target population

 Sufficient representation in the population (demographics [age, sex, ethnicity, education level etc.]; cultural background, and language; healthy population; health comorbidities)

Aspects of health and functioning that may change upon switching

- Experiences, perspectives, needs, and priorities important to consumers
- Signs and symptoms and how these affect day-to-day functioning and quality of life
- Applicability to a wide range of tobacco and nicotine product use characteristics
 - Product types (switching from cigarettes to major types of smoke-free TNPs)
 - User types (exclusive and multiple product use)













Snuffbox by Daniel Falk from the Noun Project heating tobacco by Dong Ik Seo from the Noun Proje images: Flaticon.com

Heated Tobacco Products

Smokeless Tobacco

E-Cigarettes

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)

Qualitative Concept Elicitation

Objectives

Identify key relevant concepts and assess perceptions of health and functioning status as expressed by consumers who switched from cigarette smoking to smoke-free TNPs



Longitudinal Interviews Within a Clinical Study





Settings

Participants

60-min F2F interviews in Tokyo and Osaka

Smokers who switched to Glo or Ploom (n=5)
Smokers who switched exclusively to IQOS (n=15)
Smokers who switched to IQOS and still use cigarettes (n=15)



Semi-structured interview guide:

- Probes on the smallest to largest negative/positive changes upon switching to heated tobacco products
- Importance of any changes or stability
- □ Turning point retrospective techniques to discuss the transition when participants made the switch
- □ Visual collages to elicit concepts related to health and functioning before and after the switch

Methods



Settings

Participants

Ten 90-min F2F focus groups in the US (Boston, Dallas, Oklahoma, Seattle, Atlanta)

- Exclusive e-cigarette (n=18)
- Dual e-cigarette and cigarette (n=18)
- Exclusive smokeless tobacco (n=18)
- Dual smokeless and cigarette (n=19)
- Exclusive NRT (n=9)
- Dual NRT and cigarette (n=10)



Open-ended semi-structured discussion guide

- Motivation to switch to smoke-free TNPs
- □Potential positive/negative changes in health, functioning, and daily living since switching
- Reflection on the importance, timelines, and expectation of changes

Focus groups split by different TNPs and use types, age groups, and geographical rural/urban regions Participants compared their experiences with those of others and used the group as cue to express their own views

Methods

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Example of Health Concepts Elicited



Respiratory Symptoms

- •Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Phlegm
- Frequent and lasting colds
- Lung discomfort
- •"Black", "dirty" lungs vs
- "clean", "healthy" lungs
- Breathing
- Wheezing
- Chest heaviness

Oral Health Symptoms

Teeth health (color, plaque stains)
Bad breath
Gum bleeding/pain
Coating on tongue/teeth
Black teeth
Mouth ulcers
Dry mouth

General physical condition (hygiene/appearance/senses)

Odor (self/clothes/hair)
Coloring of fingers ,nails, skin
Skin, hair, nail health
Sense of smell
Sense of taste
Appetite
Weight gain
Eye stinging
Eye Watering

Other physical health symptoms

Energy
Fatigue/tiredness
Sleep problems
Headaches
Throat symptoms
Hoarse/raspy voice
Blood pressure
Stomach symptoms
Blood circulation
Palpitations
Racing/fast heartbeat
Dizziness
Heartburn

Concepts elicited in Japan, Germany and US Concepts elicited in Japan and US Concepts elicited in Germany and US Concepts elicited in Germany and Japan Concepts elicited only in Japan Concepts elicited only in US Concepts elicited only in Germany

Examples of Functioning Concepts Elicited

Physical functioning	Other functioning / daily activities	Cognitive functioning	Emotional functioning	Social functioning
 Physical fitness Climbing stairs Running/jogging Stamina/endurance Walking Cycling, swimming, hiking 	 Shopping Sexual stamina Work productivity Time and productivity in the house/house chores Sexual desire Leisure activities/hobbies Basic activities (dressing) 	 Focus/concentration Motivation to do a task Memory 'Wake up' 'Switch me on' 'refresh me' 	 Relaxation Stress management Mood Irritability Guilt/shame Confidence/self-esteem Life enjoyment 	 Social bonding with smokers and non- smokers Stigma and perceptions from others Interactions with children Spouse/partner interactions Family interactions Interaction with colleagues Peer pressure Career opportunities
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Further considerations from concept elicitation

Cause of changes

 Distinguishing the impact of other lifestyle changes (e.g., exercise) from the impact of switching (especially in relation to aspects of physical health)

Retrospective changes

 May be difficult to assess within the context of self-reported measurement of change

Significance of changes

Healthy population vs. those with health comorbidities



Cross-validation with Experts



Objectives

WORLDWIDE

To gain consensus and feedback from international experts on the most important health and functioning concepts impacted by switching from smoking cigarette to using an alternative smoke-free TNP

Settings

3 rounds of online survey combining qualitative and quantitative (MaxDiff ranking) assessments

Participants

N=105 experts recruited globally, with min. 5 years of **clinical, academic, or professional experience** in smoking-related diseases, health-related quality of life, smoking cessation, dependence, and smoking-related health policy, including harm reduction

Example Findings: Round 2 Experts Ranking



Average Weighted Concept Score in Concept Groups

Leveraging existing measures

Findings



- Broad range of measures and items partially assess concepts relevant to health and functioning in the context of TNP use
- Existing measures do not cover the full extent of relevant concepts
- Accurate and sensitive assessment of the impact of TNP use on health and functioning warrants further development of relevant items

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What to measure? Output from development phase

	HEALTH AND FUNCTIONING CONCEPTUAL MODEL	200+ ITEMS GENERATE
Health	Aesthetics / Appearance Sensory Ocular / Vision Gastrointestinal Pharynx / Larynx / Trachea Dental / Oral Respiratory Fatigue Sleep Cardiovascular Pain	Health Appearance Gastrointestinal health Cardiovascular health Oral health Throat and voice Coughing, breathing, and lung h Tiredness and sleep General health
Functioning	Recreational activities Instrumental activities Physical functioning Psychological functioning Social / Interpersonal functioning Sexual functioning Cognitive functioning Basic activities Perceived risk Appeal	Daily functioning Breathing during daily activit Working life Psychosocial functioning Social functioning Emotional wellbeing
Moderators	Dependence	Bother with smell

Product Use (Time)

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Health and Functioning Transition Global Items

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Conclusion



Development of the ABOUT–Health and Functioning Measuring what matters to TNP consumers

From **whom** to get input and **how** to collect the information?

- Multinational qualitative concept elicitation research among different types of TNPs consumers
- Cross-validation with an international expert Delphi Panel
- Item-mapping exercise to leverage existing self-report measures

What to measure and why?

- Document content validity and relevance to consumers
- Refine the conceptual and measurement model
- Generate draft items that best represent the most relevant concepts identified

Next steps



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