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ABSTRACT

The study aimed to examine the difference in self-regulation between smokers and non-smokers. The sample was chosen using convenience sampling from four different universities of Karachi. The sample consisted of 52 male smokers and 52 male non-smokers. It was hypothesized that there would be a significant difference between self-regulation of smokers and non-smokers. Consent form, demographic form, Self-Regulation Questionnaire (Miller, Brown & Lawendowski, 1999) and a survey form to assess cigarette smoking behavior were administered. The results were analyzed using independent t- test. The results showed no significant difference between self-regulation of smokers and non-smokers (t=-1.889, t=-1.889, t=-1.889