abstract

A Descriptive cross sectional study was conducted in 2007 in Rufaa secondary school with the aim of providing data on students’ tobacco use status, knowledge, and attitudes and factors behind use. A total coverage was done and 92 students were found to use snuff. Results showed a prevalence of 7% current users among the students. 64.1% of the students started snuffing at age between 10-15 years. 59% of the students using snuff reported that their peers used snuff were the cause triggered them to use snuff and 21% thought that stress was the cause. 48.3% of students were using snuff more than three times/day. Two-thirds of the current snuff users had the desire to quit. 69% of the students thought that snuff is harmful and 9.7% thought that it is not harmful 7.8% thought that it is useful and 13% had no idea about the adverse effect. So, awareness of the adverse effects of such snuff habits was poor and intervention programs to curb snuff use are required.