

In this document, you will find the results of the Round 2 of the Delphi process.

For all recommendations (except for recommendations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3), you had to rate the recommendation on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is strongly disagree and 10 is strongly agree.

For recommendations 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, you had to classify the propositions from the most appropriate for you (number 1) to the least appropriate. To determine the degree of consensus, we only took the distribution of the first choice into account.

The different colors represent the degree of consensus as follows:

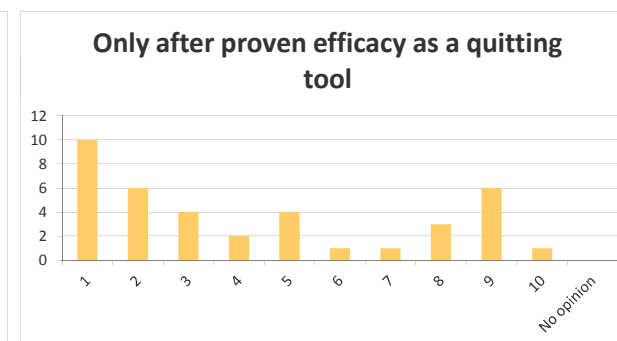
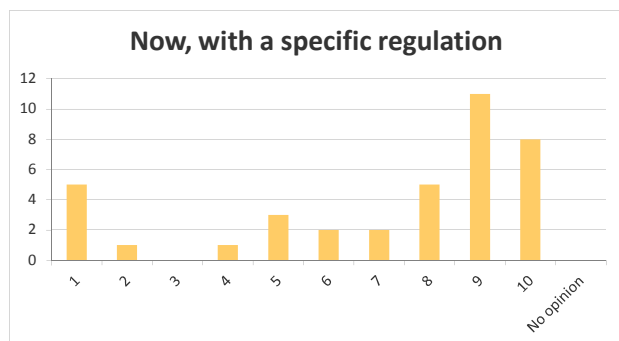
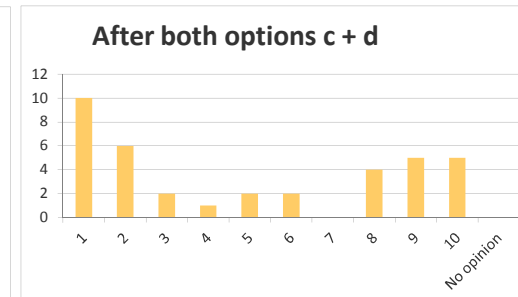
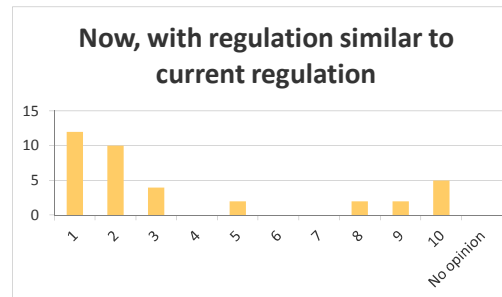
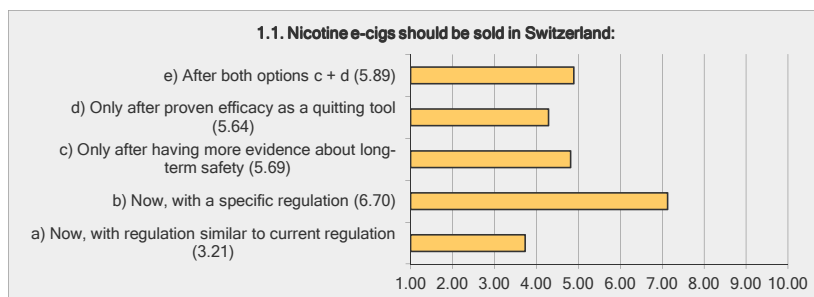
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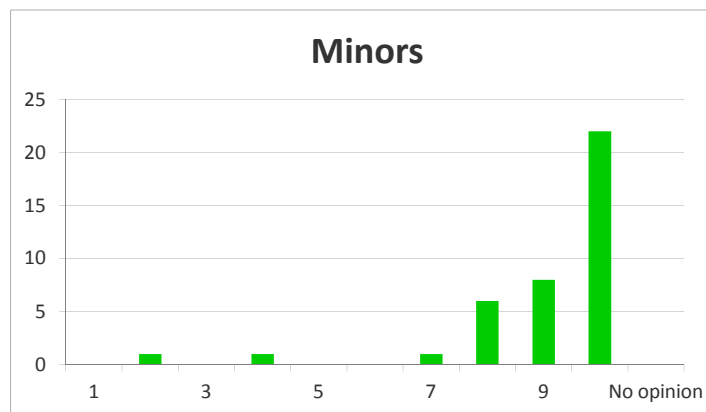
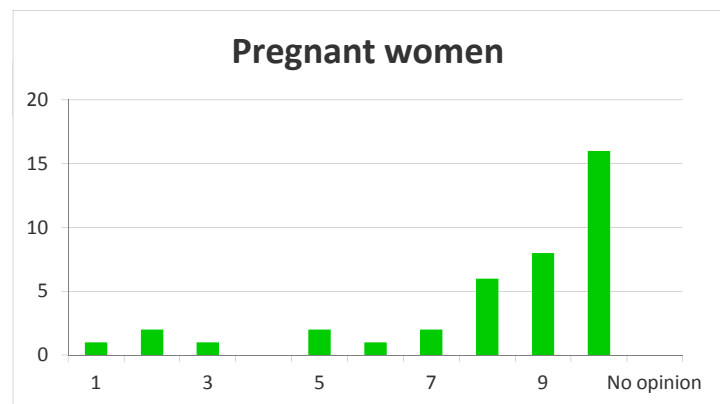
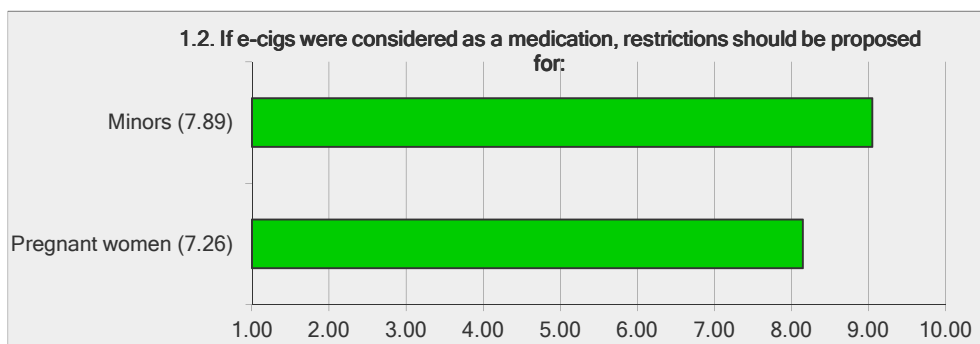
1.1. Nicotine e-cigs should be sold in Switzerland:

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
a) Now, with regulation similar to current regulation (3.21)	12	10	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	5	0	3.73	37
b) Now, with a specific regulation (6.70)	5	1	0	1	3	2	2	5	11	8	0	7.13	38
c) Only after having more evidence about long-term safety (5.69)	10	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	7	2	0	4.82	38
d) Only after proven efficacy as a quitting tool (5.64)	10	6	4	2	4	1	1	3	6	1	0	4.29	38
e) After both options c + d (5.89)	10	6	2	1	2	2	0	4	5	5	0	4.89	37
Comment													2
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



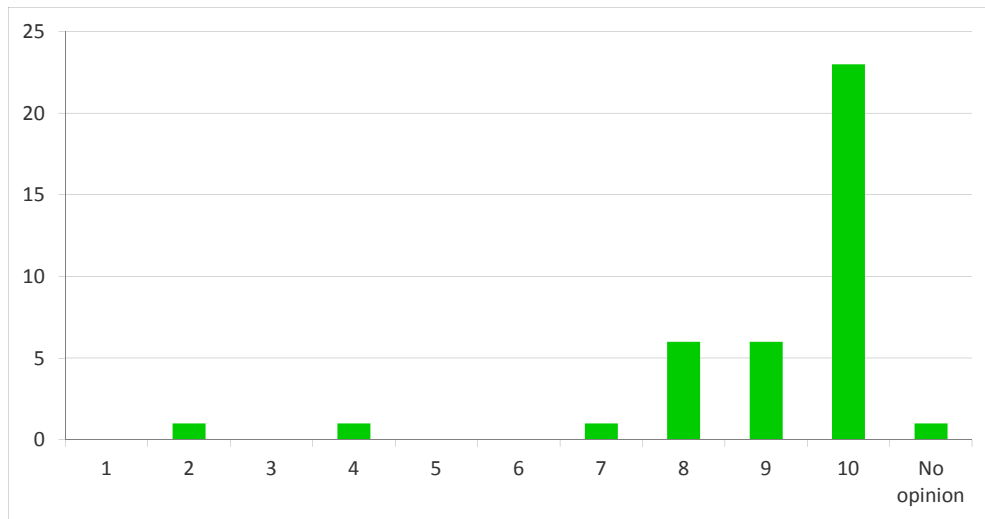
1.2. If e-cigs were considered as a medication, restrictions should be proposed for:

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
Pregnant women (7.26)	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	6	8	16	0	8.15	39
Minors (7.89)	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	8	22	0	9.05	39
Comment													4
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



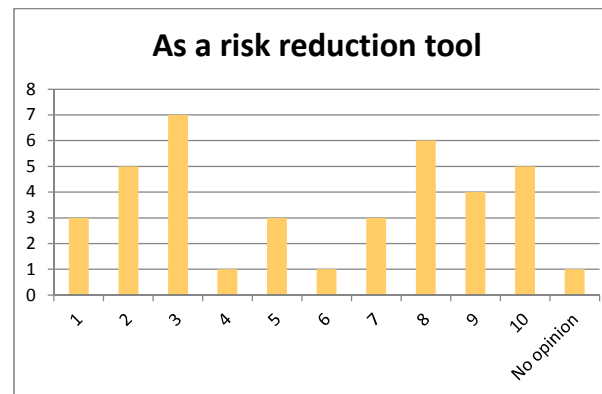
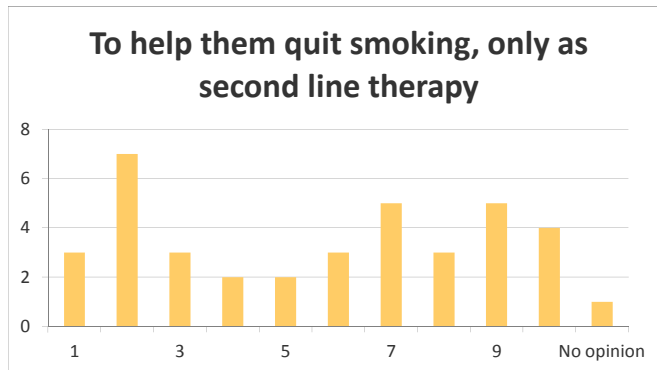
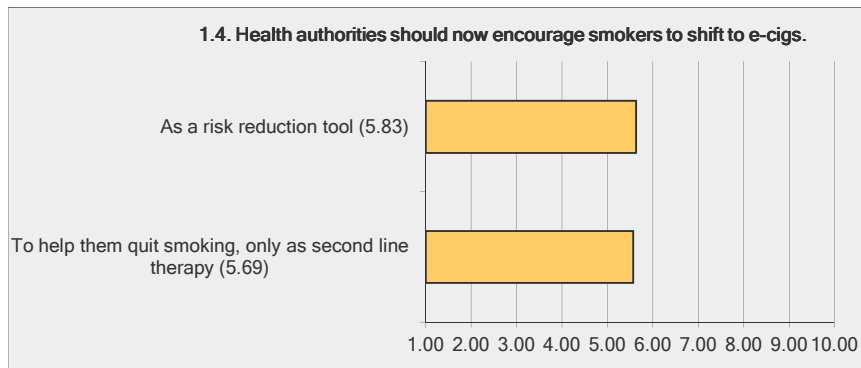
1.3. Health authorities should advise never smokers not to use e-cigs (e.g. through a public campaign): Mean value in second round: 7.97

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	6	23	1	9.08	39
Comment													4
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



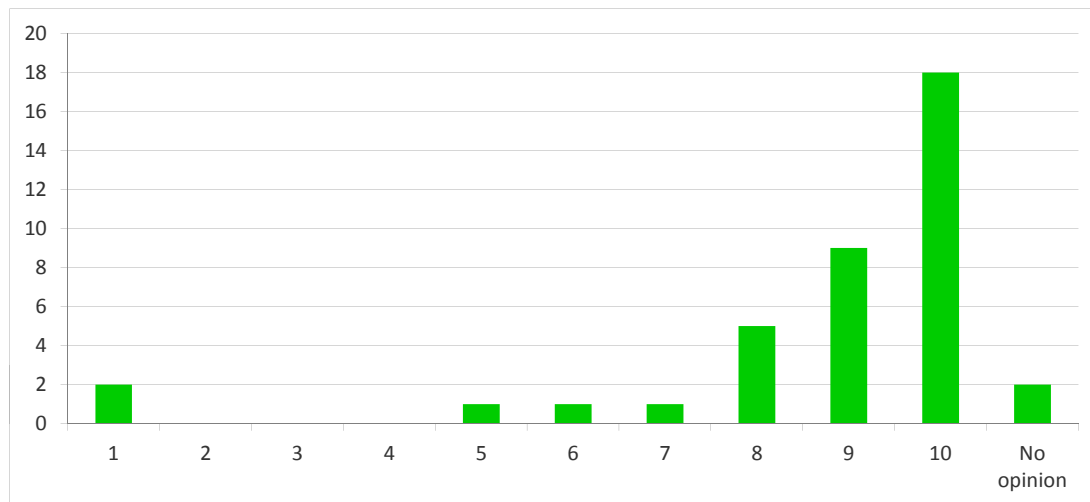
1.4. Health authorities should now encourage smokers to shift to e-cigs.

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
To help them quit smoking, only as second line	3	7	3	2	2	3	5	3	5	4	1	5.57	38
As a risk reduction tool (5.83)	3	5	7	1	3	1	3	6	4	5	1	5.63	39
Comment													5
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



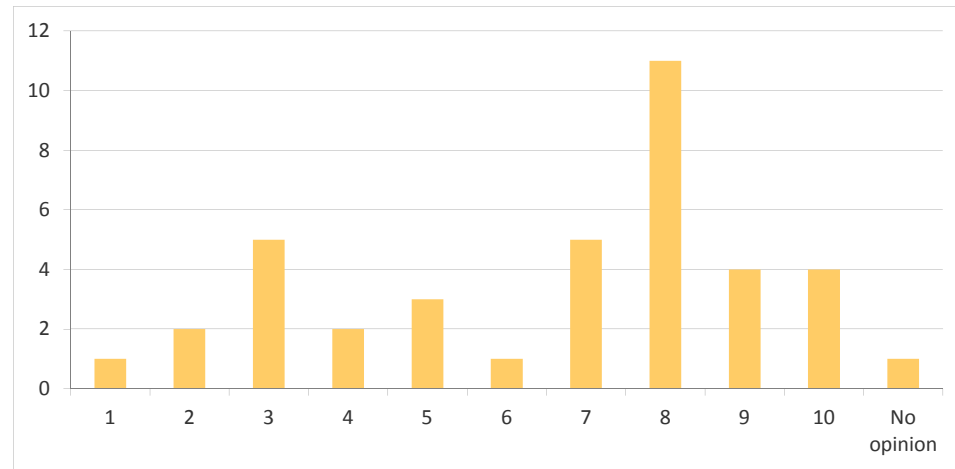
1.5. If nicotine e-cigs were to be authorized in Switzerland, they should not be sold by tobacco industry or related: Mean value in second round: 7.74

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	9	18	2	8.68	39
Comment													3
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



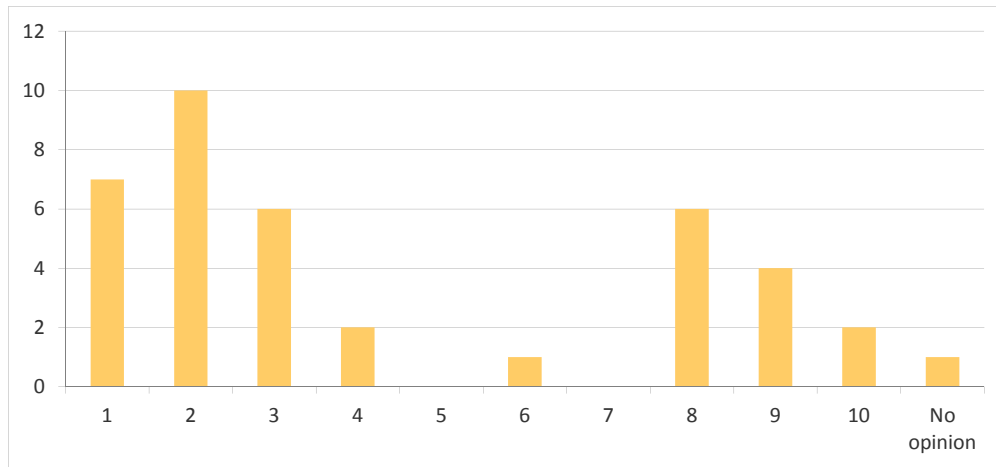
1.6. Swiss legislation should follow UE regulation: Mean value in second round: 6.14

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
	1	2	5	2	3	1	5	11	4	4	1	6.52	39
Comment													8
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



1.7. We should wait to have more data about e-cigs before putting in place specific legislation and regulations: Mean value in second round: 4.03

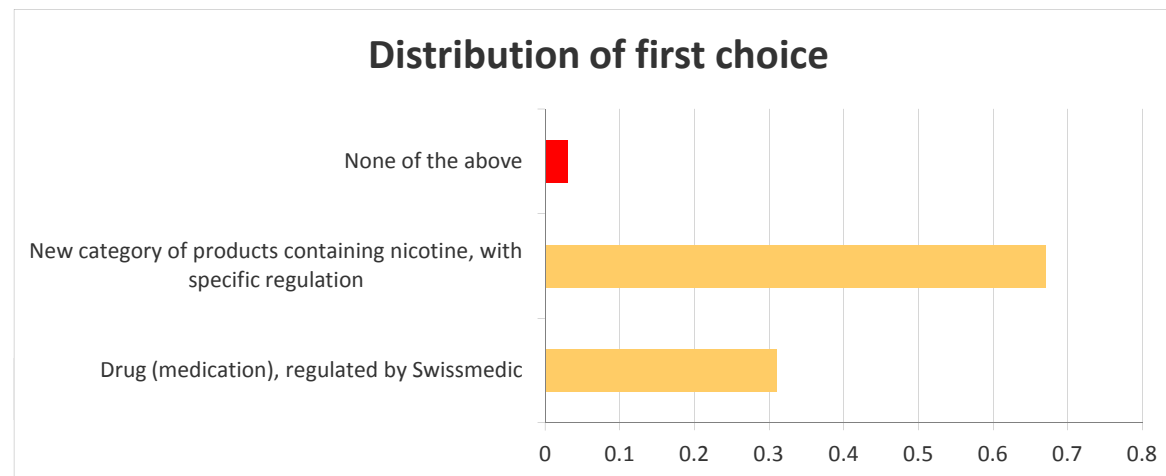
Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
	7	10	6	2	0	1	0	6	4	2	1	4.29	39
Comment													5
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



2.1. E-cigs should be considered as:

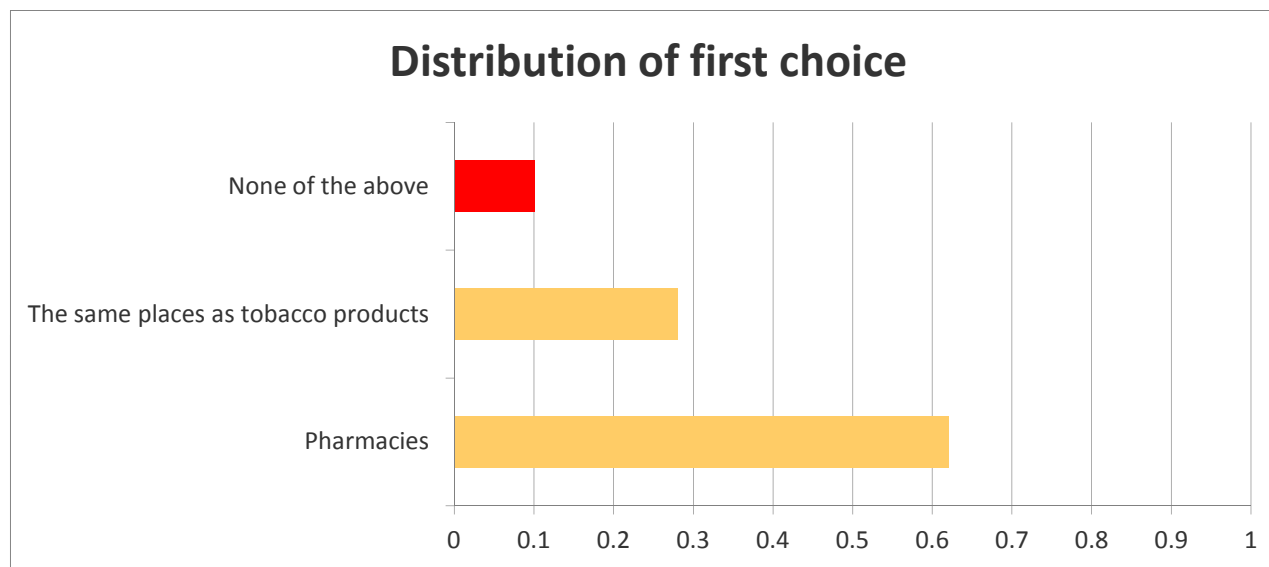
Possible answers	1	2	3	Mean values	Number of answers	Distribution of first choice
Drug (medication), regulated by Swissmedic	12	25	2	1.74	39	0.31
New category of products containing nicotine, with specific	26	11	2	1.38	39	0.67
None of the above	1	3	35	2.87	39	0.03
Number of participants who answered this question					39	
Number of participants who skipped the question					0	

Cut-off limit for positive consensus: 0.78
Cut-off limit for negative consensus: 0.22



2.2. E-cigs should be sold in:

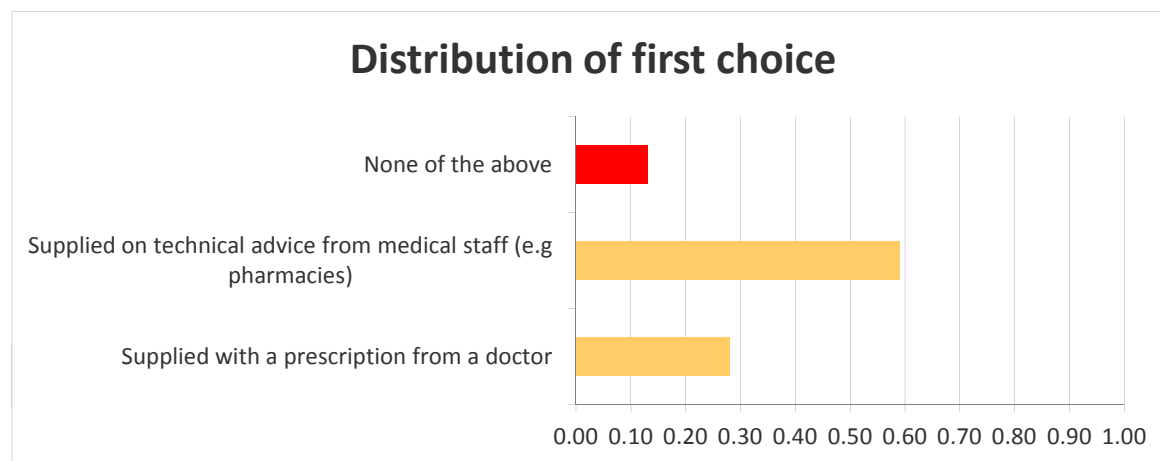
Possible answers	1	2	3	Mean values	Number of answers	Distribution of first choice
Pharmacies	24	13	2	1.44	39	0.62
The same places as tobacco products	11	17	11	2.00	39	0.28
None of the above	4	9	26	2.56	39	0.1
<i>Number of participants who answered this question</i>					39	
<i>Number of participants who skipped the question</i>					0	



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2.3. If e-cigs were considered as a drug (medication), they should be:

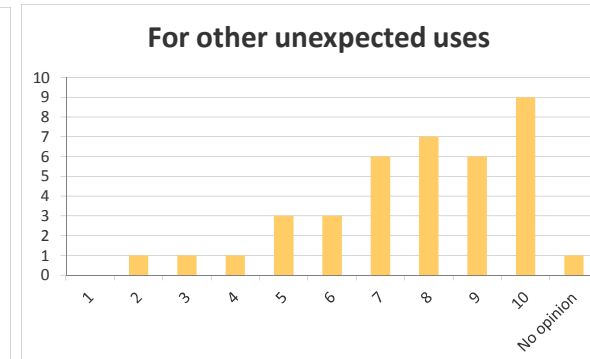
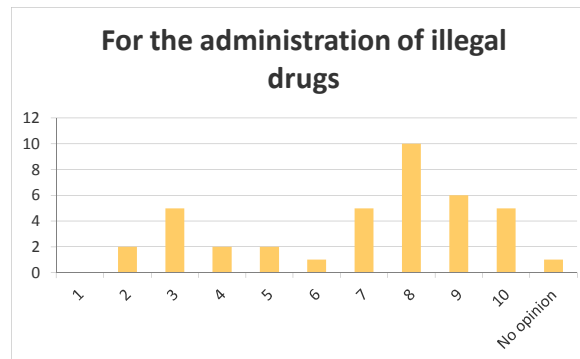
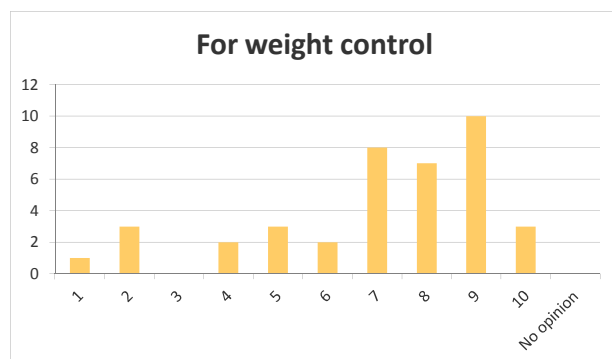
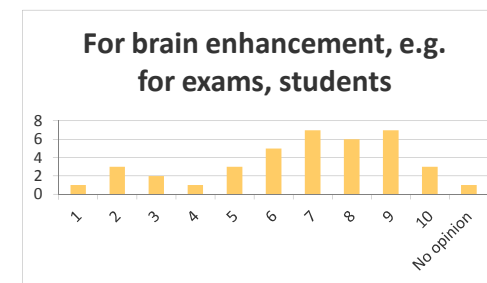
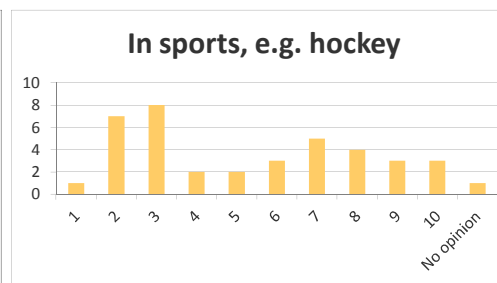
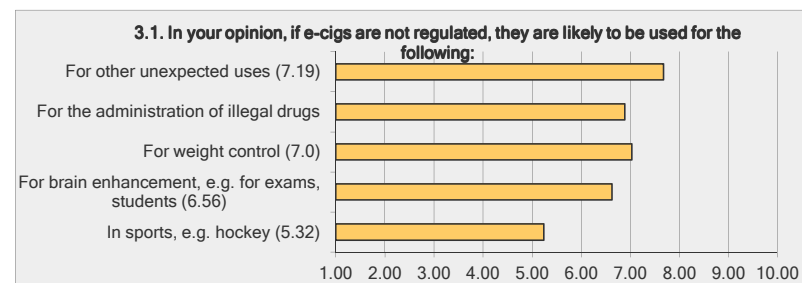
Possible answers	1	2	3	Mean values	Number of answers	Distribution of first choice
Supplied with a prescription from a doctor	11	22	6	1.87	39	0.28
Supplied on technical advice from medical staff (e.g	23	14	2	1.46	39	0.59
None of the above	5	3	31	2.67	39	0.13
<i>Number of participants who answered this question</i>					39	
<i>Number of participants who skipped the question</i>					0	



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3.1. In your opinion, if e-cigs are not regulated, they are likely to be used for the following:

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
In sports, e.g. hockey (5.32)	1	7	8	2	2	3	5	4	3	3	1	5.24	39
For brain enhancement, e.g. for exams, students (6.56)	1	3	2	1	3	5	7	6	7	3	1	6.63	39
For weight control (7.0)	1	3	0	2	3	2	8	7	10	3	0	7.03	39
For the administration of illegal drugs	0	2	5	2	2	1	5	10	6	5	1	6.89	39
For other unexpected uses (7.19)	0	1	1	1	3	3	6	7	6	9	1	7.68	38
Comment													4
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0



3.2. On your appraisal of the current data, e-cigs are dangerous for the health of:

Possible answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No opinion	Mean values	Number of answers
Former smokers < 6 months	2	8	5	3	5	3	1	2	5	4	1	5.16	39
Former smokers > 6 months	2	5	2	2	4	5	5	8	3	2	1	5.84	39
Never smokers (7.06)	1	1	4	1	1	1	4	8	6	11	0	7.53	38
Comment													7
Number of participants who answered this question													39
Number of participants who skipped the question													0

