

Tobacco smoking in HIV-infected persons.

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- I. Medical & epidemiological background.
- II. Cigarette smoking: a sociological approach.
- III. Why do HIV-infected people smoke?

I. Medical & epidemiological background.

- ❖ **Today, PLWHAs live longer...**

Thanks to antiretroviral treatments (ART) since 1996;

- ❖ **but many of them smoke tobacco...**

Smoking prevalence: 40-70% >> general population
+ higher levels of nicotine dependence;

- ❖ **...and smoking is especially harmful to PLWHAs**

→ **CVDs and (lung) cancers became major causes of mortality in this population.**

HIV-infected smokers lose more life-years to smoking than to HIV (Helleberg et al., 2013, Clin Infect Dis)

I.1. Many PLWHAs smoke tobacco... (1/7)

❖ PLWHAs smoke much more than the general population

comparing smoking prevalence according to serostatus requires first (at least) gender & age standardisation.

‘HIV-infected people’ is a very heterogeneous category, merging very contrasted profiles, including for smoking prevalence.

- Health Barometer survey, general population aged 18-85, 2010, N=25,034 (INPES);
- VESPA2 survey, national & representative survey, PLWHAs living in France, 18-88, 2011, N=3,022 (ANRS).

I.1. Many PLWHAs smoke tobacco... (2/7)

Health Barometer: 31% of smokers, mean age 48, 49% of men.

VESPA2 survey: 38% of smokers, mean age 47, 67% of men.

Among VESPA2 participants:

-people infected through homosexual intercourse (36%):

42% of smokers, mean age 48, 100% of men.

-people infected through intravenous drug use (10%):

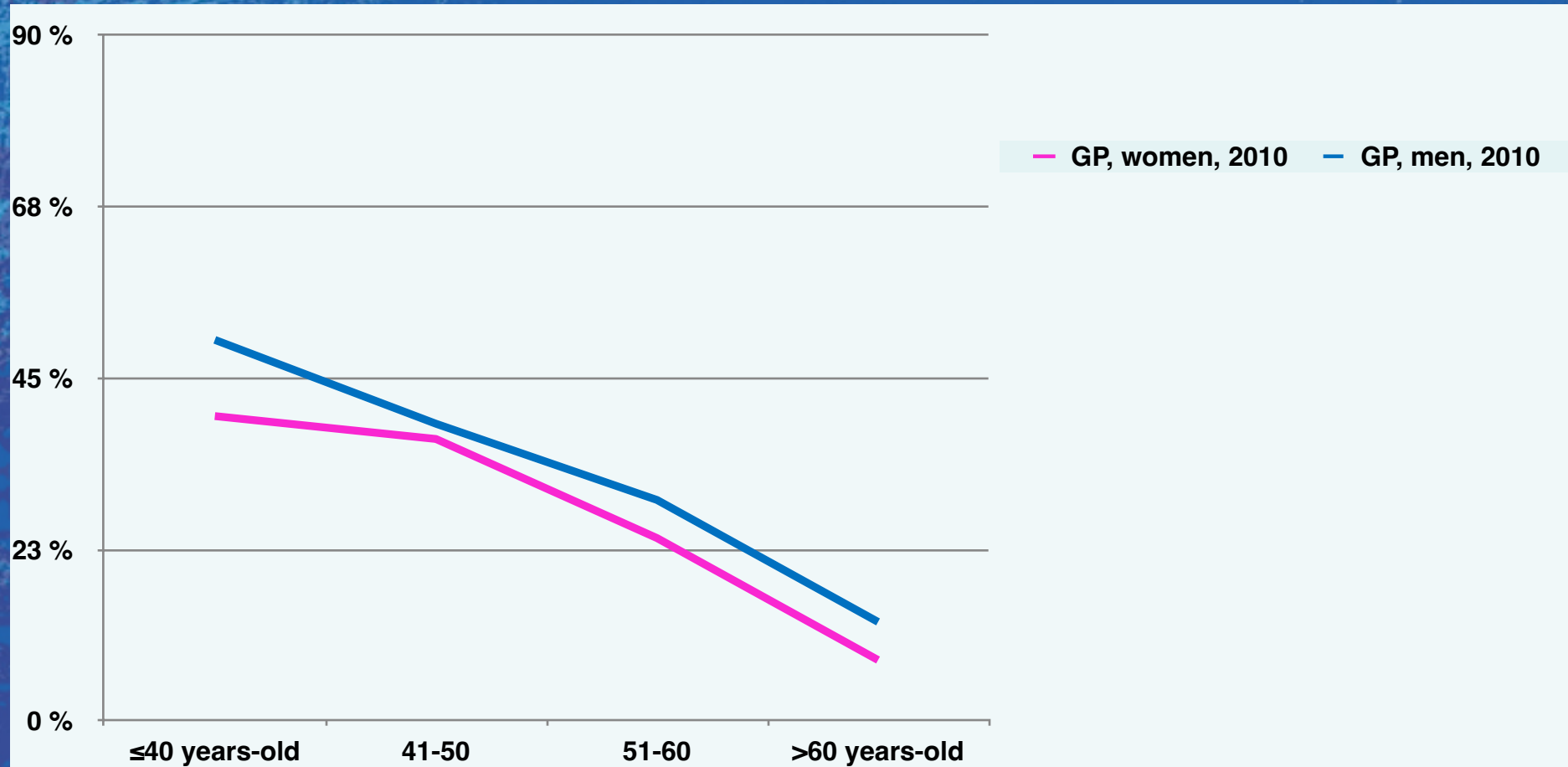
78% of smokers, mean age 49, 70% of men.

-people infected through heterosexual intercourse (47%):

26% of smokers, mean age 46, 41% of men.

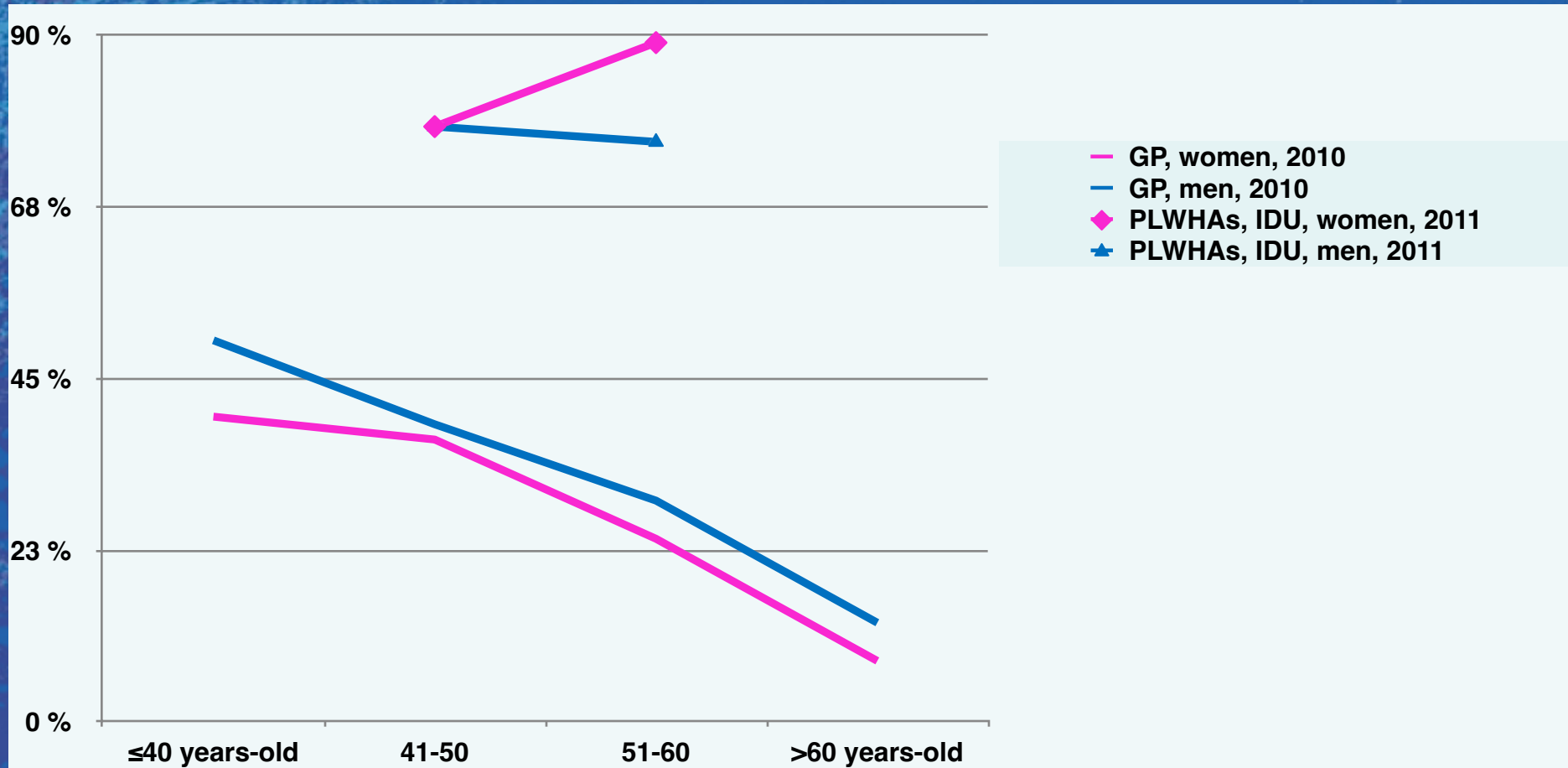
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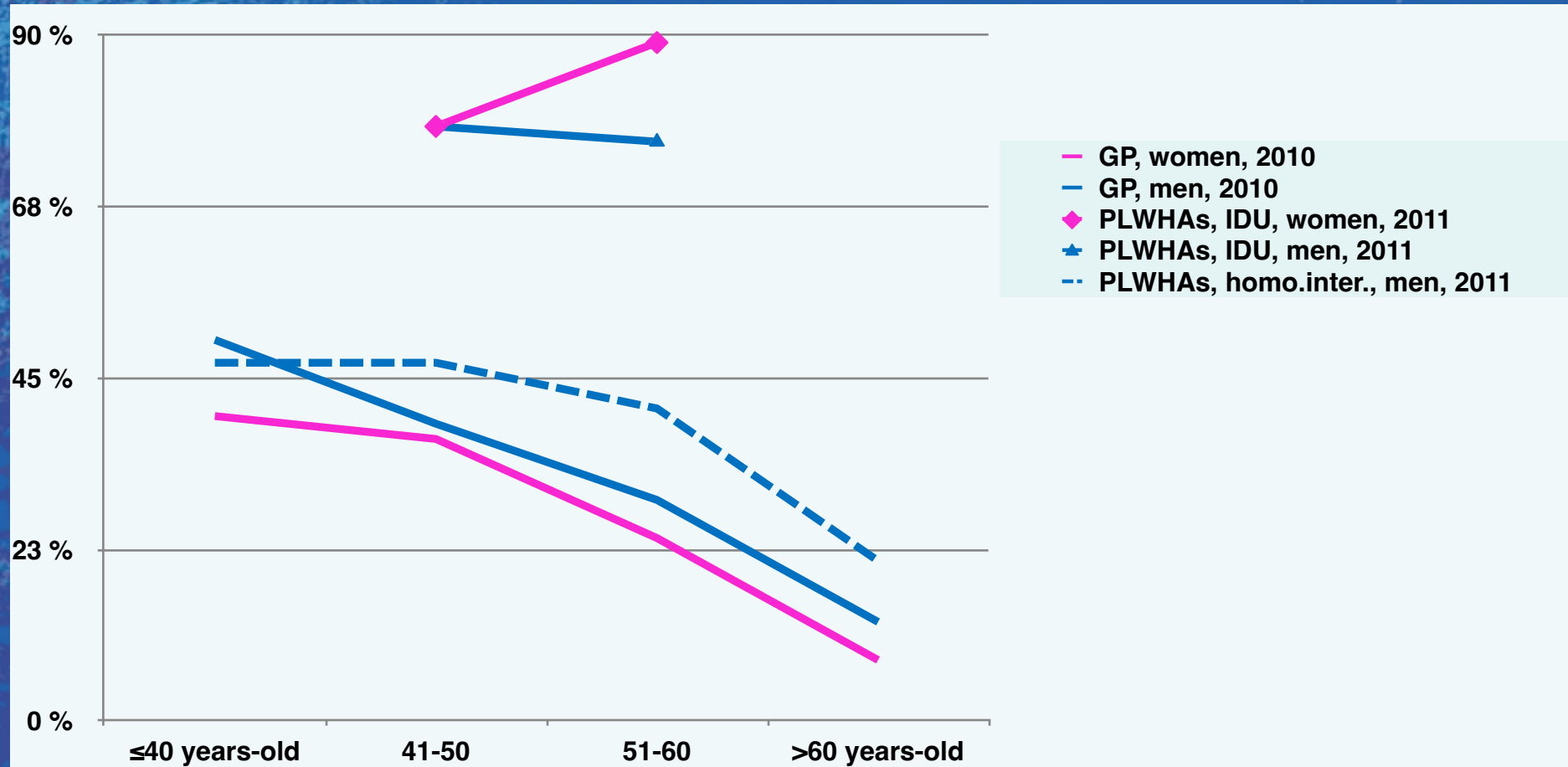
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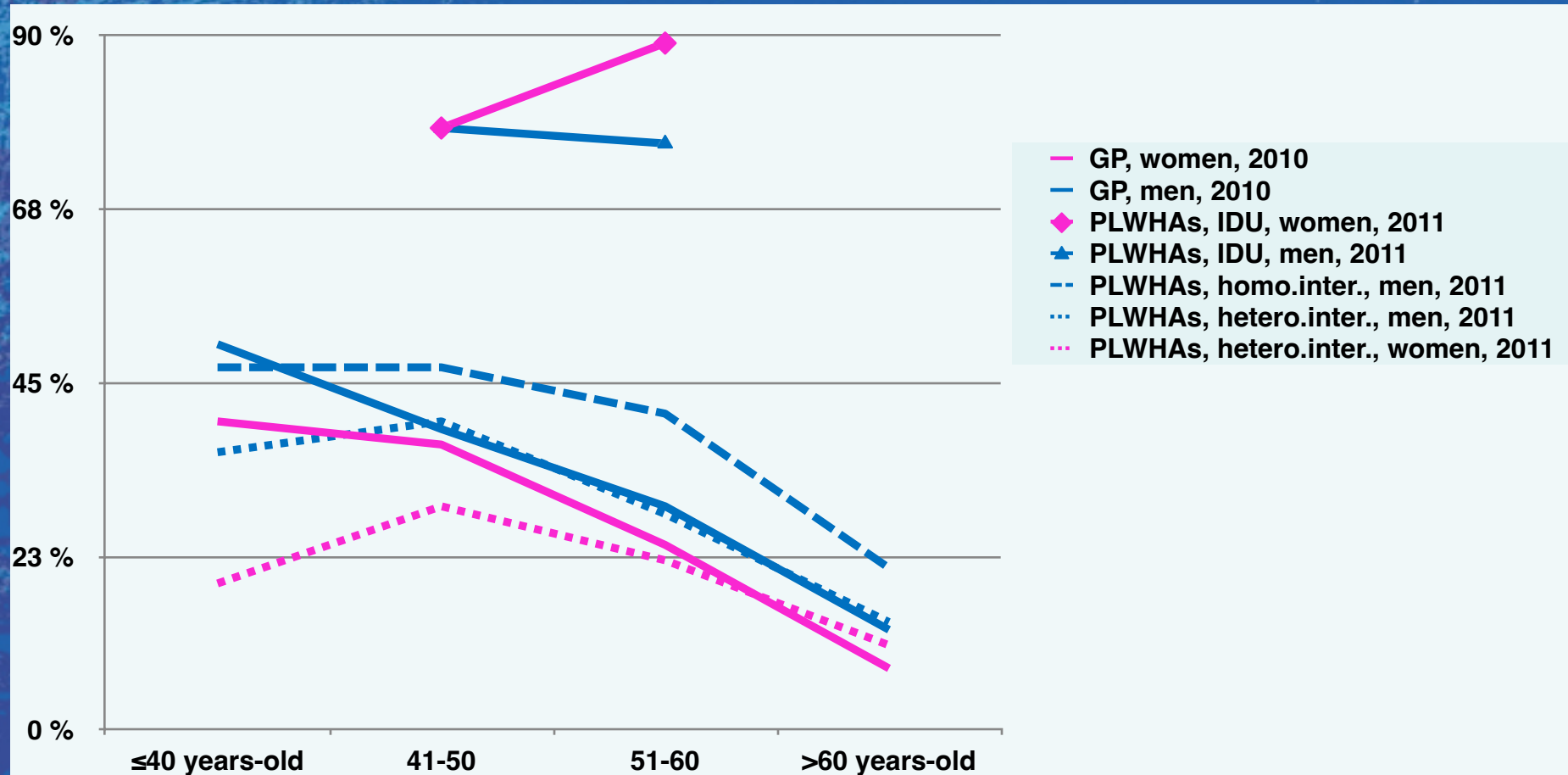
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I.1. Many PLWHAs smoke tobacco... (7/7)

When compared to the general population, the smoking prevalence is higher among PLWHAs infected through homosexual intercourse, and much more higher among those infected through intravenous drug use.

See also:

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Tobacco Smoking in HIV-Infected versus General Population in France: Heterogeneity across the Various Groups of People Living with HIV

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I.2. Smoking is especially harmful to PLWHAS... (1/4)

- Among PLWHAs, smoking increases the risk of: CVDs, non-AIDS cancer, but also pneumocystis pneumonia, bacterial pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, oral candidiasis, emphysema, hairy leukoplakia... +ART side-effects / CVDs & cancer.
- **ART & AIDS:** smoking → immune system impairment, increase in HIV replication, decreasing response to ART → virologic failure and disease progression.
- **Behavioural & attitudinal outcomes:** HIV-infected smokers report lower medical adherence, attend fewer medical visits, and rank “health” as less important to their quality of life...



I.2. Smoking is especially harmful to PLWHAS... (2/4)

- Behavioural & attitudinal outcomes: a focus on adherence to treatment & drug use.

Measuring independent effects for each drug use on adherence led to mixed and contradictory results.



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Drug use patterns and adherence to treatment
among HIV-positive patients: evidence from a large
sample of French outpatients (ANRS-EN12-VESPA 2003)

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I.2. Smoking is especially harmful to PLWHAS... (3/4)

→ VESPA survey 2003 (n=2484): investigating the relationships between drug use (cigarette, alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, heroin, drug maintenance treatment...) & adherence to HAART.

Two strategies:

#1: assessing independent effects for each drug use separately;

#2: first identifying patterns of drug uses with a cluster analysis, and assessing independent effects for each pattern separately.

#1 → cigarette smoking predictive of low adherence, no significant effect for cocaine or heroin use.

#2 → among other patterns, we found a “multiple addictions” profile (heroin+cocaine+DMT+tobacco) strongly associated to low adherence.

I.2. Smoking is especially harmful to PLWHAS... (4/4)

Cigarette smoking should not be considered as an independent risk factor, it is usually embedded in a lifestyle and connected with other behaviours/habits.

→ First step toward a sociological approach of cigarette smoking.

II. Cigarette smoking: a sociological approach.

II.1. Three basic principles of sociology.

II.2. Cigarette smoking as a social practice.

II.3. Smokers' motives and justifications.

II.4. The social differentiation of smoking.

II.1. Three basic principles of sociology.

- **Situated/limited rationality:** people pursue objectives, under specific circumstances, constraints, that must be understood.
- **Reflexivity:** people are able/prone to stand back from their own experience to engage in reflexive thinking, in order to describe/explain/justify what they do → in-depth interviews...
- **Social groups:** people are not isolated atoms in a vacuum. Their behaviours, attitudes and beliefs are constructed collectively, are influenced by their social environment → peers/colleagues/relatives with similar living conditions and values.

II.2. Cigarette smoking as a social practice. (1/3)

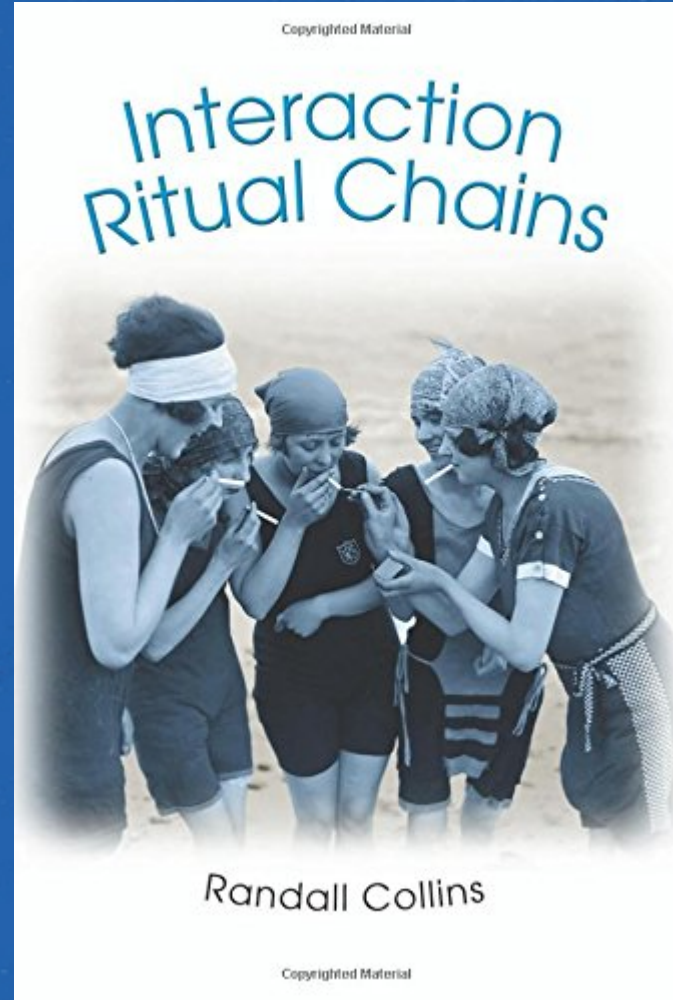
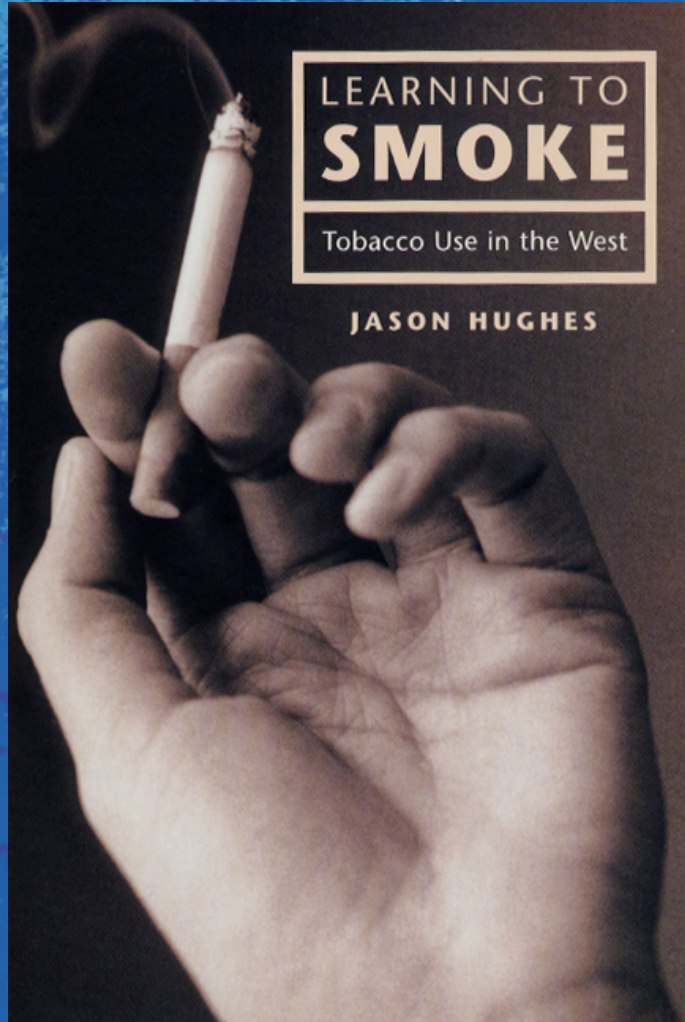
- Not (only) a chronic, addictive and contagious disease: “tobacco pandemic”, “behavioural epidemic” through peer pressure/imitation & nicotine addiction → medicalization of smoking.
Considering cigarette smoking as a social practice implies a radical departure from this perspective.
- We have to consider various aspects of cigarette smoking: implicit rules, know-how, meanings and motives...
- These aspects are not personal attributes: they are shared with and learned from other smokers, and they change across time and space...

II.2. Cigarette smoking as a social practice. (2/3)

➤ Social practice → learning process.

- how to hold the cigarette correctly,
- how to inhale/exhale properly,
- how to use tobacco as a psychological tool (as a sedative to alleviate stress, as a stimulant to counter boredom),
- implicit rules: in which circumstances, in which places, with which people, it is acceptable or not to smoke, or to ask for a cigarette...

II.2. Cigarette smoking as a social practice. (3/3)



II.3. Smokers' motives and justifications. (1/4)

❖ Smokers' motives and justifications.

- Multiple benefits from smoking: feeling of membership, social bonding, relaxation, pleasure, dealing with periods of boredom/stress/sadness, regulating one's weight...
- These motives depend on personal smoking history, gender, age, socioeconomic status...

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Most common motives:

Reported reasons for smoking, from 1 (never) to 10 (always).

Smoking behavior, reasons for smoking and personal time perspective, column percentages (France, 2008, $N = 621$).

Smoking reasons (9–10 ratings: almost always)

Habitual smoking ($N = 140$)	23%
Aid to socialization ($N = 94$)	15%
For enjoyment ($N = 153$)	25%
To relief stress ($N = 150$)	24%
To improve in concentration ($N = 31$)	5%
To take one's mind off cares and worries ($N = 63$)	10%
To keep weight control ($N = 46$)	7%

II.3. Smokers' motives and justifications. (3/4)

Examples of justifications:



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“Worth it” beliefs

I would rather live a shorter life and enjoy it than a longer one where I will be deprived of the pleasure of smoking

II.3. Smokers' motives and justifications. (4/4)

❖ Main risk denial beliefs among French smokers:

(Cancer Barometer survey, 2010, N=1,106 smokers, INPES)

<i>Personal control:</i>	agree:
smoking causes cancer only if one smokes a lot and for a long time	35%
a smoker can avoid cancer if she/he quits in time	62%
doing sport cleans the lungs	73%
<i>Relativizing risk:</i>	
smoking is no more dangerous than breathing polluted air	66%
some people smoke their whole life and never get cancer	83%
a former smoker can have a tobacco-related cancer even a long time after quitting	73%

- Human beings are argumentative rather than strictly rational. They are prone to 'convincing' self-delusion.
- Most smokers are neither ignorant of risk nor seeking it purposely. But they find 'good reasons' to deny/minimize it. Of course, they can be wrong. But taking this risk denial into consideration is necessary to improve prevention.

II.4. The social differentiation of smoking. (1/5)

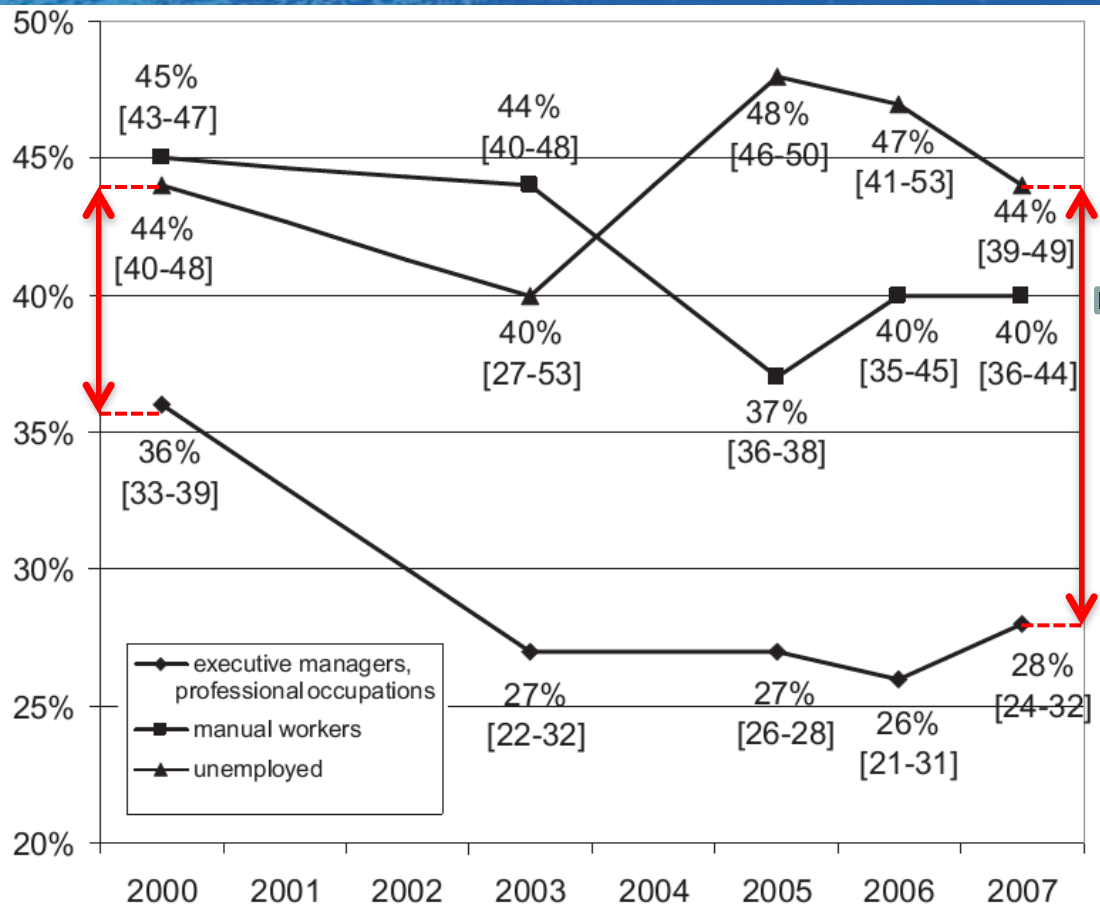
- Cigarette smoking, considered as a social practice, involves a whole set of beliefs, attitudes & behaviours, acquired through a learning process embedded in social context.

One important corollary:

- social differentiation of smoking-related beliefs, attitudes and behaviours, & social differentiation of sensitivity to prevention.

Example: trends in smoking prevalence in France during the 2000s (↗ anti-tobacco policies & ↗ social differentiation of smoking prevalence).

II.4. The social differentiation of smoking. (2/5)



$(40-45)/45 = -11\%$

$(28-36)/36 = -22\%$

Figure I Smoking prevalence for executive and professional occupations, manual workers and the unemployed, 2000–07, France [National Institute for Health Prevention and Education (INPES) surveys].

II.4. The social differentiation of smoking. (3/5)

Why are low-SES people more prone to smoke/less likely to quit?

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... because they “need” cigarettes more than other smokers (specific motives), as economic hardship induces stress/distress.

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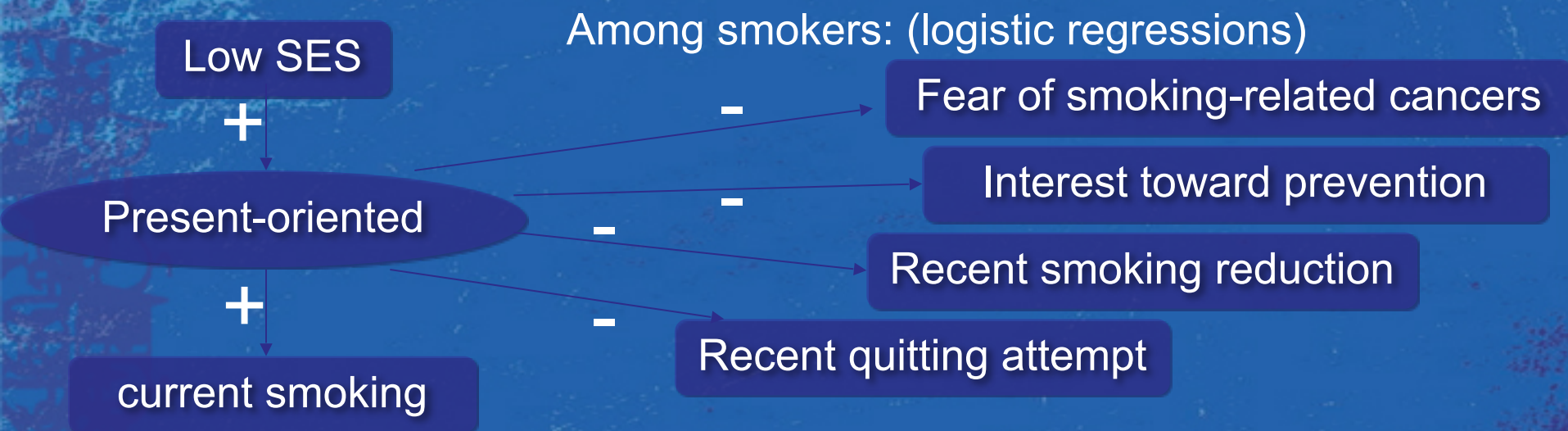
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Among smokers: (logistic regressions)

Low SES

+

Present-oriented

+

current smoking

Fear of smoking-related cancers

Interest toward prevention

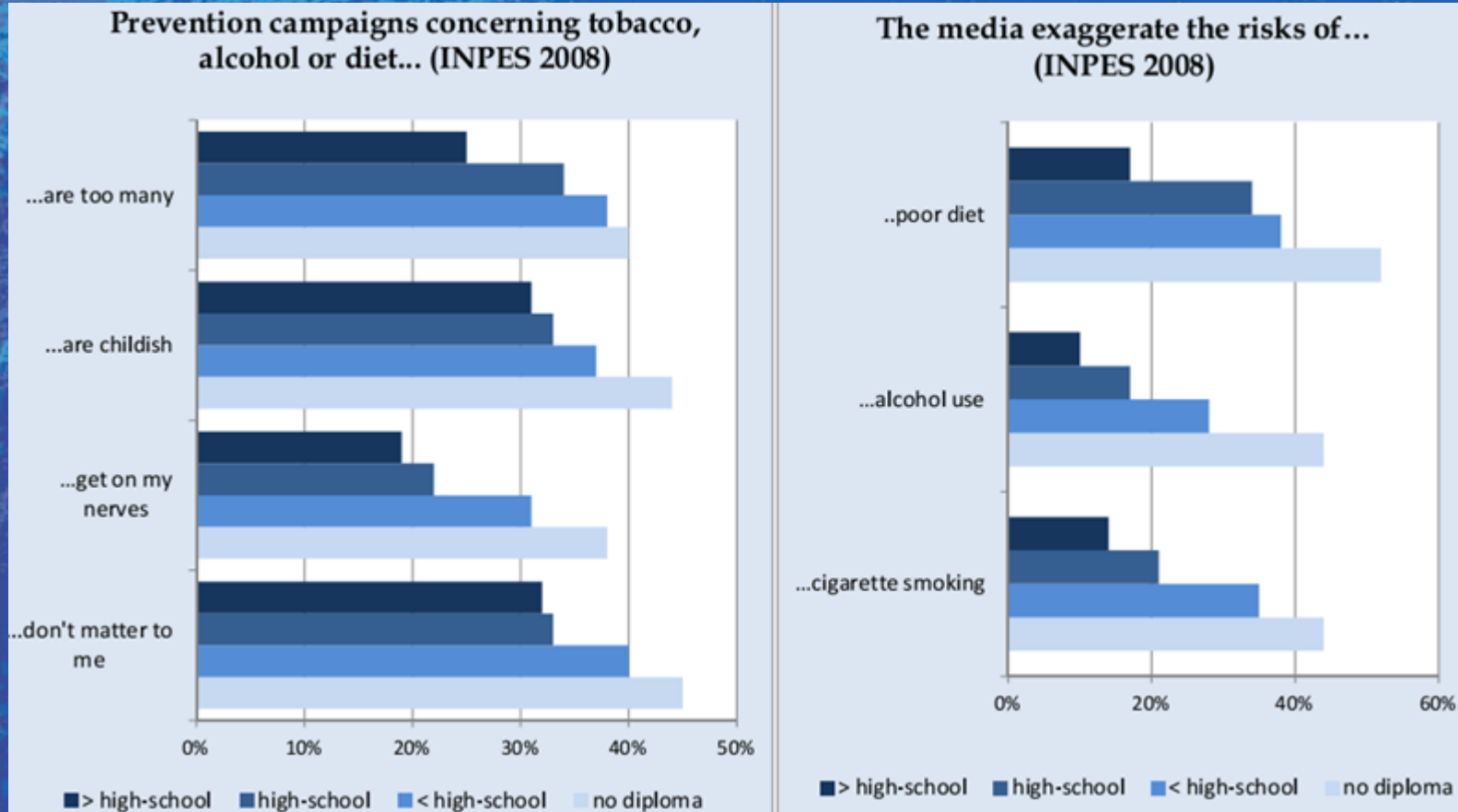
Recent smoking reduction

Recent quitting attempt

...because they are more present-oriented:
hardship shortens time horizon.

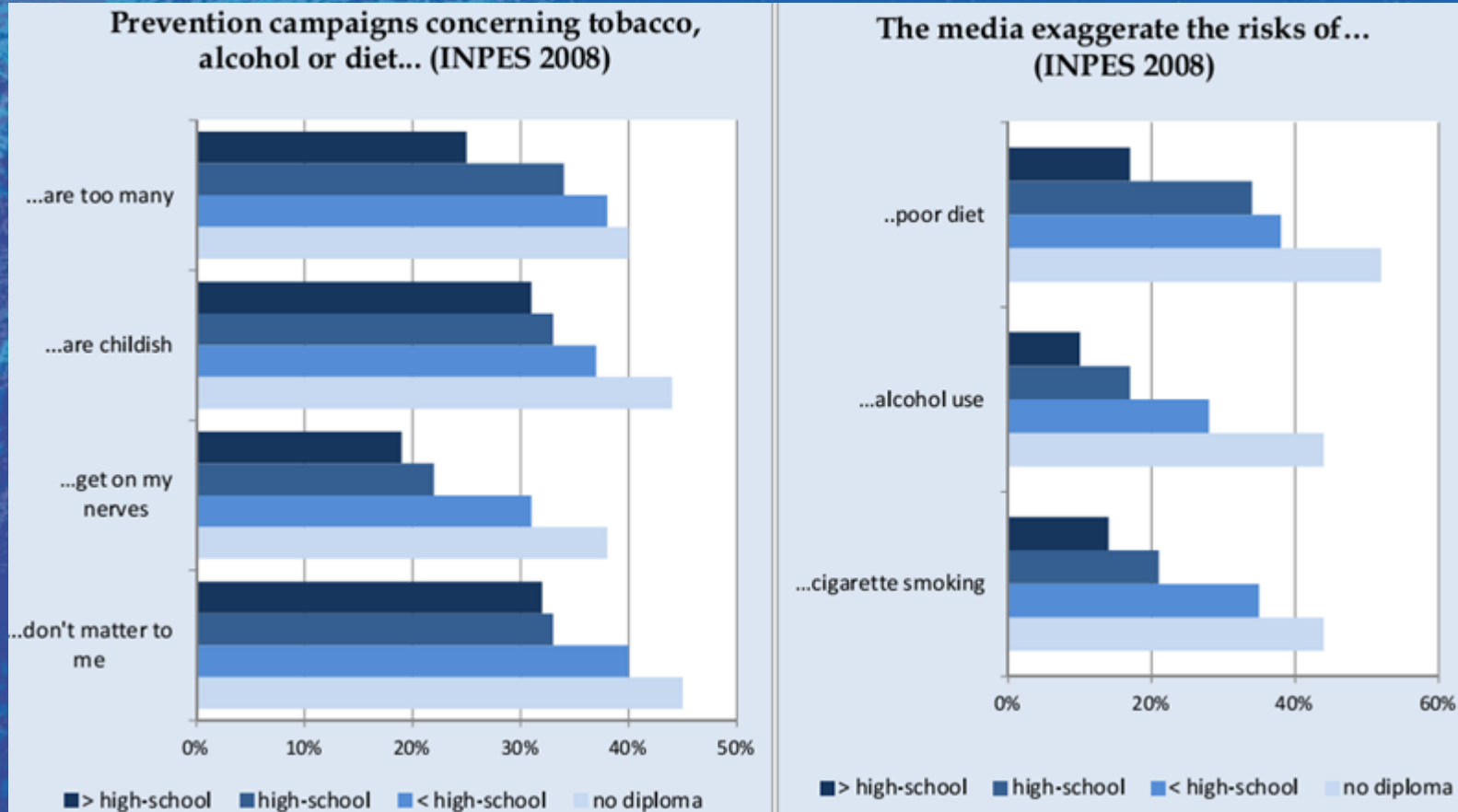
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...because they are less likely to trust health authorities,
and more likely to endorse risk denial beliefs.

III. Why do HIV-infected people smoke?

III.1. Because of a low SES...

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon.

III.3. Motives to smoke and willing to quit.

III.1. ...because of a low SES (1/3)

Some indicators of SES among the general population (INPES, 2010) and PLWHAs (VESPA2, 2011)

	General population	HIV-infected people (<i>transmission group</i>)			
		total	(<i>homosexual</i>)	(<i>IDU</i>)	(<i>hetero.,other</i>)
Financial situation of the household:					
- in debt / difficult	14%	33%	18%	46%	40%
- tight	70%	54%	63%	47%	50%
- fine	16%	13%	19%	7%	10%
Educational level:					
- < High-school	61%	54%	39%	76%	59%
- High-school	17%	16%	18%	9%	16%
- > High-school	22%	30%	43%	15%	25%
Occupational status (age 25-55):					
- employed	81%	61%	75%	34%	58%
- unemployed, other	19%	39%	25%	66%	42%

The average SES is lower among PLWHAs, with a great heterogeneity according to transmission group

→ Homosexuals >> hetero.,other >> IDUs

III.1. ...because of a low SES (2/3)

Current HIV Research, 2009, 7, 462-467

How Do HIV-Infected Smokers React to Cigarette Price Increases? Evidence from the Aproco-Copilote-ANRS CO8 Cohort

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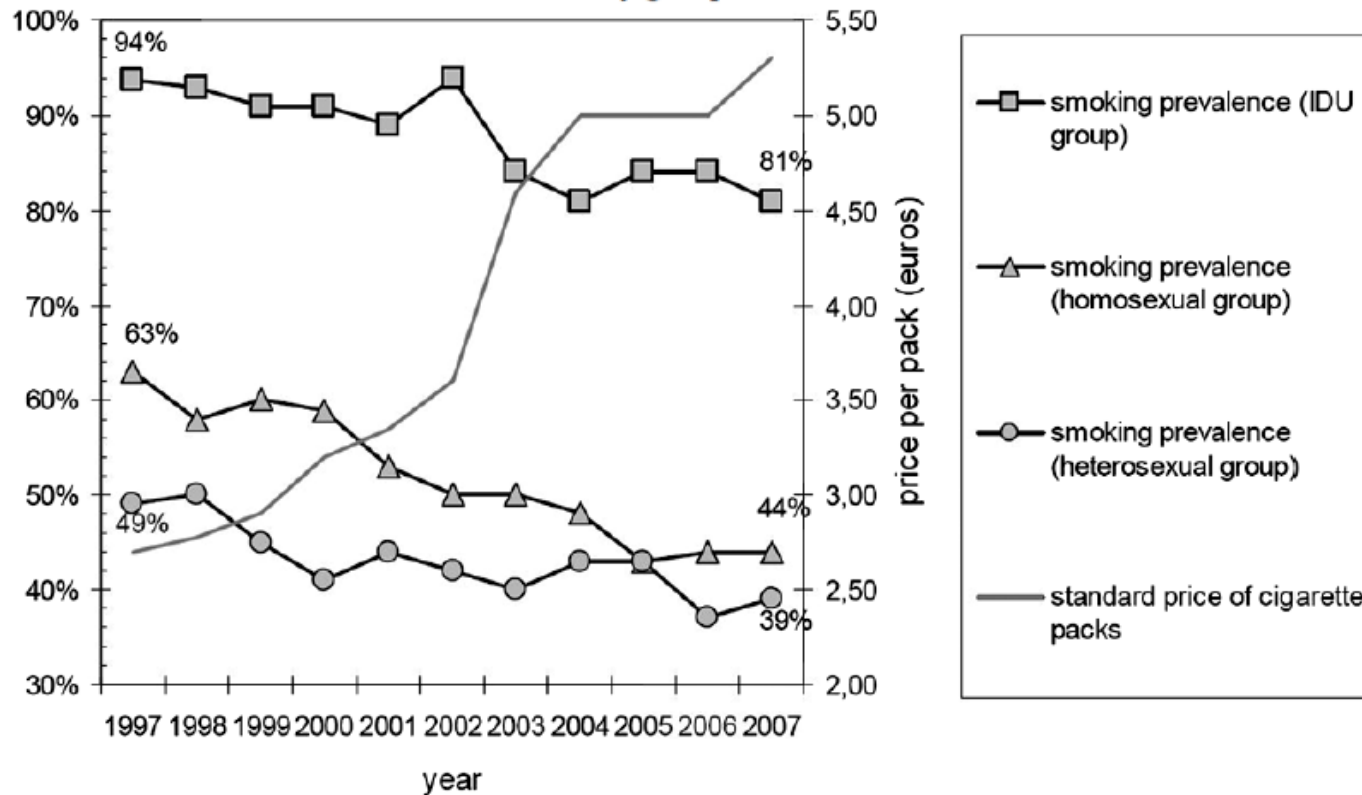


Fig. (1). Trends in cigarette price and smoking prevalence among HIV-infected people, according to transmission group, France, 1997-2007 (APROCO cohort).

III.1. ...because of a low SES (3/3)

Table 2. Factors Associated with Smoking Among HIV-Infected Patients, France, 1997-2007, GEE Logit Model (APROCO-COPILOTE Cohort)

	Baseline Smoking Prevalence (M0)	Factors Associated with Current Smoking
	Row Percent	aOR [CI95%]
Transmission group & gender:		
- IDU, men (n=143)	94%	-1-
-IDU, women (n=55)	93%	1.16 [0.43; 3.10]
- homosexual (n=465)	60%	0.08 [0.01; 0.83]
- heterosexual, men (n=280)	49%	0.06 [0.01; 0.61]
- heterosexual, women (n=203)	46% ***	0.03 [0.01; 0.35]
Educational level:		
- < secondary school (n=918)	62%	-1-
- > secondary school (n=228)	55% *	0.71 [0.53; 0.95]
Unemployed/income support at M0, M28 or M52:		
- no (n=724)	57%	-1-
- yes (n=422)	68% ***	1.47 [1.13; 1.90]
Age:		
IDU x age	—	1.04 [0.96; 1.12]
homosexual x age	—	0.95 [0.94; 0.97]
heterosexual x age	—	0.96 [0.94; 0.98]
Cigarette price:		
IDU x price	—	1.20 [0.90; 1.64]
homosexual x price	—	0.91 [0.85; 0.97]
heterosexual x price	—	1.03 [0.96; 1.10]

aOR: adjusted odds ratio.

[CI95%]: 95% confidence interval.

ref.: reference category in logistic regression.

***, *, ns: statistically significant at $p < 0.001$, $p < 0.05$, non significant.

With regard to age and cigarette price, the adjusted odds ratios measured the net effect of one additional year (for age) and one additional € (for cigarette price).

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (1/7)

❖ Common and specific motives & justifications

Qualitative insight:

Listening to Those Who are Living With HIV and Tobacco Dependence and Exploring Their Health Care Context

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+quantitative data...

Illness Representation and Smoking Behavior: A Focus Group Study of HIV-Positive Men

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→ Motives to smoke, disadvantages of smoking, obstacles to quitting...

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (2/7)

➤ Benefits of smoking

- ✓ a means of easing social bonding;
- ✓ A psychological incentive.....
- ✓ a pleasurable activity providing
- ✓ comfort, relief, distraction from unpleasant sensation.....

You're nauseated, you feel really tired, but you want your cigarette. . . . It gets you out the door and through the garage and gets you home.
I saw it as a reward when I finished something difficult . . . always something to look forward to.

It's like Linus's blanket . . . you're there, you're content, you're calmed.

- ✓ ...including relief from illness- or treatment-related symptoms:

(some people think that smoking raises T-cell counts and help fighting infection)

When you feel this lousy or you have diarrhea or shingles, [cigarettes] could be the best friend you ever had; food is not going to do it; music's not going to do it.

...or coping with the diagnosis:

I started smoking again about a month after I found I had HIV...sort of a stress reliever

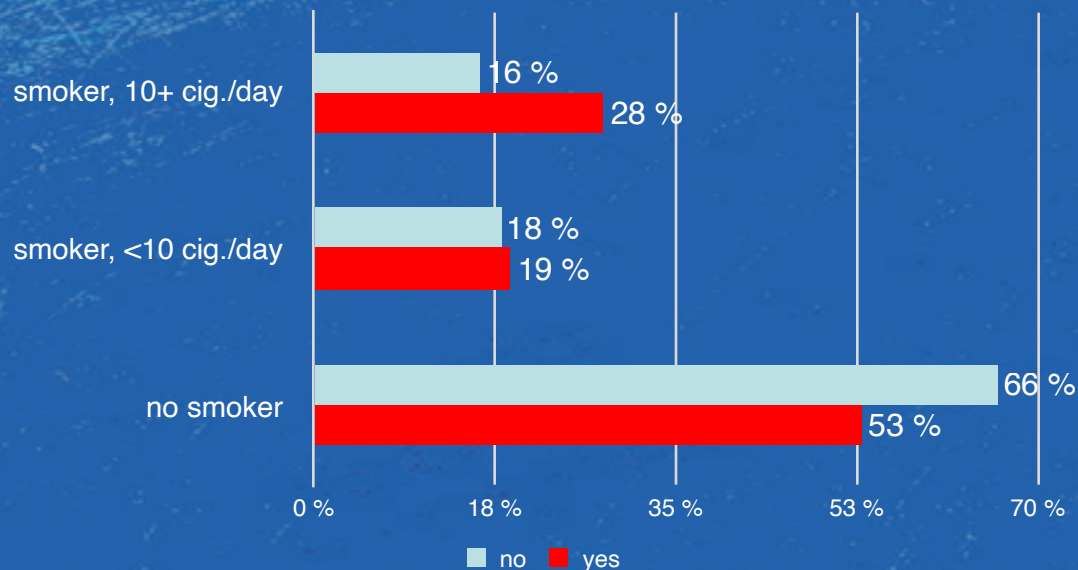
- ✓ mixing smoking with illicit drug use and drinking alcohol;
(// quantitative studies)

→ common and specific motives.

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (3/7)

A specific motive: stress induced by experience of stigma.

Did you already feel rejected by friends/
relatives because of HIV? (VESPA2 survey,
2011).



// 'race-related' stigma and smoking among African Americans, King G,
Soc Sci Med 1997.

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (4/7)

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Living with HIV, antiretroviral treatment experience and tobacco smoking: results from a multisite cross-sectional study

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Table 2. Bivariate and multivariate analyses of factors associated with smoking, former smoking and non-smoking status in the 593 HIV-infected patients who participated in the study

Variables	Bivariate analysis				Multipartite analysis					
	Active smokers n=254	Former smokers n=103	Non-smokers n=236	P-value	Active smokers versus non-smokers			Former smokers versus non-smokers		
					OR	95% CI	P-value	OR	95% CI	P-value
Mean age, years (±SD)	43.1 (±7.6)	47.1 (±10.0)	46.1 (±11.3)	0.0002	0.98	0.96–1.01	0.1124	1.02	0.99–1.05	0.1017
Sex (male), %	79	72	60	<0.0001	2.38	1.43–4.00	0.0008	1.56	0.89–2.70	0.1187
Disclosure of HIV status (yes versus no)										
Disclosure to family, %	77	63	56	<0.0001	1.81	1.16–2.85	0.0097	1.08	0.66–1.77	0.7622
Disclosure to friends, %	80	70	55	<0.0001	–	–	–	–	–	–
Experience of rejection due to disclosure, %	38	20	20	<0.0001	1.90	1.14–3.17	0.0134	1.08	0.59–2.00	0.8051

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (5/7)

➤ Disadvantages of smoking and risk denial/relativization

✓ an expensive habit;

✓ a source of disgust: People tend to look at you like it's a dirty habit

✓ discounting health risk:

- risk denial beliefs:

I think after you smoke long enough, your lung capacity decreases, so I do aerobics.

- relativization & time horizon: If I live long enough to get cancer that's great!

➤ Obstacles to smoking cessation

✓ reluctance to giving up a key coping mechanism;

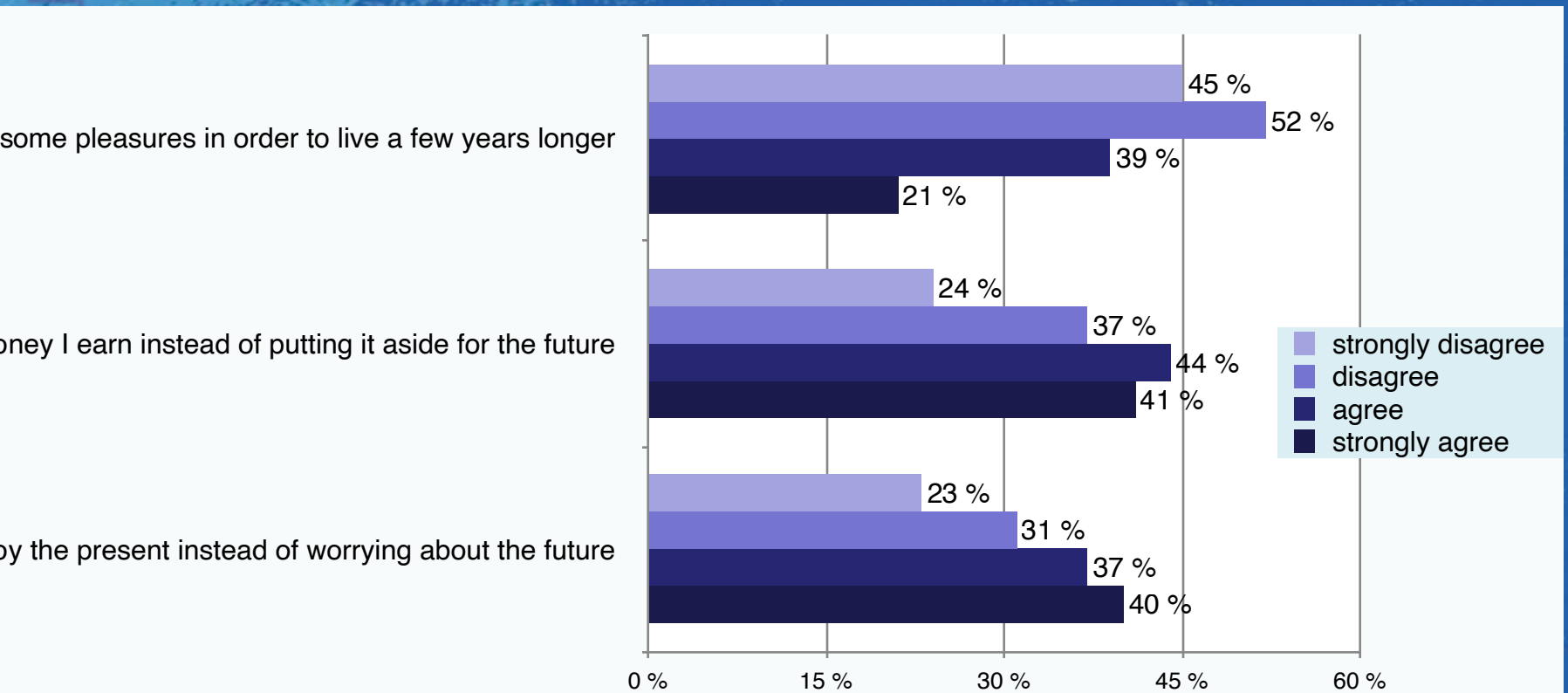
✓ concerns about the potential for weight gain;

✓ relationships with care providers:

I don't like people controlling, telling me to quit—lectures make you want to smoke!

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (6/7)

-Time horizon → present-orientation and smoking in VESPA2:



In multivariate analysis present-orientation remained a significant risk factor for current smoking (after adjustment on sociodemographic profile, transmission group...).

III.2. Motives, justifications & time horizon. (7/7)

HIV-infected smokers' motives and justifications:

- as other smokers, they frequently portray themselves as rational beings assessing the costs and benefits of smoking;
 - regarding other smokers, they also share the same motives (facilitating social interaction, stress relief) and justifications (compensatory measures: exercise...),
 - but some motives and risk denial beliefs are more specific to HIV (stress due to HIV, lack of confidence toward physicians, dealing with symptoms or side-effects of treatment, relativization because of HIV, shortened time-horizon due to HIV);
- their priority is HIV now and they think that smoking helps them to cope with stress and to stay mentally positive now.

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III.3. Motives to smoke and willing to quit (2/2)

Motives to smoke and willing to quit:

- Intellectual/emotional support (22%).
- Automatic/stress relief (22%): women, ≥ 20 cig./day; strong nicotine dependence, anxiety, recent opiate use, past experience of discrimination due to HIV...
- Weight control (29%): age > 50 , depressive symptoms, fat accumulation due to treatment side-effects...
- Pleasure/conviviality (27%): men, age < 40 , mild dependence.

Table 2. Factors associated with motivation to stop smoking among 254 French HIV-infected smokers

Factor	Motivation to quit smoking (moderate or strong versus insufficient)	
	Bivariate analysis, %	Multivariate logistic regression, OR (95% CI)
Smoking motivations typology		
Cluster 1: intellectual/emotional support	35	1
Cluster 2: automatic/stress relief	18	0.39 (0.16–0.96) ^c
Cluster 3: weight control	59	2.87 (1.33–6.19) ^c
Cluster 4: pleasure/conviviality	24 ^d	0.53 (0.23–1.22) ^a

Conclusion.

- ❖ Smoking is a social practice that involves a whole set of beliefs, attitudes and behaviours, embedded in social context.
- ❖ Social differentiation of smoking and prevention efficacy, including among HIV-infected smokers.
- ❖ HIV-infected smokers have both common and specific motives & justifications.
- ❖ To make them quit, it is necessary to convince them that it's worth it.

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