Reduced Risk Claims Comprehension and Risk Perceptions in Adult Tobacco Users and Nonusers for an Oral Tobacco-Derived Nicotine Product After Exposure to Promotional Materials

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# on!® Nicotine Pouches Harm Reduction Opportunity

on!<sup>®</sup> nicotine pouches have the most variety of any nicotine pouches currently in the U.S. Market

## SEVENFLAVORS















## FIVE NICOTINE STRENGTHS

1.5 MG 2 MG 3.5 MG

**4** MG

8 MG

NO TOBACCO LEAF

All flavors are available for purchase through e-commerce. Select SKUs are available in retail.



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# MRTPA Guidance Calls for Evidence of Accurate Consumer Comprehension of Claims and Relative Risks



Marketed product

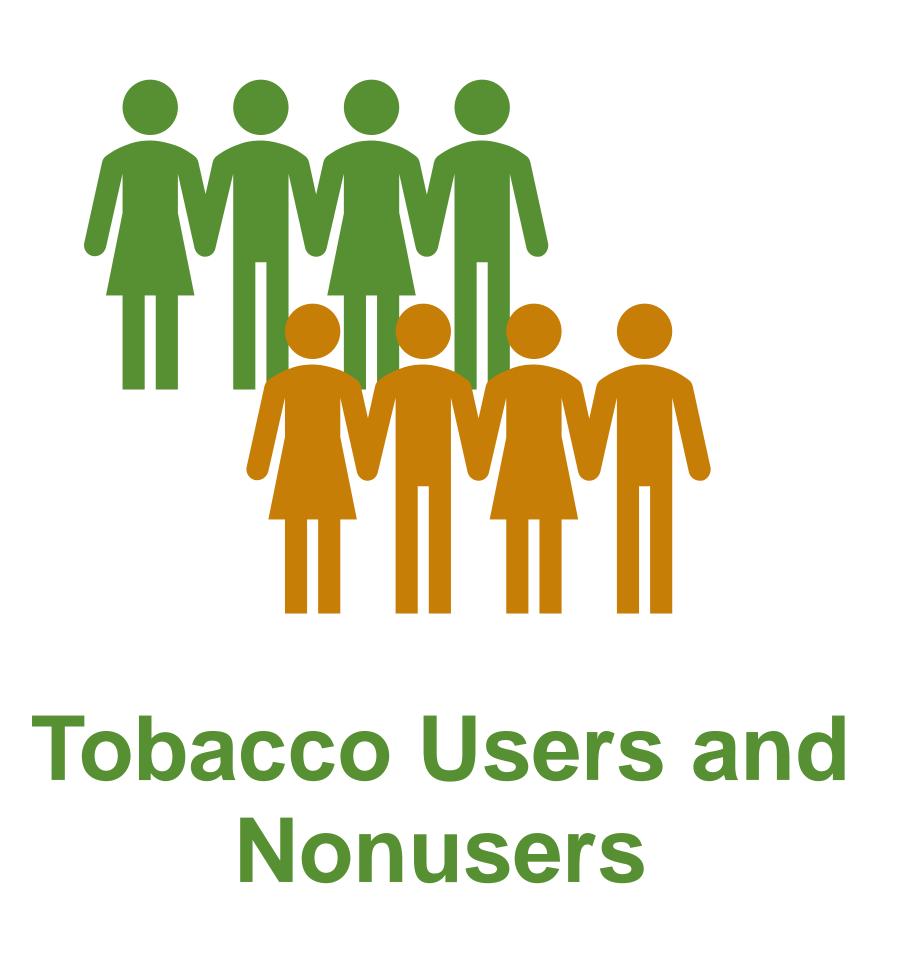
Marketed product with claim (MRTP)

- MRTPA must address "the effect of the tobacco product's marketing on consumer understanding and perceptions"
  - understanding of the modified risk or exposure claims
  - beliefs about health risks

Modified exposure claims should not mislead consumers

# Claim Comprehension & Intentions Study (CCIS) Examined Understanding and Risk Perceptions Among Tobacco Users and Nonusers

## Participants



## **Exposure to Promotional Materials**



**Test Condition** 



## Measures

Comprehension

Risk Perceptions (Absolute)

Risk Perceptions (Relative)

# How Do We Measure Comprehension and Risk Perceptions?

(Post-test only)

# Comprehension

☐ Target audience☐ Targeted comprehension

Behavioral implication

(Pre- and post-test)

# Risk Perceptions (Absolute)

- ☐ General harm
- Risk of general and specific diseases
  - Cigarettes
  - Candidate products

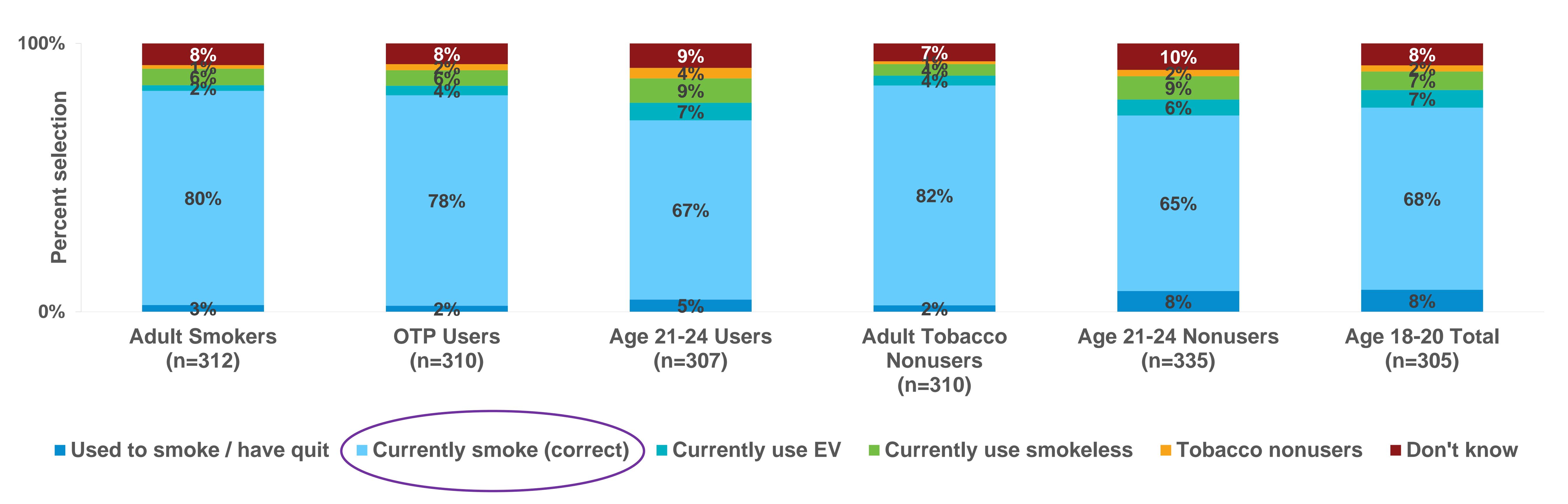
(Pre- and post-test)

# Risk Perceptions (Relative)

☐ Total health risk relative to use of other tobacco products, nicotine replacement therapies (NRTs) or quitting tobacco

# Adult Tobacco Consumers (ATC) and Nonusers Correctly Identify Cigarette Smokers as the Intended Audience of the Proposed Claims

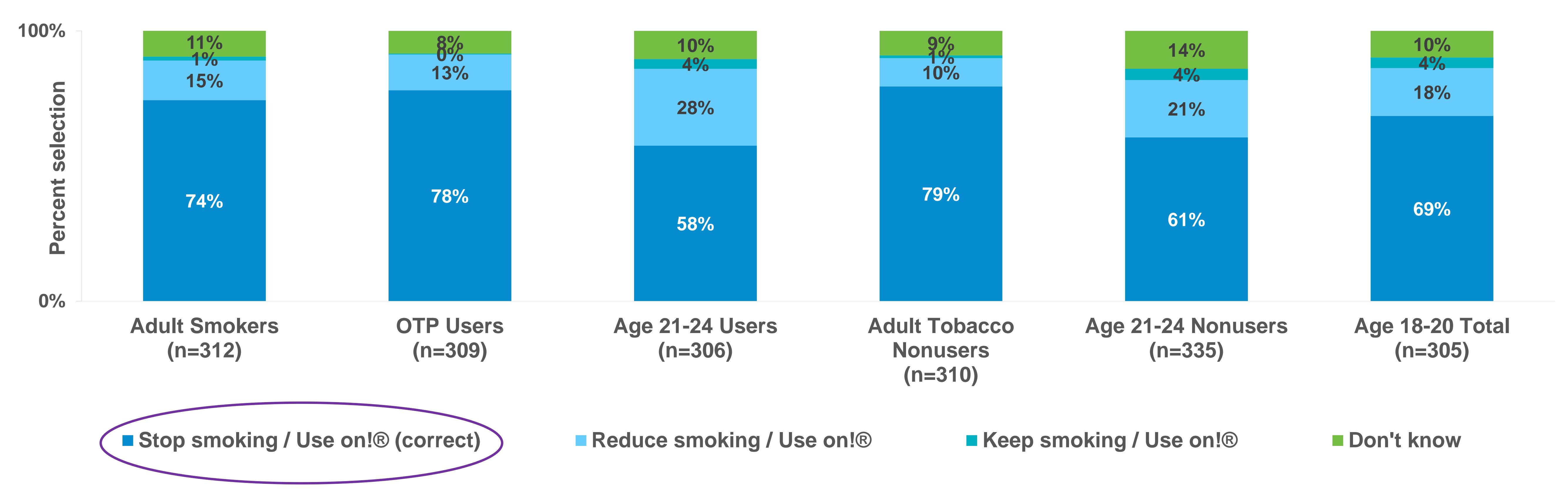
## "Who is the message in these ads meant for?" - Test Condition



OTP = other tobacco products

# The Majority Understand the Behavior Change Needed to Reduce Risk and Exposure to Harmful Chemicals as Stated in the Proposed Claims

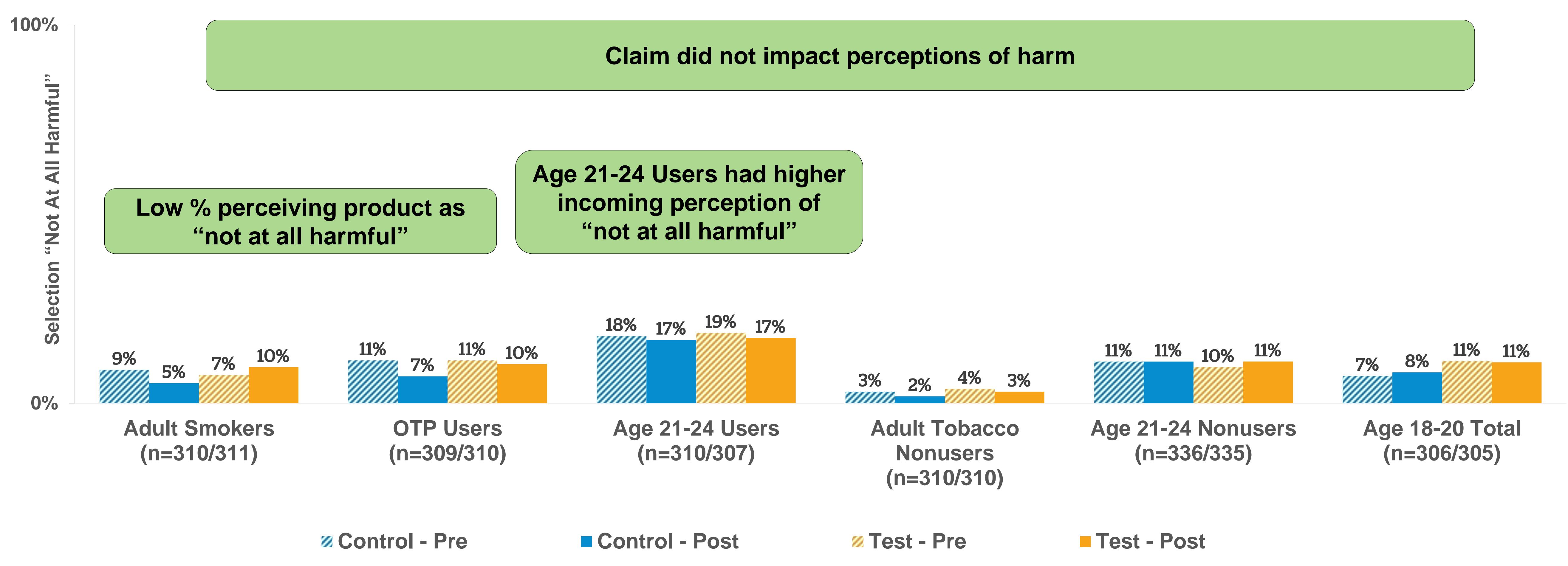
# "Based only on this ad, what do smokers need to do in order to reduce their risk of exposure to harmful chemicals?" - Test Condition



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# The Majority of Participants Believe that the Candidate Products are not Risk Free in the Context of the Modified Risk Claims

## "How harmful is using on!® nicotine pouches to a person's health?" – Test Condition

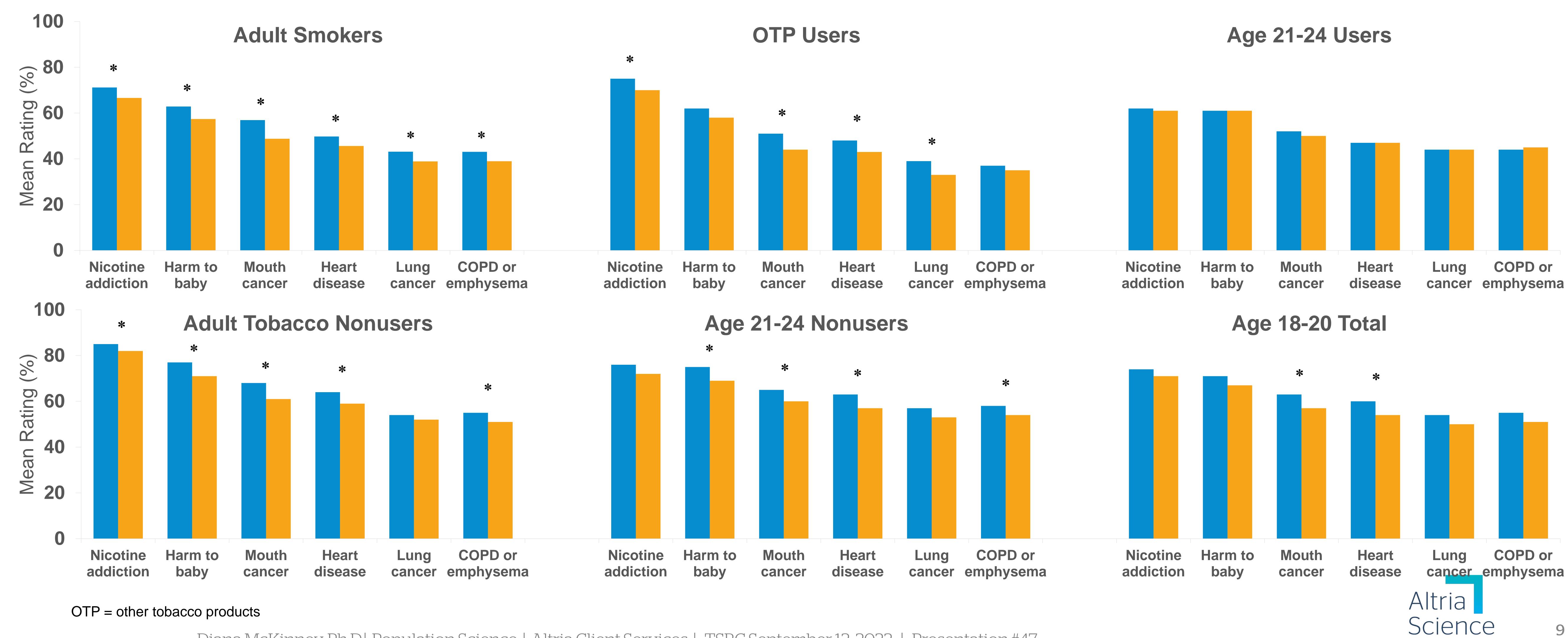


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# The Modified Risk Claims Decreased or Did Not Change Specific (Absolute) Risk Perceptions



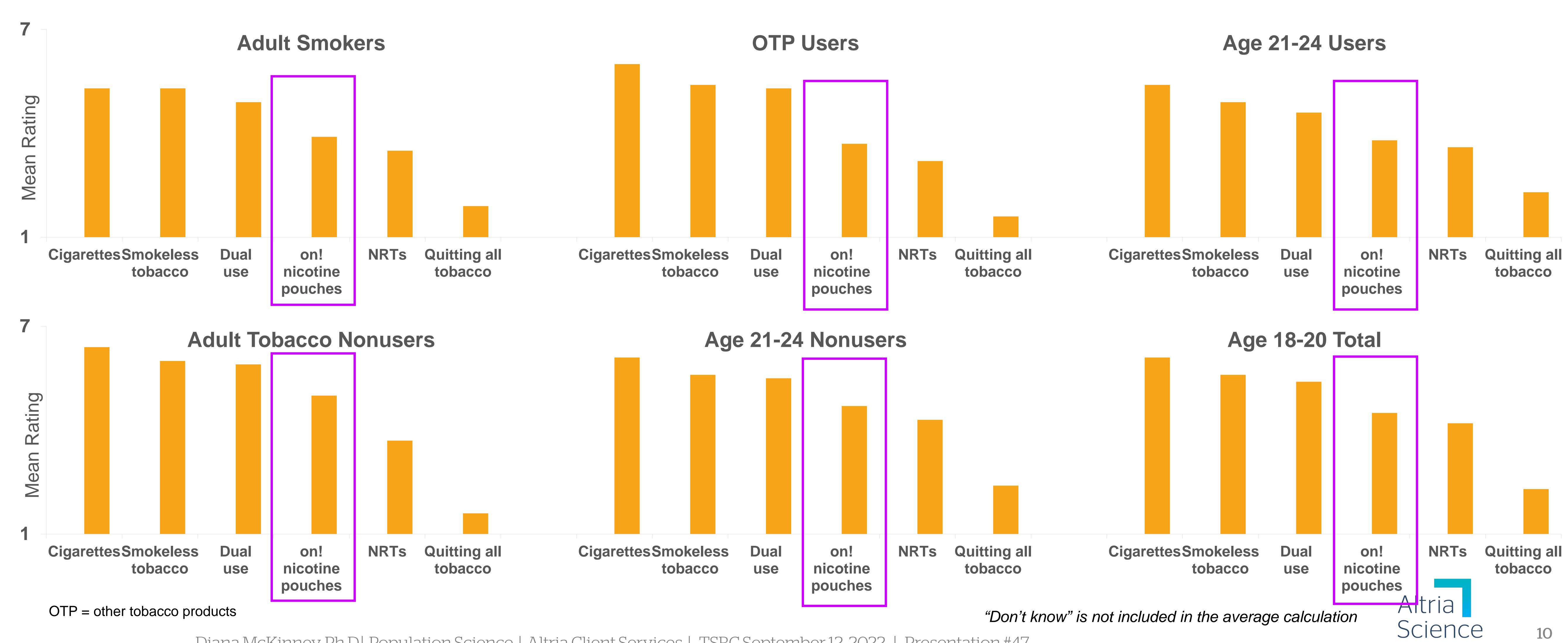
"Looking at this list, how likely is it that these things will happen to a person who only uses on!® nicotine pouches daily?" (11-pt scale, 0% = Extremely unlikely, 100% = Extremely likely; adjusted means reported)



# Relative Risk Perceptions for on!® Nicotine Pouches Significantly Decreased in the Context of the Modified Risk Claims



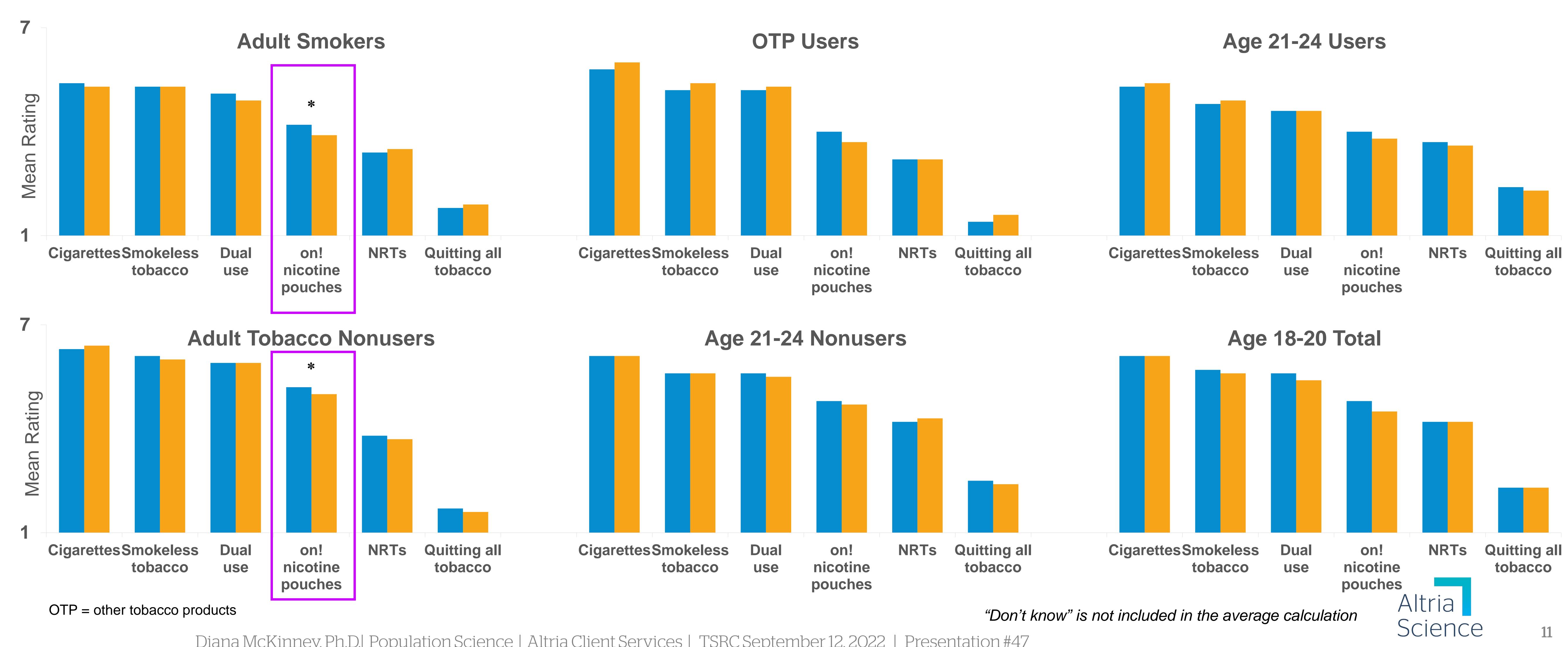
"Please rate each item for the risk you feel it could pose to a person's health." (7-pt scale, 1 = Not at all risky, 7 = Extremely risky; adjusted means reported)



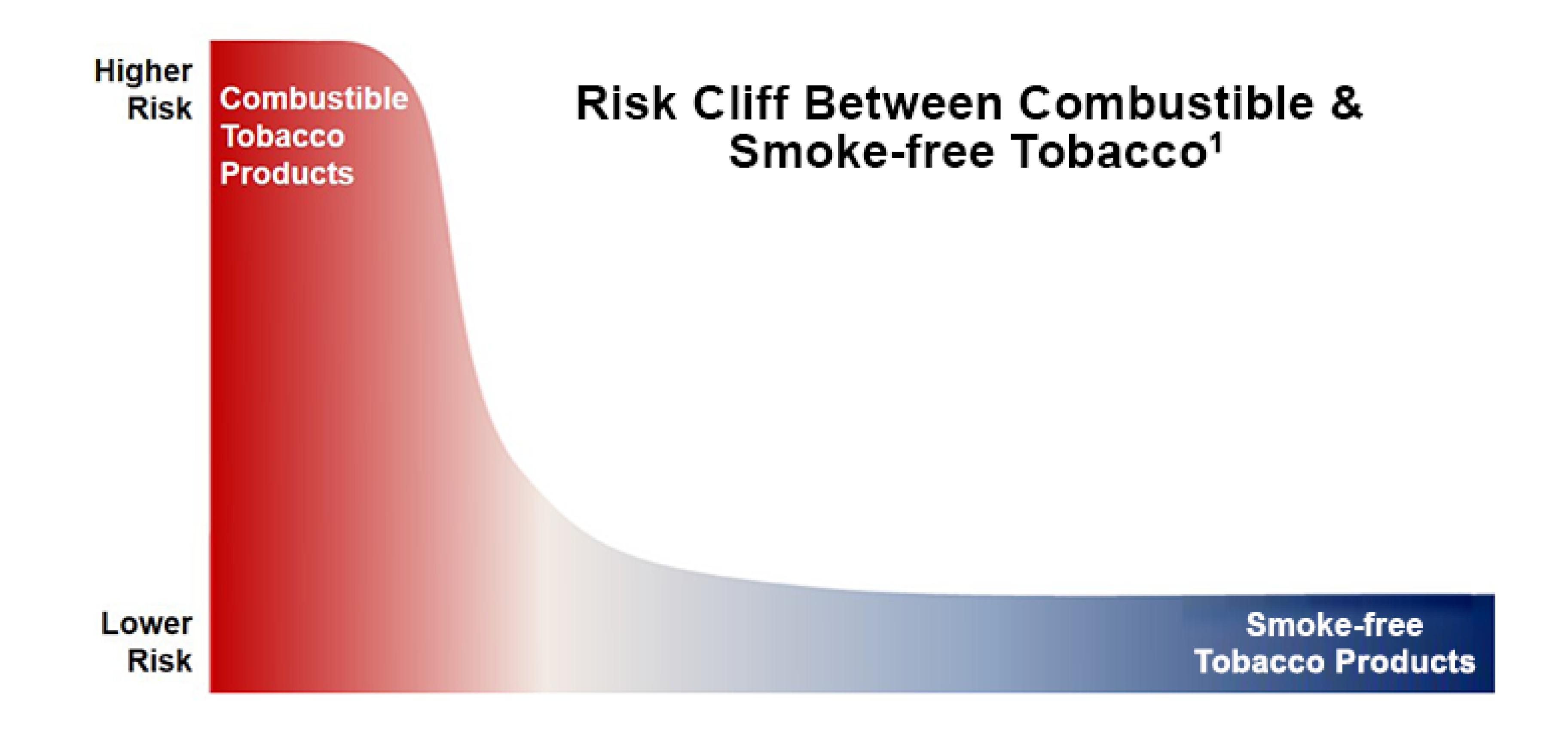
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# Perceptions of Relative Risk are Generally Aligned with the "Risk Cliff"





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adapted from Nutt, et. al Estimating the Harms of Nicotine-Containing Products Using the MCDA Approach. Eur. Addict Res 2014; 20:218-225.

# Conclusions - Comprehension

- ATCs, Adult Nonusers of Tobacco, and Age 18-20 Participants:
  - comprehend the claims
  - believe that the on!<sup>®</sup> nicotine pouches are not risk-free
  - correctly identify cigarette smokers as the intended audience
  - understand the behavior change needed to reduce risk
    - i.e., stop smoking cigarettes and completely switch to on!® nicotine pouches



## Conclusions - Risk Perceptions

- Among Adult Smokers and Adult Nonusers of Tobacco:
  - exposure to claims reduced risk perceptions of on!<sup>®</sup> nicotine pouches
  - exposure did not change risk perceptions for other tobacco-related behaviors
    - (i.e., smoking cigarettes, using smokeless tobacco)
- Among Age 18-20 and Age 21-24 Tobacco Users and Nonusers:
  - exposure to claims had <u>no effect</u> on total risk perceptions of on!<sup>®</sup> nicotine pouches or other tobacco-related behaviors
- ATCs, Adult Nonusers of Tobacco, and Age 18-20 Participants:
  - believe that on!<sup>®</sup> nicotine pouches are less risky than cigarettes and smokeless tobacco
    - but riskier than using FDA-approved cessation medication or completely quitting all tobacco use



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