

**Table 1 Medical characteristics of the women according to type of intrauterine device (IUD)**

Variable	Type of IUD	
	T380 A (n = 55)	Cu-Safe 300 (n = 55)
<i>Age [Mean (SD) years]</i>	27.4 (5.2)	27.8 (5.4)
<i>Pregnancy history [Mean no. (SD)]</i>		
Pregnancies	2.11 (1.10)	2.04 (2.05)
Deliveries	2.00 (1.01)	1.87 (0.99)
Abortions	0.11 (0.36)	0.15 (0.04)
<i>Current breastfeeding (%)</i>		
Yes	50.9	49.1
No	49.1	50.9
<i>Position of uterus (%)</i>		
Anteverted	45.5	49.1
Middle	23.6	18.2
Retroverted	30.9	32.7
<i>Size of uterus [Mean (SD) cm]</i>	8.00 (0.62)	7.98 (0.69)
<i>Cervix type (%)</i>		
Nulliparous <sup>a</sup>	34.5	32.7
Parous	65.5	67.3
<i>Previous IUD use</i>		
Yes (%)	9.1	7.3
No (%)	90.9	92.7
Mean (SD) no. of times	1.30 (0.50)	
<i>Reasons for previous IUD removal (%)</i>		
Rejection	75.0	58.8
Infection	0.0	17.6
Menstrual disturbances	6.2	11.8
Desire for pregnancy	18.8	11.8
<i>Woman's education (%)</i>		
Primary school	41.8	32.7
Secondary school	20.1	43.6
High school	34.5	18.2
University	3.6	5.5
<i>Husband's education (%)</i>		
Illiterate	14.5	3.6
Primary school	30.9	23.6
Secondary school	29.2	45.5
High school	21.8	20.0
University	3.6	7.3
<i>Woman's occupation (%)</i>		
Housewife	94.5	92.7
Employed	5.5	7.3
<i>Husband's occupation (%)</i>		
Unemployed	7.3	5.4
Manual worker	30.9	20.0
Government clerk	18.2	29.1
Self-employed business	43.6	45.5
<i>Housing type (%)</i>		
Private	21.8	14.6
Rented	63.7	74.5
No rent	14.5	10.9
<i>House area/person [Mean (SD) m<sup>2</sup>]</i>	14.8 (6.6)	16.1 (6.3)

<sup>a</sup>All women were parous, but some had nulliparous cervix after caesarean section birth.

SD = deviation, n = total number of respondents.