

**Table 2 Anti-hepatitis E virus immunoglobulin G (IgG) status in urban and rural areas by age of subjects in Sari, Islamic Republic of Iran**

| Age group (years) | Urban area                  |            | Rural area                  |            | Mean prevalence (95% CI)     |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
|                   | No. positive/<br>no. tested | % positive | No. positive/<br>no. tested | % positive |                              |
| 2–4               | 0/208                       | 0.0        | 0/138                       | 0.0        | 0.0                          |
| 5–9               | 0/138                       | 0.0        | 3//117                      | 2.6        | 1.2 (0.02–1.98)              |
| 10–14             | 5/139                       | 3.6        | 4/99                        | 4.0        | 3.8 (1.04–4.96)              |
| 15–19             | 2/46                        | 4.3        | 3/85                        | 3.5        | 3.8 (1.04–4.96)              |
| 20–25             | 4/56                        | 7.1        | 4/54                        | 7.4        | 7.0 (3.00–11.00)             |
| Total             | 11/587                      | 1.9        | 14/493                      | 2.8        | 2.3 (1.20–2.80) <sup>a</sup> |

<sup>a</sup> $z = 13.04, P < 0.001$ .

CI = confidence interval.