

Table 1 Sociodemographic profile of pregnant women in phase 1 (n = 79) and phase 2 (n = 342) of the study in Karachi Pakistan

Variable	No.	%	Variable	No.	%
Phase 1			<i>Income group (Pakistan rupees)</i>		
<i>Age [mean (SD) years]</i>	27.3 (4.7)		≤ 5000	28	37.8
<i>Woman's mother tongue</i>			> 5000	46	62.2
Urdu	37	46.8	<i>Gravidity</i>		
Sindhi	14	17.8	Primigravida (1)	27	34.2
Balochi	14	17.8	Multigravida (2–4)	39	49.4
Punjabi	7	8.8	Grandmultigravida (5+)	13	16.4
Other ^a	7	8.8	<i>Pregnancy stage (months)</i>		
<i>Educational status of woman (years)</i>			1st trimester (1–3)	12	15.2
Illiterate	29	36.7	2nd trimester (4–6)	17	21.5
Primary (1–5)	11	13.9	3rd trimester (7–9)	50	63.3
Secondary (6–10)	12	15.1	Phase 2		
Graduation (11–14)	16	20.2	<i>Age [mean (SD) years]</i>	25.8 (4.5)	
Professional ^b	11	13.9	<i>Educational status of woman (years)</i>		
<i>Educational status of husband (years)</i>			Illiterate	60	17.5
Illiterate	25	31.6	Primary (1–5)	40	11.7
Primary (1–5)	4	5.0	Secondary (6–10)	67	19.6
Secondary (6–10)	21	26.5	Graduation (11–14)	140	41.0
Graduation (11–14)	10	12.6	Professional ^c	34	10.0
Professional	19	24.0	<i>Pregnancy stage (months)</i>		
<i>Occupation of woman</i>			1st trimester (1–3)	52	15.2
Housewife	50	63.2	2nd trimester (4–6)	120	35.0
Working	29	36.8	3rd trimester (7–9)	160	46.8
<i>Occupation of husband</i>			<i>Gravidity</i>		
Clerical/professional	25	31.6	Primigravida (1)	144	42.1
Manual worker	49	62.0	Multigravida (2+)	198	57.9
Unemployed	5	6.3	<i>History of abortion</i>		
				85	24.8

Missing numbers are due to non-response to that item.

^aIncludes Pushto, Memon, Gujarati, Bengali.

^bIncludes health professionals, engineers, teachers and managers.