

Table 2 Knowledge of female genital cutting (FGC) as practised in Egypt among the studied physicians (n = 193)

Item	No.	%
Site of FGC (n = 156)		
Both clitoris and labia minora	119	76.3
Labia minora only	9	5.8
Labia majora or pharonic	8	5.2
Clitoris only	6	3.8
Don't know	14	9.0
Physical consequences		
Bleeding	144	74.6
Shock	124	64.2
Female genital disfigurement	121	62.7
Reproductive tract infection	65	33.7
Urinary tract infection	64	33.2
None	25	13.0
Don't know	2	1.0
Psychosexual consequences		
Sexual dysfunction (loss of orgasm)	123	63.7
Loss of sexual desire	71	36.8
Dysparonia	55	28.5
Vaginal dryness	27	14.0
None	42	21.8
Don't know	16	8.3
Overall knowledge of FGC consequences		
Physical	166	86.0
Sexual	135	69.9
Overall level of knowledge		
Know any consequences	170	88.1
Deny any consequences	22	11.4
Don't know any consequences	1	0.5
Need for information through:		
Medical school curriculum	175	90.7
Ministry of Health programmes	128	66.3
Medical Syndicate programmes	97	50.3
Special workshops	88	45.6
No need	6	3.1