

Table 3 Approval of female genital cutting (FGC) among the studied physicians (n = 193)

Item	No.	%
Approve FGC		
No	159	82.4
Yes	34	17.6
Reason for approval (n = 34)		
Religious practice	28	82.4
Good habit	5	14.7
Prevents adultery	1	2.9
Greater pleasure for husband	0	0.0
Preserves virginity	0	0.0
Reason for disapproval (n = 159)		
Reduces sexual pleasure	120	75.5
Painful	102	64.2
Bad habit	97	61.0
Not religious practice	83	52.2
Causes health problems	78	49.1
Against women's dignity	76	47.8
Suitable person to practice FGC (n = 187)		
Nobody	98	52.4
Physician	81	43.3
Female physician only	6	3.2
Nurse	2	1.1
Traditional birth attendant (daya)	0	0.0
Barber	0	0.0
Approve law banning FGC		
Yes	127	65.3
No	67	34.7