

Table 2 Barbers' knowledge about hepatitis B and C virus diseases and their mode of transmission (n = 186)

Knowledge item	Yes		No	
	No.	%	No.	%
<i>Mode of transmission</i>				
Contaminated water	23	12.4	163	87.6
Food	18	9.7	168	90.3
Shared utensils	25	13.4	161	86.6
Sexual contact	67	36.0	119	64.0
Intravenous drug use	41	22.0	145	78.0
Reuse of needles	59	31.7	127	68.3
Blood transfusion	54	29.0	132	71.0
Dental procedures	38	20.4	148	79.6
Scissors/surgical instruments	46	24.7	140	75.3
Tattooing	39	21.0	147	79.0
Barbers' shaving instruments	68	36.6	118	63.4
Ear/body piercing	39	21.0	147	79.0
Hepatitis B and C have the same mode of transmission	21	11.3	165	88.7
<i>Protection</i>				
A vaccine can protect the individual against hepatitis B infection	12	6.5	174	93.5
A vaccine can protect the individual against hepatitis C infection	15	8.1	171	91.9