

Table 4 Demographic characteristics of primary health care (PHC) physicians by frequency of reading journals (n = 182)

Variable	Frequency of reading journals							
	Never		Occasionally		On demand		Regularly	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex								
Male	2	2.3	18	20.5	37	42.0	31	35.2
Female	2	2.1	33	35.1	27	28.7	32	34.0
Age (years)								
25–	3	6.4	23	48.9	10	21.3	11	23.4
35–	1	1.6	12	18.8	29	45.3	22	34.4
45–	0	0.0	16	25.8	19	30.6	27	43.5
55–60	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	66.7	3	33.3
Nationality								
Egyptian	1	1.4	22	29.7	25	33.8	26	35.1
Qatari	2	4.3	14	30.4	16	34.8	14	30.4
Sudanese	0	0.0	6	50.0	1	8.3	5	41.7
Palestinian	0	0.0	1	8.3	6	50.0	5	41.7
Syrian	0	0.0	1	12.5	2	25.0	5	62.5
Jordanian	0	0.0	5	31.3	9	56.3	2	12.5
Iraqi	1	9.1	0	0.0	4	36.4	6	54.5
Italian	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0
Pakistani	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Position								
Consultant	0	0.0	1	16.7	2	33.3	3	50.0
Specialist	3	5.7	14	26.4	14	26.4	24	45.3
Resident	0	0.0	8	44.4	5	27.8	5	27.8
General practitioner	1	1.0	28	26.2	43	41.7	31	30.1
Years since graduation								
1–	1	25.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	1	25.0
5–	2	4.4	23	51.1	8	17.8	12	26.7
10–	0	0.0	9	34.6	14	53.8	3	11.5
15–	0	0.0	10	30.3	15	45.5	8	24.2
20–	1	2.8	4	11.1	9	25.0	22	61.1
25–	0	0.0	5	15.6	11	34.4	16	50.0
30–35	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	1	16.7
Years working in PHC								
1–	3	5.5	24	34.6	15	27.3	13	23.6
5–	0	0.0	19	32.8	23	39.7	16	27.6
10–	1	3.4	4	13.8	8	27.6	13	44.8
15–	0	0.0	1	5.3	5	26.3	13	68.4
20–	0	0.0	3	16.7	12	66.7	3	16.7
25–	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0
30–35	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0