

Table 3 Drug items dispensed and missing in different departments of hospitals with different drug dispensing systems (DDS)

Hospital (DDS system)	No. of dispensed drug items	Mean (SD) no. of missing units per drug item	t-value	P-value
<i>Both wards</i>			2.45	0.015
Al-Shifa (ward-stock)	162	3.4 (3.7)		
European Gaza (unit-dose)	202	1.8 (4.3)		
<i>Medical ward</i>			2.1	0.038
Al-Shifa (ward-stock)	91	3.8 (8.6)		
European Gaza (unit-dose)	114	1.4 (3.5)		
<i>Surgical ward</i>			0.672	0.503
Al-Shifa (ward-stock)	71	2.8 (5.2)		
European Gaza (unit-dose)	88	2.3 (5.2)		

SD = standard deviation.