

Table 1 Association of demographic variables with presence of depression based on total scores on the 28-item general health questionnaire (GHQ-28) among asthma patients ($n = 280$)

Variable	Patients with depression ^a		<i>P</i> -value ^b
	No.	%	
Sex			0.005
Male	90	54.9	
Female	118	70.2	
Marital status			0.810
Married	148	62.2	
Single	56	63.6	
Literacy			0.009
Illiterate	48	77.4	
Literate	160	59.3	
Comorbid illness			0.002
Yes	113	71.5	
No	95	54.6	
Smoker			0.342
No	10	50.0	
Yes	192	62.7	

^aGHQ-28 cut-off > 22.

^bPearson χ^2 .