

Table 2 Knowledge and beliefs of the women about cervical cancer risk and prevention

Knowledge/belief item	No.	%
<i>Have you ever heard about the Pap smear?</i>		
Yes	382	76.4
No	118	23.6
<i>Where did you hear about the Pap smear for the first time?</i>		
Relatives, friends	108	21.6
Gynaecologist	95	19.0
Mass media (newspaper, internet, television)	80	16.0
Family physician	72	14.4
Nurse	20	4.0
Other	125	25.0
<i>Know about the cervical cancer</i>		
Yes	426	85.2
No	74	14.8
<i>Knowledge of the risk factors which can lead to cervical cancer</i>		
Sexually transmitted disease	124	24.8
Smoking	54	10.8
Multiple partners	34	6.8
Early age of marriage, < 18 years	31	6.2
Marriage to man with other women	24	4.8
Diet	13	2.6
<i>Is it possible to detect cervical cancer with the Pap smear before symptoms appear?</i>		
Yes	220	44.0
No	312	62.4
<i>Is early detection of cervical cancer good for treatment outcome?</i>		
Yes	188	37.6
No	324	64.8
<i>Is it to possible to cure cervical cancer?</i>		
Yes	176	35.2
No	412	412
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