

Table 1 Frequency of forms of abuse experienced by abused Jordanian women in the previous year: results from the Arabic version of the Abuse Scale [5] (n = 93)

Item	Never	Once	More than once
	%	%	%
Psychological abuse			
Yelled at you	14.8	6.8	78.4
Ended a discussion and made the decision that he wants	18.9	8.9	72.2
Insulted and damned you or called you bad names	23.9	9.1	67.0
Prevented you from doing something you wanted	23.9	11.4	64.8
Stormed out of the house after an argument, cursing and yelling at you	20.9	15.1	64.0
Degraded and insulted you or your acquaintances in an attempt to intimidate you	30.6	9.4	60.0
Threatened to throw something at you and said things to intimidate you	31.0	9.2	59.8
Degraded your family, relatives or friends by humiliating or cursing them	28.4	12.5	59.1
Gave you dirty looks in an attempt to intimidate you	31.4	10.4	58.1
Threatened you with divorce or separation	38.6	10.2	50.0
Showed little attention during your pregnancy and sickness	37.9	12.6	48.3
Requested or forced you to do something with the intention of insulting or humiliating you	48.3	3.5	48.2
Reprimanded or scolded you while belittling your thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes	41.9	14.0	44.0
Accused you of being lazy, indifferent, and failing to fulfil your obligations toward him and the household	48.3	10.3	41.4
Belittled the way you dress, your body, and the way you keep up your appearance	56.8	9.1	34.1
Tried to control your behaviour by investigating, interrogating, and following you	50.6	16.5	32.9
Physical abuse			
Pushed you, kicked you, or tried to knock you over	33.0	11.4	55.7
Pushed or pulled you hard	39.8	10.2	50.0
Slapped you	42.5	14.9	42.5
Threw, kicked or broken something while arguing with you	46.5	14.0	39.0
Attacked you with his hands on different parts of your body	45.5	17.0	37.5
Pulled your hair or yanked your clothes	52.3	17.0	30.7
Tried to choke you or placed his arms around your neck in an attempt to harm you	65.9	8.0	26.1
Attacked you with a stick, a belt or other object of that kind	62.1	12.6	25.3
Threatened you with a knife or another sharp implement	69.0	11.5	19.5
Attacked you with a dangerous implement such as a knife or metal rod	76.7	5.8	17.4
Attacked you with household equipment (e.g., a chair)	75.9	9.2	14.9
Sexual abuse			
Expressed dissatisfaction with your sexual relationship in an insulting and degrading way	65.8	7.6	26.7
Tried to have sex with you without your consent using language	64.2	9.9	25.9
Had sex with you using physical power	69.1	6.2	24.7
Behavioural and economical abuse			
Withheld money from you	44.0	7.1	48.8
Took money from you	42.7	12.2	45.1