

**Table 2 Management of request for advice for a patient with acute diarrhoea by community pharmacies in 3 cities of Pakistan: medication dispensed and medication information provided to customers**

Pharmacy action	Total number of medicines dispensed							
	Islamabad (n = 107)		Peshawar (n = 117)		Lahore (n = 131)		Total in 3 cities (n = 355)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b><i>Type of medication dispensed</i></b>								
Antiamoebic	73	68.3	78	66.6	57	43.6	208	58.7
Antibiotic	4	3.7	17	14.7	29	22.1	50	14.0
Antidiarrhoeal	21	19.6	7	5.9	39	29.8	67	18.9
Oral rehydration salts	9	8.4	15	12.8	6	4.5	30	8.4
Total	107	100.0	117	100.0	131	100.0	355	100.0
<b><i>Medication was compliant with standard</i></b>								
Partially compliant	7	7.2	12	13.3	4	4.2	23	8.1
Not compliant	90	92.8	78	86.7	92	95.8	260	91.9
Total cases in which drugs were dispensed	97	100.0	90	100.0	96	100.0	283	100.0
<b><i>Information given on medication dispensed</i></b>								
Dose	57	53.2	78	66.6	52	39.6	187	52.6
Frequency	62	57.9	67	57.2	40	30.5	169	47.6
Duration	9	8.4	15	12.8	2	1.5	26	7.3
Drug action	9	8.4	7	5.9	1	0.7	17	4.7
Side-effects/precautions	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total	107	100.0	117	100.0	133	100.0	355	100.0

*n* = total number of medicines dispensed.