

Table 1 Approaches to inspection of pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities used by inspectors in the 4 countries

Country (no. of inspectors responding)	Forward approach ^a		Backward approach ^b		Random approach ^c	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
United Arab Emirates (<i>n</i> = 16)	8	50.0	8	50.0	8	50.0
Saudi Arabia (<i>n</i> = 5)	5	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Egypt (<i>n</i> = 9)	2	22.2	7	77.7	0	0.0
Jordan (<i>n</i> = 1)	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
Total (<i>n</i> = 32)	15	46.9	16	50.0	8	25.0

Respondents could provide more than 1 answer to this question.

^aTracing forward from raw materials and through the factory to end at the dispatch warehouse; ^bTracing backward from finished product in the warehouse to review history back through the system; ^cStarting from points around the factory that appear to be significant and working either backward or forward as necessary [6].