

Table 2 Factors influencing duration of breastfeeding as perceived by mothers

Variable	Total		Duration of breastfeeding				P-value
	No.	%	< 6 months		≥ 6 months		
			No.	%	No.	%	
<i>Previous experience</i>							
Not important	52	22.2	40	23.3	12	19.4	0.931
Somewhat important	26	11.1	19	11.0	7	11.3	
Important	49	20.9	35	20.3	14	22.6	
Very important	107	45.7	78	45.3	29	46.8	
<i>Doctor's & team's encouragement</i>							
Not important	42	17.9	34	19.8	8	12.9	0.068
Somewhat important	33	14.1	20	11.6	13	21.0	
Important	61	26.1	50	29.1	11	17.7	
Very important	98	41.9	68	39.5	30	48.4	
<i>Father's encouragement</i>							
Not important	47	20.1	43	25.0	4	6.5	0.019
Somewhat important	50	21.4	34	19.8	16	25.8	
Important	45	19.2	32	18.6	13	21.0	
Very important	92	39.3	63	36.6	29	46.8	
<i>Grandmother's encouragement</i>							
Not important	26	11.1	21	12.2	5	8.1	0.583
Somewhat important	29	12.4	21	12.2	8	12.9	
Important	38	16.2	25	14.5	13	21.0	
Very important	141	60.3	105	61.0	36	58.1	
<i>Knowledge of benefits</i>							
Not important	3	1.3	3	1.7	0	0.0	0.248
Somewhat important	6	2.6	5	2.9	1	1.6	
Important	28	12.0	24	14.0	4	6.5	
Very important	197	84.2	140	81.4	57	91.9	
<i>Mother's sickness</i>							
Not important	117	50.0	79	45.9	38	61.3	0.046
Somewhat important	27	11.5	19	11.0	8	12.9	
Important	39	16.7	29	16.9	10	16.1	
Very important	51	21.8	45	26.2	6	9.7	
<i>Baby's sickness</i>							
Not important	100	42.7	68	39.5	32	51.6	0.142
Somewhat important	42	17.9	29	16.9	13	21.0	
Important	36	15.4	28	16.3	8	12.9	
Very important	56	23.9	47	27.3	9	14.5	
<i>Baby not growing well</i>							
Not important	113	48.3	81	47.1	32	51.6	0.064
Somewhat important	25	10.7	14	8.1	11	17.7	
Important	26	11.1	19	11.0	7	11.3	
Very important	70	29.9	58	33.7	12	19.4	
<i>Effect of domestic responsibilities on mother's ability to breastfeed</i>							
Not important	141	60.3	109	63.4	32	51.6	0.106
Somewhat important	21	9.0	11	6.4	10	16.1	
Important	55	23.5	39	22.7	16	25.8	
Very important	17	7.3	13	7.6	4	6.5	