

Table 1 Descriptive results for demographic and clinical characteristics of participants (n = 300)

Variable	No. of respondents	%
Sex		
Female	82	27.3
Male	218	72.7
Level of education (years)		
Illiterate	13	4.3
Primary	58	19.4
Middle school	76	25.4
High school	131	43.8
University graduate	21	7
Marital status		
Single	144	48.6
Married	92	31.1
Divorced	32	10.8
Widowed	28	9.5
Employment status		
Government employee	16	5.7
Private sector employee	104	37.4
Jobless	85	30.7
Housekeeper	56	20.2
Retired	10	3.6
Student	6	2.0
Army conscript	1	0.4
Disease awareness period (years)		
< 5	188	63.1
5-9	78	26.2
10-14	21	7.0
15+	11	3.7
Self-stated reason of infection		
Intravenous drug use	114	38.0
Unsafe sex	39	13.0
Blood transfusion/blood products	37	12.3
Child of an HIV infected mother	3	1.0
Spouse of an individual with risky behaviour/HIV infected individual	59	19.7
Unknown	39	13.0