

Table 5 Sociodemographic characteristics of the studied adults according to practice of self-medication

Characteristic	Practise self-medication in general				Test of significance
	Yes		No		
	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Age (years)</b>					
< 35	184	68.9	83	31.1	$\chi^2_3 = 103.64, P < 0.001$
35–	270	86.5	42	13.5	
45–	261	94.9	14	5.1	
55+	235	95.5	11	4.5	
Range		18–85	25–73		
Mean (SD)	45.4 (12.1)		36.3 (9.7)		$t = 10.30, P < 0.001$
(Median)	45.0		33.0		
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	456	90.8	46	9.2	$\chi^2 = 15.69, P < 0.001$
Female	494	82.6	104	17.4	
<b>Level of education</b>					
Illiterate	73	92.4	6	7.6	$\chi^2_4 = 14.66, P = 0.005$
Read and write/primary	159	93.0	12	8.4	
Preparatory	102	82.3	22	17.7	
Secondary/technical	395	83.3	79	16.7	
University and higher	221	87.7	31	12.3	
<b>Occupation</b>					
Unskilled worker	114	87.7	16	12.3	$\chi^2_9 = 37.75, P < 0.001$
Skilled worker	18	94.7	1	5.3	
Clerical	320	91.2	31	8.8	
Commerce	45	88.2	6	11.8	
Professional	14	87.5	2	12.5	
Retired	31	96.9	1	3.1	
Housewife	319	78.6	87	21.4	
Student	12	100.0	0	0.0	
Unemployed	34	89.5	4	10.5	
Farmer	43	95.6	2	4.4	
<b>Presence of chronic condition/disease</b>					
Yes	468	95.9	20	4.1	$\chi^2 = 67.76, P < 0.001$
No	482	78.8	130	21.2	