

**Table 2 Oral health knowledge among a sample of Sudanese pregnant women (n = 420)**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<b><i>Advantages of tooth brushing</i></b>		
Prevents bad smell	370	88.1
Prevents tooth decay	356	84.8
Prevents gum disease	305	72.6
Only habit	11	2.6
<b><i>Causes of tooth decay</i></b>		
Sugar and carbohydrate consumption	292	69.5
Bacteria	134	31.9
Other	49	11.7
<b><i>Methods to prevent tooth decay</i></b>		
Tooth cleaning and brushing	220	52.4
Avoidance of sweets and sugar	93	22.1
Tooth brushing and mouth wash after meals and sweets	57	13.6
Tooth-brushing and regular check ups	4	1.0
I don't know	43	10.2
Other	3	0.7
<b><i>Causes of gum disease</i></b>		
Food debris and unclean teeth	245	58.3
Bacteria	158	37.6
I don't know	52	12.4
Other	13	3.1
<b><i>Methods to prevent gum disease</i></b>		
Tooth cleaning and brushing	301	71.7
Tooth-brushing and mouth wash after meals	9	2.1
Tooth cleaning and regular check ups	15	3.6
Mouth wash	12	2.9
I don't know	75	17.9
Other	8	1.9
<b><i>Source of knowledge</i></b>		
Television	248	59.0
Radio	218	51.9
Family	206	49.0
Dentist	178	42.4
Magazine	158	37.6
Outdoor advertising (e.g. billboards)	144	34.3
My experience	54	12.9
School curriculum	24	5.7
From my study	1	0.2

Women could select more than one answer for each variable.