

**Table 2 Attitudes and perceptions of respondents in 4 Middle Eastern countries towards medical research (n = 202)**

Question	Response <sup>a</sup>	
	No.	%
Medical research is necessary to improve the health of society	187	92.6
<b><i>I would most likely volunteer to participate in the following types of trials<sup>a</sup>:</i></b>		
Questionnaire studies	176	87.1
Blood sampling studies	130	64.4
Drug trialst	90	44.6
<b><i>Why would you volunteer to participate in research?<sup>b</sup></i></b>		
Help other patients	101	50.0
Patients in research receive better treatment than those not in researcha	84	41.6
Chance to get better care	83	41.1
Participants who withdraw from the research will not receive good medical care from their doctors <sup>a</sup>	70	35.0
Get extra attention	62	30.7
My doctor sometimes performs research on me without my knowledgea	42	20.8
Only way to get hospital care	18	8.9
Monetary incentives	15	7.4
<b><i>Actions that participants could take if they have complaints about the researchc (n = 156)</i></b>		
Complain to the investigators	64	41.0
Complain to the hospital director	45	28.8
No need to complain, nothing will be done	37	25.4
Put a paper in the complaint box	24	15.4
Complain to the research ethics committee	14	9.0
<b><i>Case of patient from whom physician withdraws additional blood sample for research<sup>c</sup></i></b>		
Which of the following is true?		
Physicians should ask for consent from the patient	161	80.5
Physicians do not need to reveal the purpose of the additional blood sample	19	9.4
Other response	20	9.9
<b><i>What can the patient do if she suspects that the additional blood will be used in research?</i></b>		
Ask the physician to withdraw the sample	103	51.0
Complain to the hospital director	52	25.7
Do nothing as nothing will be done	45	22.3
Tell others not to see this doctor/tell the media	28	13.9
Complain to the physician's board	15	7.4
Call the police or go to court	8	4.0

<sup>a</sup>Percentage of those who strongly agreed or agreed.

<sup>b</sup>Check all that apply.

<sup>c</sup>Choose one best answer.