

**Table 2 Attitude of participating doctors towards evidence-based medicine (EBM) and the perceived barriers to EBM by age group: < 30 and ≥ 30 years**

Attitude	Total	< 30 years	≥ 30 years
	(n = 135)	(n = 104)	(n = 31)
	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)
<b>Attitude towards EBM</b>			
Welcome the current promotion of EBM	99 (73)	80 (77)	19 (61)
Colleagues have positive attitudes to EBM	90 (67)	74 (71)	16 (52)
Research findings are useful in daily practice	104 (77)	83 (80)	21 (68)
EBM improves patient care	109 (81)	87 (84)	22 (71)
EBM places demand on overloaded doctors (1)	90 (67)	75 (72)	15 (48)
EBM is of limited value	28 (21)	18 (17)	10 (32)
> 50% of practice is evidence-based	84 (62)	63 (61)	21 (68)
<b>Barriers to practising EBM</b>			
Lack of EBM knowledge and skills	47 (35)	40 (38)	7 (23)
Limited resources and lack of access to databases/libraries	31 (23)	22 (21)	9 (29)
Lack of time and work overload	27 (20)	22 (21)	5 (16)
Lack of organizational/ institutional support	24 (18)	19 (18)	5 (16)
Negative attitude to EBM among seniors	34 (25)	29 (28)	6 (19)

<sup>1</sup>Statistically significant difference between the 2 groups (chi-squared test  $P = 0.0176$ ).