

**Table 2 Characteristics of the study sample**

Characteristic	Males	Females	Total	HRQoL domains	
	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	Physical health Mean (SD)	Mental health Mean (SD)
<b>Number</b>	198 (45.8)	234 (54.2)	432 (100)	-	-
<b>Age [mean (SD)]</b>	30.87 (12.18)	29.14 (10.54)	29.93 (11.34)	-	-
<b>Marital status</b>					
Married	109 (55.6)	133 (57.6)	242 (56.7)	62.31 (19.83)	55.44 (19.72)
Single	82 (41.8)	78 (33.8)	160 (37.5)	68.38 (18.82)	60.28 (20.74)
Divorced/widowed	5 (2.6)	20 (8.6)	25 (5.8)	53.05 (19.46)	54.31 (20.46)
P-value				< 0.001	0.048
<b>Educational level</b>					
Illiterate	13 (6.7)	18 (7.7)	31 (7.2)	49.48 (22.06)	49.81 (19.07)
< High-school diploma	72 (36.9)	103 (44.2)	175 (40.9)	61.26 (19.32)	56.01 (19.43)
High-school diploma	58 (29.7)	75 (32.2)	133 (31.1)	67.68 (18.44)	59.40 (20.59)
University degree	52 (26.7)	37 (15.9)	89 (20.8)	68.76 (18.90)	57.70 (20.89)
P-value				< 0.001	0.095
<b>Neighbourhood</b>					
Dowlatabad	100 (50.5)	104 (44.4)	204 (47.2)	66.80 (19.19)	56.95 (20.17)
Jafarabad	98 (49.5)	130 (55.6)	228 (52.8)	61.63 (20.02)	57.26 (20.21)
P-value				0.007	0.872

HRQoL = health-related quality of life, SD = standard deviation.