Table 3 Comparison of sociodemographic characteristics of complementary and alternative medicine users and nonusers in a sample of Jordanian women (n = 818)

Characteristic	CAM user		CAM non-user		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
BMI					
Normal	136	28.9[a]	335	71.2[a]	< 0.001
Overweight	101	46.1[a]	118	53.9[a]	
Obese	81	63.3[a]	47	36.7[a]	
Age (years)	318				
18–25	145	45.6	278	55.0	< 0.05
26–30	31	9.7	47	9.4	
31–35	24	7.5	45	9.0	
36–40	23	7.2	33	6.6	
41–45	36	11.3	38	7.6	
≥ 46	56	17.6	58	11.6	
Income (JOD/month)[b]					
Less than 500 (low)	57	7.0	99	12.1	0.145
500–1500 (medium)	154	18.8	266	32.5	
More than 1500 (high)	100	12.2	117	14.3	
No answer[c]	7		18		
Education					
Primary school	6	0.7	22	2.7	0.024
High school	42	5.1	56	6.8	
Community college	55	6.7	58	7.1	
University graduate	184	22.5	323	39.5	
Postgraduate	27	3.3	32	3.9	
No answer[c]	4		9		
Occupation					
School student	3	0.4	15	1.8	< 0.001
University student	107	13.1	229	28.0	
Business owner	11	1.3	11	1.3	
Private sector employee	30	3.7	54	6.6	
Public sector employee	47	5.8	70	8.6	
Housewife	96	11.8	92	11.3	
Retired	8	1.0	5	0.6	
Unemployed	10	1.2	13	1.6	
Other	0	0.0	4	0.5	
No answer[c]	5		7		

[a]Calculated from the corresponding group.
[b]US$ 1 = JOD 0.71 (Jordanian dinars).
[c]Not included in statistical analysis.
P-value was based on chi squared test; P < 0.05; P < 0.001.
Body mass index (BMI): normal (18.5 to < 25 kg/m²); overweight (25.0 to < 30 kg/m²); obese (≥ 30 kg/m²).