

Table 1 Breastfeeding pattern among studied infants attending urban and rural primary health care centres in Suez

Breastfeeding pattern	Urban (151)		Rural (182)		Total (333)	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
<i>Ever breast feeding</i>	146	96.7	182	100	324	97.3
<i>Initiation of breast feeding:</i>	146	100	178	100	324	100
Within 1 hour	71	48.6	84	47.2	155	47.8
2–24 hours	62	42.5	70	39.2	132	40.7
From day 2	13	7.9	24	13.6	37	11.5
Prelacteal feeding	92	63.0	129	72.5	221	68.2
<i>Duration of exclusive breastfeeding:</i>						
< 1 month	59	40.4	72	40.5	131	40.4
≥ 1 month	87	59.6	106	59.5	193	59.6
<i>Exclusive breastfeeding among infants aged < 6 months</i>	45	100	47	100	92	100
<i>Infants 0–5 months of age who are receiving breast milk only</i>	11	24.4	6	12.8	17	18.5