

Table 1 Methods of diagnosis and number of tests used in the malaria parasitological survey in Babylon governorate according to patient age group

Diagnostic method	Age (years)					Total
	0–5	6–10	11–15	16–20	> 20	
Thick & thin blood films	314	246	238	220	667	1685
Haematocrit concentration method	82	57	55	59	99	352
Improved thick blood films	45	26	14	2	24	111
Rapid diagnostic tests	12	16	19	16	39	102
Total	453	345	326	297	829	2250