

Table 2 Frequency of side-effects of metronidazole and albendazole in the treatment of patients with giardiasis

Side-effect	Metronidazole (n = 60)		Albendazole (n = 60)		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Metallic taste 0.0001	26	43.3	–	–	<
Vertigo 0.01	14	23.3	4	6.6	
Nausea/vomiting	11	18.3	12	2.0	NS
Loss of appetite 0.0001	21	35.0	–	–	<
Urticaria	2	3.3	–	–	NS