

**Table 1 Seroprevalence of *Helicobacter pylori* among 1518 people aged 6 years and over in Nahavand, Islamic Republic of Iran by age group and sex**

Age group (years)	<i>H. pylori</i> positive					
	Females <sup>a</sup>		Males <sup>b</sup>		Total <sup>c</sup>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
6–10	17/31	54.8	11/30	36.7	28/61	45.9
11–20	79/172	45.9	96/179	53.6	175/351	49.9
21–30	124/169	73.4	55/100	55.0	179/269	66.5
31–40	134/165	81.2	80/102	78.4	214/267	80.1
41–50	104/122	85.2	63/75	84.0	167/197	84.8
51–60	70/81	86.4	47/58	81.0	117/139	84.2
61–70	60/71	84.5	39/51	76.5	99/122	81.1
> 70	48/54	88.9	45/58	77.6	93/112	83.0

<sup>a</sup> $\chi^2$  for trend = 68.95; df = 1,  $P < 0.001$ .

<sup>b</sup> $\chi^2$  for trend = 38.49; df = 1,  $P < 0.001$ .

<sup>c</sup> $\chi^2$  for trend = 106.3; df = 1,  $P < 0.001$ .