

Table 1 Number, percentage, average annual crude incidence rate (CIR), age-standardized incidence rate (ASR) and mean age at diagnosis of female breast cancer in Gulf Cooperation Council countries, 1998–2002

Country	Population No.	Total female:		Breast cancer No.	CIR per 100 000	ASR per 100 000	Age at diagnosis (years) Mean (SD)
		Cancers No.	%				
UAE	385 392	787	182	23.1	9.4	19.2	47.5 (11.8)
Saudi Arabia	7 418 119	14 694	2 987	20.3	8.1	12.9	48.3 (13.5)
Oman	874 357	2 070	333	16.1	7.6	14.4	48.0 (13.5)
Bahrain	197 318	951	337	35.4	34.2	46.4	49.0 (12.5)
Qatar	88 601	383	90	23.5	20.3	35.5	46.7 (12.8)
Kuwait	418 212	1 662	551	33.2	26.4	44.3	50.4 (12.4)

Source: Five-year cancer incidence report for the GCC countries published in 2006 [10].

UAE = United Arab Emirates; SD = standard deviation.