

Table 2 Distribution of self-medication purchasers (n = 1050) at Alexandria pharmacies by factors related to their complaint

Factor related to complaint	No.	%
Duration of complaint		
< 1 week	509	48.5
1 to \leq 4 weeks	116	11.0
1–6 months	81	7.7
> 6 months	344	32.8
Previous complaint of same condition		
Yes	929	88.5
No	121	11.5
Previous use of same medication and completion of course		
Used and completed course	594	56.6
Used but incomplete course	217	20.6
No previous use	239	22.8