

Table 3 Distribution of self-medication purchasers (n = 1050) at Alexandria pharmacies by reason for self-medication

Reason for self-medication	No.	%
Perceived problem as minor not requiring medical attention	467	44.5
Know the treatment from previous prescription	325	31.0
Confidence in the pharmacist	152	14.5
Cannot afford to see the doctor	52	4.9
No time to see the doctor	32	3.0