

Table 1 Frequency of correct answers on AIDS-knowledge index of female college students in 3 Arab countries

Knowledge item	Kuwait (<i>n</i> = 83)		Bahrain (<i>n</i> = 108)		Jordan (<i>n</i> = 86)	
	No. correct	%	No. correct	%	No. correct	%
One can get HIV by having sex with an HIV-positive person	83	100	108	100	83	97
One can get HIV by sharing HIV-contaminated needles	81	98	105	97	80	93
An infected mother can transmit HIV during pregnancy	73	88	98	91	77	90
One can get HIV by touching someone with AIDS	59	71	92	85	41	48
Only homosexuals get AIDS	62	75	82	76	51	59
HIV can live in the human body for years before symptoms appear	54	65	75	69	30	35
There is a cure for AIDS	53	64	74	69	53	62
You can tell if someone has AIDS by looking at him/her	49	59	71	66	40	47
Unsafe anal sex is the most risky sexual act for contracting HIV	37	45	59	55	45	52
An infected mother can transmit HIV through breastfeeding	43	52	34	31	44	51
A mosquito bite can transmit HIV	13	16	29	27	15	17
HIV can be transmitted through semen	22	27	24	22	44	51
Condoms help reduce the probability of HIV transmission	18	22	20	19	15	17