

Table 2 Prevalence of violence toward nurses and its types, cause and source

Variable	No. (n = 416)	%
Experienced violence in past 6 months		
No	58	13.9
Yes	358	86.1
Number of times violence experienced in past 6 months		
None	58	13.9
< 3	137	32.9
3	134	32.2
> 3	87	20.9
Type of violence^{a,b}		
Psychological	325	78.1
Physical	113	27.2
Sexual	19	4.6
Cause of violence^{a,b}		
Lateness coming to shift ^c	68	19.0
Carelessness/malpractice ^c	128	35.8
Increased workload/shortage of nurses leading to delays in care provided	145	40.5
Stressful events ^d	28	7.8
No apparent cause	18	5.0
Source of violence^{a,b}		
Patient	61	14.7
Relatives of patient	160	38.5
Others on the medical team	105	25.2
Administrative team of the department	122	29.3

^aNot mutually exclusive: more than one answer was reported because all episodes of violence experienced by the nurses were included.

^bIn the past 6 months.

^cOn the part of the nurse.

^dExperienced by the perpetrator of violence against the nurse.