

Table 1 Management of acute diarrhoea by community pharmacies in 3 cities of Pakistan: history taking and outcome of visit

Pharmacy action	Islamabad (n = 118)		Peshawar (n = 120)		Lahore (n = 133)		Total (n = 371)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
History taking								
Patient's age	88	74.6	96	80.0	125	94.0	309	83.3
Patient's weight	0	0.0	1	0.8	3	2.3	4	1.1
Illness history	36	30.5	30	25.0	40	30.1	106	28.6
Medication history	21	17.8	1	0.8	7	5.3	29	7.8
Other medical history	6	5.1	2	1.7	0	0.0	8	2.2
Outcome of visit								
Medication dispensed	99	83.9	90	75.1	97	72.9	286	77.1
Patient referred directly to physician	15	12.7	19	15.8	22	16.5	56	15.1
Patient referred but remedy also suggested	4	3.4	1	0.8	3	2.3	8	2.2
Patient not referred and no remedy suggested	0	0.0	10	8.3	11	8.3	21	5.6

n = number of visits to pharmacies.