

Table 2 Index of rational drug prescribing (IRDP) in the 10 selected primary health care centres of Eastern province, Saudi Arabia, 2010

Health centre	Index ^a					IRDP ^b
	Polypharmacy	Generic name prescribing	Antibiotic prescribing	Safe injection prescribing	EDL prescribing	
1	1	0.59	0.81	1	0.97	4.37
2	1	0.18	1	1	0.97	4.15
3	1	0.36	1	1	1	4.36
4	1	0.88	0.88	1	1	4.76
5	1	1	0.88	1	1	4.88
6	1	0.91	1	1	1	4.91
7	1	0.06	0.73	1	0.98	3.77
8	1	0.37	0.90	1	1	4.27
9	1	0.78	0.83	1	1	4.61
10	1	1	1	1	1	5.00

^aOptimal index = 1; ^bMaximum IRDP = 5.

EDL = essential drugs list.