

Table 3 Pattern of traditional medicine use for diabetes (*n* = 523)

Traditional medicine use for diabetes	User	Non-user
	No. (%)	No. (%)
Use status based on frequency		
Ever use	191 (36.5)	332 (63.5)
Previous 1 year	151 (28.9)	372 (71.1)
Use status based on traditional medicine type		
At least one item from any group	311 (59.5)	212 (40.5)
Only herbs (≥ 1)	43 (8.2)	
Only home remedies (≥ 1)	43 (8.2)	
Only practices (≥ 1)	23 (4.4)	
≥ 1 herb and ≥ 1 home remedy	46 (8.8)	
≥ 1 herb and ≥ 1 practice	3 (0.6)	
≥ 1 home remedy and ≥ 1 practice	38 (7.3)	
At least 1 item from each group	115 (22.0)	
Providers and other sources^a		
Traditional medicine provider	99 (18.9)	
Spice dealer	74 (14.1)	
Licensed traditional medicine centre	24 (4.6)	
Sheikh	12 (2.3)	
Not specified	3 (0.6)	
Other	106 (20.3)	
Supermarkets	84 (16.1)	
Land (gardens, farms or mountains)	14 (2.7)	
Family or friends	9 (1.7)	
Herbal pharmacy	3 (0.6)	
Non-professional person for al-hijama (wet cupping)	3 (0.6)	
Street sellers	1 (0.2)	
Not specified	7 (1.3)	

^aThe total across the traditional medicine providers was greater than 99 and the total across the other sources was greater than 106, as some respondents indicated more than one provider and other source.