

Table 1 Baseline characteristics of the study cases (shoulder soft tissue rheumatism), Lebanon, 2009 (n = 52)

Characteristic	No.	%
Female		67.3
Having difficulty in doing daily activities	26	50
Not able to cope with shoulder problem	15	28.8
Diagnosed and received treatment for shoulder problem	30	57.7
Received treatment from (n = 30):		
Doctor	23	76.7
Pharmacist	3	10.0
Physiotherapist	3	10.0
Self-treatment	9	30.0
Diagnosed by doctor as (n = 23):		
Rheumatism	5	21.7
Arthritis	5	21.7
Osteoarthritis	1	4.3
Other	12	52.2
	Mean	SD
Age (years)	38.7	14.6
Pain on visual analog scale (range 0-10)	6.5	1.9

SD = standard deviation.