

**Table 1 Cryptosporidiosis in selected Mediterranean countries**

Country	Population group	Diagnostic method	Prevalence (%)	Reference
Libya	Diarrhoeal patients aged 2-17 years	Lugol's iodine, immunofluorescence assay	4	22
Egypt	Children aged ≤ 8 years	Nested-PCR	1.4	23
Lebanon	Schoolchildren	Modified Ziehl-Neelsen staining and nested-PCR	10.4	24
Palestine	Gastroenteritis patients (outbreak)	Malachite green negative staining and nested-PCR	All <sup>a</sup>	25
Egypt	Adult immunocompetent diarrhoeal patients	Modified Ziehl-Neelsen stain, sandwich ELISA, nested-PCR	21	26
Egypt	Haemodialysis patients	Cold modified Ziehl-Neelsen staining	40	13

PCR = polymerase chain reaction.

ELISA = enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay.

<sup>a</sup>Cryptosporidium detected in all outbreak cases.