

Table 2 Distribution of respondents' answers to questions on periodontal disease knowledge

Question (correct answer)	Total	True		False	
	No.	No.	%	No.	%
How would you describe healthy gums? (pink and firm)	784	470	59.9	314	40.1
What is dental plaque? (soft colourless and sticky deposits containing microbe and food debris)	788	92	11.7	696	88.3
What causes gum disease? (dental plaque)	784	108	13.8	676	86.2
Which one is an early sign of gum disease? (red gingiva)	782	312	39.9	470	60.1
Which one is the outcome of progressed gum disease? (tooth mobility)	785	212	27.0	573	73.0
Which of the following systemic diseases affects progression of gum disease? (diabetes)	782	280	35.8	502	64.2
Mostly gum disease is preventable	791	703	88.9	88	11.1
Twice a day tooth brushing together with flossing is efficient in preventing gum disease	788	721	91.5	67	8.5
Regular dental visits can prevent gum disease	788	731	92.8	57	7.2
Avoiding smoking prevents gum disease	790	713	90.3	77	9.7