

**Table 1 Demographic characteristics of the sample of pregnant women in Tripoli, Lebanon and risk factors for hepatitis E virus infection**

Variable	No. (n = 450)	%
<i>Age group (years)</i>		
≤ 25	158	35.1
26–34	212	47.1
≥ 35	80	17.8
<i>Pregnancy trimester</i>		
First	111	24.7
Second	145	32.2
Third	194	43.1
<i>Educational level</i>		
Illiterate	9	2
Primary school	41	9.1
Middle school	107	23.8
Secondary school	81	18
University	212	47.1
<i>Income level</i>		
Low	57	12.7
Medium	209	46.4
High	184	40.9
<i>Contact with animals</i>		
Yes	66	14.7
No	384	85.3
<i>Blood transfusion</i>		
Yes	17	3.8
No	433	96.2
<i>Drinking water source</i>		
Bottled water	292	64.9
Tap water	111	24.7
Spring and well water	47	10.4