

Table 2 Distribution of Saudi Arabian women by types of emotional abuse experienced during the past year and before that period (n = 689)

Incidents of emotional abuse	Lifetime frequency	Frequency in past year				Frequency before last year
		1–2 times	3–12 times	13–24 times	> 24 times	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Insulted	34.9	7.2	6.9	3.8	7.2	9.8
Threatened with taking another wife	30.1	4.5	5.7	2.0	9.6	8.3
Shouted at	57.8	8.8	16.1	6.5	18.2	8.2
Called ugly names	24.9	7.4	4.1	1.8	4.8	6.8
Threatened with divorce	21.1	4.1	2.0	1.3	5.7	8.0
Threatened with an object (thrown/hit)	19.4	3.5	2.6	1.5	4.5	7.3
Destroyed personal belongings	15.6	2.3	0.6	1.3	4.7	6.7
Spat upon	14.6	1.9	2.2	0.7	3.2	6.6
Threatened with knife/weapon	6.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.2	3.8