

Table 3 Knowledge and beliefs about HIV and its modes of transmission among respondents attending an HIV testing centre in Baghdad (n = 335)

Item	Yes		No		Don't know	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
AIDS is infectious	308	91.9	27	8.1	0	0.0
Possible to transmit AIDS from mother-to-child	249	72.7	34	11.5	52	15.8
Possible to transmit AIDS through breastfeeding	125	37.5	89	26.0	121	36.5
AIDS is curable	89	26.6	184	54.9	62	18.5
Vaccine against AIDS exists	117	34.9	132	39.4	86	25.7
Modes of transmission of HIV						
Sexual relationship	251	74.9	84	25.1	-	-
Blood transfusion	240	71.6	95	28.4	-	-
Sharing syringes & sharp instruments	230	68.7	105	31.3	-	-
Sharing food	190	56.7	145	43.3	-	-
Shaking hands & social relations	188	56.1	147	43.9	-	-
Sharing bathroom & toilet	181	54.0	154	46.0	-	-
Insect bite	169	50.4	166	49.6	-	-