

Table 2 Characteristics of primary health care physicians by attitudes towards evidence-based medicine (EBM) (n = 182)

Variable	Welcomes current promotion of EBM		Colleagues have positive attitudes to EBM		EBM is useful in daily management		EBM improves patient care		EBM is of limited value		EBM places overload on physicians		Actively practises EBM	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex														
Male (n = 88)	88	100.0	76	86.4	83	94.3	84	95.5	15	17.0	47	53.4	64	72.7
Female (n = 94)	91	96.8	79	84.0	81	86.2	91	96.8	13	13.8	56	59.6	61	64.9
Nationality														
Qatari (n = 46)	46	100.0	35	76.1	38	82.6	46	100.0	5	10.9	24	52.2	32	69.9
Non-Qatari (n = 136)	133	97.8	120	88.2	126	92.6	129	94.9	23	16.9	79	58.1	93	68.4
Position														
Consultant (n = 6)	6	100.0	6	100.0	5	83.3	4	66.7	0	0	6	100.0	4	66.7
Specialist (n = 53)	52	94.5	39	70	46	83.6	53	96.4	6	10.9	33	60.0	34	61.8
Resident (n = 18)	18	100.0	18	100.0	15	83.3	18	100.0	3	16.7	4	22.2	14	77.8
General practitioner (n = 103)	103	100.0	92	89.3	98	98.1	100.0	97.1	19	18.4	60	58.3	73	70.9
Years since graduation														
1 (n = 50)	50	100.0	38	76.0	41	82.0	50	100.0	7	14.0	23	46.0	34	68.0
11 (n = 75)	72	96.0	63	84.0	67	89.3	75	100.0	13	17.3	43	57.3	45	60.0
21 (n = 54)	54	100.0	53	98.1	53	98.1	47	87	8	14.8	34	63.0	45	83.3
31 (n = 3)	3	100.0	1	3.3	3	100.0	3	100.0	0	0	3	100.0	1	33.3
No. of consultations per day														
5-20 (n = 16)	16	100.0	11	68.8	16	100.0	16	100.0	1	6.2	10	62.5	13	81.2
21-50 (n = 100)	97	97.0	82	82.0	84	84.0	93	93	17	17.0	57	57.0	61	61.0
> 50 (n = 66)	66	100.0	62	93.9	64	97.0	66	100.0	10	15.2	36	54.5	51	77.3
Time to reach medical library (min)														
< 30 (n = 80)	77	43.9	66	37.4	67	38.4	77	42.8	10	5.5	40	23.1	55	30.7
31-60 (n = 61)	61	33.5	55	30.2	56	30.8	59	32.4	15	8.2	31	17.0	41	22.5
> 60 (n = 38)	38	20.9	32	17.6	38	20.9	38	20.9	3	1.6	30	16.5	28	15.4
Total	176	98.3	153	85.2	161	90.1	174	96.1	28	15.3	101	56.6	124	68.6