Sociodemographic characteristic Negative adaptation Positive adaptation Mother's education Illiterate (n = 70)55 78.6 21.4 15 Educated (n = 30)10 33.3 20 66.7 $\chi^2 = 16.9$; P = 0.001 Mother's occupation: Housewife (n = 73)53 72.6 20 27.4 Employed (n = 27)12 44.4 15 55.6 $\chi^2 = 5.69$; P = 0.02 Marital status Married (n = 91)60 34.1 65.9 31 Divorced (n = 5)60.0 40.0 3 2 Widowed (n = 4)2 50.0 50.0 $\chi^2 = 0.49$; P = 0.78 Residence Urban (n = 60)40 66.7 33.3 20 Rural (n = 40)25 62.5 15 37.5 $\chi^2 = 0.18$; P = 0.67 Total (n = 100)65 65.0 35 35.0 Mean SD Mean SD

Age of mother(years) 4.4 39.4 38.9 4.2 t = 0.11; P = 0.89

3.2

1.9

2.7

t = 1.55; P = 0.14

1.3

Number of children in the family

SD = standard deviation.

Table 1 Relation between maternal adaptation and sociodemographic characteristics