

Table 1 Distribution of prescription error types in medications prescribed from public and primary health care (PHC) centres

Type of prescription error ^a	Public PHC centres (<i>n</i> = 2463)		Private PHC centres (<i>n</i> = 2836)		χ^2 -value ^b	<i>P</i> -value
	No.	%	No.	%		
Type A (serious)	3	0.1	5	0.2	0.3	NS
Type B (major nuisance)	198	8.0	171	6.0	6.2	0.004
Type C (minor nuisance)	54	2.2	32	1.1	9.3	0.002
Type D (trivial)	209	8.5	318	11.2	10.9	0.0001

n = number of prescribed drugs analysed; NS = not significant.

^aNeville et al.'s classification [4]. ^bDegrees of freedom = 1.