Disagree % Agree % Workplace violence threats nurses' dignity 14.7 83.6 Verbal violence is more damaging than physical violence 83.6 14.7 Verbal violence is more damaging than sexual violence 5.3 8.7 86.0 Violence has psychosocial consequences that threaten nurses' entity 2.4 6.7 90.9 Violence affects nurses' behaviour 2.9 8.2 88.9

Uncertain %

18.1

17.3

21.2

12.3

70.4

73.6

68.5 87.2

11.5

9.1

10.3

0.5

Table 4 Nurses' attitude toward workplace violence (n = 416)

Violence affects nurses' relationships with their work colleagues

Violence affects nurses' quality of work

Violence increases turnover in nursing staff

Attitude

Total mean score