

**Table 3 Therapeutic interventions used by parents to treat childhood fever**

| Variable  | No. | %<br>(n = 264) |
|---|-----|----------------|
| <b><i>Physical measures</i></b>                       |     |                |
| Bath  | 80  | 46.8           |
| Undressing  | 36  | 21.1           |
| Drinks  | 27  | 15.8           |
| Wet towels  | 28  | 16.4           |
| <b><i>Antipyretics</i></b>                            |     |                |
| Paracetamol   | 213 | 85.9           |
| Aspirin   | 22  | 8.9            |
| Ibuprofen   | 13  | 5.2            |
| <b><i>Route of administration of antipyretics</i></b> |     |                |
| Rectal  | 154 | 64.2           |
| Oral  | 86  | 35.8           |
| <b><i>Traditional treatments</i></b>                  |     |                |
| Rosewater   | 65  | 45.1           |
| Vinegar   | 23  | 16.0           |
| Lemon   | 11  | 7.6            |
| Anserine <sup>a</sup>                                 | 45  | 31.3           |

<sup>a</sup>*Chenopodium ambrosioides* (wormseed).