

Table 3 Mean scores of Interpretation of Symptoms and Prehospital Delay Survey and percentage of answers given by patients with acute myocardial infarction (n=93)

Survey items	Mean of survey scores Mean (SD)	Prehospital Delay Survey									
		Strongly disagree		Disagree		Not sure		Agree		Strongly agree	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
1. I did not think my complaints were serious and expected to recover from them.	3.30 (1.57)	17	18.3	22	23.7	1	1.1	22	23.7	31	33.3
2. I thought my complaints would cease.	3.43 (1.49)	13	14.0	21	22.6	3	3.2	25	26.9	31	33.3
3. I was afraid that poor outcomes would occur.	2.91 (1.37)	12	12.9	37	39.8	8	8.6	19	20.4	17	18.3
4. The complaints were ongoing and they did not immediately cease.	3.06 (1.33)	7	7.5	40	43.0	3	3.2	26	28.0	17	18.3
5. The severity of complaints was intermittent, so I waited a while to see if the symptoms went away completely.	3.22 (1.33)	7	7.5	34	36.6	2	2.2	32	34.4	18	19.4
6. I did not understand that the complaints were related to heart problems.	3.62 (1.48)	7	7.5	26	28.0	4	4.3	13	14.0	42	45.2
7. I did not want to disturb anybody so I decided to do nothing for a while.	2.88 (1.34)	10	10.8	41	44.1	10	10.8	14	15.1	18	19.4
8. I associated the complaints with my other current diseases.	3.18 (1.38)	8	8.6	35	37.6	4	4.3	24	25.8	22	23.7
9. I associated my complaints with my age.	2.75 (1.29)	13	14.0	39	41.9	12	12.9	16	17.2	13	14.0
Total score	28.32 (7.69)										

SD = standard deviation.