

Table 2 Frequency of misbeliefs about contraceptives in the women according to contraceptive use

| Myths about contraceptives | Total | Never users | Ever users | Current users |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (n = 1212) | (n = 96) | (n = 1116) | (n = 644) |
| | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) | No. (%) |
| Birth control pills cause cancer | 926 (76.4) | 68 (70.8) | 858 (76.9) | 479 (74.4) |
| The intrauterine device can travel up to the heart by penetrating the uterus | 568 (46.9) | 56 (58.3) | 512 (45.9) | 293 (45.5) |
| Injectables cause infertility | 335 (27.6) | 65 (67.7) | 270 (24.2) | 167 (25.9) |
| Contraceptives are for older women only | 91 (7.5) | 18 (18.8) | 73 (6.5) | 34 (5.3) |
| Contraceptives adversely affect women's health | 108 (8.9) | 5 (5.2) | 103 (9.2) | 72 (11.2) |
| It is very difficult to get pregnant after stopping using contraceptives | 114 (9.4) | 19 (19.8) | 95 (8.5) | 61 (9.5) |
| Contraceptives use results in birth defects in babies | 85 (7.0) | 6 (6.3) | 79 (7.1) | 45 (7.0) |