

Table 1 Distribution of medical students according to their awareness and knowledge of the complications of female genital mutilation (FGM)

Complications of FGM	Students' response (n = 298)			Knowledge level (mean proportion of correct answers) ^a
	Yes No. (%)	No No. (%)	Don't know No. (%)	
Short-term physical complications (9 items)	143 (48.0)	36 (12.1)	119 (39.9)	Fair (55.3%)
Long-term physical complications (11 items)	116 (38.9)	53 (17.8)	129 (43.3)	Poor (30.8%)
Psychosocial complications (9 items)	185 (62.1)	26 (8.7)	87 (29.2)	Poor (44.3%)
Sexual complications (4 items)	176 (59.1)	23 (7.7)	99 (33.2)	Poor (43.7%)
All complications (33 items)				Poor (42.7%)

^aRating of knowledge scale: 0—< 50% correct answers denotes poor knowledge, 50%—< 70% correct answers denotes fair knowledge, and 70%—100% correct answers denotes good knowledge.