

Table 2 Renal patients' (n = 188) general knowledge of generic medicines and substitution

Question	Response	No.	% (95% CI)
Were you aware that there are different forms of the same medicine available, produced by different manufacturers? (n <sup>r</sup> = 185)	Yes	130	70 (63–77)
	No	32	17 (12–24)
	Uncertain	23	13 (8–18)
Do you understand the terms “generic” and “branded” in relation to medicines? (n <sup>r</sup> = 185)	Yes	111	60 (53–67)
	No	61	33 (26–40)
	Uncertain	13	7 (4–12)
Are you aware of the generic substitution practice? (n <sup>r</sup> = 185)	Yes	119	64 (57–71)
	No	18	10 (6–15)
	Uncertain	48	26 (20–33)
Are you currently taking any generic prescription medications? (n <sup>r</sup> = 183)	Yes	52	29 (22–36)
	No	72	39 (32–47)
	Uncertain	59	32 (26–40)
Were you aware that a generic form of ciclosporin is available in most of the hospitals abroad? (n <sup>r</sup> = 138)	Yes	21	15 (10–22)
	No	110	80 (72–86)
	Uncertain	7	5 (2–10)
Would you agree to switch your current branded ciclosporin to a generic form to save the local health authority money? (n <sup>r</sup> = 178)	Agree	51	29 (22–36)
	Disagree	84	47 (40–55)
	Uncertain	43	24 (18–31)
Do you think that generic medicines are equivalent and have the same quality as the branded medicines? (n <sup>r</sup> = 182)	Yes, always	59	33 (26–40)
	No, never	53	29 (23–36)
	Yes, sometimes	4	2 (0–6)
	Uncertain	66	36 (29–44)

n<sup>r</sup> = total number of patients responding to the question.

CI = confidence interval.