

Table 2 Characteristics of parents of autistic disorder cases

Variable	% of cases (n = 100)	
	Mothers	Fathers
Education ^a		
Illiterate	4	0
Read & write	1	1
Primary education	7	10
Secondary education	36	42
College education	41	40
Current employment		
Housewife/unemployed	68	0
Employed	31	89
Student	0	1
Retired	1	10
Family history of autism		
Present	3	9
Absent	97	91
Psychiatric illness		
Present	4	3
Absent	96	97
Chronic physical illness		
Present	2	10
Absent	98	90

^aMissing data in some cases.