

Table 2 Analysis of details of the main body of 2208 prescriptions ordered by outpatient clinics and emergency rooms at a central hospital in the West Bank

Element	No.	%
Prescription date		
Mentioned	2195	99.4
Not mentioned	13	0.6
Drug name		
Generic	71	3.2
Trade (brand)	2109	95.5
Mixed	28	1.3
Drug strength		
Mentioned for all drugs	1349	61.1
Mentioned for some drugs	501	22.7
Not mentioned for all drugs	358	16.2
Drug's dose units		
Mentioned for all drugs	1630	73.8
Mentioned for some drugs	328	14.9
Not mentioned for all drugs	250	11.3
Drug's quantity		
Mentioned for all drugs	1677	76
Mentioned for some drugs	332	15
Not mentioned for all drugs	199	9
Patient's instructions		
Full	33	1.5
Partial	92	4.2
Missing for all drugs	2083	94.3
Diagnosis		
Mentioned	1444	65.4
Not mentioned	764	34.6
Prescriber's handwriting		
Unreadable	93	4.2
Partially readable	630	28.5
Readable	1485	67.3