

Table 1 Distribution of Saudi Arabian women by type of physical violence experienced during the past year and before that period (n = 689)

Incidents of physical abuse	Lifetime frequency	Frequency in past year				Frequency before last year
	%	1–2 times	3–12 times	13–24 times	> 24 times	%
Minor						
Pushed/shoved	22.4	3.5	3.5	1.9	6.0	7.5
Slapped on the face	23.1	5.0	1.9	1.5	5.3	9.4
Twisted arms/pulled hair	20.4	3.5	2.6	1.2	5.9	7.2
Pulled	18.8	1.9	1.6	1.0	7.8	6.5
Something thrown that could hurt	16.4	2.3	2.0	1.6	4.5	6.0
Severe						
Slammed against wall	15.0	3.7	3.1	0.7	2.9	4.6
Kicked	11.6	1.8	1.5	0.9	2.4	5.0
Hit by something that could hurt	11.6	1.8	1.8	0.6	2.4	5.0
Choked	8.6	1.6	0.7	0.3	2.5	3.5
Punched	8.2	1.2	2.1	0.0	1.8	3.2
Scalded or burnt	4.8	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.3	3.5