

Table 3 Prescribing trends of various drug classes dispensed at community pharmacies

Drug class	No	%
Antimicrobials	172	46.9
NSAIDs/analgesics	147	40.0
Dermatological preparations	48	13.1
Vitamins	41	11.2
Gastrointestinal medications	37	10.0
Antihistamines	37	10.0
Mental drugs	26	7.0
Ophthalmics	26	7.0
Cough syrups	26	7.0
Bronchodilators	26	7.0
Corticosteroids	18	5.0
Others	37	10.1

*Each prescription might contain several different drug classes and therefore the sum of percentages exceeds 100%.
NSAID = non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.*