

TABLE 6. Among women who made prior attempts to end their pregnancy, percentage with self-reported complications or symptoms reported by doctor on admission to hospital, according to abortion method

Complication	Method at last attempt							
	All (N=586)	D&C (N=221)	Pills (N=144)	Injection (N=76)	MVA (N=51)	Inserted object (N=42)	Herbs, native medicine (N=24)	Other [‡] (N=27)
Self-reported serious complication[§]								
Pain	51.5	68.3	22.9	40.8	60.8	71.4	50.0	48.1
Bleeding	43.6	59.3	19.4	26.3	62.7	59.5	37.5	37.0
Fever	13.8	19.0	5.6	7.9	7.8	28.6	12.5	22.2
Injuries	7.9	12.6	1.4	1.3	9.8	11.9	8.3	3.7
Other	2.6	3.6	1.4	2.6	0.0	2.4	4.2	3.7
Minor only	37.8	20.4	66.0	52.6	19.6	19.0	41.7	11.1
Symptom reported by doctor on admission								
Pain	55.8	71.9	31.3	40.3	90.2	59.5	33.3	48.1
Bleeding/ retained products	54.8	73.8	27.8	33.8	94.1	57.1	29.2	48.1
Fever	17.1	26.2	6.3	7.8	17.6	26.2	8.3	18.5
Genital/ cervical trauma	11.8	20.8	2.1	2.6	9.8	14.3	4.2	22.2
None	36.3	17.2	62.5	58.4	5.9	31.0	58.3	37.0

[‡]Other methods include drinking alcohol, massage and lifting heavy objects. [§]Following last abortion attempt.

Note: Women and doctors could report more than one serious complication or presenting symptom.