

**APPENDIX**

**Table 1.** The questionnaire used in this study.

**Section One:** Below are some questions related to general information. Please select the appropriate answer

**The first part:** General information for the study sample. Tick the appropriate answer:

- 1. Gender:** Male Female
- 2. Age:** <30 years From 30 to 40 years From 40 to 50 years >50 years and older
- 3. Marital Status:** Single Married Other
- 4. Number of family members:**
- 5. Educational level:** High school Diploma Bachelor's degree Master's degree PhD Other
- 6. Field of study:** Medical sector  
Science, engineering, and technology sector  
Educational, linguistic, or social sciences or business  
Others
- 7. Place of residence** Amman Other

**Part two:** The following are some questions related to medical and health education, please select the appropriate the answer

- 8.** Does anyone of your family members or close acquaintances work in the health sector: Yes No
- 9.** What is the source of your general information in the health field specifically?  
 Friends or relatives working in the health sector  
 Friends or relatives who are not working in the health sector  
 Social Media  
 General Internet search
- 10.** Do you have chronic diseases that require permanent treatment (diabetes, hypertension, asthma, ...):  
 Yes  No
- 11.** Did you know that the generic drug contains the same pharmaceutical composition and has the same pharmaceutical form (syrups, capsules.....) as the originator drug, but the manufacturer and brand name for it is different?  
 Yes  No
- 12.** Have you heard about bioequivalence studies:  Yes  No
- 13.** Did you know that in Jordan there are seven centers licensed by the institutions to conduct drug studies to compare different alternatives for the same drug and make sure that they have the same efficiency? Several private and government hospitals that have obtained licenses to conduct such studies and their licenses are renewed every 3 years?  Yes  No

**Section Two:**

The following is a set of expressions regarding the factors affecting the choice of medicine, (a comparative study between a generic drug and an originator drug), please choose the appropriate answer after reading the following phrases:

Axes and paragraphs	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Don't agree	Strongly don't agree
First category: the role of the physician					
1. Your doctor directs you toward using the originator drug due to its high quality					
2. You feel that the doctor is dealing with only a limited number of originator pharmaceutical companies exclusively					
3. You feel that there is an agreement between the doctor and the neighboring pharmacies about the medicine that is given to the patient					
4. You find that the prescription written by some doctors cannot be read by most pharmacists					
5. You find that the doctor is interested in the name of the active ingredient of the medicine and does not care about the country of origin, because both have the same effectiveness					
6. You feel that the doctor dispenses the generic drug because it is cheaper than the originator and to reduce the cost for the patient					
7. You feel that the doctor is dispensing the originator drug because it has a higher price so that the patient feels the extent of the efficiency and effectiveness of the medicine dispensed to him					

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<b>Second category: the role of the pharmacist</b>					
8. The pharmacist tells you that the originator drug is more effective than the generic drug					
9. The pharmacist gives you an alternative originator drug in case the drug prescribed by the doctor is not available without referring to the doctor					
10. When the originator drug prescribed by your doctor is not available, you accept the generic drug that the pharmacist suggests as an alternative					
11. You feel that the pharmacist is directing you to buy a specific originator drug instead of the generic medicine					
<b>Third category: effectiveness</b>					
12. You find that the originator drug does not generate unwanted side effects					
13. You find that the generic drug generates unwanted side effects					
14. You buy the generic drug in case the originator drug is not available in the pharmacy because you trust the effectiveness of the generic drug					
15. You find that the effectiveness of the generic drug product is high compared to the originator drug					
16. You find it difficult to distinguish the quality and efficacy of the generic drug from the originator because you got the same results from both products which treated the same disease					
<b>Fourth category: price</b>					
17. You find that the price of the generic drug is lower than the price of the originator drug					
18. You find that you have the willingness to pay a higher price to obtain an originator drug product because of its high quality					
19. You prefer to buy generic drugs because their prices are reasonable					
20. You prefer to buy generic drugs even if their prices are high					
<b>Fifth category: information</b>					
21. You have good information about the effectiveness of generic drugs as a result of previous experience					
22. You review the medical leaflet attached to the drug, which gave you the conviction that the quality and effectiveness of the originator drug is more than the generic drug					
23. You see that medical leaflet which comes with the originator drug gives you all warnings before using it					
24. You see that medical leaflet which comes with the generic drug gives you all warnings before using it					
<b>Sixth category: the confidence</b>					
25. You trust the brand of the generic drug					
26. You trust the brand of the originator drug					
27. You trust f originator drug-producing companies more than generic drug-producing companies					
28. You seek to search for originator drugs because your confidence in them is higher than the generic drug					
<b>Seventh category: choose a medication</b>					
29. The doctor has the primary role in determining the type of drug I use					
30. You find that the doctor makes you feel that using the originator drug is more effective					
31. You feel that the pharmacist motivates you to choose the originator drug					

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32. You feel that the generic drug is more available in pharmacies than the originator drug					
33. You choose the generic drug because you think it is more effective than the originator drug					
34. You want to get the generic drug because its price is low compared to the price of the originator drug					
35. You have enough information about the originator drug to make you choose it					
36. You have enough information about the generic drug to make you choose it					
37. You trust the originator drug more than the generic drug, which makes you feel comfortable when it is prescribed to you					

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