Table 2: Knowledge status of Debre Markos University female students about criteria safe abortion services, Northwest Ethiopia, April, 2016 (n = 483).

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| **Characteristics** | **Frequency** | **Percentage** |
| Abortion is fully legalized by law in Ethiopia | Yes | 188 | 38.9 |
| No | 295 | 61.1 |
| Safe abortion is allowed if pregnancy is the result of incest | Yes | 260 | 53.8 |
| No | 223 | 46.2 |
| Safe abortion is allowed ifPregnancy is the result of rape. | Yes | 254 | 52.6 |
| No | 229 | 47.4 |
| Safe abortion is allowed if the continuation of the pregnancy endangers the life of the mother or the child. | Yes | 317 | 65.6 |
| No | 166 | 34.4 |
| Safe abortion is allowed if the fetus has an incurable and Serious deformity. | Yes | 316 | 65.4 |
| No | 167 | 34.6 |
| Safe abortion is allowed if the Pregnant woman has physical or mental deficiency or she is physically and mentally unfit to bring up the child. | Yes | 311 | 64.4 |
| No | 172 | 35.6 |
| Ethiopian liberal law allows abortion up to what gestational age?(in week) | Below 9 weeks | 146 | 30.2 |
| 9 weeks | 13 | 2.7 |
| 12 weeks  | 227 | 47 |
| 16 weeks  | 49 | 10.1 |
| 28 weeks  | 37 | 7.7 |
| Above 28 weeks | 11 | 2.3 |
| Did you know methods for abortion? (you can mention more than one options) | Medical abortion | 373 | 77.2 |
| Abortion by instrument | 304 | 62.9 |
| I don’t know | 20 | 4.1 |
| Did you know possible complication of abortion? (you can mention more than one options) | Heavy bleeding | 432 | 89.4 |
| Uterine rupture | 314 | 65 |
| Infertility  | 292 | 60.2 |
| Infections | 187 | 38.7 |