

**Table 1:** Details of postal validation sample consisting of 92 Ankylosing Spondylitis patients who completed and returned the questionnaire package.

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Number (%)</b>
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	63 (68.5)
Female	29 (31.5)
<b>Educational Level</b>	
Primary (5-10/11 years)	14 (15.2)
Secondary (11-15/16 years)	52 (56.5)
Higher education	26 (28.3)
<b>Marital Status</b>	
Divorced	13 (14.1)
Married	63 (68.5)
Single	12 (13.0)
Widowed	4 (4.3)
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed	43 (46.7)
Unemployed	17 (18.5)
Student	1 (1.1)
Retired	31 (33.7)
<b>Self-reported general health</b>	
Poor	22 (23.9)
Fair	38 (41.3)
Good	28 (30.4)
Very good	4 (4.3)
<b>Self-reported severity of AS</b>	
Mild	18 (19.6)
Moderate	32 (34.8)
Quite severe	29 (31.5)
Very severe	13 (14.1)

AS: Ankylosing Spondylitis.