

Supplementary Table 1.

Violent events in Beirut 2013-2014, and corresponding “case” and “control weeks”

Date of event	Event description in electronic media	Corresponding event weeks (Subtotal: 62 days)	Corresponding no-event weeks (Subtotal: 117 days)	Distance from event to hospital, in Km (Time from event to hospital, in minutes)
July 9, 2013	A car bomb wounded at least 53 people in Dahiyeh, a mainly Shia neighborhood in southern Beirut. The blast occurred in the car park of a supermarket in the residential area of Bir el-Abed, causing heavy damage but no fatalities	July 09, 2013- July 15, 2013	July 09, 2012-July 15, 2012  July 2, 2013-July 8, 2013	9.1 (16)
August 15, 2013	A car-bomb explosion killed at least 20 people in a southern suburb of Beirut. At least 200 people were injured in the blast, which occurred between the Bir el-Abed and Roueiss neighbourhoods.	August 15, 2013- August 21, 2013	August 15, 2012- August 21, 2012  August 08, 2013- August 14, 2013	9.1 (16)
November 19, 2013	The Iranian embassy in Beirut is hit by a double suicide attack car-bomb, killing at least 23 people and wounding 150 others.	November 19, 2013- November 25, 2013	November 19, 2012- November 25, 2012  November 12, 2013- November 18, 2013	5.4 (12)
December 3, 2013	A senior Hezbollah commander named Hassan Lakkis was assassinated by 2 gunmen in Beirut	December 3, 2013- December 9, 2013	December 3, 2012- December 9, 2012  November 26, 2013- December 2, 2013	12.5 (21)
December 27, 2013	Mohamad Chatah, Lebanon's former finance minister is killed by a car bomb that hit in the centre of the capital Beirut, along with at least five others.	December 27, 2013- January 1, 2014*	December 27, 2012- January 1, 2013*  December 20, 2013- December 26, 2013	1.4 (5)

<b>January 2, 2014</b>	A car bomb was detonated in the Haret Hreik area of the Southern suburb of Beirut, killing at least five people and injuring over 70.	January 2, 2014- January 8, 2014	January 2, 2013- January 8, 2013	9.1 (16)
<b>January 21, 2014</b>	An explosion ripped through Beirut's southern suburb of Dahiyeh shortly after 11:00 a.m. The explosion reportedly took place on the Martyr Ahmed Qassir road, some 30 meters away from where the January 2 blast took place.	January 21, 2014- January 27, 2014	January 21, 2013- January 27, 2013  January 14, 2014- January 20, 2014	9.1 (16)
<b>February 3, 2014</b>	A suicide bomber detonates an explosive belt inside a public minibus in Choueifat, south of Beirut, killing himself and another person and wounded 3 people, according to government sources.	February 3, 2014- February 9, 2014	February 3, 2013- February 9, 2013  January 28, 2014 - February 2, 2014**	14.3 (32)
<b>June 24, 2014</b>	A suicide bomber blows up a car near a security forces checkpoint, injuring 15 people and damaging a nearby cafe.	June 24, 2014- June 30, 2014	June 24, 2013- June 30, 2013  June 17, 2014- June 23, 2014	6.2 (14)

\*Only 6 days could be included in each of the case and control week, since January 2nd 2014 witnessed a violent event and was part of a case week, and hence January 2nd 2013 was part of the control week.

\*\*Only 6 days could be included in the control week, since February 3rd witnessed a violent event and was part of a case week