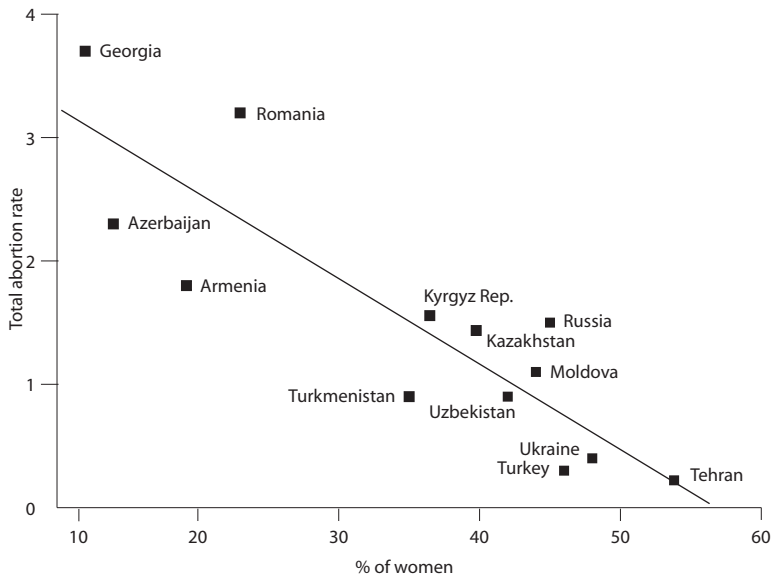


**FIGURE 2. Relationship between the total abortion rate and the percentage of women using modern contraceptives, in selected countries and Tehran**



Notes: Total abortion rate=3.8-0.07×rate of modern contraceptive use;  $R^2=0.75$  ( $p<.001$ ). Russian data are for three cities. Contraceptive data for Tehran, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Moldova and the Ukraine are based on reports from currently married women aged 15–49; these data for other countries are based on reports from all women aged 15–44. Sources: **Armenia**—National Statistical Service of Armenia (NSS), Ministry of Health of Armenia (MOH) and ORC Macro, *Armenia Demographic and Health Survey, 2005*, Calverton, MD, USA; NSS, MOH and ORC Macro, 2006. **Azerbaijan**—State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan (SSC) and Macro International, *Azerbaijan Demographic and Health Survey, 2006*, Calverton, MD, USA; SSC and Macro International, 2008. **Moldova**—National Scientific and Applied Center for Preventive Medicine of Moldova (NSACPM) and ORC Macro, *Moldova Demographic and Health Survey, 2005*, Calverton, MD, USA; NSACPM and ORC Macro, 2006. **Turkey**—Hacettepe University Institute of Population Studies (IPS), *Turkey Demographic and Health Survey, 2008*, Ankara, Turkey; IPS, 2009. **Ukraine**—Ukrainian Center for Social Reforms (UCSR) et al., *Ukraine Demographic and Health Survey, 2007*, Calverton, MD, USA; UCSR and Macro International, 2008. **Other countries**—reference 19.