

Review of: "Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Refugee Children Utilizing Healthcare Services of Türkiye (2021-2022): A Single-Centre Study"

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The paper is clearly structured.

The introduction clearly depicts the problem. Emergency departments are used frequently to address medical sequelae and frequently for non-urgent medical problems). Therefore, barriers and waiting times are low. This is creating a work overload for all health care workers and physicians and costs (to the general system) in certain areas.

Most of the visits were non-urgent - How many exactly? Percentage, n=?

Refugee children are at risk of developmental delay ...dislocation from their homes. The term 'dislocation' reminds me of displaced people (bad history).... Therefore, we ask to change this expression.

Methods:

Terminology is good. Statistics were calculated in an adequate manner.

Results:

What do the authors mean by intoxication?

Discussion: good

General impression:

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One cannot overemphasize the importance of this study and the information it provides to the medical field and the geopolitical situation. It points to the negative impact of this terrible situation, specifically on children. The detrimental effects are felt during early development. Additionally, it will have a major impact on their later lives with all the physical and psychological trauma and the development of PTSD. All that is highly important, not only for medical personnel, but

also for authorities and policymakers.

I want to recommend this excellent study for publication.

Thank you for the opportunity to review.

Best regards, Sandra

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