

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

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Introduction

- References in the text are missing, such as in the first sentence (the global population...) and last sentence (In March 2022, Ministry of Health Director...), as well as in paragraph 2 (except the second sentence) and paragraph 3.
- This study aims to understand obstacles and identify gaps for refugee children. However, the data appears to be missing or has not been addressed.
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Method

- The research design, ethical clearance, application of ethical principles, and data analysis are thoroughly addressed.
- However, this study may be beneficial if parental demographics, such as parental education and economic status, are included. So, it may be beneficial to support your discussion.

Results

- It appears that narratives about the triage system and recurrent admissions to the emergency department (EDU) are not available in any tables. A table containing information about inpatient service utilisation is also unavailable.
- All data (variables) identified in the method should be presented in tables, with accompanying illustrative text from the author. To reduce redundant information between tables and illustrative text, I suggest the authors may select the dominant feature of the data.

Discussion

- Overall, the manuscript is well-written. The authors addressed the study strengths (limited data on health status of paediatric refugees and the first study of COVID-19 prevalence among refugee children) as well as its limitations (focusing on a local Istanbul).
- However, the authors appear to be missing the opportunity to compare their findings to those from other countries,

such as whether refugee populations prefer to visit hospitals over community settings, such as primary care services, and why don't they use primary services?

Key points

- Key points in dot four appear to be off track.