

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

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I feel the study is not only relevant, but very important and needed in these times. So I congratulate the authors for their efforts in highlighting the topic. However, I do have a few suggestions/comments that may improve the readability of this paper.

First, since this is a descriptive paper, it would be advisable to add the same in the abstract (methods).

Second, the sample size is 4383 refugee children, and the majority were below the age of 5 years or between 5-10 years. So would it not be helpful to discuss the descriptive results from table 2 onwards age-wise? For instance, the reason for the type of service use (table 2) lists out the number of participants against each reason. But how many of these children were below age 5 years and how many were adolescents is not mentioned. I consider that important because the onset and severity of these diseases is age related. This is also mentioned by the authors in their introduction section, where they talk about infant care requirements separately from those of adolescents.

Thirdly, the discussion of this paper does include relevant findings from the literature. However, this paper mentions its aim as - to help understand the obstacles and identify any gaps in the care of refugee children. I fail to see any discussion on how and why the authors found similar results or what possible explanation could be given for contradictory findings. In other words, the aim of this paper is not completely addressed in the discussion section.

Fourthly, is it not important to discuss the limitations and future recommendations (implications of the findings), since this is an important topic highlighting the health status of refugee children?