

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

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TITLE: Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Refugee Children Utilizing Healthcare Services of Türkiye (2021-2022): A Single-Centre Study_ -It is a good title however instead of using refugee children can be rephrased to pediatric refugees

ABSTRACT:

Background information: Paragraph 1 on the aim of the study: It is reasonable aim whoever- the areas where the study took place should be removed and your aim; reads: *"to describe healthcare utilization patterns of the pediatric refugee population to enable hospitals to be better prepared to treat large numbers of refugee children"*.

Methods and throughout the manuscript use *"pediatric refugees"* rather than refugee children

Result: Second statement! If you manage to put a percentage of frequently encountered conditions here, it will be helpful.

Conclusions: the 1st statement is not supposed to be your conclusion, it is a known fact. The second statement talks about the increase of admission: where is the increase? The authors are missing one data to compare, or you may need to change the conclusions -otherwise there is need to reanalyze the data for the different years to show the increase

The conclusion in abstract differs from the conclusion in the main manuscript- the authors need to change this

INTRODUCTION

The introduction is well written for the most part. However, the last but one statement of this paragraph says: somatic/organ status, previous and chronic diseases, mental health status, dental status, developmental status/stage of puberty..... What does previous mean here or something is missing

METHODS

The second paragraph on consent, were there children who gave an assent? At what age?

4th paragraph: Malnutrition was defined as patients whose weight is at or

under third percentile than according to the reference standards for the growth of Turkish infants and children-Are children

in turkey and Syria similar? Do the Syrian have their own charts? Is it possible to use international standards if there are no local standards?

Paragraph 4: What is data in IS can it be written in full? Or make a list of abbreviations

RESULTS

The average age of the children was 5.2 ± 4.9 ; 3.3 ± 4.5 ; 2 ± 3 years old, respectively-Please clarify the grouping. Where are the age 10 and above?

DISCUSSION

Paragraph 3, 1st statement needs a reference

From paragraphs six to the end – remove the conclusions and recommendations! Make their own paragraph/titled chapter, whatever the format, but remove them from the Discussion.

TABLES

There are rows of numbers that are not labeled. What do they mean?

Key points

The last key point does not appear in your data!

Recommendation: Accept after minor corrections.