

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

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About the study: This study explores healthcare utilization patterns among pediatric refugees in Türkiye, where the refugee population is substantial. Analyzing data from a hospital in Istanbul, the study finds that upper respiratory infections and gastroenteritis are common in emergency visits, while vitamin D deficiency and malnutrition prevail in outpatient cases. Lower respiratory infections, fever, and intoxication are frequent reasons for inpatient admissions. Despite the predominance of non-urgent visits, the study highlights an increase in refugee children seeking healthcare, particularly in emergency departments. The findings underscore the need for further research to understand the healthcare needs of this vulnerable population and develop targeted approaches to address them.

Points to review:

- 1- What is "well-baby care" defined in the introduction?
- 2) The paragraph "There has been a reemergence of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, polio, and diphtheria among refugee children in war zones and other unstable areas. Baauw et al. reported that vaccine coverage was found at 72.4% for rubella, 70.2% for measles, and 63% for hepatitis B" sounded incomplete. Would any of the diseases described be from pathogens that could be prevented by a complete vaccination protocol?
- 3) Still about vaccination, are there information about the vaccination coverage of these individuals?
- 4) I believe this is a paper with a strong message, but the authors should highlight more options for "Therefore, increased effort for international collaborations and consensus on standards of care are needed between relevant policymakers and medical scientific bodies." Give examples of how the issue could be solved.

Congratulations on the paper. I hope my points help to improve the quality of your paper.