

Table 1 Characteristics of medical students and house officers of private and public institutions in Karachi, Pakistan

Variable	Private university (<i>n</i> = 285)		Public university (<i>n</i> = 624)		Statistics	<i>P</i> -value
<i>Mean age (SD) years</i>	22.7 (1.6)		22.2 (1.8)		<i>t</i> = −0.79	0.28
	No. ^a	%	No. ^a	%		
<i>Sex</i>						
Male	168	59.4	482	77.7	χ^2 = 32	< 0.001
Female	115	40.6	138	22.3		
<i>Socioeconomic status</i>						
Low	27	9.9	96	15.7	χ^2 = 9.8	0.007
Middle	207	75.5	461	75.2		
High	40	14.6	56	9.1		
<i>Postgraduate studies plan</i>						
Inland	62	27.4	188	47.6	χ^2 = 41	< 0.001
Abroad	135	59.7	122	30.9		
Undecided	29	12.8	85	21.5		
<i>Satisfaction with medical profession</i>						
Satisfied	231	82.8	484	79.1	χ^2 = 1.6	0.11
Not satisfied	48	17.2	128	20.9		
<i>Year in medical school</i>						
3rd year	84	29.5	131	21.0		
4th year	77	27.0	206	33.0		
5th year	59	20.7	156	25.0		
House officer	65	22.8	131	21.0		

^aData missing in some categories.
SD = standard deviation.