

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of hospitalized children in Tabriz, 2008

Characteristic	All children (n = 140)		Boys (n = 73)		Girls (n = 67)	
	Mean	SEM	Mean	SEM	Mean	SEM
<i>Age (years)</i>	6.43	0.23	6.53	0.34	6.32	0.32
<i>No. of family members</i>	4.44	0.17	4.55	0.28	4.33	0.18
<i>No. of children</i>	2.06	0.08	2.11	0.11	2.00	0.12
<i>Length of hospital stay (d)</i>	5.37	0.44	5.30	0.67	5.45	0.57
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Birth order						
1st	65	46.4	30	41.1	35	52.2
2nd	54	38.6	31	42.5	23	34.3
3rd & higher	21	15.0	12	16.4	9	13.4
Father's education						
Illiterate	14	10.0	9	12.3	5	7.5
Literate	118	84.4	60	82.2	58	86.6
Higher education ^a	8	5.7	4	5.5	4	6.0
Mother's education						
Illiterate	22	15.7	12	16.4	10	14.9
Literate	115	82.1	59	80.8	56	83.5
Higher education ^a	3	2.1	2	2.7	1	1.5
Father's job^b						
High/moderate level	6	4.3	4	5.5	2	2.9
Low level	53	37.9	22	30.1	31	46.2
Very low level	81	57.8	47	64.4	34	50.7
Mother's job						
Housewife	134	95.7	68	93.2	66	98.5
Employed	6	4.3	5	6.8	1	1.5

^aUniversity plus.

^bHigh/moderate = management, skilled worker, etc.; low = sales assistant, semi-skilled worker, etc.; very low level = farmer, service worker, labourer, etc.

P > 0.05 (not significant).

SEM = standard error of the mean.