Table 1 Relationship between patient variables and mean consultation time (*n* = 620)

Variable	No. of consultations	%	Consultation time (min.) Mean (SD)	P-value
Patient's sex				
Male	323	52.1	6.3 (2.2)	< 0.001
Female	297	47.9	7.5 (2.8)	
Reason for visit				
For prescription				
Yes	126	20.3	5.8 (2.5)	< 0.001
No	494	79.7	7.1 (2.5)	
For laboratory test follow-up				
Yes	63	10.2	5.4 (2.1)	< 0.001
No	557	89.8	7.0 (2.6)	
Expectation of drug prescription				
Not inclined	7	1.1	4.7 (0.8)	
Somewhat inclined	29	4.7	5.8 (2.2)	< 0.001
Completely inclined	520	83.9	7.2 (2.5)	
Knowledge about use and precautions of prescribed drugs				
Somewhat	28	4.5	6.4 (2.7)	> 0.09
Yes completely	528	85.2	7.1 (2.5)	
Degree of satisfaction with consultation				
Not satisfied	5	0.8	4.8 (0.9)	
Somewhat satisfied	27	4.4	5.1 (1.1)	< 0.001
Completely satisfied	588	94.8	7.0 (2.6)	

SD = standard deviation.