

Table 3 Summary of responses from ministry of health (MOH), university and private health facilities about classification system used for cut-offs for growth reference charts, reasons for choice of cut-off and expected problems if height measurements were introduced

Item	MOH facilities* (n = 17)	University facilities (n = 16)	Other (n = 11)
	No.	No.	No.
<i>Classification system used for cut-offs for the growth charts for under-5s</i>			
z-score	3	2	1
Percentile	13	13	10
Percentage of median	1	1	0
<i>Reasons for choice of cut-off points for determining underweight, short stature or wasting</i>			
Recommendations of MOH	7	3	6
Consensus of scientific community in the country	4	8	4
Recommendations of international agency or technical advisor	12	4	6
<i>Expected problems if height measurement were introduced in the Region</i>			
Lack of equipment	8	5	0
Lack of trained personnel	8	1	0
Lack of time during the growth monitoring session	6	1	0
No problem	6	7	11

Data were missing in some categories and some respondents gave more than one reason.

*One country (United Arab Emirates) reported data from 2 ministries of health (Abu Dhabi and Dubai).