

Table 1 Distribution by sex and presence of respiratory symptoms of patients aged 5 years and more attending first level health facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic

Patient characteristic	Baseline survey		Impact survey		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>All conditions</b>					
Female	3174	63.0	2864	63.5	> 0.05
Male	1865	37.0	1646	36.5	
Total	5039	100.0	4510	100.0	
<b>Respiratory symptoms</b>					
Female	1004	55.6	613	55.8	> 0.05
Male	802	44.4	486	44.2	
Total	1806	100.0	1099	100.0	
<b>Respiratory symptoms/all patients</b>					
Female	1004/3174	31.6	613/2864	21.4	< 0.001
Male	802/1865	43.0	486/1646	29.5	< 0.001
Total	1806/5039	35.8	1099/4510	24.4	< 0.001
	Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)		
<b>Age (years)</b>					
Female	23.9 (17.6) <sup>a</sup>		25.1 (17.4) <sup>b</sup>		> 0.05
Male	20.0 (19.1) <sup>a</sup>		22.5 (18.8) <sup>b</sup>		< 0.05
Total	22.2 (18.3)		24.0 (18.0)		< 0.05

<sup>a</sup>Comparison of mean age of females and males in the baseline survey (P < 0.001).

<sup>b</sup>Comparison of mean age of females and males in the baseline survey (P < 0.05).

SD = standard deviation.