

Table 4 Distribution of the physicians according to their experience with child maltreatment (n = 90)

Question	Value
Did you ever suspect that a child who came to you professionally had been maltreated? (No. (%))	
Yes	46 (51)
No	44 (49)
How many child maltreatment cases have you ever suspected?	
Range	1-50
Mean (SD)	5.52 (8.02)
Median	3.0
Total number of suspected cases	249
How many child maltreatment cases have you ever diagnosed (confirmed)?	
Range	0.0-30.0
Mean (SD)	3.22 (5.30)
Median	1.0
Total no. diagnosed (% from suspected cases)	148 (59)
Have you ever reported a child maltreatment case that you suspected? (No. (%))^a	
No	16 (35)
Yes	30 (65)
How many cases have you reported?	
Range	0.0-13.0
Mean (SD)	1.93 (2.98)
Median	1.0
Total no. reported (% from suspected cases) (n = 249)	89 (36)
What were your action(s) when you suspected a case of child maltreatment?^a (No. (%))^b	
Asked the child and/or parents	31 (67)
Documented the sign/symptoms and suspicion in child's file	31 (67)
Monitored the case during the following visits	28 (61)
Checked the consistency of parents' and/or child's explanation with the clinical findings	37 (80)
Did not do anything	18 (39)
If you did not do anything, why was that? (n = 18)^a	
Fear of anger from family and parents	6 (33)
Lack of knowledge about referral procedures	14 (78)
Uncertainty about the diagnosis of the case as child maltreatment	12 (67)
Lack of an adequate history about the child maltreatment case	3 (17)
Possible harmful effect on the child from the family	12 (67)

SD= standard deviation.

^aThe respondents who had never suspected a case of child maltreatment (44 physicians) were excluded.

^bThe respondents could select more than one answer.