

Table 1 Response distribution of sample population (n = 377)

Item no.	Queries	Category	n (%)
1	When was the hearing impairment noticed?	0–6 months	132 (35.0)
		7–12 months	72 (19.1)
		13–18 months	54 (14.3)
		19–24 months	119 (31.6)
2	Who noticed the hearing impairment first?	Parents	258 (68.4)
		Grand parents	89 (23.6)
		Teacher	23 (6.1)
		Others	7 (1.9)
3	At what age was professional advice first sought?	< 6 months	108 (28.6)
		7–12 months	72 (19.1)
		13–18 months	70 (18.6)
		19–24 months	127 (33.7)
4	Who was the first professional from whom advice was sought?	General practitioner	34 (9.0)
		Paediatrician	102 (27.1)
		Audiologist	166 (44.0)
		ENT specialist	69 (18.3)
		Speech and language pathologist	6 (1.6)
5	Was the child referred to another professional for further investigation?	Yes	280 (74.3)
		No	97 (25.7)
6	When was the child referred to another professional?	Immediately	160 (42.4)
		In 1–3 months	122 (32.4)
		Not referred	77 (20.4)
		Others	18 (4.8)
7	What investigations were carried out for detection of hearing impairment?	ASSR	59 (15.7)
		BERA	227 (71.8)
		OAE	8 (2.2)
		Others	23 (7.3)
8	When was the hearing impairment detected	< 6 months	95 (25.2)
		7–12 months	66 (17.5)
		13–18 months	43 (11.4)
		19–24 months	173 (45.9)
9	How much of a problem does your child have in joining community activities (festivities, religious) because of hearing impairment?	None	21 (5.6)
		Mild	79 (21.0)
		Moderate	179 (47.5)
		Severe	98 (26.0)
10	How much has the hearing impairment of your child been a financial strain?	None	59 (15.6)
		Mild	101 (26.8)
		Moderate	148 (39.4)
		Severe	69 (18.2)

ASSR = auditory steady-state response; BERA = Brain evoked response auditory; OAE, Otoacoustic emission.