

**Table 1 Composition of the working group involved in developing and reviewing the 2021 guideline for vaccine prioritization in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Aspect	Planning (NCEC Secretariat) (n = 5)	Literature review & development of value framework (NCEC working group) (n = 6)	Consensus making (National Immunization Technical Advisory Group) (n = 16)	Review & approval NCEC (n = 14)	Supreme Council for Medical Ethics (n = 22)
	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	2 (40.0)	5 (83.3)	14 (87.5)	10 (71.4)	20 (90.9)
Female	3 (60.0)	1 (16.6)	2 (12.5)	4 (28.5)	2 (9.1)
<b>Age (years)</b>					
31-40	1 (20.0)	1 (16.6)	5 (31.3)	1 (7.1)	0 (0.0)
41-50	2 (40.0)	3 (50.0)	5 (31.3)	5 (35.7)	1 (4.5)
51-60	2 (40.0)	2 (33.3)	6 (37.5)	8 (57.1)	12 (54.5)
>60	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)		0 (0.0)	9 (40.9)
<b>Field of expertise</b>					
Basic science	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (31.3)	0 (0.0)	3 (13.6)
Public health	0 (0.0)	1 (16.6)	2 (12.5)	0 (0.0)	3 (13.6)
Medical ethics	3 (60.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (6.3)	3 (21.4)	0 (0.0)
Medical specialty	1 (20.0)	2 (33.3)	8 (50.0)	6 (42.8)	7 (31.8)
Nursing	1 (20.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (21.4)	1 (4.5)
Miscellaneous	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	2 (14.2)	7 (31.8)
<b>Current role</b>					
Professor	0 (0.0)	1 (16.6)	8 (50.0)	2 (14.2)	11 (50.0)
Associate professor	0 (0.0)	2 (33.3)	5 (31.3)	3 (21.4)	2 (9.1)
Assistant professor	3 (60.0)	3 (50.0)	2 (12.5)	5 (35.7)	0 (0.0)
PhD candidate	1 (20.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (6.3)	1 (7.1)	0 (0.0)
Non-academic	1 (20.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	3 (21.4)	9 (40.9)
<b>Education</b>					
PhD	1 (20.0)	1 (16.6)	4 (25.0)	4 (28.5)	6 (27.2)
MD-PhD	3 (60.0)	3 (50.0)	3 (18.8)	3 (21.4)	4 (18.1)
MD	1 (20.0)	2 (33.3)	8 (50.0)	6 (42.8)	11 (50.0)
PharmD	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
PharmD-PhD	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (6.3)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
MSc	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (7.1)	1 (4.5)
<b>Years working in the field</b>					
< 10	1 (20)	1 (16.6)	0 (0)	1 (7.1)	0 (0)
10-19	2 (40)	3 (50)	4 (25)	4 (28.5)	4 (18.1)
20-29	1 (20)	2 (33.3)	6 (37.5)	8 (57.1)	7 (31.8)
> 30	1 (20)	0 (0)	6 (37.5)	1 (7.1)	11 (50)

NCEC = National Clinical Ethics Committee.