Supplementary Table 1. Respondent characteristics

**1A. Gender**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | N (%) |
| **Total** | **2444 (100)** |
| Male | 1002 (41.00) |
| Female | 1435 (58.72) |
| *Not reported (if any)* | *7 (0.29)* |

**1B. Age Distribution (categorized by gender)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | <40 y | 40-50 y | 50-60 y | >60 y | *Not Reported* |
| Total n(%) | 1366 (55.89) | 642 (26.27) | 337 (13.79) | 79 (3.23) | *20 (0.82)* |
| Male n(%) | 406 (40.52) | 341 (34.03) | 192 (19.16) | 60 (5.99) | *3 (0.30)* |
| Female n(%) | 957 (66.69) | 299 (20.84) | 145 (10.10) | 19 (1.32) | *15 (1.05)* |
| *Not reported (if any)* | 3 (42.86) | 2 (28.57) | *-* | *-* | *2(28.57)* |

**1C. Specialty**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | N (%) |
| **Total** | **2444 (100)** |
| General physician | 247 (10.11) |
| Pediatrics | 1647 (67.39) |
| Pediatric gastroenterologist | 229 (9.37) |
| Family physician | 88 (3.6) |
| Others | 179 (7.32) |
| *Not Reported* | 54 (2.21) |

**1D. Practice setting**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | N (%) |
| **Total** | **2444 (100)** |
| Government | 1386 (56.71) |
| Private facility | 869 (35.56) |
| University/medical school | 482 (19.72) |
| Others (including not reported) | 19 (0.78) |

**1E. Practice Location**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | N (%) |
| **Total** | **2444 (100)** |
| Urban | 2255 (92.27) |
| Rural | 153 (6.26) |
| *Not reported (if any)* | *36 (1.47)* |

**1F. Country of practice**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | N (%) |
| **Total** | **2444 (100)** |
| Algeria | 212 (8.67) |
| Egypt | 320 (13.09) |
| Iran | 350 (14.32) |
| KSA | 514 (21.03) |
| Lebanon | 335 (13.71) |
| Morocco | 240 (9.82) |
| Pakistan | 299 (12.23) |
| UAE | 174 (7.12) |