

Supplementary table 1. Demographics and characteristics of paediatric patients presenting to the emergency centre during the level 5 COVID-19 lockdown period and corresponding 5-week periods immediately before and after the lockdown and for two previous years.

Variables n (%)		2018			2019			2020		
		21 Feb – 26 Mar	27 Mar – 30 Apr	01 May – 04 Jun	21 Feb – 26 Mar	27 Mar – 30 Apr	01 May – 04 Jun	21 Feb – 26 Mar (Pre-lockdown)	27 Mar – 30 Apr (Level 5 lockdown)	01 May – 04 Jun (Post-lockdown)
Age (year)	<1	210 (21.2%)	372 (31.4%)	368 (28.8%)	249 (19.7%)	351 (24.8%)	312 (22.5%)	243 (18.1%)	169 (28.5%) <sup>a</sup>	116 (21.9%) <sup>b</sup>
	1-5	528 (53.2%)	592 (50%)	677 (53%)	717 (56.7%)	766 (54.2%)	742 (53.5%)	787 (58.6%)	314 (53%) <sup>a</sup>	279 (52.6%)
	>5	254 (25.6%)	219 (18.5%)	233 (18.2%)	298 (23.6%)	296 (20.9%)	334 (24.1%)	312 (23.2%)	109 (18.4%) <sup>a</sup>	135 (25.5%) <sup>b</sup>
Gender	Female	436 (44%)	509 (43%)	588 (46%)	537 (42.5%)	609 (43.1%)	610 (43.9%)	565 (42.1%)	267 (45.1%)	251 (47.4%)
	Male	556 (56%)	674 (57%)	690 (54%)	727 (57.5%)	804 (56.9%)	778 (56.1%)	777 (57.9%)	325 (54.9%)	279 (52.6%)
Transport method	Self	785 (79.1%)	920 (77.8%)	1082 (84.7%)	1025 (81.1%)	1171 (82.9%)	1267 (91.3%)	1115 (83.1%)	489 (82.6%) <sup>a</sup>	476 (89.8%) <sup>b</sup>
	Ambulance	130 (13.1%)	178 (15%)	193 (15.1%)	152 (12%)	133 (9.4%)	120 (8.6%)	145 (10.8%)	69 (11.7%)	52 (9.8%)
	Police or Fire service	2 (0.2%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (0.2%)	4 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Unknown	75 (7.6%)	84 (7.1%)	2 (0.2%)	85 (6.7%)	105 (7.4%)	0 (0%)	82 (6.1%)	34 (5.7%)	2 (0.4%) <sup>b</sup>
Arrival from	Scene / home	658 (66.3%)	835 (70.6%)	907 (71%)	931 (73.7%)	1069 (75.7%)	1067 (76.9%)	1000 (74.5%)	485 (81.9%) <sup>a,c</sup>	457 (86.2%) <sup>d</sup>
	Other healthcare facility	262 (26.4%)	266 (22.5%)	285 (22.3%)	250 (19.8%)	242 (17.1%)	220 (15.9%)	260 (19.4%)	74 (12.5%) <sup>b,c</sup>	52 (9.8%) <sup>d</sup>
	General Practitioner	72 (7.3%)	82 (6.9%)	86 (6.7%)	83 (6.6%)	99 (7%)	101 (7.3%)	81 (6%)	33 (5.6%)	21 (4%) <sup>d</sup>
	Unknown	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Triage category	Non-urgent (Green)	238 (24%)	202 (17.1%)	202 (15.8%)	311 (24.6%)	287 (20.3%)	241 (17.4%)	344 (25.6%)	142 (24%)	172 (32.5%) <sup>b,d</sup>
	Urgent (Yellow)	516 (52%)	622 (52.6%)	760 (59.5%)	639 (50.6%)	758 (53.6%)	733 (52.8%)	663 (49.4%)	300 (50.7%)	256 (48.3%)
	Very urgent (Orange)	181 (18.2%)	286 (24.2%)	255 (20%)	246 (19.5%)	294 (20.8%)	351 (25.3%)	267 (19.9%)	115 (19.4%)	78 (14.7%) <sup>b,d</sup>
	Emergency (Red)	33 (3.3%)	41 (3.5%)	35 (2.7%)	39 (3.1%)	40 (2.8%)	35 (2.5%)	30 (2.2%)	25 (4.2%) <sup>a</sup>	17 (3.2%)
	Unknown	24 (2.4%)	32 (2.7%)	26 (2%)	29 (2.3%)	34 (2.4%)	28 (2%)	38 (2.8%)	10 (1.7%)	7 (1.3%)
Disposition	Death	2 (0.2%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	4 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)	4 (0.3%)	4 (0.7%)	0 (0%)
	Referred to in-hospital disciplines	193 (19.5%)	251 (21.2%)	293 (22.9%)	210 (16.6%)	209 (14.8%)	159 (11.5%)	163 (12.1%) <sup>e</sup>	105 (17.7%) <sup>a</sup>	91 (17.2%) <sup>d</sup>
	Discharged	674 (67.9%)	770 (65.1%)	817 (63.9%)	862 (68.2%)	946 (66.9%)	983 (70.8%)	871 (64.9%)	351 (59.3%) <sup>b,c</sup>	346 (65.3%) <sup>b,d</sup>
	Absconded	28 (2.8%)	42 (3.6%)	58 (4.5%)	66 (5.2%)	99 (7%)	92 (6.6%)	160 (11.9%) <sup>e</sup>	33 (5.6%) <sup>a</sup>	13 (2.5%) <sup>b,d</sup>
	Transferred to higher level facility	58 (5.8%)	86 (7.3%)	62 (4.9%)	101 (8%)	90 (6.4%)	87 (6.3%)	92 (6.9%)	64 (10.8%) <sup>b,c</sup>	65 (12.3%) <sup>d</sup>
	Refer to other	37 (3.7%)	34 (2.9%)	47 (3.7%)	24 (1.9%)	65 (4.6%)	64 (4.6%)	52 (3.9%) <sup>e</sup>	35 (5.9%)	15 (2.8%) <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between pre-lockdown period 2020 and level 5 lockdown period 2020 (see supplementary table 2)

<sup>b</sup> Statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between level 5 lockdown period 2020 and post-lockdown period 2020 (see supplementary table 2)

<sup>c</sup> Statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between level 5 lockdown period 2019 and 2020 (see supplementary table 2)

<sup>d</sup> Statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between post-lockdown period 2019 and 2020 (see supplementary table 2)

<sup>e</sup> Statistically significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ) between pre-lockdown period 2019 and 2020 (see supplementary table 2)