

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of the sample of patients consulting during 2007 in the 4 studied health centres (governorate) in Bahrain

Variable	Ibn Sina (Capital)		Hamad Town (Northern)		NBB (Muharraq)		Sitra (Central)		Total		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Sex											0.336
Male	332	45.5	714	49.6	706	48.7	632	48.4	2384	48.4	
Female	398	54.5	725	50.4	745	51.3	675	51.6	2543	51.6	
Total	730	100.0	1439	100.0	1451	100.0	1307	100.0	4927	100.0	
Nationality											< 0.0001
Bahraini	346	47.4	1403	97.6	1237	85.3	1277	97.7	4263	86.5	
Other	384	52.6	35	2.4	214	14.7	30	2.3	663	13.5	
Total	730	100.0	1438	100.0	1451	100.0	1307	100.0	4926	100.0	
Marital status											0.020
Never married	412	56.4	876	60.9	804	55.4	743	56.8	2835	57.5	
Ever married	318	43.6	563	39.1	647	44.6	564	43.2	2092	42.5	
Total	730	100.0	1439	100.0	1451	100.0	1307	100.0	4927	100.0	
Age (years)											< 0.0001
≤ 9	164	22.7	255	18.3	241	16.7	267	21.0	927	19.2	
10–19	91	12.6	344	24.7	266	18.5	173	13.6	874	18.1	
20–29	101	14.0	279	20.0	225	15.6	289	22.7	894	18.5	
30–39	147	20.4	136	9.7	237	16.5	253	19.9	773	16.0	
40–49	115	15.9	212	15.2	230	16.0	133	10.5	690	14.3	
50–59	52	7.2	127	9.1	107	7.4	62	4.9	348	7.2	
≥ 60	52	7.2	42	3.0	134	9.3	94	7.4	322	6.7	
Total	722	100.0	1395	100.0	1440	100.0	1271	100.0	4828	100.0	

NBB = National Bank of Bahrain