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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

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Appendix 3. Characteristics of the sample population.

Variable	N	Percent
Sex		
female	51	94.4
male	3	5.6
Number of children		
1	29	53.7
2	19	35.2
3	6	11.1
4 and more	0	0.0
Education		
basic vocational	2	3.7
secondary	15	27.8
undergraduate	9	16.7
graduate	28	51.9
Professional activity		
yes	27	50.0
no	27	50.0
Place of residence		
village	18	33.3
small city	15	27.8
large city	21	38.9
Material situation		
my family often does not have enough money to pay for basic things like food, rent, or media	0	0.0
my family only has enough money to pay for basic things like food, rent, and media	5	9.3
my family has money for basic things like food, rent, and media, but we have to save on other expenses like household appliances, vacations, books, etc.	30	55.6
my family has enough money to meet all or almost all of our needs	19	25.2
Where do you get information about your child's illness (multiple-choice question)		
from a specialist physician	51	94.4
from the parents of other ill children	43	79.6
from the Internet	34	63.0
from friends and family	2	3.7
other	0	0.0