Supplemental Table 2: characteristic table

This table presents the general characteristics of first prescriptions for children with ARIs aged 0-18 years old in PHC institutions.

**Supplemental Table 2. General characteristics of first prescriptions for children with ARIs in rural primary health care in Guangdong province, China**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of prescriptions, n (%)</th>
<th>Number of children</th>
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<td><strong>Gender groups</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>26747 (57.28%)</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>19952 (42.72%)</td>
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<td><strong>Age groups (years)</strong></td>
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<td>≤5</td>
<td>23704 (50.76%)</td>
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<td>6 - 15</td>
<td>21170 (45.33%)</td>
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<td>16 - 18</td>
<td>1825 (3.91%)</td>
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<td><strong>Health insurance</strong></td>
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<td>Insured</td>
<td>15399 (32.98%)</td>
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<td>Uninsured</td>
<td>31300 (67.02%)</td>
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<td><strong>Diagnoses</strong></td>
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<td>Acute nasopharyngitis/common cold</td>
<td>153 (0.33%)</td>
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<td>Acute sinusitis</td>
<td>19 (0.04%)</td>
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<td>Acute pharyngitis</td>
<td>3587 (7.68%)</td>
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<td>Acute tonsillitis</td>
<td>3513 (7.52%)</td>
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<td>Acute laryngitis and tracheitis</td>
<td>375 (0.80%)</td>
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<td>Acute obstructive laryngitis and epiglottitis</td>
<td>0 (0.00%)</td>
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<td>Acute bronchitis</td>
<td>6250 (13.38%)</td>
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Notes: AURIs: acute upper respiratory tract infections