

## Emergencies in Migrant and Refugee Health 2015-2018 (letter)

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Sir,

Several papers in Clinical Social Work and Health Interventions have been related to spectrum of either communicable or non-communicable diseases (1-4). However none of them report emergency situations.

They have been suspected to be related to PTSD, asthma, coronary heart disease, hypertension and diabetes; all diseases which will exacerbate with acute stress; conditions refugees and migrants must tolerate

during their stressful journey to EU. Table 1 shows the commonest emergencies in various Health Checkpoints and Health Centers near Refugee Camps, for example in Hegyeshalom (HU), Dobova (SLO), Veria (GR), Lesbos (GR). The commonest emergency was diabetic coma, followed by status asthmaticus, acute bleeding during birth and hypertension crisis. Surprisingly, no death was recorded in any of those events despite of the large number of migrants coming via the Balkan Route.

**Table 1:** RList of commonest emergency events for acute care

Event	No.	Deaths
Birth bleeding	12	0
Bleeding wounds	8	0
Tentamen Suicidi	2	0
Diabetic coma	16	0
Myocardial infarction	7	0
Status asthmaticus	6	0

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