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Determination of Representation of Women in Clinical Research Ethics Committee in Türkiye ; The Situation Before the Legal Regulation in 2023

Abstract

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Objective: Research was carried out in order to reveal the profile of the members of the Clinical Research Ethics Committees in Turkey, and in this context to examine the representation of female members in the committees.

Materials and Methods: The sample of the study consists of the accessible list of the Clinical Research Ethics Committees available on the webpage of the Turkey Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency. The research was carried out between the dates of 01 May and 30 December 2020 with data obtained from 126 ethics committees from this site. Therefore no ethics committee approval was received for the research. The data were evaluated in the SPSS 21.00 program.

Results: The data showed that the Clinical Research Ethics Committees in Turkey of which are concentrated in three big cities and 30.95% (n = 39) in İstanbul 13.49% (n = 17) in Ankara, 6.35% in İzmir' (n = 8) were found. When the gender profiles in Ethics Committees in Turkey is examined; it was determined that 45.29% (n = 639) were women and 54.71% (n = 772) were men.

Discussion and Conclusion: It has been determined that in the Clinical Research Ethics Committees in Turkey which are predominantly composed of male members and that are not equal number of female members.