The etiology of bacterial meningitis in Turkey has been changed during 2009–2014 as in other Middle East countries. After the impact of serogroup W epidemics related to Hajj seen in 2010s was diminished, serogroup B has been leading cause of childhood meningitis since 2015. In countries affected from Hajj like Turkey, vaccination of children with serogroup B meningococcal vaccine as well as quadrivalent conjunctured vaccine seems to be very important. It should be kept in mind that meningococcal epidemiology is dynamic and needed to be closely monitored to detect changes in years.

Figure 1. Distribution of causative agents of bacterial meningitis in Turkey during 2005–2017.

Figure 2. Distribution of meningococcal serogroups of meningococcal meningitis in Turkey during 2015–2017 and comparison with results belonging to previous years.

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