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#### **The Job Satisfaction and Perception of Community Pharmacists in Malaysia: A National Survey**

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Variable	n (%) / mean (SD)
Age, year, mean (SD)	38.7 (9.4)
Gender, n (%)	
Male	35 (70)
Female	15 (30)
Body weight, kg, mean (SD)	85.8 (12.3)
Systolic BP, mmHg, mean (SD)	61.1 (29.9)
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Figure 1: Trend of healthcare spending in Malaysia