

Table 1 Yearly distribution and incidence of poisoning in Qassim region, 1999–2003 (n = 404)

| Year | No. of cases | Annual incidence <sup>a</sup> |
|------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1999 | 66           | 6.9                           |
| 2000 | 48           | 4.9                           |
| 2001 | 76           | 7.5                           |
| 2002 | 100          | 9.6                           |
| 2003 | 114          | 10.7                          |

<sup>a</sup>Cases/100 000 population.