

Table 2. Medical condition of admitted cases at time of admission (n = 147)

Toxicological substance	N (%)
Pesticide	40 (27.2)
Household products, e.g. corrosives	28 (19.0)
Central nervous system drugs	26 (17.7)
Hydrocarbons	15 (10.2)
Over the counter medications	13 (8.8)
Cardiovascular system drugs	11 (7.5)
Illicit drugs	5 (4.8)
Unknown drugs	4 (1.4)
Snakebite	2 (1.4)
Toxic plants	1 (0.7)
Medicines to treat diabetes (insulin)	1 (0.7)
Carbon monoxide	1 (0.7)
Unexplained delay in seeking medical advice	
No	54 (36.7)
Yes	93 (63.3)
Unexplained injury	
No	123 (83.7)
Yes	24 (16.3)
Need for intensive care unit admission	
No	117 (79.6)
Yes	30 (20.4)
Outcome	
Complete recovery	105 (71.4)
Incomplete recovery with complication	39 (26.5)
Death	3 (2.0)
Circumstances of current poisoning	
Accidental	103 (70.1)
Abuse	2 (1.4)
Suicidal	39 (26.5)
Incorrect medical dose	2 (1.4)
Addict with overdose	1 (0.6)
Observed abnormal child behaviour	
No	74 (50.3)
Yes	73 (49.7)
Duration of hospital stay (days)	
Mean ± SD	1.89 ± 1.70
Median (IQR)	1.0 (1.0–3.0)
Time since exposure to the toxic substance and seeking medical advice (hours)	
Mean ± SD	7.83 ± 9.80
Median (IQR)	5.0 (2.0–9.0)
Duration of ICU admission (days)	
Mean ± SD	1.53 ± 1.51
Median (IQR)	1.0 (0.5–2.0)

IQR = Interquartile range; SD = Standard deviation