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| Table 1. Patient demographics and envenomation characteristics | | | |
| Characteristics | All patients (n=40) | Scorpion envenomation (n=15) | Snake envenomation (n=25) |
| Age, median (range) | 30 (9-68) | 22 (15-52) | 33 (9-68) |
| Gender (females), n (%) | 18 (45) | 8 (53.3) | 10 (40.0) |
| Envenomation in a rural area, n (%) | 30 (75) | 10 (66.7) | 20 (80) |
| Calender season of envenomation, n (%) |  |  |  |
| Winter | 1 (2.5) | 1 (6.7) | 0 (0) |
| Spring | 5 (12.5) | 1 (6.7) | 4 (16.0) |
| Summer | 24 (60.0) | 10 (66.7) | 14 (56.0) |
| Autumn | 10 (25.0) | 3 (20.0) | 7 (28.0) |
| Anatomical site of sting or bite, n (%)  Head and neck  Upper extremity  Lower extremity | 1 (2.5)  13 (32.5)  23 (57.5) | 0 (0)  4 (26.7)  11 (73.3) | 1 (4.0)  9 (36.0)  15 (60.0) |
| Time to index healthcare service (hours), median (range) | 1.0 (0.5-24.0) | 2.0 (0.5-6.0) | 1.0 (0.5-24.0) |
| Presence of pregnancy, n (%) | 2 (5) | 2 (13.3) | 0 (0) |
| Poisoning severity score, n (%)  0 or 1  2  3 or 4 | 19 (47.5)  16 (40.0)  5 (12.5) | 9 (60.0)  6 (40)  0 (0) | 10 (40.0)  10 (40.0)  5 (20.0) |
| Presence of local effects, n (%) | 33 (82.5) | 11 (73.3) | 22 (88.0) |
| Mild or moderate pain | 24 (60.0) | 9 (60.0) | 15 (60.0) |
| Swelling | 21 (52.5) | 3 (20.0) | 18 (72.0) |
| Reddening | 9 (22.5) | 4 (26.7) | 5 (20.0) |
| Necrosis | 2 (5.0) | 0 (0) | 2 (8.0) |
| Presence of systemic effects, n (%) | 27 (67.5) | 11 (73.3) | 16 (64.0) |
| Paresthesia | 8 (20.0) | 8 (53.3) | 0 (0) |
| Coagulation disturbances without bleeding | 7 (17.5) | 3 (20.0) | 4 (16.0) |
| Mild acidosis | 7 (17.5) | 1 (6.7) | 6 (24.0) |
| Sinus tachycardia | 6 (15.0) | 0 (0) | 6 (24.0) |
| Thrombocytopenia | 5 (12.5) | 1 (6.7) | 4 (16.0) |
| Mild electrolyte and fluid disturbances (Hyponatremia or hypernatremia) | 5 (12.5) | 3 (20.0) | 2 (8.0) |
| Sinus bradycardia | 4 (10.0) | 1 (6.7) | 3 (12.0) |
| Hypertension | 4 (10.0) | 1 (6.7) | 3 (12.0) |
| Myocardial ischaemia suspected by elevated serum troponin levels | 2 (5.0) | 1 (6.7) | 1 (4.0) |
| Compartment syndrome | 2 (5.0) | 0 (0) | 2 (8.0) |
| Othersa | 5 (12.5) | 1 (6.7) | 4 (16.0) |
| Lenght of stay in intensive care (days), median (range) | 2 (1-12) | 2 (1-5) | 2 (1-12) |
| aVisual disturbance (double vision) (n=1), coagulation disturbances with bleeding (hematemesis) and hypotension (n=1), hyperthermia (n=1), hypothermia (n=1), minimal rise in liver enzymes (n=1) |  |  |  |