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| Table 1. Distribution of the studied patients (n=3381) according to route and mode of administration of the poison and gender: |
| Route of administration | MalesN=1332 | FemalesN=2049 | p value |
| N | % | N | % |
| Oral | 1211 | 90.9 | 1946 | 95.0 | X2=44.413pMC<0.001\* |
| Inhalation | 64 | 4.8 | 85 | 4.2 |
| Injection | 2 | 0.2 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Skin | 55 | 4.1 | 17 | 0.8 |
| Mode of exposure | MalesN=1332 | FemalesN=2049 | p value |
| N | % | N | % |
| Accidental | 1048 | 78.7 | 1135 | 55.4 | X2=193.764pMC<0.001\* |
| Suicidal | 283 | 21.2 | 914 | 44.6 |
| Homicidal | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| P\*: significant at level <0.05\*X2: Chi square test used to compare qualitative variablesPMC: Monte carlo significance of chi square test |