

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of patients with an adverse drug event (ADE) recorded and the cohort of patients surveyed during the study period

Variable	Patients with ADE (n = 59)		Cohort (n = 1331)		P-value
	No.	%	No.	%	
Mean (SD) age (years)	44.3 (15.4)		46.3 (17.7)		0.43
Age (years) <sup>a</sup>					
< 30	21	35.6	243	20.3	0.004
30–39	8	13.6	198	16.5	0.512
40–49	11	18.6	227	19.0	0.903
50–59	11	18.6	210	17.5	0.626
60–69	5	8.5	176	14.7	0.170
> 70	3	5.1	143	11.9	0.152 <sup>b</sup>
Sex					
Female	33	55.9	517	43.2	0.012
Male	26	44.1	814	68.0	
Hospital department					
Medical	37	62.7	515	43.0	
Other (surgical, intensive care, emergency)	22	37.3	816	68.2	< 0.001

<sup>a</sup>Age not recorded for 134 patients; <sup>b</sup>Yates correction.

SD = standard deviation.