

**Table 1 Demographic and clinical characteristics of patients with carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning (*n* = 305)**

Characteristic	No.	%
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	131	43.0
Female	174	57.0
<b>Age group (years)</b>		
14-19	37	12.1
20-29	88	28.9
30-39	64	21.0
40-49	46	15.1
50-59	33	10.8
≥ 60	37	12.1
<b>Cause</b>		
Accident	304	99.7
Suicide	1	0.3
<b>Source of CO</b>		
Coal heater	262	85.9
Liquefied gas heater	41	13.4
Motor vehicle exhaust	2	0.7
<b>Glasgow coma score</b>		
Severe (≤ 12)	83	27.2
Moderate (13-14)	42	13.8
Mild (15)	180	59.0
<b>Blood HbCO level (%) (<i>n</i> = 188)</b>		
0-9	33	17.6
10-19	62	33.0
20-29	54	28.7
30-39	21	11.1
40-49	11	5.9
50-59	5	2.7
≥ 60	2	1.0
<b>Symptoms at admission (<i>n</i> = 173)<sup>a</sup></b>		
Headache	57	32.9
Fatigue	53	30.6
Nausea	33	19.1
Dizziness	23	13.3
Syncope	15	8.7
Blurred vision	6	3.5
Urinary incontinence	1	0.6

<sup>a</sup>Only for patients with mild symptoms (Glasgow coma score 15); there was more than 1 symptom for some patients.

HbCO = carboxyhaemoglobin.