

**Table 1 Response by residents to a scorpion sting in high-risk areas of Kerman Province**

Action type	Response	Frequency (%)
Actions and suggestions after scorpion sting	Quick referral to the hospital	232 (60.4)
	Applying a cold compress	50 (12.8)
	Moving away from the scene of the sting	33 (8.5)
	Covering the sting site with a cloth	14 (3.6)
	Washing the sting site	12 (3.2)
	Pressing the sting site	10 (2.7)
	Holding the injured limb up	8 (2.2)
	Use of herbal medicines	8 (2.2)
	Others	17 (4.4)
Belief in traditional treatment	Yes	120 (31.2)
	No	264 (68.8)
Type of traditional treatments	Use of opium	41 (34.1)
	Use of leaves/juice of milkweed	38 (31.7)
	Putting eggplant on the sting site	26 (21.7)
	Shaving the sting site	8 (6.7)
	Praying of Mullah	3 (2.5)
	Others	4 (3.3)
Materials/methods used in controlling scorpions	Spraying insecticide	207 (53.8)
	Preventing the accumulation of scum and garbage	97 (25.3)
	Using petroleum products	62 (16.2)
	Keeping poultry in the residential area	18 (4.7)