mucosal lesions is followed by metabolic acidosis. If this can be mastered, the event is survived. However, in 4.4% of the survived cases, mucosal strictures remain and must be treated surgically [2]. Furthermore, the risk of esophageal carcinoma is increased 30 to 40 years after ingestion.

In the present case, it can be assumed that the event might have been possibly have survived, if the suicide intentions of the patient would have been known. Accordingly, if there had
been a closer mental health care, the patient would have been found earlier after ingestion.

Noteworthy is also the absence of any consciousness-altering substances at the time of death. Thus, in the present case, a slow and presumably painful death is to be assumed. The pH increase in the stomach contents can be explained in addition to the anionic surfactants contained with the blood and food enforcement of the cleaning liquid. The public prosecutor quit the death investigation.

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