**Table 1**: Summary of the patients presenting symptoms with pharyngeal mucosal space abscesses (PMA) versus non pharyngeal mucosal space deep neck infections (DNIs).

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|  | **PMA** | | **non PMA DNIs** | |  |
| **Symptoms** | **n = 106** | **%** | **n = 637** | **%** | **p** |
| dysphagia | 106 | 100,00 | 591 | 92,78 | 0,004\* |
| odynophagia / sore throat | 63 | 59,43 | 348 | 54,63 | 0,357 |
| fever | 53 | 50,00 | 350 | 54,95 | 0,344 |
| neck swelling | 26 | 24,53 | 545 | 85,56 | <0,001\* |
| trismus | 22 | 20,75 | 285 | 44,74 | <0,001\* |
| “hot potato” voice | 18 | 16,98 | 116 | 18,21 | 0,815 |
| drooling | 10 | 9,43 | 47 | 7,38 | 0,462 |
| breathing discomfort | 3 | 2,83 | 14 | 2,20 | 0,604 |
| ear pain | 2 | 1,89 | 9 | 1,41 | 0,708 |
| malaise | 1 | 0,94 | 31 | 4,87 | 0,65 |
| odontalgia | - | - | 43 | 6,75 | 0,006\* |

*\* Significant difference (p<0,05)*