

Table 3 Factors causing delay in diagnosis for patients with nasopharyngeal carcinoma (n = 307)

Factor	No.	%
Treatment as benign condition	180	58.6
Lack of patient awareness	82	26.7
Work-up and tissue diagnosis	17	5.5
Referral process	14	4.6
Patient's use of alternative medicine	12	3.9
Other	10	3.3
No delay	35	11.4