

Table 4 Effect of delay time on stage of cancer at presentation for patients with nasopharyngeal carcinoma (n = 307)

Type of delay/duration	Stage I–II (n = 64)		Stage III–IV (n = 243)		P-value	Odds ratio (95% CI)
	No.	%	No.	%		
<b>Patient delay (months)</b>						
< 2	39	23	134	77		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 2	25	19	109	81	0.40	0.78 (0.45–1.38)
< 3	42	21	161	79		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 3	22	21	82	79	0.92	1.02 (0.58–1.84)
<b>Medical diagnosis delay (months)</b>						
< 2	26	25	77	75		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 2	38	19	166	81	0.12	0.68 (0.38–1.20)
< 3	40	27	106	73		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 3	24	15	137	85	0.007	0.46 (0.26–0.82)
<b>Professional delay (months)</b>						
< 2	17	26	49	74		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 2	47	20	194	80	0.26	0.70 (0.37–1.32)
< 3	31	27	84	73		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 3	33	17	159	83	0.04	0.56 (0.32–0.98)
<b>Total delay (months)</b>						
< 2	5	36	9	64		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 2	59	20	234	80	0.16	0.45 (0.14–1.40)
< 3	13	37	22	63		1.0 <sup>a</sup>
≥ 3	51	19	221	81	0.01	0.39 (0.18–0.83)

<sup>a</sup>Reference category.

CI = confidence interval.