

Table 2 Number of close contacts of tuberculosis patients who were positive for tuberculin skin test (TST): comparison of long (above median) or short (below median) delay patients

| Delayed diagnosis in index case | No. of TST-positive close contacts | No. of TST-positive close contacts per index patient ^a | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| | | Mean (SD) | Median (IQR) |
| Long delay | 56 | 2.1 (2.0) | 2 (1–2) |
| Short delay | 77 | 1.4 (1.1) | 1 (0.5–2) |

^aMann–Whitney U-test not significant.

SD = standard deviation; IQR = interquartile range.