

Table 4 Comparison between the present study and the previous studies of close contacts of tuberculosis patients

Variable	Sample of close contacts	Length of delay (days)	TST-positive close contacts	Long and short delay close contacts infected		P-value
				Long delay	Short delay	
	No.		No.	No. (%)	No. (%)	
Present study (Yemen)	239	≥ 60	133	77 (58)	56 (42)	> 0.05
Golob et al. (USA)[12]	310 <sup>a</sup>	≥ 60	109	18 (25)	91 (38)	< 0.05
MacIntyer et al. (Australia) [11]	210 <sup>b</sup>	≥ 90	46	0 (0)	46 (100) <sup>c</sup>	< 0.05

<sup>a</sup>USA-born; <sup>b</sup>Work-place close contacts; <sup>c</sup>All cases were delayed TB patients.

TST = tuberculin skin test.