

Table 4 Characteristics of people with and without malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM)

Characteristic	MPM				χ^2 and <i>P</i> values
	+ve (<i>n</i> = 88)		-ve (<i>n</i> = 4291)		
	No.	%	No.	%	
<i>Duration of residence in area or employment in factory (years)</i>					
0–10	0	0.0	406	9.5	$\chi^2 = 44.30; P < 0.001$
11–20	5	5.7	785	18.3	
21–30	14	15.9	992	23.1	
31–40	16	18.2	831	19.4	
> 40	53	60.2	1277	29.7	
<i>Age (years)</i>					
20–40	11	12.5	669	15.6	$\chi^2 = 27.59; P < 0.001$
41–50	23	26.1	2086	48.6	
51–60	47	53.4	1234	28.8	
> 60	7	7.9	302	7.0	
<i>Sex</i>					
Male	34	38.6	2606	60.7	$\chi^2 = 17.58; P = 0.0021$
Female	54	61.4	1685	39.3	

n = total number of people examined.