

Table 7 Duration of exposure to asbestos in cases of malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM) in all study groups

Duration (years)	Occupationally exposed ^a (n = 487)			Environmentally exposed (n = 2913)						Non-exposed (n = 979)					
	Males			Males			Females			Males			Females		
	No.	MPM +ve	MPM -ve	No.	MPM +ve	MPM -ve	No.	MPM +ve	MPM -ve	No.	MPM +ve	MPM -ve	No.	MPM +ve	MPM -ve
0-10	47	0	47	261	0	261	122	0	122	17	0	17	35	0	35
11-20	107	0	107	349	2	347	129	3	126	38	0	38	29	0	29
21-30	88	0	88	457	7	450	142	7	135	53	0	53	28	0	28
31-40	147	3	144	181	3	178	311	10	301	33	0	33	49	0	49
> 40	98	1	97	368	17	351	593	34	559	395	1	394	302	0	302

^aThere were no females occupationally exposed. $\chi^2 = 43.7, P < 0.001$.