

**Table 2 Health-seeking behaviour of 800 tuberculosis (TB) patients before diagnosis**

<b>Variable</b>	<b>No. of patients</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>TB symptoms at diagnosis<sup>a</sup></i>		
Cough	786	98.3
Fever	613	76.6
Weight loss	589	73.6
Chest pain	527	65.9
Haemoptysis	250	31.3
Other	38	4.8
<i>Symptoms causing patients to seek care</i>		
Cough	643	80.4
Fever	27	3.4
Haemoptysis	66	8.3
Chest pain	50	6.3
Weight loss	6	0.8
Other	8	1.0
<i>First place of seeking advice for care after onset of symptoms</i>		
Health care provider	733	91.9
Pharmacy	35	4.4
None (self-medication)	21	2.6
Traditional medicine	7	0.9
Primary care worker at home	2	0.3
Other	0	0.0
<i>First health care provider visited before diagnosis</i>		
Private clinic or hospital	633	79.1
Public hospital	143	

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<b>Variable</b>	<b>No. of patients</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Reason for choosing a health care provider</i>		
Free service	244	
30.5		
Confidence in getting cured	221	
27.6		
Accessible (short travel distance)	176	
22.0		
Services available anytime	45	4.6
Referred by previous health service	14	1.6
Free service	66	8.3
Recommended by somebody	34	4.3
Other	0	0.0
<i>Reason for not visiting a health care provider at onset of symptoms</i>		
Too busy/long waiting time	233	
30.0		
Bad experience	231	
28.4		
Too far	133	
17.1		
Other	180	
23.3		
<i>Reason for delay in seeking care</i>		
No delay	414	
51.8		
Hoped to recover	242	