

Table 5 Sputum smear examinations (SSE) according to symptom duration in the baseline and impact surveys in the Syrian Arab Republic

Duration of respiratory symptoms	Baseline survey						Impact survey					
	Total		SSE requested		SSE performed		Total		SSE requested		SSE performed	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
< 15 days	1739	96.3	1	0.06	–	–	1053*	95.8	13	1.2***	–	–
≥ 15 days	66	3.7	3	4.5	–	–	46*	4.2	8	17.4 <sup>a</sup>	–	–
Total	1805 <sup>b</sup>	100.0	4	0.2	3	0.2	1099	100.0	21	1.9***	16	1.5***

<sup>a</sup>Fisher exact test; <sup>b</sup>Duration of symptoms was not registered for 1 patient in the baseline survey.

\*P > 0.05; \*\*\*P < 0.001.