

**Table 3 Comparisons of the time intervals from the onset of PTB symptoms to the start of anti-TB treatment in PTB patients diagnosed in Malatya, 2017–2021**

Time interval (days)	Pre-pandemic year			Pandemic year	P-value*
	2017	2018	2019	2020–2021	
	Median (min–max)	Median (min–max)	Median (min–max)	Median (min–max)	
Time to doctor visit after onset of TB symptoms	45 (7–360)	60 (7–360)	50 (7–360)	89 (13–356)	0.001
Doctor's appointment time	1 (0–4)	1 (0–4)	1 (0–5)	5 (0–40)	0.001
Time to PTB diagnosis after sample delivery	1 (0–55)	2 (0–76)	2 (1–61)	1.5 (0–58)	0.775
Time to access treatment after diagnosis	1 (0–120)	1 (1–135)	1 (0–52)	3 (0–39)	0.001
Total treatment delay	62 (10–367)	678 (9–361)	65 (10–405)	114 (13–387)	0.001

\*Kruskal–Wallis H test.