**Table S1.** The median duration and severity of illness at the time of diagnosis among the various categories of treatment history

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| **Characteristics** | **Total a** | **Smear-negative at the time of MDR-TB diagnosis a** | **Culture converted before second-line drug a** | **Cavitary lesion on CXR a** | **Median duration of illness b** |
| Total | 651 | 232 (36) | 145(22) | 282 (43) | - |
| New | 245 (38) | 93 (38) | 69 (28) | 84 (34) | -1 (96) |
| Relapse | 171 (26) | 65 (38) | 43 (25) | 76 (44) | 1451(1787) |
| Treatment after default | 57 (9) | 19 (33) | 8 (14) | 32 (56) | 1115(1433) |
| Treatment after failure of the first treatment | 122 (19) | 45 (37) | 18 (15) | 56 (46) | 247(538) |
| Treatment after failure of re-treatment | 56 (9) | 10 (18) | 7 (13) | 34 (61) | 1532(1589) |

aData summarized as n (%) .

bThe duration between notification as a TB case until the sputum collection for MDR-TB diagnosis; Values are median (mean)

Abbreviations: CXR: chest radiograph; MDR: multidrug-resistant; TB: tuberculosis.