Table 1 **Demographic and clinical characteristics of 800 smear-positive tuberculosis patients in the Syrian Arab Republic, 2003**

Variable	No. of patients	%
Age at diagnosis (years)		
≤ 35	516	64.5
> 35	284	35.5
Sex		
Male	510	63.8
Female	290	36.2
Marital status		
Married	432	54.0
Single	332	41.5
Widowed	17	2.1
Divorced/separated	19	2.4
Residence		
Urban	275	34.4
Suburban	162	20.2
Rural	343	42.9
Homeless/displaced	20	2.5
Educational level		
University or higher	20	2.5
Primary/middle/senior	503	62.9
Illiterate/read & write	277	34.6
Occupation		
Technical/professional	33	4.1
Clerical/manual worker	383	47.9
Student	31	3.9
Unemployed/housewife	353	44.1
Financial status		
Have savings	66	8.2
Income = expenses	538	67.2
In debt	196	24.5
Travelling time to a health facility (h)		
< 0.5	722	90.2
0.5–1	50	6.2
> 1	28	3.5
Travelling distance to health facility (km)		
≤ 5	607	75.9
> 5	193	24.1

Table 1 **Demographic and clinical of 800 smear-positive tuberculosis patients in the Syrian Arab Republic, 2003** (concluded)

Variable	No. of patients	%
History of smoking		
Never	396	49.5
Current smoker	213	26.6
Ex-smoker	191	23.9
Previous chronic disease		
No	701	87.6
Yes	99	12.4
Satisfaction with care		
Optimal (score < 1)	619	80.8
Suboptimal (score ≥ 1)	147	19.2
Stigma		
Low (score > 2)	43	5.6
High (score ≤ 2)	723	94.4
Knowledge		
Adequate (score < 1)	66	8.6
Inadequate (score ≥ 1)	697	91.4

Totals that do not sum to 800 are due to missing data.