

Table 2 Classification of pleuropulmonary disorders in groups occupationally and environmentally exposed to asbestos

Disorder	Occupationally exposed (<i>n</i> = 487)		Environmentally exposed (<i>n</i> = 2913)		Non-exposed (<i>n</i> = 979)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Malignant pleural mesothelioma	4	0.8	83	2.8	1	0.1
Pleural plaques	7	1.4	46	1.5	0	–
Diffuse pleural thickening	29	5.9	39	1.3	1	0.1
Benign pleural effusion	1	0.2	36	1.2	0	–
Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	4	0.8	29	0.9	2	0.2
Pericardial calcification	1	0.2	11	0.3	0	–
Total	46	9.4	244	8.3	4	0.4

n = total number of people examined.