

**Table 1:** Baseline characteristics of the 171 patients diagnosed with tuberculosis during the two periods (2015-2017 and 2012-2014) who were included in the study.

Baseline characteristics	2012-2014 (n =89)	2015-2017 (n =82)	Total (n =171)	p-value
Age (years)	49.5 ± 19.2	53.8 ± 15.6	51.6 ± 17.8	0.130
Male gender	60 (67.5)	48 (58.5)	108 (63.2)	0.229
Greek origin	61 (68.5)	60 (73.2)	121 (70.8)	0.476
History of anti-TB treatment	12 (13.5)	8 (9.8)	20 (11.7)	0.449
Smear positive	46 (51.7)	36 (43.9)	82 (48)	0.592
Culture positive	61 (68.5)	61 (74.4)	122 (71.4)	0.205
Site of infection (pulmonary)	81 (91)	68 (82.9)	149 (87.1)	0.115
Co-morbidities	55 (61.8)	54 (65.9)	109 (63.7)	0.582
Immunocompromisation	5 (5.6)	13 (15.9)	18 (10.5)	<b>0.029</b>
Resistance to any drug*	9 (10.1)	15 (18.3)	24 (14)	0.218
Side effects <sup>#</sup>	11 (12.4)	15 (18.3)	26 (15.2)	0.280
Time to smear conversion (days)	29.4 ± 30.3	39.3 ± 41.1	34.25 ± 36	0.242
Time to culture conversion (days)	61.3 ± 41.9	63.9 ± 48.6	62.7 ± 45.2	0.922
Weight difference <sup>§</sup>	5.1 ± 4.8	5.4 ± 5.7	5.22 ± 5.2	0.868

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation or number and percentage (%) in brackets, n: number, TB: Tuberculosis, \*: patients with rifampicin-resistant/multidrug-resistant tuberculosis were not included, #: that led to drug discontinuation, §: after-before treatment.