| Variable                                | Persistent QFT+ n = 30 | Recent QFT+ n = 29 | p-value $^1$ |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Age in years at enrolment (median, range)| 15 (13-18)            | 16 (13-18)        | 0.489        |
| Female sex (n, %)                        | 21 (70%)               | 18 (62%)          | 0.713        |
| Ethnicity (n, %)                         |                        |                    |              |
| Mixed ancestry (coloured)                | 26 (87%)               | 28 (97%)          | 0.371        |
| Black                                   | 4 (13%)                | 1 (3%)            |              |
| School (n, %)                            |                        |                    |              |
| D                                       | 15 (50%)               | 18 (62%)          | 0.570        |
| E                                       | 11 (37%)               | 9 (31%)           |              |
| F                                       | 4 (13%)                | 2 (7%)            |              |
| BMI (median, range)                      | 20.72 (14.70-28.67)    | 19.34 (13.29-32.26)| 0.394        |
| Known TB exposure (n, %)                 |                        |                    |              |
| Ever                                    | 7 (23%)                | 9 (31%)           | 0.710        |
| < 1 year of enrolment                   | 4 (13%)                | 2 (7%)            |              |

$^1$For age and BMI, Wilcoxon’s non-parametric test was used to compare the median values between the persistent and recent QFT+ groups. For the remaining variables, a chi-squared test was used as a test of association.