Supplementary Table S1. The estimated cost (US$*) incurred by TB patients according to sex

| Cost      | Sex   | No. | Pre-treatment | Treatment period | Total period |
|-----------|-------|-----|---------------|------------------|-------------|
|           |       |     | Pre-diagnosis | First 2 mo       | Second 2 mo | Third 2 mo | Entire illness |
| Medical   | Male  | 91  | 16.9 (4.4–28.1) | 0.0 (0.0–0.0)    | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 17.5 (6.3–37.5) |
|           | Female| 60  | 14.7 (9.4–24.9) | 0.0 (0.0–0.0)    | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 17.8 (11.3–35.1) |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
| Travel    | Male  | 91  | 3.8 (1.3–12.5)  | 5.0 (2.6–9.4)    | 3.4 (1.9–6.3) | 1.9 (0.9–3.8) | 19.3 (10.9–28.8) |
|           | Female| 60  | 6.9 (2.5–17.9)  | 6.4 (3.1–9.4)    | 3.8 (2.5–5.6) | 2.1 (1.3–3.8) | 22.9 (15.2–36.7) |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
| Food      | Male  | 91  | 0.0 (0.0–3.1)   | 0.0 (0.0–0.0)    | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 0.0 (0.0–0.0) | 0.0 (0.0–9.4) |
|           | Female| 60  | 0.8 (0.0–4.5)   | 0.0 (0.0–4.6)    | 0.0 (0.0–3.8) | 0.0 (0.0–1.3) | 3.4 (0.0–20.2) |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
| Total direct | Male  | 91  | 22.5 (7.5–51.3) | 7.2 (3.8–13.1)   | 3.8 (2.5–7.5) | 2.5 (1.1–3.8) | 44.3 (28.1–78.9) |
|           | Female| 60  | 27.8 (13.8–70.8)| 8.6 (3.8–15.5)   | 5.0 (2.5–10.0)| 2.9 (1.3–9.1) | 64.4 (31.3–111.5)|
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
| Total indirect | Male  | 91  | 0.0 (0.0–75.0)  | 0.0 (0.0–93.8)   | 0.0 (0.0–62.5)| 0.0 (0.0–31.3)| 0.0 (0.0–268.8)|
|           | Female| 60  | 0.0 (0.0–71.9)  | 0.0 (0.0–93.8)   | 0.0 (0.0–93.8)| 0.0 (0.0–93.8)| 0.0 (0.0–375.0)|
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
|           |       |     |               |                  |              |              |                |
| Total cost | Male  | 91  | 60.6 (18.8–112.5)| 15.0 (5.6–95.5) | 7.5 (3.4–65.0)| 3.8 (1.9–40.0)| 105.1 (37.5–310.0)|
|           | Female| 60  | 74.5 (24.5–122.7)| 34.1 (6.3–128.9)| 10.0 (2.9–123.3)| 10.8 (1.9–111.7)| 173.9 (61.7–457.0)|

Values are presented as median (IQR) [%].

*One US$=16 Egyptian pound (EGP) using mean UN exchange rate for the USD in December 2019. †Percentage equal mean of the cell divided by the mean of the total column. ‡Using the Mann-Whitney test.

TB: tuberculosis; IQR: interquartile range.