

Table 4 Attitude towards tuberculosis patients among non-health science university students, eastern Ethiopia

Variables	Frequency n (%)
How TB cases are regarded in his/her community	
Not sure what to say	256 (14.9)
No reaction	217 (12.6)
Most people reject him/her	138 (8.0)
Most people are friendly, but they generally try to avoid him/her	628 (36.5)
The community mostly supports and helps him/her	481 (28.0)
Feeling if he/she is diagnosed with TB	
Do not know	185 (10.8)
Fear	294 (17.1)
Shame	50 (2.9)
Sadness or hopelessness	142 (8.3)
Seek immediate medication	1049 (61.0)
Would you hide it if you had TB?	
No	1160 (67.4)
Yes	344 (20.0)
Do not know	216 (12.6)
Perception about TB affecting his/her social relationship, if he/she is infected	
No	868 (50.5)

Yes 555 (32.3)

Do not know 297 (17.3)

What to do if he/she had symptoms of TB

Do not know 167 (9.7)

Go to the Clinic in this campus 1000 (58.1)

Go to private clinics outside this campus 185 (10.8)

Go to government health facilities outside this campus 225 (13.1)

Others* 143 (8.3%)

Perception about the cost of TB treatment in Ethiopia

Do not know 512 (29.8)

Free of charge 793 (46.1)

Reasonably priced 206 (12.0)

Expensive 209 (12.2)

Think HIV positive people should be concerned about TB?

No 380 (22.1)

Yes 1216 (70.7)

Don't know 124 (7.2)

Feeling about people with TB disease

No particular feeling 386 (22.4)

Feel compassion and desire to help 739 (43.0)

Feel compassion, but tend to stay away from these people 382 (22.2)

Fear them because they may infect 213 (12.4)

*Others include: Go to pharmacy to buy anti TB drugs, pursue other self-treatment options (herbs, etc.); go to traditional healer; go back to parents leaving the University