

Table 2 Descriptive statistics, 95%CI, and paired t-test results of patient and proxy EORTC QLQ-C30 scores (range 0 to 100) (n = 148)

| Scale | No. of items | Patient score | | Caregiver score | | Physician score | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | Mean (SD) | 95% CI | Mean (SD) | 95% CI | Mean (SD) | 95% CI |
| Functional | | | | | | | |
| Physical | 5 | 68.51 (19.60) | 65.33–71.70 | 70.27 (19.77) | 67.06–73.48 | 62.56 (22.08)* | 58.98–66.16 |
| Role | 2 | 71.17 (27.05) | 66.78–75.56 | 72.86 (23.43) | 69.05–76.67 | 59.90 (26.64)* | 55.58–64.24 |
| Emotional | 4 | 42.90 (25.52) | 38.76–47.05 | 47.91 (24.06)* | 44.01–51.82] | 50.06 (24.25)* | 46.12–53.0 |
| Cognitive | 2 | 74.43 (23.28) | 70.66–78.22 | 68.24 (23.43)* | 64.44–72.05 | 62.50 (25.63)* | 62.50–58.34 |
| Social | 2 | 55.74 (26.13) | 51.49–59.99 | 52.02 (27.27)* | 47.60–56.45 | 49.43 (27.24)* | 45.01–53.86 |
| Global health status/QoL | 2 | 43.86 (23.57) | 40.03–47.69 | 45.49 (22.30) | 41.50–49.11 | 50.95 (19.7)* | 50.96–47.75 |
| Symptom | | | | | | | |
| Fatigue | 3 | 52.77 (24.79) | 48.75–56.80 | 46.24 (23.18)* | 42.47–50.01 | 46.32 (26.12)* | 42.32–50.56 |
| Nausea & vomiting | 2 | 34.68 (27.86) | 30.16–39.21 | 34.00 (27.75) | 29.50–38.51 | 23.87 (24.75)* | 19.85–27.89 |
| Pain | 2 | 42.34 (25.67) | 38.17–46.51 | 41.89 (22.79) | 38.18–45.59 | 45.27 (27.35) | 40.82–49.71 |
| Dyspnoea | 1 | 41.21 (32.61) | 35.91–46.51 | 37.83 (28.47) | 33.21–42.46 | 35.81 (30.63)* | 30.83–40.79 |
| Insomnia | 1 | 47.29 (30.86) | 42.28–52.31 | 45.27 (28.57) | 40.62–49.91 | 46.17 (30.49) | 41.21–51.13 |
| Appetite loss | 1 | 43.91 (30.62) | 43.92–38.94 | 40.99 (27.79) | 36.47–45.51 | 36.71 (29.02)* | 31.71–41.43 |
| Constipation | 1 | 20.49 (27.90) | 15.96–25.03 | 16.89 (24.12) | 12.97–20.81 | 21.17 (23.05) | 17.43–24.92 |
| Diarrhoea | 1 | 17.11 (26.22) | 12.86–21.37 | 15.76 (23.47) | 11.95–19.58 | 21.62 (27.72) | 17.12–26.13 |
| Financial difficulties | 1 | 64.18 (30.88) | 59.17–69.21 | 63.06 (30.15) | 58.16–67.96 | 53.82 (28.97)* | 49.12–58.53 |

SD = standard deviation; CI = confidence interval.

*p < 0.05.