

**Table 4 HRQOL scores by scales and age group**

Scales	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65-74 yrs
PF	90.70 (16.08) a	84.18 (20.82) b	73.50 (26.40) c	61.36 (29.13) d
RP	81.53 (44.87) a	72.80 (39.42) b	60.07 (43.65) c	44.87 (44.88) d
BP	75.08 (30.82) a	68.14 (32.63) b	60.26 (34.79) c	56.01 (35.96) d
GH	62.56 (19.04) a	56.37 (20.08) b	50.31 (21.40) c	45.51 (20.89) d
VT	63.58 (20.39) a	58.94 (21.74) b	51.89 (23.10) c	46.16 (24.55) d
SF	85.52 (22.56) a	79.49 (27.00) b	73.52 (29.91) c	62.93 (33.80) d
RE	81.57 (35.94) a	81.57 (38.85) b	69.19 (42.53) c	59.75 (46.61) d
MH	68.17 (20.44) a	65.26 (21.55) b	63.16 (22.05) c	61.49 (22.55) c
PCS	53.37 (7.76) a	50.52 (9.28) b	46.68 (10.75) c	42.53 (11.39) d
MCS	52.72 (8.56) a	50.26 (9.64) b	47.31 (10.48) c	44.47 (11.08) d

The difference between scores is statistically significant if the letters indicated in brackets (a, b, c and d) are different (Tukey test).