

Table 2 Scores on the SF36v2 of Palestinians affected by thalassaemia in the West Bank and Gaza, 2015

Variable	No. (%) n = 71	Mean score (SD)									
		PF	RP	BP	GH	Vitality	SF	RE	MH	PCS	MCS
<b>Total</b>		43.99 (9.06)	40.33 (10.09)	35.69 (10.52)	37.38 (5.96)	43.69 (6.65)	35.03 (8.09)	35.62 (12.02)	33.63 (7.77)	40.21 (4.79)	32.35 (7.98)
<b>Region</b>											
Gaza	25 (35)	42.97	38.63	41.49	37.78	42.72	36.78	32.87	34.01	41.53	31.45
West Bank	46 (65)	44.54	41.25	32.54	37.16	44.22	34.08	37.12	33.42	39.49	32.83
P (Gaza vs West Bank)	NA	0.24	0.12	< 0.001*	0.31	0.16	0.08	0.06	0.37	0.040*	0.22
<b>Sex*</b>											
Male	38 (54)	43.30	39.45	36.54	37.81	43.38	36.61	34.40	34.15	40.08	32.60
Female	32 (46)	45.26	41.78	34.52	36.64	44.38	33.67	37.54	33.29	40.43	32.46
P (male vs female)	0 (45)	0.16	0.13	0.17	0.16	0.23	0.10	0.09	0.39	0.43	0.41
<b>Sex and region</b>											
Gaza male	14 (37)	42.45	36.74	43.40	38.36	41.61	38.15	31.17	33.92	41.70	30.93
West Bank male	24 (63)	43.53	40.22	33.24	37.88	44.03	35.03	35.15	33.82	39.38	32.66
P (Gaza male vs West Bank male)	NA	0.37	0.12	< 0.001*	0.40	0.08	0.13	0.15	0.48	0.08	0.22
Gaza female	11 (34)	43.64	41.05	39.07	37.03	44.14	35.03	35.03	34.14	41.31	32.11
West Bank female	21 (66)	46.11	42.16	32.13	36.43	44.51	32.96	38.85	32.84	39.97	32.65
P (Gaza female vs West Bank female)	NA	0.21	0.37	0.018*	0.37	0.44	0.22	0.16	0.34	0.21	0.43
<b>Age, in years</b>											
< 20	17 (24)	41.83	39.17	38.17	36.36	42.90	36.55	33.85	32.80	39.90	31.81
20–24	32 (45)	44.20	40.50	36.22	37.45	43.73	33.98	35.69	33.75	40.51	32.04
25–29	13 (18)	47.48	40.46	31.56	37.86	43.21	35.03	38.24	34.19	39.90	33.22
≥ 30	9 (13)	40.50	38.31	36.16	36.66	45.40	34.25	34.22	33.11	38.42	32.70

SF36v2: 36-item Short Form Health Survey, version 2; SD: standard deviation; PF: physical functioning; RP: role physical; BP: bodily pain; GH: general health; SF: social functioning; RE: role emotional; MH: mental health; PCS: physical health component score; MCS: mental health component score; NA: not applicable.

\* Information on sex was missing for one person.

\*Significant at  $P < 0.05$ .