**Table 2** Correlation between asthma patients' total score on the 28-item general health questionnaire (GHQ-28) and their illness characteristics ($n = 280$)

| Variable | Correlation with total GHQ-28 | |
|---|---|---|
| | Kendall's tau | P-value |
| No. of inhalants used | 0.136 | 0.001 |
| No. of clinic visits in the past year | 0.216 | 0.001 |
| No. of hospitalizations in the past year | 0.193 | 0.001 |
| Visual analogue scale | 0.241 | 0.001 |
| Katz index score | 0.412 | 0.001 |
| FEV1 | –0.038 | 0.323 |

*FEV1 = forced expiratory volume in 1 second.*