Table 4 Simple and multiple linear regression on the differences of global health status/QOL score between patient–caregivers and patient–physician (n = 148)

Characteristic	Absolute difference				Directional difference			
	Patient–caregiver		Patient–physician		Patient–caregiver		Patient–physician	
	Crude β	Adjusted β	Crude β	Adjusted β	Crude β	Adjusted β	Crude β	Adjusted β
Patients								
Age	0.19	0.17*	–0.07	–	0.02	0.02	0.31*	0.18
Education	–0.23	–	1.74	–	–3.02	–3.03*	–0.05	–
Years of schooling	–0.13	–	0.23	–	–0.24	–	–0.26	–
Marital status	–0.27	–	–0.55	–	0.39	–	–0.08	–
Time since diagnosis (months)	0.07	–	–0.01	–	0.08	–	0.16	0.21
Stage of cancer	0.60	–	2.66	–	–1.20	–	–2.41	–
Subjective socioeconomic status	0.39	–	–	–	–2.05	–	–0.08	–
Caregivers								
Relationship to patient	1.73	0.34	–	–	0.55	–	–	–
Contact hours per day	–0.18	–0.11	–	–	–0.08	–	–	–
Age	–0.20	–0.13	–	–	0.21	0.21	–	–
Education	2.38	0.67	–	–	–0.57	–	–	–
Years of schooling	0.57	0.24	–	–	0.26	–	–	–
Marital status	2.03	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Physicians								
No. of visits	–	–	–0.09	–	–	–	–0.36	–0.45
Overall RSquare	–	0.05	–	0.07	–	0.07	–	0.04

*P< 0.05.