

Table 2 Pooled estimation for mean score of QOL according the each scale

Scale of QOL	No. of studies	Pooled mean score (95% CI)	P*	I²
Role-physical	23	47.58 (43.95–51.21)	<0.001	99.1
Physical function	23	51.75 (46.78–56.71)	<0.001	99.3
Mental health	23	55.42 (51.32–59.52)	<0.001	99.3
Bodily pain	23	55.78 (50.79– 56.78)	<0.001	98.0
Social functioning	22	59.55 (56.78–62.31)	<0.001	97.9
Role-emotional	23	51.54 (48.59–54.49)	<0.001	97.8
General health	24	47.85 (45.25–50.46)	<0.001	99.2
Vitality	21	51.31 (48.93–53.69)	<0.001	97.9

*Test for heterogeneity.

CI = confidence interval; QOL = quality of life.