

Table 3 Relationship between cancer stages and quality of life presented in mean (SD)

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	P
Pain	14.5 (22.1)	10.9 (15.6)	26 (21.9)	34.4 (31.1)	0.003
Dyspnoea	15.2 (29.4)	10.3 (23.7)	15.6 (22.3)	17.7 (27.7)	0.776
Insomnia	34.7 (38.6)	42.5 (38.7)	42.7 (41.6)	80 (35.1)	0.005
Appetite loss	26.3 (31)	41.3 (34.1)	33.3 (32.7)	53.3 (30.3)	0.069
Constipation	18 (31)	20.6 (27.3)	8.3 (14.6)	31.1 (29.4)	0.035
Diarrhoea	9.7 (20.8)	17.2 (29)	17.7 (29.3)	13.3 (30.3)	0.699
Financial difficulties	15.2 (27.7)	12.6 (25.8)	12.5 (21.9)	11.1 (29.9)	0.963
Global health status	68 (15)	67.8 (14.8)	66.9 (15.4)	50.5 (17)	0.002
Physical functioning	68 (22.9)	77.7 (16.7)	62.9 (19)	52 (21.4)	0.001
Role functioning	90.2 (19.6)	91.3 (19.2)	83.3 (23.1)	72.2 (31.9)	0.046
Emotional functioning	58.3 (31.5)	74.4 (29.3)	73.1 (26.8)	44.4 (29.6)	0.004
Cognitive functioning	81.2 (24.2)	79.8 (22.4)	77.6 (26.6)	57.7 (28.7)	0.026
Social functioning	84 (21.6)	85.6 (22.5)	83.8 (19.1)	75.5 (28)	0.539
Fatigue	37.5 (25.5)	31.4 (27.5)	44 (28)	60.7 (22.1)	0.007
Nausea, vomiting	17.3 (21.6)	24.7 (23.8)	14.5 (21.4)	22.2 (24.1)	0.330

Results presented as mean (standard deviation).