

**Table 5 Scores on the PedsQL of parents of a child with thalassaemia from Palestine and other countries**

Study sample	No.	Parent proxy report, mean (SD)					Overall
		Physical functioning	Emotional functioning	Social functioning	School functioning	Psychosocial health summary score	
Palestinian, 2015		58.24 (30.00)	63.18 (24.96)	77.88 (23.02)	58.33 (24.32)	66.45 (20.88)	63.60 (22.10)
Turkey, 2017 (22)	80	70.7 (18.09)	77.5* (17.5)	83.31* (19.06)	72.25 (16.76)	77.69* (12.83)	75.94* (12.59)
Thailand, 2015 (23)	34	78.80* (14.60)	76.31* (16.82)	86.68* (13.66)	65.69 (19.95)	76.31* (12.94)	76.73* (12.72)
Middle Eastern patients, Italy, 2012 (24)	60	68.4 (27.2)	76.9 (24.6)	76.4 (20.6)	69.4 (21.4)	73.6 (20)	71.9 (206)

PedsQL: Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory™; SD: standard deviation.

\*Significantly different from the Palestinian score at  $P < 0.05$ .