

Table 3 Mean scores of participants on the 8 indices of the SF-36 test (n = 687)

Indices of SF-36 Test	Mean (SD) score	Group A No. (%)	Group B No. (%)
Physical functioning	73.58 (22.81)	270 (39.3)	417 (60.7)
Role-physical	59.06 (36.90)	331 (48.2)	356 (51.8)
Bodily pain	64.45 (21.03)	353 (51.4)	334 (48.6)
General health	57.88 (18.15)	368 (53.6)	319 (46.4)
Vitality	52.79 (12.73)	349 (50.8)	338 (49.2)
Social functioning	69.06 (21.41)	336 (48.9)	351 (51.1)
Role-emotional	53.61 (37.78)	312 (45.4)	375 (54.6)
Mental health	52.88 (13.94)	360 (52.4)	327 (47.6)

Group A: participants in this group scored lower than the mean score of the sample for each index of SF-36.

Group B: participants in this group have scored higher than the mean score of the sample for each index of SF-36.

SD = standard deviation.