

Figure 3. Mean SOFAS scores at the first assessment and month 12 for patients with and without PNS. A) Compared to non-PNS patients with PNS_1 were shown to have significantly worse SOFAS scores at baseline ($F_{1,125}=4.343$, $p=0.039$) and at month 12 ($F_{1,109}=17.328$ $p<0.000$). A significant [time x group] interaction ($F_{1,83}=4.117$, $p=0.046$) was observed. B) PNS_2 patients had worse SOFAS scores only at initial assessment ($F_{1,126}= 6.669$, $p=0.011$) and at month 12 ($F_{1,103} =20.981$, $p<0.001$). A trend towards a significant [time x group] interaction was found ($F_{1,82}=2.956$, $p=0.089$). C). Patients with PNS did not have significantly worse functioning at month 12 compared to the first assessment, which was observed in the trend towards a significant [time x group] interaction ($F_{1,82}=2.956$, $p=0.089$).