

**Figure 2.** Box-plots showing men and women's scores (median, lower- and higher quartiles) on Health-related quality of life at baseline and at 12-month follow-up (n = 67).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Significant differences (P < 0.05) within groups between the two time points (paired-samples t-test).

b Significant differences (P < 0.05) between groups at 12-month follow-up (independent-samples t-test).