

**Supplementary Table S1**—Results of correlation analysis between ratings for individual items listed on the modified POAS<sup>11</sup> and adapted ZBI<sup>1,3</sup> scores for 62 respondents (veterinary hospital clientele) with companion animals affected by chronic or terminal illness.

<b>POAS questionnaire statement</b>	<b><i>r<sub>s</sub></i></b>	<b><i>P</i> value</b>
I am concerned about my pet's illness/disease.	0.04	0.763
I could abandon my pet because of my pet's illness/disease.	0.22	0.100
I could euthanize my pet because of my pet's illness/disease.	0.37	0.004
My daily routine has changed because of because of my pet's illness/disease.	0.43	< 0.001*
It is challenging to follow new rules/routines needed for management of my pet's illness/disease.	0.43	< 0.001*
My pet's quality of life is compromised by this illness/disease.	0.47	< 0.001*
My pet's illness/disease has been explained to me in detail.	0.23	0.079
My pet's illness/disease bothers me.	0.26	0.258
My pet's illness/disease bothers other members of the household.	0.30	0.022
My pet's pharmacological treatment (medication) has been explained to me in detail.	0.06	0.653
It is simple to follow my pet's medication routine.	0.09	0.499
I am consistent in administering my pet's medications.	-0.01	0.991
My pet's medications appear to be effective.	0.29	0.027
My pet refuses to take prescribed medications.	-0.01	0.908
The rules/routines for managing my pet's illness/disease have been explained to me in detail.	-0.03	0.820

Responses for the modified POAS (used to assess factors related to treatment plan adherence) were scored on a Likert-type scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), with an added option to indicate the statement was not applicable. The maximum total score for the adapted ZBI was 72, with scores > 18 indicating high caregiver burden. Data represent results for 62 respondents with companion animals affected by chronic or terminal illness. Questionnaire adapted from Talamonti et al<sup>11</sup>; copyright © 2015 Zita Talamonti et al.

\*For these items, correlation was significant after the Holm-Bonferroni correction was applied.