

**Table 3 Distribution of mean lipid values by age group among 250 diabetic patients**

Variable	Mean (SD) values			
	31–40 years (n = 25)	41–50 years (n = 82)	51–60 years (n = 60)	71–80 years (n = 15)
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)*	5.53 (0.21)	5.68 (0.23)	5.81 (0.25)	5.78 (0.52)
Triglycerides (mmol/L)*	1.66 (0.11)	1.69 (0.25)	1.74 (0.34)	1.90 (0.18)
HDL-C (mmol/L)*	1.13 (0.23)	1.01 (0.12)	0.88 (0.17)	0.86 (0.27)
LDL-C (mmol/L)	3.43 (0.25)	3.65 (0.29)	3.81 (0.12)	3.75 (0.17)
VLDL-C (mmol/L)	0.82 (0.19)	0.94 (0.22)	1.09 (0.31)	0.96 (0.14)
TC/HDL-C (mmol/L)	4.89 (0.17)	5.60 (0.90)	6.63 (0.14)	6.72 (0.19)

n = number of patients; SD = standard deviation.

\*P < 0.05.

HDL-C = high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; VLDL-C = very-low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; TC/HDL-C = total cholesterol/HDL-C ratio.