

Table 3 Mean periodontal and oral hygiene variables for nondiabetics and diabetics by duration of diabetes

Variable	Group 1 Nondiabetics		Group 2 Diabetics ≤ 5 years		Group 3 Diabetics > 5 years		Significance of difference between pairs of groups ^a		
	(n = 106)		(n = 56)		(n = 50)		1 vs 2	1 vs 3	2 vs 3
	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE			
Plaque index	1.73	0.07	1.62	0.09	2.05	0.12	NS	NS	0.027
Gingival index	1.25	0.08	1.54	0.08	1.81	0.10	NS	< 0.001	NS
Probing pocket depth (mm)	2.82	0.08	3.42	0.11	3.92	0.11	0.020	< 0.001	0.028
Clinical attachment level (mm)	3.27	0.22	5.30	0.25	7.19	0.34	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mobility score	0.28	0.04	0.84	0.10	1.48	0.13	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Missing teeth (No.)	3.07	0.32	6.40	0.07	8.22	0.72	0.006	< 0.001	NS

^aPairwise multiple comparisons, Kruskal–Wallis H test.

n = total number of participants; SE = standard error of the mean; NS = not significant.