

**Table 1 Comparison of mean bleeding index, plaque index and loss of attachment between smokers and nonsmokers, before and after nonsurgical periodontal therapy**

Group	Bleeding index			Plaque index			Loss of attachment (mm)		
	Before Mean (SD)	After Mean (SD)	% change	Before Mean (SD)	After Mean (SD)	% change	Before Mean (SD)	After Mean (SD)	% change
Smokers ( <i>n</i> = 65)	0.55 (0.31)	0.32 (0.21)	-42	0.40 (0.26)	0.30 (0.21)	-25	0.71 (0.20)	0.51 (0.31)	-28
Nonsmokers ( <i>n</i> = 68)	0.40 (0.28)	0.29 (0.11)	-28	0.39 (0.20)	0.27 (0.19)	-31	0.33 (0.28)	0.25 (0.19)	-24
<i>t</i> -value	2.93	1.03		0.25	0.86		9.04	5.80	
<i>P</i> -value	0.02	0.82		0.07	0.80		< 0.001	0.01	

*SD = standard deviation.*