

Table 1 Characteristics of the patients with diabetes mellitus

Variable	Patients with diabetes mellitus			
	No. (n = 694)	%	95% CI	P-value
Sex				
Male	382	55.0	2.6 to 174	0.01
Female	312	45.0		
Age group (years)				
< 35	16	2.3	-	-
35-44	108	15.6	3.26 to 23.34	0.294
45-54	232	33.4	21.57 to 40.63	0.02
55-64	196	28.2	16.22 to 35.58	0.049
65 +	142	20.5	8.30 to 28.10	0.15
Treatment				
OHA	431	62.1	48.25 to 65.35	< 0.001
Insulin	218	31.4	16.61 to 35.59	
Diet only	37	5.3	-	0.002
OHA & insulin	8	1.2	-6.34 to 14.54	0.667
Duration of diabetes (years)				
< 5	223	32.1	-	-
5-9	112	16.1	6.84 to 25.16	0.002
10-14	156	22.5	0.63 to 18.57	0.053
≥ 15	203	29.3	-5.96 to 11.56	0.602
Best corrected visual acuity in the better eye				
6/6	102	14.7	-	-
6/9	106	15.3	-9.11 to 10.31	0.941
6/12	100	14.4	-9.43 to 10.03	0.889
6/18	38	5.5	-0.79 to 19.19	0.234
6/24	60	8.6	-3.78 to 15.98	0.373
6/36	66	9.5	-4.66 to 15.06	0.451
6/60	50	7.2	-2.43 to 17.43	0.288
3/60	63	9.1	-4.28 to 15.48	0.416
2/60	18	2.6	2.04 to 22.16	0.302
1/60	57	8.2	-3.4 to 16.4	0.345
Hand movement	18	2.6	2.04 to 22.16	0.302
Perception of light	16	2.3	2.34 to 22.46	0.331

CI - confidence interval; OHA - oral hypoglycaemic agent.