

Table 2 Mean scores on patients' attitude towards role of dentist in quitting smoking before and after a brief and simple counselling cessation programme (5A's) for experimental and control groups

Stage	Patient's attitude towards role of dentist in quitting smoking				
	Control group (n = 35)		Experimental group (n = 35)		P-value ^a
	Mean (SD) score	(Min.–max. scores)	Mean (SD) score	(Min.–max. scores)	
Pre-test	67.6 (11.0)	(49.98–90.0)	69.1 (16.8)	(36.7–91.6)	0.403
Post-test	68.0 (13.5)	(38.31–88.3)	77.4 (15.4)	(38.3–96.6)	0.009

^aIndependent samples t-test.

SD = standard deviation.