

Table 4 Mean BMI in relation to caries severity using DMFT score (*n* = 402)

Caries severity using DMFT categories	<i>n</i> (%)	Mean (SD) BMI, kg/m ²	95% confidence interval		<i>P</i> value
			Lower limit	Upper limit	
0 (caries free)	207 (51)	22.69 (5.03)	22.0	23.38	0.006*
1-3 (mild caries)	137 (34)	22.18 (5.50)	21.26	23.11	
≥ 4 (severe caries)	58 (15)	20.26 (4.31)	19.13	21.39	
Total	402 (100)	22.17 (5.15)	21.66	22.67	

*Statistically significant at the 0.01 level using analysis of variance.

BMI = body mass index; DMFT = decayed, missing and filled teeth; SD = standard deviation.