

		Stage I-II		Stage III-IV		t	p
Group		Mean (%)	S.D.	Mean (%)	S.D.		
HbA1c	G1	5	0.3	5.3	0.4	-1.371	0.187
	G2	6.2	0.4	7.9	1.7	-3.279	0.005**
	G3	9.1	2.1	8.8	2.2	0.337	0.74
	G4	8.5	2.2	8.6	2.1	-0.107	0.916
	G5	9.3	2.5	9.2	1.7	0.089	0.93

(G1: systemically healthy group; G2: patients with diabetes mellitus without diabetic retinopathy (DR); G3: patients with non-proliferative DR without diabetic macular edema; G4: patients with non-proliferative DR with diabetic macular edema; G5: patients with proliferative DR; HbA1c measured by National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NGSP)-certified method; %: percentage; SD: standard deviation; $p^* < 0.05$).