

Online Appendix Table 3 Life tables showing cumulative yearly incidence of progression to higher grades of retinopathy and of progression by 2 (or more) and 3 (or more) steps on the LDES scale in the worse eye of subjects in the MDRS 24 month cohort study and **level 40** retinopathy at baseline.

	Level 50				Level 60 +							
T	N	n	C. Inc.	95% CI	N	n	C. Inc.	95% CI				
1	26	1	4.0	0-11.7	26	4	16	2-30				
2	23	2	13.1	0-27.2	20	5	37	18-56				

	2 Step progression				3 Step progression							
T	N	n	C. Inc.	95% CI	N	n	C. Inc.	95% CI				
1	26	4	16.0	1.6-30.4	26	4	16.0	1.6-30.4				
2	20	8	49.6	29.6-69.6	20	2	24.4	7.2-41.6				

T = time from recruitment (years); N = number entering time interval; n = new cases diagnosed during year; C. inc. = cumulative incidence (%); CI = confidence interval; STDR = sight threatening diabetic retinopathy.