

**Online Appendix Table 4** Number of subjects listed for, started and completed a course of laser treatment during the course of the MDRS (December 2011 until May 2014) classified by grade of DR at the start of the study.

Baseline level of retinopathy	n	Laser photocoagulation (listed/started/completed course)		
		Scatter and macular	Scatter alone	Macular alone
Level 10	177	0	0	1/0/0
Level 20	94	0/0/0	1/1/0	12/11/11
Level 30	25	4/4/3	4/4/4	7/7/7
Level 40	26	17/16/12	3/3/3	2/2/2
Level 50	8	6/6/5	2/2/2	0
Level 60	16	13/13/13	3/2/2	0
Level 70+	10	8/8/7	2/2/2	0
90	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>48/47/40</b>	<b>15/14/13</b>	<b>22/20/20</b>