

**Supplementary Table 1.** Diabetic retinopathy grading classification used based on the United Kingdom guidelines.<sup>1</sup>

Retinopathy Grade		Description	Features
Retinopathy	R0	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal fundus</li> </ul>
	R1	Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microaneurysms</li> <li>• Retinal hemorrhage and/or exudates</li> </ul>
	R2	Pre-proliferative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venous beading</li> <li>• Venous loops or reduplication</li> <li>• Intra-retinal microvascular abnormality (IRMA)</li> <li>• Multiple deep, round or blot hemorrhage</li> <li>• Cotton wool spots in addition to the above</li> </ul>
	R3	Proliferative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New vessel at the disc (NVD)</li> <li>• New vessel elsewhere (NVE)</li> <li>• Preretinal or vitreous hemorrhage</li> <li>• Extensive fibrovascular proliferation</li> <li>• Preretinal fibrosis ± tractional retinal detachment</li> </ul>
Maculopathy	M0	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal macula</li> </ul>
	M1	Maculopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exudate within one-disc diameter (DD) of centre of fovea</li> <li>• Circinate or group of exudates within the macula</li> <li>• Retinal thickening less than or equal to one DD of centre of fovea (if stereo available)</li> <li>• Any microaneurysm or haemorrhage within one DD of centre of fovea only if visual acuity (if no stereo) <math>\leq 6/12</math></li> </ul>