

**Appendix 4.** Characteristics of patients with stable DR in PEC and SOC

	<b>PEC</b>	<b>SOC</b>	
	N=115	N=116	p
Age	65.7 (+/-8.7)	62.8 (+/-8.8)	0.013
Female	51.3%	59.5%	0.21
Chinese race	80.0%	83.6%	0.475
Married	81.5%	75.5%	0.329
Type 2 DM	75.7%	91.4%	0.001
Rx –oral agent for DM	58.3%	80.2%	<0.001
HbA1c	7.42 (+/-1.12)	7.14 (+/-1.15)	0.147
Secondary and below education	72.8%	79.6%	0.295
Occupation – not working	56.8%	46.9%	0.187
Income less than S\$2,000/month	53.1%	29.6%	0.002
Housing – 1-3 room HDB	24.7%	28.6%	0.558
Never smoking	90.1%	88.8%	0.769
Never alcohol	91.4%	86.7%	0.319

PEC, Primary Eye Care Clinic; SOC, Specialist Outpatient Clinic; DM, Diabetes Mellitus; HDB, House Developing Board Singapore