

**Table 3 Comparison of oral health status indicators across denture groups**

	No denture <sup>a</sup>		Partial denture		Complete denture		P <sup>*</sup>
	n	Mean (SD)	n	Mean (SD)	n	Mean (SD)	
FU	159	6.12 (5.47)	53	7.85 (4.54)	140	8.89 (4.65)	0.0001
D	159	2.81 (3.68)	53	1.60 (2.49)	140	0.01 (0.08) <sup>a</sup>	0.0001
M	159	12.86 (9.67)	53	17.72 (6.66)	140	27.96 (0.28) <sup>a</sup>	0.0001
F	159	3.95 (5.03)	53	2.94 (3.60)	140	0.21 (0.25) <sup>a</sup>	0.0001
DMFT	159	19.62 (7.17)	53	22.26 (5.78)	140	27.99 (0.08) <sup>a</sup>	0.0001

<sup>\*</sup>Kruskal-Wallis

<sup>a</sup>Teeth counts in the DMFT score and its components in the complete denture group relate to the finding of remnants of teeth under the dentures in some participants.

Statistically significant differences: between no denture wearers and complete denture wearers ( $P < 0.001$ ) for all variables; between complete and partial denture wearers ( $P < 0.001$ ) for all variables except FU; between no denture and partial denture groups only for the D component of the DMFT  $P=0.047$ .

D = decayed; DMFT = decayed, missing and filled teeth; F = filled; M = missing; SD = standard deviation.