

RESULTS

ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS

The results of the present study were represented in Tables 2-31 and Figs. 11-24.

Table 2 shows clinical and laboratory data of the normal control group. The mean value of serum laminin was 1.43 ± 0.15 U/ml and the range was 1.2-1.7 U/ml. The mean value of serum PIII NP was 4.16 ± 0.71 μ g/l and the range was 3.1-5.2 μ g/l. The mean value of plasma fibronectin was 35.2 ± 3.9 mg/dl and its range was 25-41 mg/dl.

Clinical and laboratory data of IDDM patients with normal fundus were represented in Table 3. The mean value of serum laminin was 2.3 ± 0.4 U/ml, its range was 1.8-3.1 U/ml. The mean value of serum PIII NP was 6.6 ± 2.4 μ g/l, the range was 4.2-12 μ g/l. The mean value of plasma FN was 43.2 ± 8.2 mg/dl and the range was 29-56.5 mg/dl.

Clinical and laboratory data of IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy were represented in Table 4. The mean value of serum laminin was 2.1 ± 0.3 U/ml and the range was 1.5-2.5 U/ml. The mean value of serum PIII NP was 7.4 ± 2.3 μ g/l and the range was 4.2-13.0 μ g/l. The mean value of plasma FN was 40.7 ± 8.3 mg/dl and the range was 25.54 mg/dl.

Table 6 shows clinical and laboratory data of NIDDM patients with normal fundus. The mean value of serum laminin was 1.9 ± 0.4 U/ml and the range was 1.4-2.8 U/ml. The mean value of serum PIII NP was

$5.3 \pm 1.8 \mu\text{g/l}$ and the range was 3.4-10 $\mu\text{g/l}$. The mean value of plasma FN was $41.3 \pm 6.7 \text{ mg/dl}$ and the range was 28-52 mg/dl .

Table 7 shows clinical and laboratory data of NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy. In this group, the mean value of serum laminin was $2.1 \pm 0.6 \text{ U/ml}$, the range was 1.4-3.8 U/ml . The mean value of serum PIII NP was $6.2 \pm 1.5 \mu\text{g/l}$, its range was 4.2-10 $\mu\text{g/l}$. The mean value of plasma FN was $41.8 \pm 6.7 \text{ mg/dl}$ and the range was 34-56 mg/dl .

A significant difference was encountered in serum fructosamine between IDDM patients and the normal control group at $P < 0.001$ and between NIDDM patients and the normal control group at $P < 0.05$ (Table 9). On the other hand, no significant difference was found in serum fructosamine neither between IDDM patients with normal fundus and IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy ($P > 0.05$) nor between NIDDM patients with normal fundus and the NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy ($P > 0.05$) (Table 10).

The mean values of serum laminin, serum PIIINP and plasma FN in diabetics (IDDM and NIDDM) and the normal control group were shown in Table 11. In normal control group, the mean value of serum laminin was $1.43 \pm 0.2 \text{ U/ml}$, the mean value of serum PIII NP was $4.16 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{g/l}$ and the mean value of plasma FN was $35.15 \pm 3.9 \text{ mg/dl}$.

In diabetic patients, the mean value of serum laminin was $2.09 \pm 0.44 \text{ U/ml}$, the mean value of serum PIII NP was $6.39 \pm 2.1 \mu\text{g/l}$ and the mean value of plasma FN was $41.75 \pm 7.4 \text{ mg/dl}$. There were

significant differences in serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN between samples of the two groups at $P < 0.001$.

Table 12 and Fig. 11 show the mean values of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN in IDDM patients (with and without retinopathy) and in normal control group.

In normal control group, the mean value of serum laminin was 1.43 ± 0.2 U/ml, that of serum of PIII NP was 4.16 ± 0.7 $\mu\text{g/l}$ and that of plasma FN was 35.15 ± 3.9 mg/dl.

In IDDM patients, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.16 ± 0.3 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 7.02 ± 2.3 $\mu\text{g/l}$ and that of plasma FN was 41.4 ± 8.2 mg/dl.

There were significant differences in the means of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN between the two groups at $P < 0.001$.

The mean values, SD, t and P values of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN in NIDDM patients (with and without retinopathy) and in normal control group were represented in Table 13 and Fig. 11.

In NIDDM patients, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.02 ± 0.5 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 5.78 ± 1.7 $\mu\text{g/l}$ and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.55 ± 6.6 mg/dl. There were significant differences in serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN between the samples of the two groups at $P < 0.001$.

Table 14 shows the mean values of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma FN in IDDM and NIDDM patients.

In IDDM patients, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.14 ± 0.4 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 7.02 ± 2.3 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.95 ± 8.2 mg/dl.

In NIDDM patients, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.02 ± 0.5 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 5.78 ± 1.7 μ g/l and that of plasma FN was 41.55 ± 6.6 mg/dl.

Serum PIII NP was significantly higher in IDDM patients than in NIDDM patients, while no significant differences in serum laminin and plasma FN were present between the two groups.

The effect of duration of diabetes mellitus on the means of three parameters was represented in Table 15 and Fig. 12.

In diabetics with duration < 10 years, the mean value of serum laminin was 2 ± 0.45 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 5.71 ± 2.18 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 42.4 ± 7.4 mg/dl.

In diabetics with duration > 10 years, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.15 ± 0.43 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 6.86 ± 1.9 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.31 ± 7.4 mg/dl.

Serum PIII NP was significantly higher in diabetics with duration > 10 years than those with duration < 10 years, whereas no significant differences were present in the means of serum laminin and plasma FN between the two groups.

A comparison of the mean values of the three parameters between controlled and uncontrolled diabetic patients was represented in Table 17

(controlled diabetics: serum fructosamine ≤ 3 mmol/l and uncontrolled diabetics: serum fructosamine > 3 mmol/l).

In controlled group, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.1 ± 0.51 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 5.96 ± 1.48 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 42.58 ± 8.13 mg/dl.

In uncontrolled group, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.08 ± 0.39 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 6.73 ± 2.44 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.12 ± 6.82 mg/dl.

There were no significant differences in the mean value of the three parameters between the two groups ($P > 0.05$).

The mean values of the three parameters in NIDDM patients with normal fundus in comparison with those having diabetic retinopathy were represented in Table 18 and Fig. 13.

In NIDDM patients with normal fundus the mean value of serum laminin was 1.89 ± 0.39 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 5.26 ± 1.77 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.30 ± 6.7 mg/dl.

In NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.15 ± 0.61 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 6.29 ± 1.51 and the mean value of plasma FN was 41.8 ± 6.69 mg/dl.

Serum PIII NP was significantly higher in NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy than in those with normal fundus ($P < 0.05$), while no significant differences were found neither in the level of serum laminin nor in plasma FN ($P > 0.05$).

Table 19 and Fig. 14 show the mean values of the three parameters in IDDM patients with normal fundus in comparison with those having diabetic retinopathy.

In IDDM patients with normal fundus, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.27 ± 0.37 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 6.66 ± 2.37 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 43.17 ± 8.19 mg/dl.

In IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy the mean value of serum laminin was 2.19 ± 0.42 U/ml, the mean value of serum PIII NP was 7.38 ± 2.25 μ g/l and the mean value of plasma FN was 40.73 ± 8.34 mg/dl.

No significant differences were present in the mean values of the three parameters between the two groups ($P > 0.05$).

A comparison of serum laminin in different grades of diabetic retinopathy was shown in Table 20 and Fig. 15.

In diabetics with normal fundus, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.08 U/ml, in diabetics with mild to moderate retinopathy, it was 1.89 U/ml while in diabetics with severe retinopathy, it was 2.19 U/ml.

No significant difference was present in the mean level of serum laminin in various grades of diabetic retinopathy ($P > 0.05$).

No significant difference in serum mean level of PIII NP was present in various grades of diabetic retinopathy (Table 21 and Fig. 5). In diabetics with normal fundus, the mean value of serum PIII NP was

5.96 $\mu\text{g/l}$, in diabetics with mild to moderate retinopathy, it was 5.83 $\mu\text{g/l}$, while in diabetics with severe retinopathy, it was 7.27 $\mu\text{g/l}$.

In addition, Table 22 and Fig. 16 show no significant difference in the mean level of serum PIII NP between diabetics with normal fundus and those with mild to moderate retinopathy.

Table 23 and Fig. 16 show the mean values of serum PIII NP in diabetics with normal fundus, those with mild to moderate grade (as a single group) and those with severe retinopathy.

In the first group, the mean value of serum of PIII NP was $5.93 \pm 2.04 \mu\text{g/l}$ while in the second group it was $7.27 \pm 1.98 \mu\text{g/l}$. There was a significant difference in the level of serum PIII NP between the two groups at $P < 0.001$.

A comparison of plasma FN level in different grades of diabetic retinopathy was shown in Table 24 and Fig. 15. In diabetics with normal fundus, the mean value of plasma FN was 42.23 mg/dl. In diabetics with mild to moderate grades, it was 41.56 mg/dl while in patients with severe grade it was 41.14 mg/dl. No significant difference in the level of plasma FN was present in various grades of diabetic retinopathy ($P > 0.05$).

Table 25 shows the mean values of the three parameters in diabetics without proteinuria and those with proteinuria.

In diabetics without proteinuria, the mean value of serum laminin was $1.94 \pm 0.41 \text{ U/ml}$, the mean value of serum PIII NP was $6.38 \pm 1.12 \mu\text{g/l}$ and that of plasma FN was $35 \pm 6.98 \text{ mg/dl}$.

In diabetics with proteinuria, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.47 ± 0.28 U/ml, that of PIII NP was 8.97 ± 1.78 μ g/l while plasma FN was 42.77 ± 8.45 mg/dl.

There were significant differences in serum laminin and serum PIII NP levels between the two groups at $P < 0.001$, whereas, no significant difference was found in plasma FN level ($P > 0.05$).

The mean values of serum laminin and serum PIII NP in diabetics without proteinuria and those with mild proteinuria were represented in Table 26. There were significant differences in serum levels of the two parameters between the two groups at $P < 0.001$.

Table 27 shows the mean values of serum laminin and serum PIII NP in diabetics with mild proteinuria and those with moderate proteinuria.

In diabetic patients with mild proteinuria, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.41 ± 0.23 U/ml and the mean value of serum PIII NP was 8.21 ± 1.19 μ g.l.

In diabetics with moderate proteinuria, the mean value of serum laminin was 2.54 ± 0.34 U/ml and the mean value of serum PIII NP was 10.06 ± 2.0 μ g/l.

There was a significant difference in serum PIII NP level between the two groups at $P < 0.05$ while no significant difference was found in serum laminin level between the two groups ($P > 0.05$).

A comparison of plasma FN level in different grades of proteinuria was shown in Table 28. No significant difference was present in the level of plasma FN in various grades of proteinuria ($P > 0.05$).

The correlations of different clinical and laboratory findings in diabetic (IDDM and NIDDM) patients were shown in Table 29 and Figs. 19 & 20.

Positive significant correlations were found between: serum PIII NP and serum laminin (Fig. 19-A), serum PIII NP and proteinuria (Fig. 19-B), serum PIII NP and fundus (Fig. 19-C), serum PIII NP and duration of diabetes (Fig. 19-D), serum laminin and proteinuria (Fig. 20-A) and between duration of diabetes and fundus (Fig. 20-B).

Table 30 and Fig. 21 show the correlation of different clinical and laboratory findings in diabetic (IDDM and NIDDM) patients with normal fundus.

Positive significant correlations were found between: serum PIII NP and serum laminin (Fig. 21-A), serum PIII NP and proteinuria (Fig. 21-B) and between serum laminin and proteinuria (Fig. 21-C).

The correlations of different clinical and laboratory findings in diabetic (IDDM and NIDDM) patients with diabetic retinopathy are shown in Table 31 and Fig. 22.

Positive significant correlations were found between: serum PIII NP and serum laminin (Fig. 22-A), serum PIII NP and proteinuria (Fig. 22-B), serum PIII NP and fundus (Fig. 22-C) and serum PIII NP and duration of diabetes (Fig. 22-D).

Serial No.	Age (years)	Sex	Fundus	Urinary protein (mg/dl)	Urinary glucose (fasting)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P (mg/dl)	Fructos-amine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/c.)
1	60	F	N	Nil	Nil	107	110	2.0	27	0.9	1.2	5.0	40
2	60	F	N	Nil	Nil	98	114	2.2	22	0.8	1.6	3.6	40
3	65	F	N	Nil	Nil	92	117		25	0.8	1.6	5.1	41
4	60	F	N	Nil	Nil	89	115		14	0.6	1.7	5.2	38
5	55	F	N	Nil	Nil	80	95		30	1.0	1.5	3.2	37
6	50	F	N	Nil	Nil	86	90		36	0.9	1.5	3.1	33
7	35	F	N	Nil	Nil	88	96		20	0.8	1.4	4.0	31
8	40	F	N	Nil	Nil	93	97		23	0.7	1.4	3.2	30
9	40	F	N	Nil	Nil	75	80	2.0	30	0.7	1.4	3.4	36
10	35	F	N	Nil	Nil	85	90		26	1.1	1.2	4.0	32
11	38	F	N	Nil	Nil	78	96		29	0.6	1.4	4.0	31
12	34	F	N	Nil	Nil	80	85	2.1	22	0.8	1.3	3.8	35
13	40	F	N	Nil	Nil	98	103	2.1	17	0.5	1.5	4.0	39
14	41	F	N	Nil	Nil	92	103		28	0.9	1.2	4.6	36
15	40	M	N	Nil	Nil	92	97		25	0.8	1.5	3.4	37
16	26	M	N	Nil	Nil	86	104		24	0.6	1.6	5.0	25
17	40	M	N	Nil	Nil	95	120		25	0.7	1.2	5.2	34
18	35	M	N	Nil	Nil	85	90		33	1.2	1.4	4.6	35
19	36	M	N	Nil	Nil	78	84		35	1.1	1.5	4.4	36
20	34	M	N	Nil	Nil	82	95		24	0.9	1.4	4.3	37
Range	26-65					75-107	80-120		14-36	0.5-1.2	1.2-1.7	3.1-5.2	25-41
Mean	43.2					87.95	99.05		25.8	0.82	1.43	4.16	35.2
S.D.	11.02					8.09	11.49		5.56	0.19	0.15	0.71	3.9

F = female; M = male; F.B.G. = fasting blood glucose; P.P. = postprandial blood glucose.

Table 3. Clinical and laboratory data of IDDM patients with normal fundus.

Serial No.	Age (years)	Sex	Duration of diabetes (years)	Fundus	Urinary protein (mg/dl)	Urinary glucose (fasting)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P (mg/dl)	Fructosamine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/dl)
1	45	F	10	N	Nil	++ +	261	270	6.0	26	1.0	1.8	4.4	48.5
2	42	F	7	N	100	Nil	131	160	3.1	33	1.1	3.1	12.0	44.5
3	50	F	13	N	Nil	++ +	415	315	3.4	36	1.2	2.2	6.0	43.5
4	37	M	8	N	30	Nil	202	245	3.4	28	0.7	2.8	11.0	48.0
5	35	M	5	N	Nil	Nil	88	110	1.8	23	0.8	2.2	6.6	29
6	40	M	12	N	Nil	Nil	220	304	2.2	30	1.1	2.1	5.0	44
7	42	F	8	N	Nil	Nil	140	194	3.3	34	0.9	2.2	4.5	38
8	44	M	12	N	Nil	++ +	320	453	3.6	27	1.0	2.0	4.6	40
9	30	F	6	N	30	++ +	238	253	3.8	40	1.2	2.5	8.0	56
10	34	M	5	N	Nil	Nil	122	250	2.8	32	1.3	2.0	6.0	40
11	42	F	5	N	Nil	Nil	130	210	3.8	27	1.1	1.9	4.2	56
12	45	F	10	N	30	Nil	104	170	1.9	36	1.3	2.5	7.8	30
13	39	F	6	N	100	+	208	250	2.1	28	0.7	2.7	7.9	50.5
14	41	F	8	N	30	++ +	410	438	4.9	35	1.2	2.2	6.9	35
15	36	M	6	N	Nil	Nil	150	240	2.2	24	1.1	1.9	5.0	44
Range	30-50						88-415	110-453	1.8-6	23-40	0.7-1.3	1.8-3.1	4.2-12	29-56
Mean	40.3						209.3	255.5	3.2	31.3	1.0	2.3	6.6	43.2
S.D.	5.1						104.4	94.2	1.2	4.7	0.2	0.4	2.4	8.2

F = female; M = male; F.B.G. = fasting blood glucose; P.P. = postprandial blood glucose.

Table 4. Clinical and laboratory data of IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy.

Serial No.	Age (years)	Sex	Duration of diabetes (years)	Fundus	Urinary protein (mg/dl)	Urinary glucose (fasting)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P. (mg/dl)	Fructosamine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/dl)
1	55	F	15	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	500	+	182	215	3.3	45	1.2	2.2	13.0	43.5
2	50	F	14	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	30	++	359	467	4.7	35	1.0	2.3	7.2	48
3	60	F	20	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	30	Nil	196	262	2.6	36	0.9	2.2	7.1	40
4	46	M	20	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	+++	231	263	5.2	27	0.8	1.9	8.2	35
5	41	M	13	Early Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	+	203	265	4.6	33	1.1	3.5	6.2	34
6	50	F	20	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	91	124	2.1	25	0.7	2.2	7.4	40
7	57	F	20	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	158	236	3.3	42	1.4	1.9	5.0	48
8	50	F	15	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	++	244	300	2.9	19	1.0	1.8	7.4	52
9	55	F	15	Bil. Prepro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	176	180	2.9	30	1.1	1.9	4.9	54
10	60	F	22	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	100	+	116	193	3.5	54	1.5	2.2	10.1	49
11	49	F	14	Late Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	207	447	2.0	37	0.9	1.9	4.2	38
12	52	M	16	Late Bil. Back. D. Ret.	30	+++	344	375	4.0	26	1.2	2.0	9.0	40
13	35	F	10	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	95	143	3.1	28	0.1	1.9	5.4	25
14	60	M	23	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	30	Nil	111	196	2.1	38	1.3	2.5	8.5	30
15	59	M	22	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	120	162	5.0	45	1.2	2.4	7.1	34.5
Range	35-60						91-359	124-467	2.5-2	19-54	0.7-1.5	1.5-2.5	4.2-13.0	25-54
Mean	51.9						188.9	255.2	3.4	34.7	1.1	2.19	7.4	40.7
S.D.	7.3						81.9	104.1	1.07	9.2	0.2	0.42	2.3	8.3

F = female; M = male; F.B.G. = fasting blood glucose; P.P. = postprandial blood glucose;

Bil. Pro. D. Ret. = bilateral proliferative diabetic retinopathy; Bil. Prepro. D. Ret. = bilateral preproliferative diabetic retinopathy; Bil. Back. D. Ret. = bilateral background diabetic retinopathy.

Table 5. Descriptive statistics of clinical and laboratory data of IDDM patients (with normal fundus and with diabetic retinopathy).

n = 30	Age (years)	Duration of diabetes (years)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P (mg/dl)	Serum fructosamine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/dl)
Range	30-60	5-23	88-415	110-467	1.8-6.0	19-54	0.7-1.5	1.5-3.1	4.2-13	25-56.5
Mean	46.0	12.7	199.1	255.3	3.3	33	1.1	2.2	7	41.9
S.D.	8.6	5.7	92.8	97.5	1.1	07.4	0.2	0.3	2.3	8.2

F.B.G. = fasting blood glucose; P.P. = postprandial blood glucose.

Serial No.	Age (years)	Sex	Duration of diabetes (years)	Fundus	Urinary protein (mg/dl)	Urinary glucose (fasting)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P. (mg/dl)	Fructosamine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/dl)
1	60	F	15	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	++ +	259	348	3.0	55	1.6	3.8	7.0	53
2	64	M	19	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	30	+	217	355	4.4	25	1.0	2.6	8.4	40
3	60	F	10	Early Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	+	243	392	4.1	31	0.9	1.8	4.6	39
4	66	M	18	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Trace	190	250	3.1	28	0.8	2.5	7.0	37
5	60	M	9	Late Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	Trace	152	268	3.5	24	0.7	1.4	4.2	35
6	58	F	17	Bil. prepro. D. Ret.	Nil	++ +	406	393	4.2	25	1.1	2.2	6.2	40
7	60	F	12	Early Bil. Back. D. Ret.	100	+	210	183	2.1	43	1.3	2.5	7.4	56
8	60	F	22	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	++ +	359	511	3.8	29	0.9	2.0	5.3	45
9	56	F	15	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	100	++ +	400	544	4.5	48	1.4	2.3	10.0	38
10	65	M	19	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	195	315	2.0	30	0.7	1.7	6.2	34
11	67	F	20	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	++ +	234	395	4.2	28	0.8	1.8	5.2	39
12	56	F	10	Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	183	214	2.4	27	0.9	1.5	5.0	52
13	64	M	17	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	++	237	309	4.4	26	0.1	1.7	5.9	40
14	55	F	13	Late Bil. Back. D. Ret.	Nil	Nil	105	123	1.6	35	1.1	1.8	5.8	38
15	60	F	10	Bil. Pro. D. Ret.	Nil	+	210	270	2.2	40	1.2	2.6	6.2	41
Range	55-67						105-406	123-544	1.6-4.5	24-55	0.7-1.6	1.4-3.8	4.2-10	34-56
Mean	60.7						240	318	3.3	32.9	1.0	2.1	6.2	41.8
S.D.	3.7						86.1	164.6	1.02	9.3	0.3	0.6	1.5	6.7

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Table 8. Descriptive statistics of clinical and laboratory data of NIDDM patients (with normal fundus and with diabetic retinopathy).

n = 30	Age (years)	Duration of diabetes (years)	F.B.G. (mg/dl)	P.P (mg/dl)	Serum fructosamine (mmol/l)	Serum urea (mg/dl)	Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	Serum laminin (U/ml)	Serum PIII NP (μ g/l)	Plasma FN (mg/dl)
Range	45-68	5-22	84-450	120-544	1.6-5.3	19-55	0.7-1.6	1.4-3.8	3.4-10	28-56
Mean	59.5	10.9	218	297.3	3.2	30.1	1.0	2.0	5.8	41.6
S.D.	5.5	5.3	95.5	147.1	1.0	8.0	0.2	0.5	1.7	6.6

F.B.G. = fasting blood glucose; P.P. = postprandial blood glucose.

Table 9. Comparison between mean values of serum fructosamine levels in IDDM patients and normal controls and comparison between mean values of serum fructosamine levels in NIDDM patients and normal controls.

Fructosamine (mmol/l) (mean \pm SD)	IDDM patients (n = 30)	Normal controls (n = 5)	t	P
	3.32 \pm 1.09	2.08 \pm 0.08	2.51	<0.001**
	NIDDM patients (n = 30)	Normal controls (n = 5)	t	P
	3.18 \pm 1.02	2.08 \pm 0.08	2.37	<0.05*

* = significant ($P < 0.05$).

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 10. Comparison between mean values of serum fructosamine levels in IDDM patients with normal fundus and those with diabetic retinopathy and comparison between mean values of serum fructosamine levels in NIDDM patients with normal fundus and those with diabetic retinopathy.

Fructosamine (mmol/l) (mean \pm SD)	IDDM patients with normal fundus (n = 15)	IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy (n = 15)	t	P
	3.23 \pm 1.15	3.42 \pm 1.07	-0.48	>0.05
	NIDDM patients with normal fundus (n = 15)	NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy (n = 15)	t	P
	3.05 \pm 1.04	3.30 \pm 1.02	-0.66	>0.05

Table 11. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels of all diabetic patients and normal controls.

	Diabetic patients (n = 60)	Normal controls (n = 20)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.09 \pm 0.44	1.43 \pm 0.2	6.59	<0.001**
PIII NP (μ g/l)	6.39 \pm 2.1	4.16 \pm 0.7	4.66	<0.001**
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.75 \pm 7.4	35.15 \pm 3.9	3.80	<0.001**

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 12. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in IDDM patients and normal controls.

	IDDM patients (n = 30)	Normal controls (n = 20)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.16 \pm 0.3	1.43 \pm 0.2	9.23	<0.001**
PIII NP (μ g/l)	7.02 \pm 2.3	4.16 \pm 0.7	5.39	<0.001**
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.4 \pm 8.2	35.15 \pm 3.9	3.44	<0.001*

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 13. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in NIDDM patients and normal controls.

	NIDDM patients (n = 30)	Normal controls (n = 20)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.02 \pm 0.5	1.43 \pm 0.2	4.92	<0.001**
PIII NP (μ g/l)	5.78 \pm 1.7	4.16 \pm 0.7	4.02	<0.001**
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.55 \pm 6.6	35.15 \pm 3.9	3.89	<0.001**

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 14. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in IDDM and NIDDM patients.

	IDDM patients (n = 30)	NIDDM patients (n = 30)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.14 \pm 0.4	2.02 \pm 0.5	1.10	>0.05
PIII NP (μ g/l)	7.02 \pm 2.3	5.78 \pm 1.7	2.38	<0.05*
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.95 \pm 8.2	41.55 \pm 6.6	0.21	>0.05

* = significant ($P < 0.05$).

Table 15. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in diabetic (IDDM & NIDDM) patients with duration of diabetes less than 10 years and those with duration more than 10 years.

	Diabetic patients with duration of diabetes < 10 years	Diabetic patients with duration of diabetes > 10 years	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.00 \pm 0.45	2.15 \pm 0.43	-1.36	>0.05
PIII NP (μ g/l)	5.71 \pm 2.18	6.86 \pm 1.9	-2.14	<0.05*
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	42.42 \pm 7.41	41.31 \pm 7.4	0.57	>0.05

* = significant ($P < 0.05$).

Table 16. The frequency and percentage ratio of some clinical and laboratory data.

	Diabetic patients without retinopathy (n = 30)		Diabetic patients with retinopathy (n = 30)	
	No.	%	No.	%
Serum PIII NP > 5.4 $\mu\text{g/l}$	13	43	21	70
Serum laminin > 1.6 U/ml	25	83	27	90
Plasma FN > 40 mg/dl	16	53	11	37
with proteinuria ≥ 30 mg/dl	8	27	9	30
Duration of diabetes > 10 years	3	10	25	83
Duration of diabetes < 10 years	27	90	5	17

Table 17. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in controlled diabetic patients (serum fructosamine ≤ 3 mmol/l) and uncontrolled diabetic patients (serum fructosamine > 3 mmol/l).

	Controlled diabetics (n = 26)	Uncontrolled diabetics (n = 34)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.10 \pm 0.51	2.08 \pm 0.39	0.21	> 0.05
PIII NP ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	5.96 \pm 1.48	6.73 \pm 2.44	-1.42	> 0.05
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	42.58 \pm 8.13	41.12 \pm 6.82	0.76	> 0.05

Table 18. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in NIDDM patients with normal fundus with those with diabetic retinopathy.

	NIDDM patients with normal fundus (n = 15)	NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy (n = 15)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	1.89 \pm 0.39	2.15 \pm 0.61	-1.39	>0.05
PIII NP (μ g/l)	5.26 \pm 1.77	6.29 \pm 1.51	-1.72	<0.05*
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.30 \pm 6.70	41.80 \pm 6.69	-0.20	>0.05

* = significant ($P < 0.05$)

Table 19. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in IDDM patients with normal fundus with those with diabetic retinopathy.

	IDDM patients with normal fundus (n = 15)	IDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy (n = 15)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.27 \pm 0.37	2.19 \pm 0.42	0.59	>0.05
PIII NP (μ g/l)	6.66 \pm 2.37	7.38 \pm 2.25	0.85	>0.05
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	43.17 \pm 8.19	40.73 \pm 8.34	0.80	>0.05

Table 20. One-way ANOVA test for laminin in different grades of retinopathy in diabetic patients.

Group	Number of cases	Laminin (U/ml) (mean)	F ratio	P
No retinopathy	30	2.08	1.51	0.23
Mild & moderate retinopathy	9	1.89		
Severe retinopathy	21	2.19		

Table 21. One-way ANOVA test for PIII NP in different grades of retinopathy in diabetic patients.

Group	Number of cases	PIII NP ($\mu\text{g/l}$) (mean)	F ratio	P
No retinopathy	30	5.96	2.96	0.06
Mild & moderate retinopathy	9	5.83		
Severe retinopathy	21	7.27		

Table 22. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum PIII NP in non-retinopathic and retinopathic patients with mild to moderate grades of retinopathy.

	Non-retinopathic diabetics (n = 30)	Retinopathic with mild to moderate retinopathy (n = 9)	t	P
PIII NP ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	5.96 \pm 2.17	5.83 \pm 1.6	0.16	0.43

Table 23. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum PIII NP in diabetics with no retinopathy, mild and moderate retinopathy (as a single group) and diabetics having severe grade of retinopathy.

	Non-retinopathics, mild to moderate retinopathics (n = 39)	Severe diabetic retinopathics (n = 21)	t	P
PIII NP ($\mu\text{g/l}$)	5.93 \pm 2.04	7.27 \pm 1.98	-2.45	<0.001**

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 24. One-way ANOVA test for fibronectin in different grades of retinopathy in diabetic patients.

Group	Number of cases	FN (mg/dl) (mean)	F ratio	P
No retinopathy	30	42.23	0.13	0.87
Mild & moderate retinopathy	9	41.56		
Severe retinopathy	21	41.14		

Table 25. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin, serum PIII NP and plasma fibronectin levels in IDDM and NIDDM patients with no proteinuria and those with proteinuria.

	Diabetic patients without proteinuria (n = 43)	Diabetic patients with proteinuria (n = 17)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	1.94 \pm 0.41	2.47 \pm 0.28	-4.86	<0.001**
PIII NP (μ g/l)	5.38 \pm 1.12	8.97 \pm 1.78	-9.38	<0.001**
Fibronectin (mg/dl)	41.35 \pm 6.98	42.77 \pm 8.45	-0.67	>0.05

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 26. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin and serum PIII NP levels in IDDM and NIDDM patients without proteinuria and those with mild proteinuria.

	Diabetic patients without proteinuria (n = 43)	Diabetic patients with mild proteinuria (n = 10)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	1.94 \pm 0.41	2.41 \pm 0.23	-3.50	<0.001**
PIII NP (μ g/l)	5.38 \pm 1.12	8.21 \pm 1.19	-7.12	<0.001**

** = highly significant ($P < 0.001$).

Table 27. Comparison between mean values (\pm S.D.) of serum laminin and serum PIII NP levels in diabetic patients with mild proteinuria and those with moderate proteinuria.

	Diabetic patients with mild proteinuria (n = 10)	Diabetic patients with moderate proteinuria (n = 7)	t	P
Laminin (U/ml)	2.41 \pm 0.23	2.54 \pm 0.34	-0.96	>0.05
PIII NP (μ g/l)	8.21 \pm 1.19	10.06 \pm 2.0	-2.39	<0.05*

* = significant ($P < 0.05$).

Table 28. One-way ANOVA test for fibronectin in different grades of proteinuria in diabetic patients.

Group	Number of cases	FN (mg/dl) (mean)	F ratio	P
No proteinuria	43	41.35	0.54	>0.05
Mild proteinuria	10	41.55		
Moderate & severe proteinuria	7	44.50		

Table 29. Correlation of different clinical and laboratory findings in IDDM and NIDDM patients.

	Duration	Fundus	Urinary proteins	Fructosamine	Laminin	PIII NP	FN
Duration	1.00						
Fundus	0.84*	1.00					
Urinary proteins	0.14	0.06	1.00				
Fructosamine	0.19	0.11	0.08	1.00			
Laminin	0.15	0.07	0.54*	-0.05	1.00		
PIII NP	0.32*	0.26*	0.80*	0.15	0.59*	1.00	
FN	-0.09	-0.07	0.09	-0.07	0.12	0.01	1.00

Critical value (1-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.21453

Critical value (2-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.25398

* = significant correlation.

Table 30. Correlation of different clinical and laboratory findings in IDDM and NIDDM patients with normal fundus.

	Age	Duration	Glucosuria	Proteinuria	Urea	Creatinine	F.B.S.	P.P.	Fructosamine	Laminin	PIII NP	FN
Age	1.00											
Duration	-0.08	1.00										
Glucosuria	-0.11	0.22	1.00									
Proteinuria	-0.30	0.18	0.10	1.00								
Urea	0.21	0.14	0.02	0.21	1.00							
Creatinine	-0.06	0.33	0.16	0.19	0.40	1.00						
F.B.S.	-0.17	0.40	0.85	0.06	-0.04	0.14	1.00					
P.P.	-0.14	0.35	0.76	0.06	-0.06	0.16	0.87	1.00				
Fructosamine	-0.18	0.16	0.66	0.10	-0.13	0.11	0.60*	0.61*	1.00			
Laminin	-0.36*	0.25	-0.76	0.82*	0.24	0.11	-0.07	-0.05	-0.04	1.00		
PIII NP	-0.36*	0.19	0.0	0.87*	0.15	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.82*	1.00	
FN	-0.14	-0.05	-0.07	0.04	0.12	-0.03	-0.08	-0.12	0.03	-0.02	0.00	1.00

Critical value (1-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.30645

Critical value (2-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.36034

* = significant correlation.

Table 31. Correlation of different clinical and laboratory findings in IDDM and NIDDM patients with diabetic retinopathy.

	Age	Duration	Fundus	Glucosuria	Proteinuria	Urea	Creatinine	F.B.S.	P.P.	Fructosamine	Laminin	PIII NP	FN
Age	1.00												
Duration	0.33	1.00											
Fundus	0.18	0.49*	1.00										
Glucosuria	0.11	0.0	0.01	1.00									
Proteinuria	0.10	0.15	0.08	0.16	1.00								
Urea	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.04	0.44	1.00							
Creatinine	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.13	0.44	0.79	1.00						
F.B.S.	0.09	-0.04	-0.09	0.78	0.16	-0.09	0.07	1.00					
P.P.	0.16	0.15	0.09	0.62	0.04	-0.07	-0.07	0.80	1.00				
Fructosamine	-0.07	0.18	0.05	0.61	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.47	0.35	1.00			
Laminin	0.25	0.21	0.29	0.22	0.29	0.57	0.56	0.12	0.05	-0.07	1.00		
PIII NP	-0.05	0.31*	0.32*	0.26	0.77*	0.34	0.42	0.09	-0.07	0.17	0.38*	1.00	
FN	0.21	-0.09	-0.04	0.19	0.17	0.23	0.36	0.21	0.08	-0.16	0.24	0.05	1.00

Critical value (1-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.30645

Critical value (2-tail, 0.05) = + or - 0.36034

* = significant correlation.

PIII NP, Laminin, & Fibronectin In IDDM, NIDDM, & Normal Controls

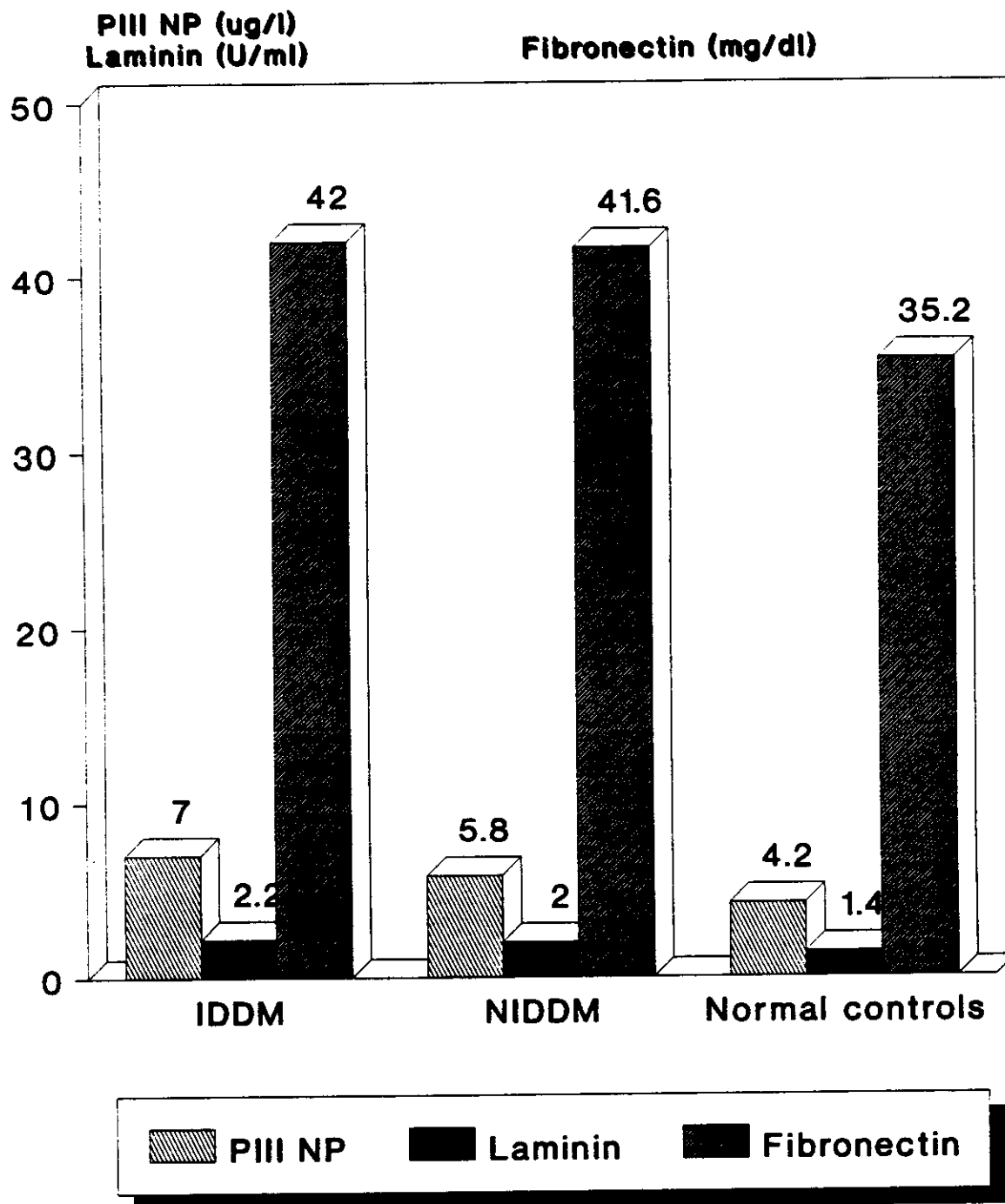
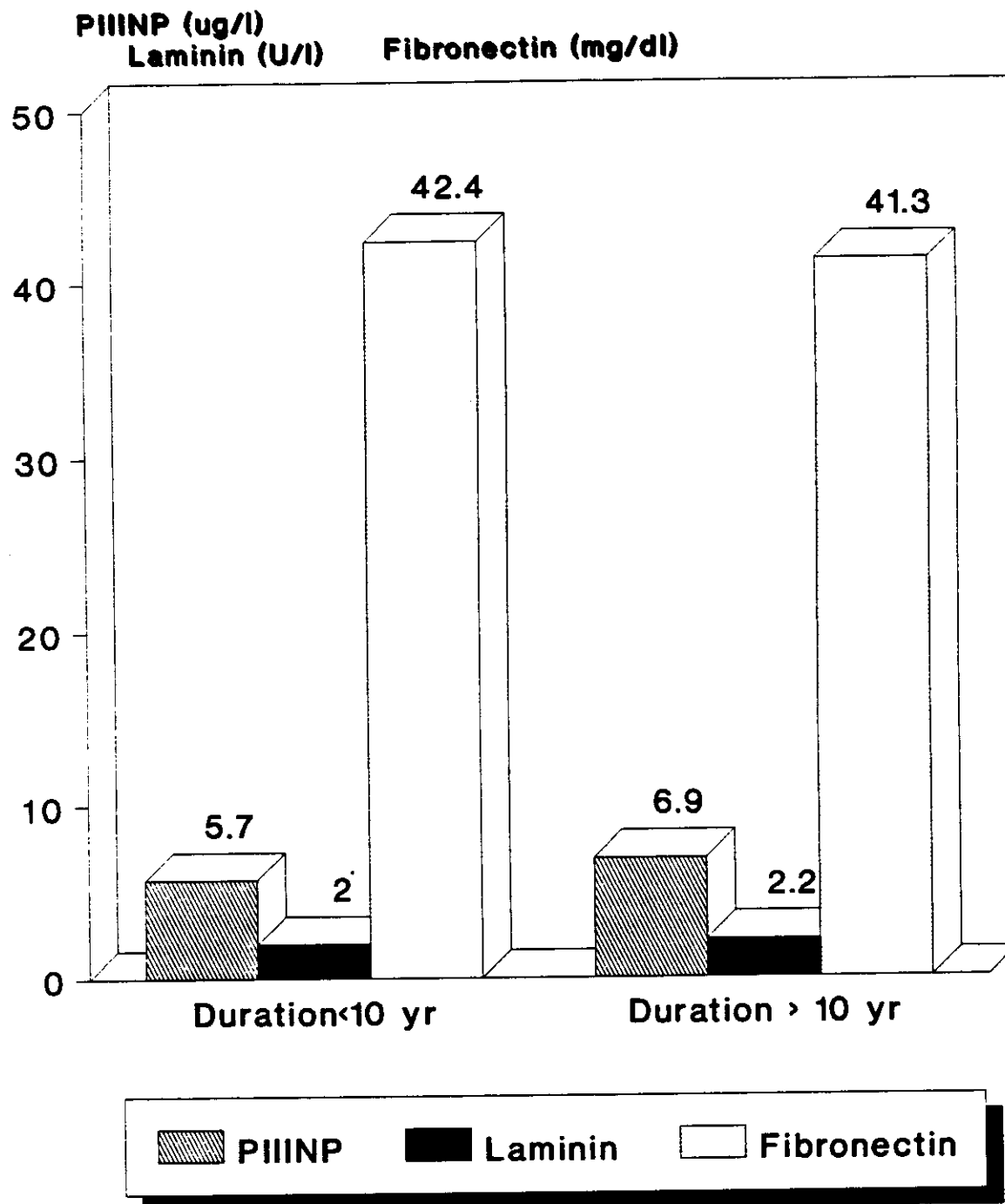


FIGURE: 11

PIIINP, Laminin, & Fibronectin In Relation To Duration Of D.M.

**FIGURE:12**

PIII NP, Laminin, & Fibronectin In NIDDM Patients With & Without Retinopathy

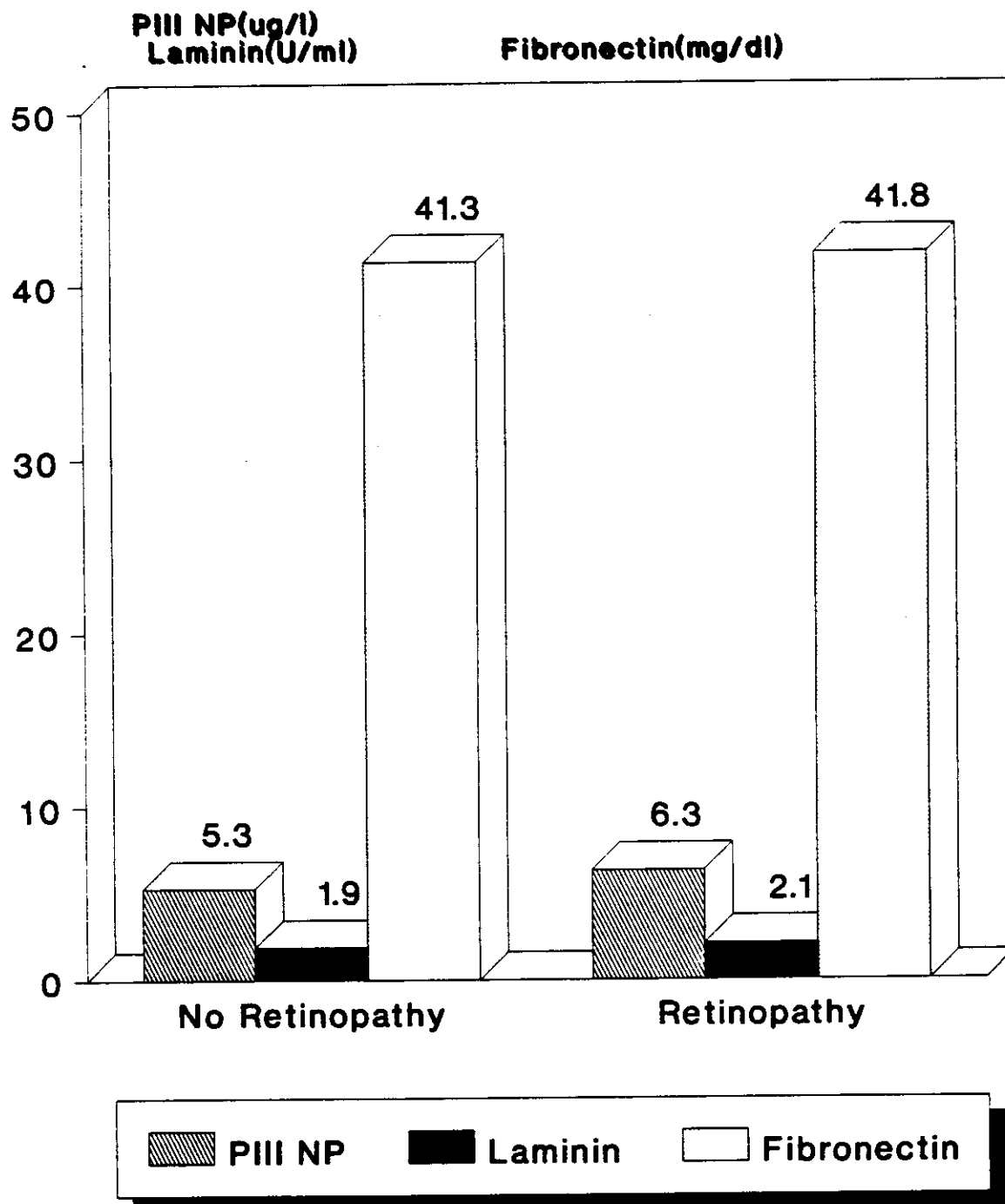


FIGURE: 13

PIIINP, Laminin, & Fibronectin In IDDM Patients With & Without Retinopathy

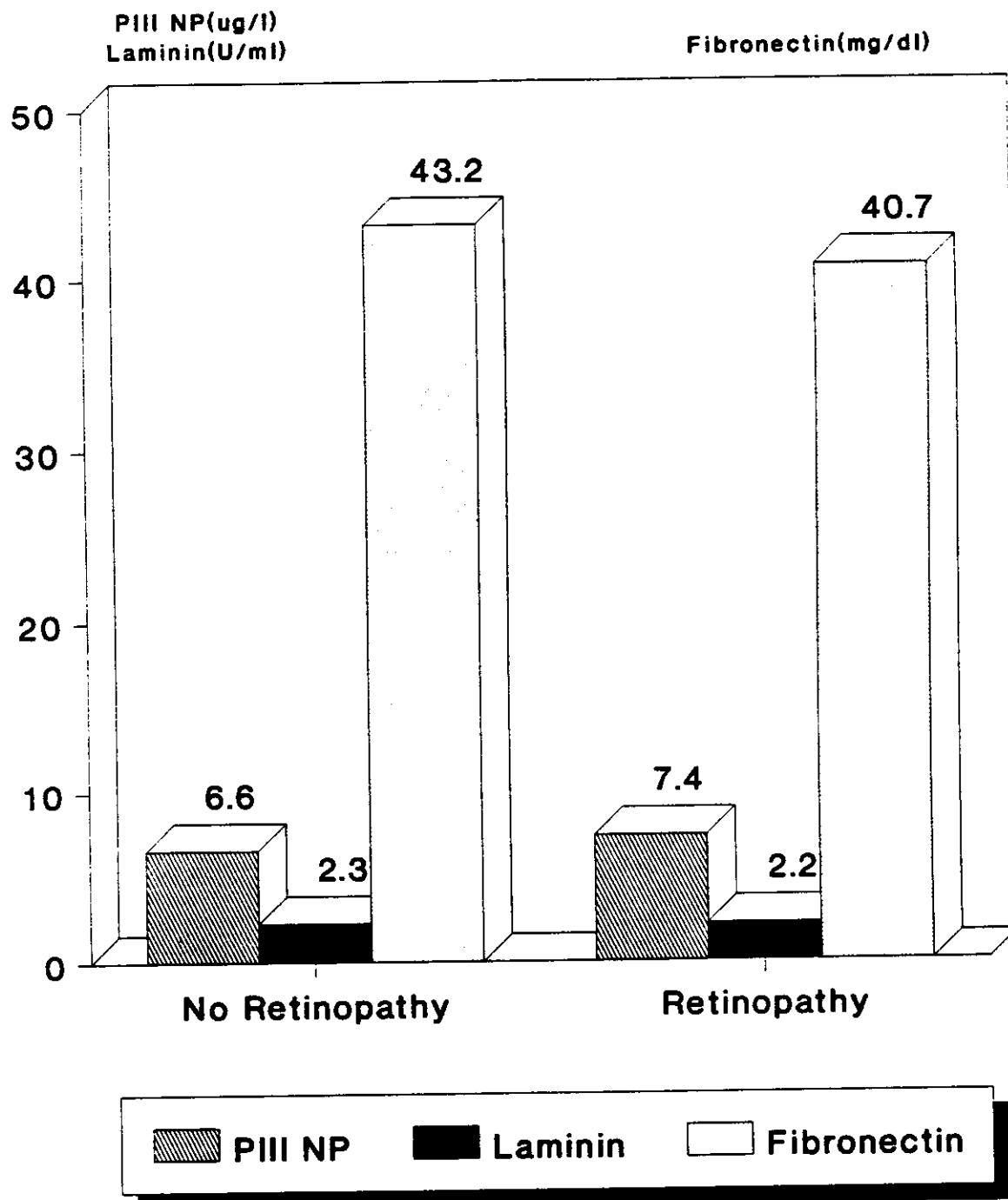
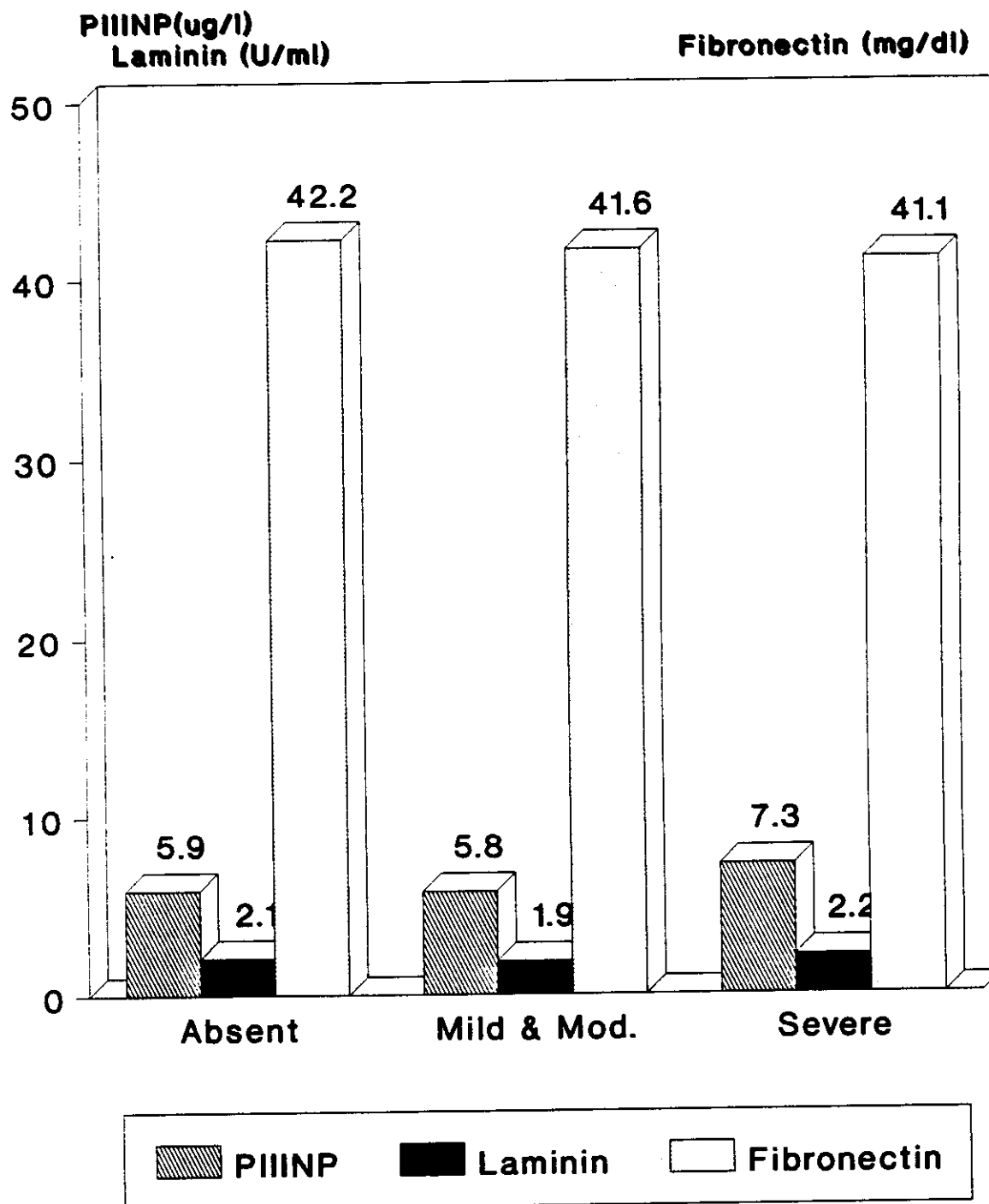
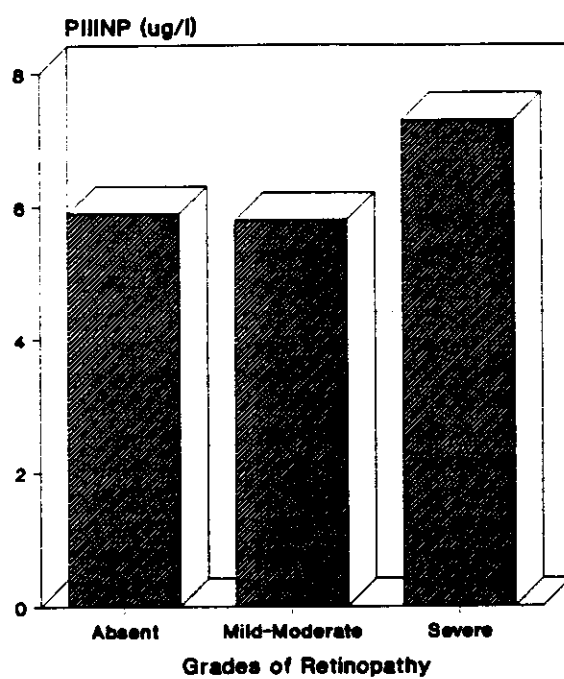
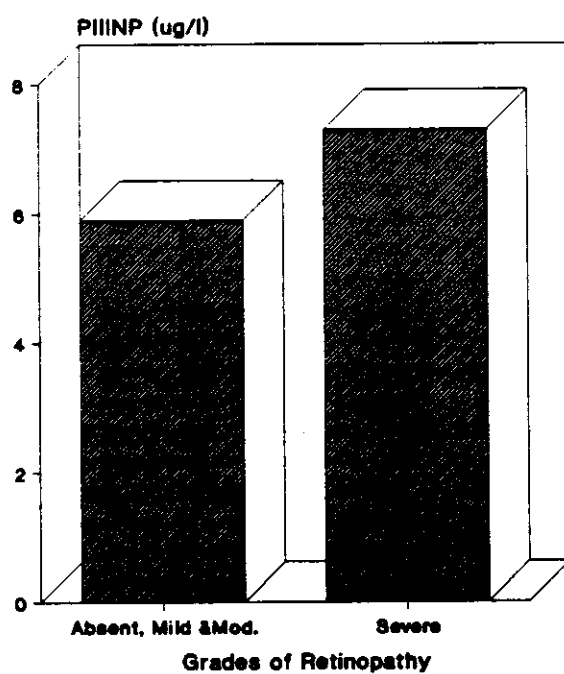


FIGURE: 14

PIIINP, Laminin, & Fibronectin In Different Grades Of Retinopathy

**FIGURE:15**

PIIINP In Various Grades Of Retinopathy**Figure: 16(a)****Figure: 16(b)**

**Grades of Retinopathy
In IDDM & NIDDM Diabetics**



FIGURE: 17

Grades of Proteinuria In IDDM & NIDDM Diabetics

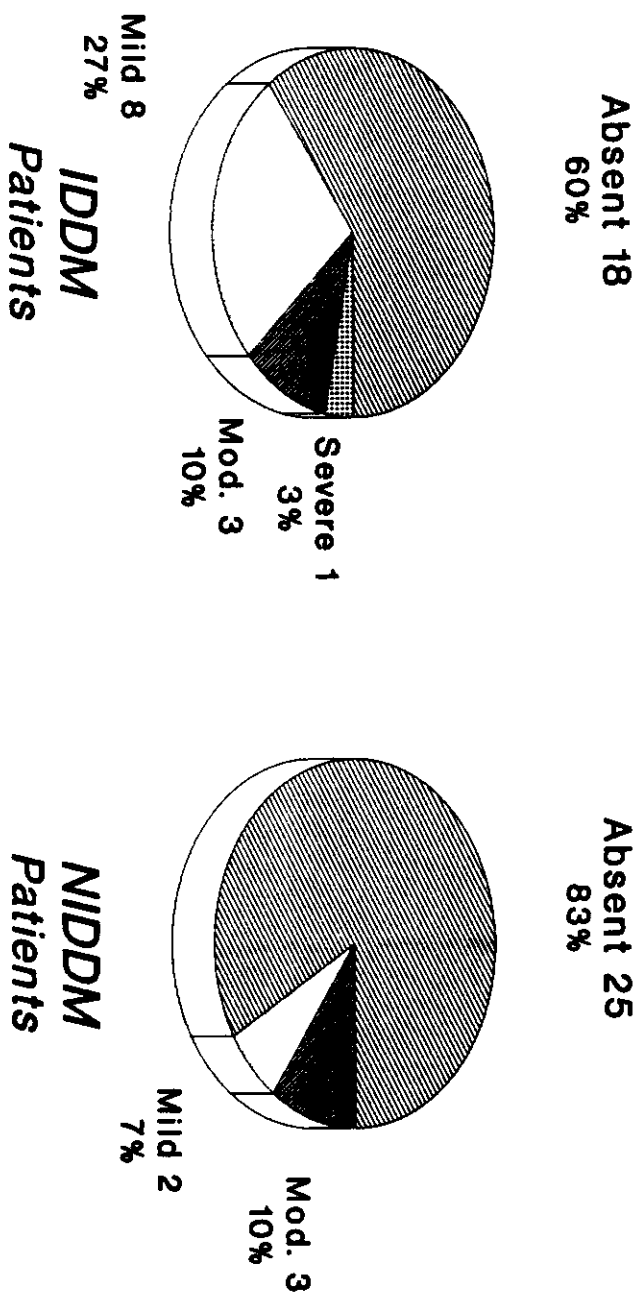


FIGURE: 18

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP Level & Laminin In Diabetics

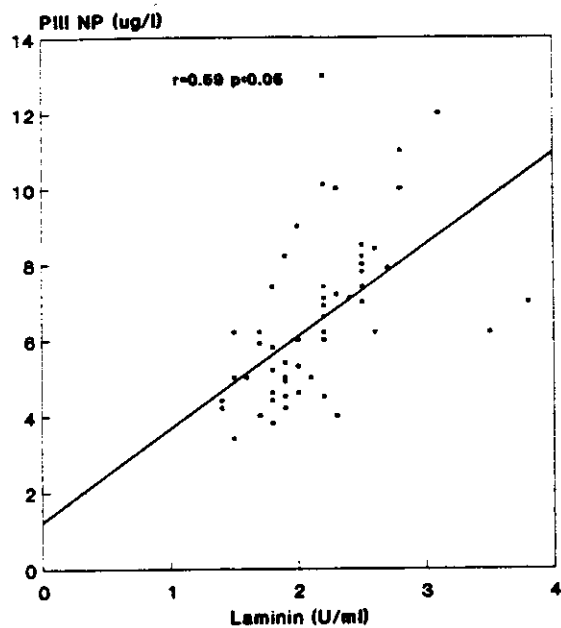


Figure: 19 (a)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP Level & Proteinuria In Diabetics

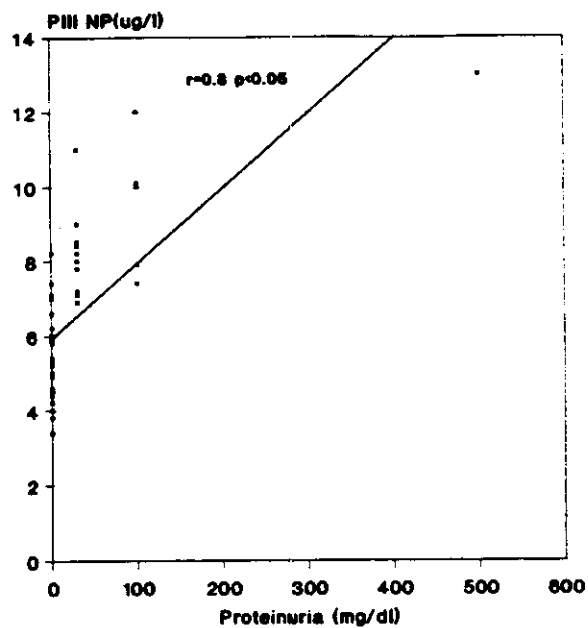


Figure: 19 (b)

Correlation Between PIII NP Level And Degree Of Fundal Affection In Diabetics

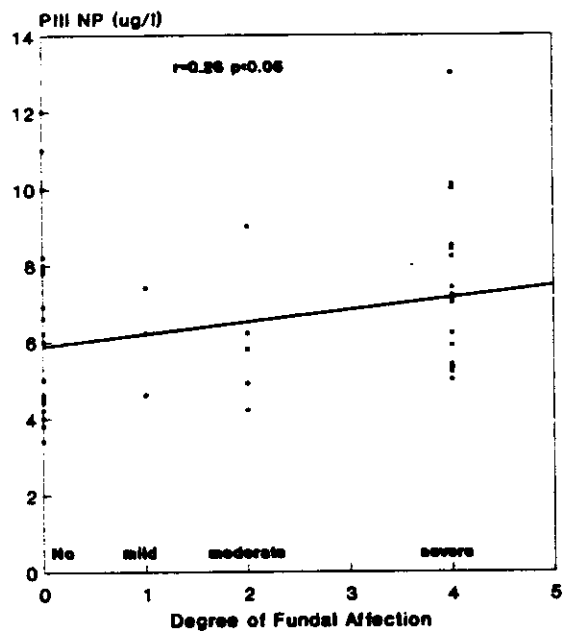


Figure: 19(c)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP And Duration of Diabetes

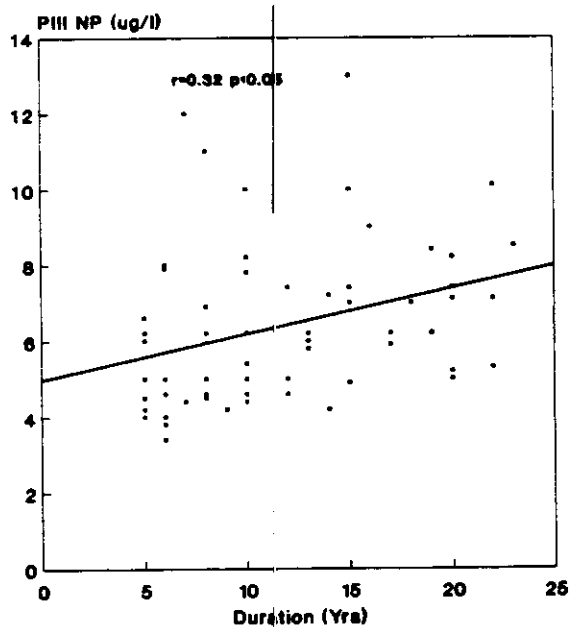


Figure: 19(d)

Correlation Between Serum Laminin And Degree Of Proteinuria In Diabetics

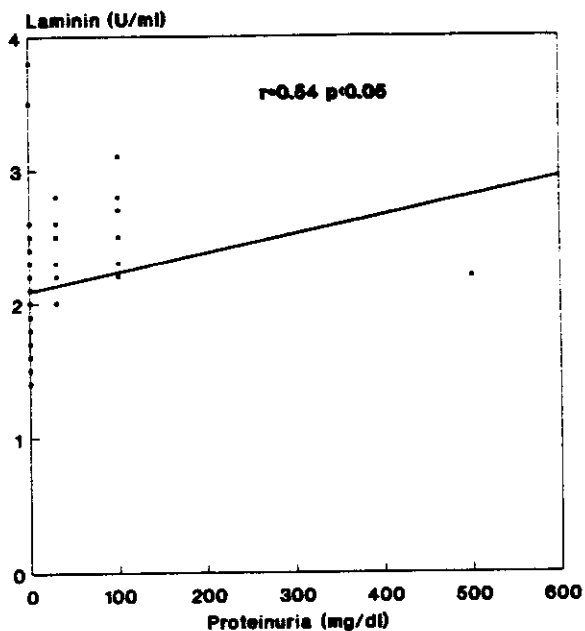


Figure 20 (a)

Correlation Between Duration Of Diabetes And Degree Of Fundal Affection

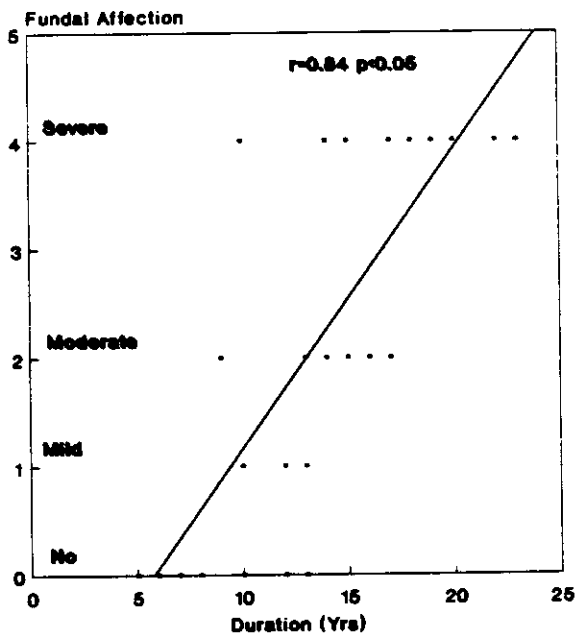


Figure 20 (b)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP And Laminin In Diabetics With Normal Fundus

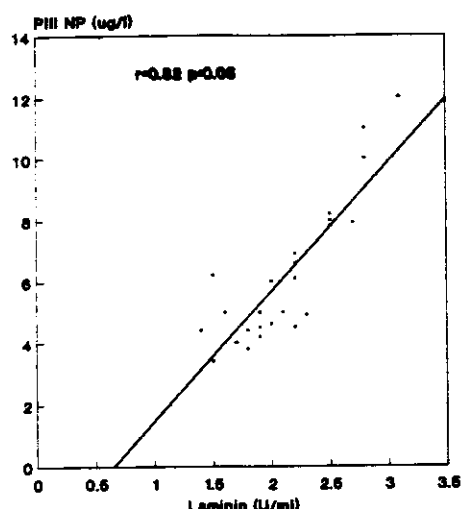


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Correlation Between Serum PIII NP Level And Proteinuria In Diabetics With Normal Fundus

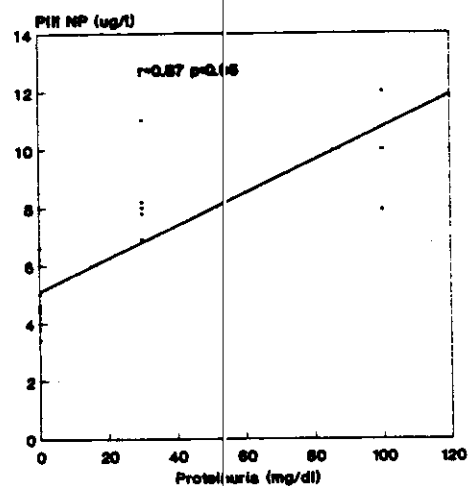


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Correlation Between Serum Laminin And Proteinuria In Diabetics With Normal Fundus

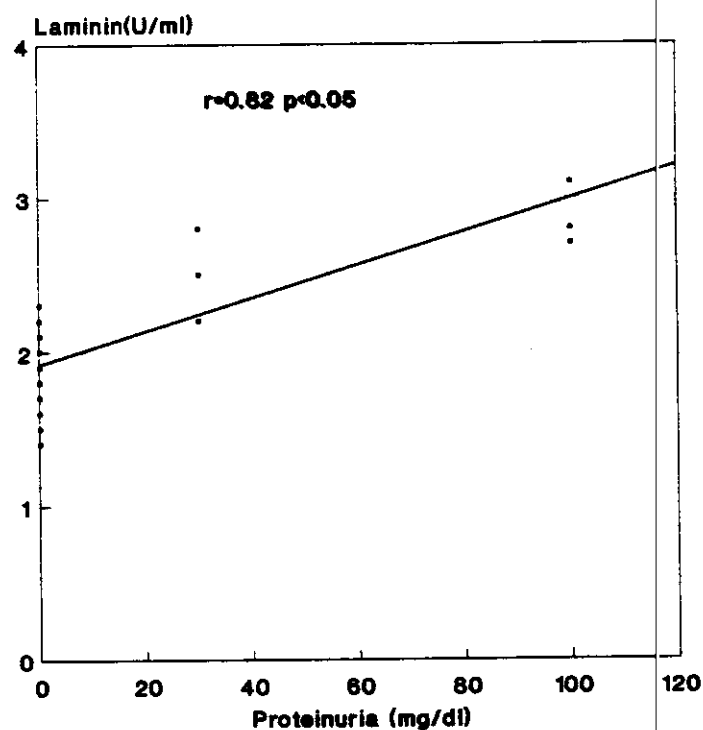


Figure: 21(c)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP And Laminin In Diabetics With Retinopathy

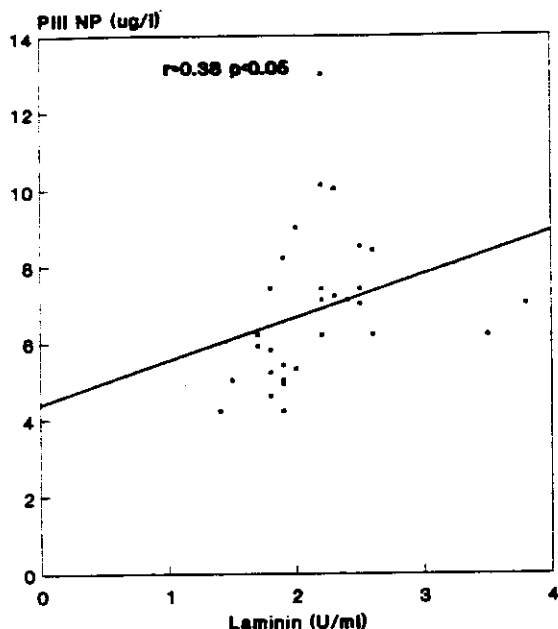


Figure: 22 (a)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP And Proteinuria In Diabetics With Retinopathy

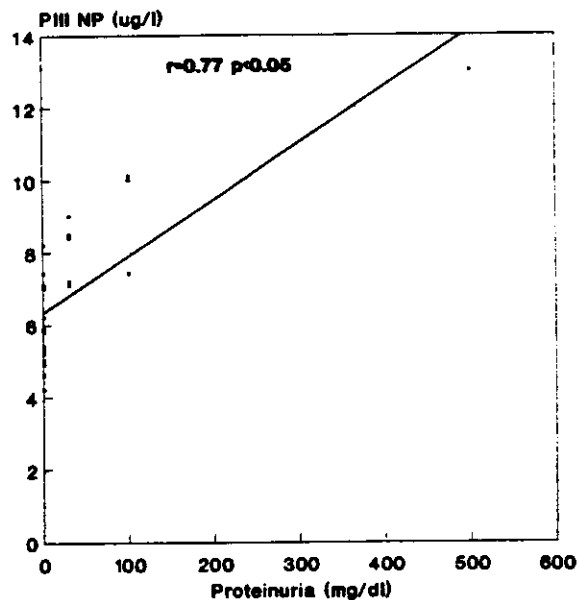


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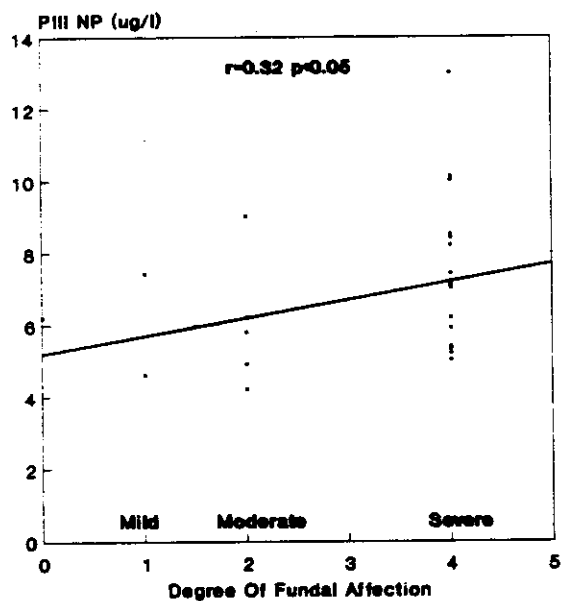


Figure: 22(c)

Correlation Between Serum PIII NP And Duration Of Diabetes In Diabetics With Retinopathy

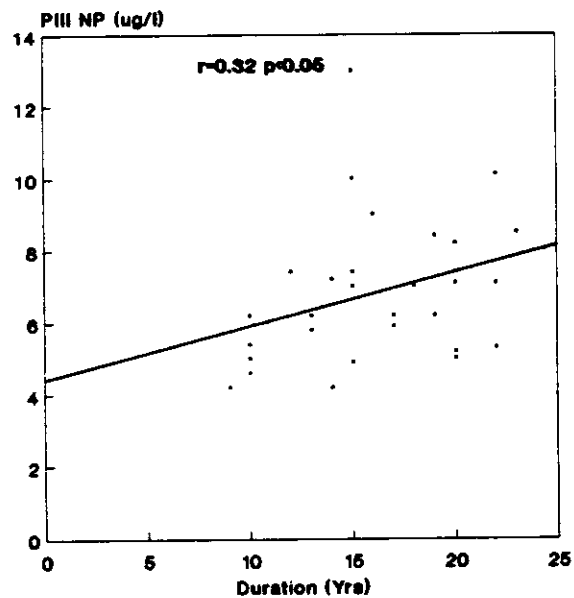


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