

**TO DETERMINE PHENOTYPE OF POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME IN WOMEN ATTENDING OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT OF TERTIARY CARE HOSPITAL OF KMC CIVIL HOSPITAL KHAIRPUR.**

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**Abstract**

**Introduction:** PCOS and fatness are usual and complicated disorders which are influenced by genetic and environmental components. **Objective:** To determine phenotype of polycystic ovary syndrome in female patient visiting to outpatient of tertiary care hospital KMC Khairpur Mir's. **Methods:** This is Descriptive study was conducted at the department of Gynecology and obstetrics civil hospital Khairpur During January to 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020. A total of 350 women with complain of hirsutism, acne, hair loss, infertility, menstrual irregularity & weight gain included in this study. **Results:** Phenotype of polycystic ovary syndrome in women is listed in table 2. 52.6% had oligomenorrhea, 60.3% had amenorrhea, and 52% had an ovulation. Furthermore, 74.3% had hyperandrogenism in which Hirsutism was observed in 58.6%, Acne 45.1% and hair loss 43.4% while 66% had biochemical hyperandrogenism. **Conclusion:** Polycystic Ovarian syndrome, a common problem of women of reproductive age group is affecting their life physically, mentally and socially. Amenorrhea, hyperandrogenism and hirsutism are too oftenly seen as one of the clinical manifestations of PCOS. Early intervention may lead to prevent long term health consequences.

**Keywords:** Polycystic Ovarian syndrome, Oligomenorrhea, Amenorrhea, An Ovulation, Hyperandrogenism

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Polycystic Ovary, it is endocrine and familiar disorder which characterizes by enlarge volume of ovary with thick stroma and necklace like ring of small tinny follicle not more than 2-8mm in diameter. This disease can be presented clinically by sign of endogens secreting level increase, presenting signs of excess abnormal hair growth alopecia and weight gain and menstrual irregularly.<sup>1</sup> A now a days joint ESHRE / ASRM (European society of human reproduction and embryology / American society for reproductive medicine<sup>2</sup> proposed a refined definition of familiar disorders of PCOs is that 2 or out of the three manifestation presence<sup>3</sup>. Meeting a refined definition of the PCOS was agreed, namely the presence of two out of the following three criteria's.

1. Oligo and / or an ovulation
2. Hyperandrogenism (clinical and / or biochemical)
3. Polycystic ovaries (the Rotterdam ESHRR /

ASRM) sponsored PCOS consensus workshop group, 2004'.

Polycystic ovary syndrome effects 6% to 10% of reproductive age women and it is one of the most common syndrome endocrine disorders in all females' women. Polycystic ovary syndrome is a familiar disorder that appears to be inherited as a complex genetic trait)<sup>4</sup>. Androgen excess affects approximately 1% of women and includes excessive abnormal hair growth, loss of hair (hirsutism, alopecia, acne, ovulatory dysfunction and extreme cases of virilization and masculinization). All these metabolic feature manifest to glucose intolerance GDM, Diabetes, cardio vascular disease and hypertension. Patient with PCOS have metabolic abnormalities such as insulin resistance, compensatory hyperinsulinemia, obesity and dyslipidemia<sup>5</sup> All these metabolic features may play a role in the development of glucose intolerance and frank type 11 diabetes mellitus and hypertension, increasing the risk of developing cardiovascular disease PCOS and fatness are usual and complicated disorders

which are influenced by genetic and environmental components. At least decreasing weight often leads to important improvements in menstrual consistency, productivity and hyper androgenic characteristics<sup>5</sup>. Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) causes a range of problems that can impact the health-related quality of life, emotional well-being and sexual satisfaction of women. The changes that occur in a woman's physical appearance as a result of PCOS, particularly hirsutism, acne and obesity, along with menstrual irregularity and infertility, have been found to be the main contributors to psychological morbidity<sup>6</sup>. A study conducted in Palermo, Italy, the severe PCOS phenotype (hyperandrogenism chronic an ovulation, PCOs type 1, classic PCOs) was the most common phenotype in 53.9% of the patient<sup>7</sup>. The phenotype of 8.9% of the patients was characterized by Hyperandrogenism and chronic an ovulation but normal ovaries type 11 PCOS. Ovulatory PCOs was relatively common 25.5% of PCOs patients. The normoandrogenic phenotype was relatively un-common. Chronic an ovulation and polycystic ovaries but no clinical or biochemical hyperandrogenism.<sup>7</sup> A study conducted in Isfahan, Iran, shows clinical PCOS was present in 30(3%), hirsutism in 60(6%) menstrual dysfunction in 74 (7.4% and severe acne in 47 (4.7%) of the population studied<sup>8</sup>.

The rationale of my study is to find out the phenotype of PCOS patients presenting in OPD outpatient department of tertiary care hospital KMC Khairpur. This will help in formulating local guideline in management of PCO. Early intervention may lead to prevent long term health consequences.

**METHODS:** This is Descriptive study was conducted at the department of Gynecology and obstetrics KMC Civil Hospital Khairpur Mir's. During January to 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020. Inclusion criteria, all reproductive age women between 14-45 years of age with complain of hirsutism, acne, hair loss, infertility, menstrual irregularity & weight gain. And exclusion criteria, are, Thyroid disease, Adrenal

hyperplasia premature ovarian failure cushing's syndrome. Women fulfilling the inclusion criteria of polycystic ovaries presenting in outpatient department were included in the study after verbal informed consent. Every candidate was asked to lay out a comprehensive history of menstruation, and facts were assembled for every candidate on body, mass, height was measured and BMI was calculated. Hirsutism, androgenic alopecia and presence of absence of clinical acne was evaluated by scoring system in enclosed proforma. The patient venous blood was drawn for serum prolactin, Progesterone, serum Testosterone dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate, sex hormone binding globulin was sent. Patient's demographic characteristics like age, parity, BMI and biochemical profile (hormone level) was evaluated in enclosed proforma by the researcher.

**RESULTS**

A total of 350 women with complain of hirsutism, acne, hair loss, infertility, menstrual irregularity & weight gain were included in this study. Most of the patients were 21 to 30 years of age that is 216(61.71%) as shown in figure 1. The average age of the women was 26.16±6.33 years (95%ICI: 25.84 to 26.51). Similarly average BMI, progesterone, serum testosterone, DHEAS, sex hormone binding globulin were presented in table I. Parity status of the women is also shown in figure 2. Out of 350 women, 34.57% were Urdu speaker than Pathan and Sindhi was observed as shown in figure 3. One hundred and sixty six (47.43%) obese cases was observed in this study as presented in figure 3.

Phenotype of polycystic ovary syndrome in women is listed in table 2. 52.6% (184/350) had oligomenorrhea, 60.3% (211/350) had amenorrhea, 52% (182/350) had anovulation. Furthermore, 74.3% (260/350) had hyperandrogenism in which hirsutism was observed in 58.6%, Acne 45.1% and hair loss 43.4% while 66% (231/350) had biochemical hyperandrogenism.

**FIGURE 1: FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGE n= 350**

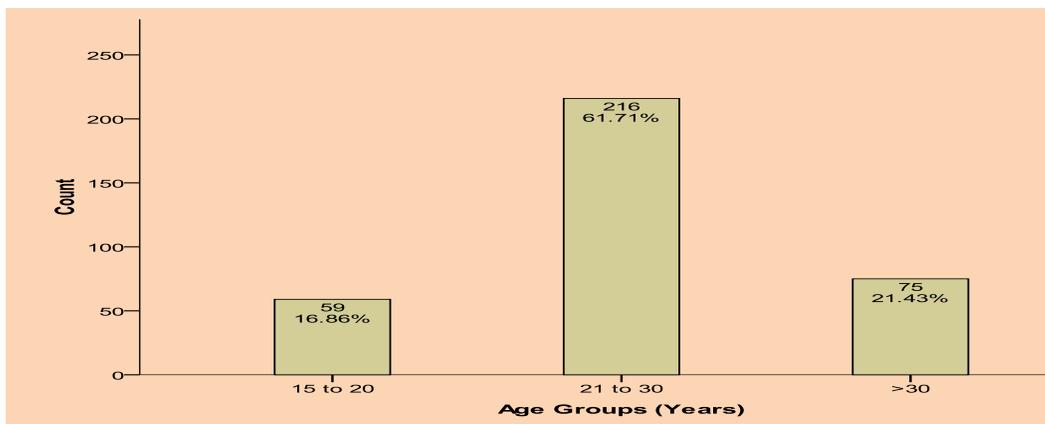


FIG:2 PARITY DISTRIBUTION 350

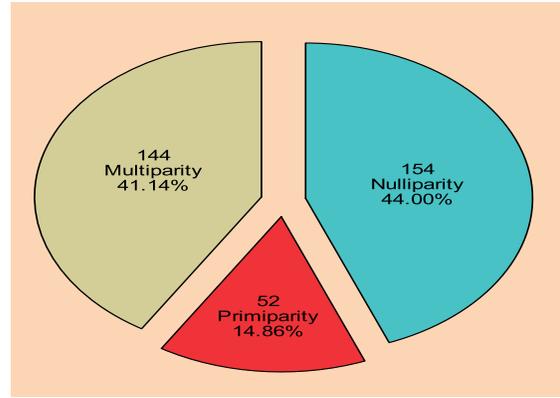
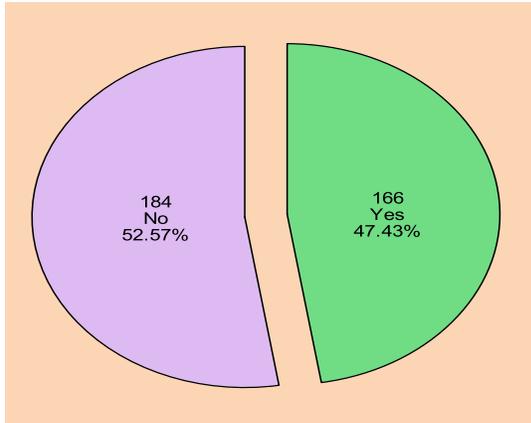


FIGURE 3; OBESITY STATUS OF THE PATIENTS n= 350

TABLE 1: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIABLES

Variables	Mean	SD	95% Confidence Interval for Mean	
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
Age (Years)	26.15	6.33	25.48	26.81
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.3	3.89	25.89	26.71
Progesterone (ng/dl)	3.99	1.833	3.803	4.188
Serum Testosterone (ng/dl)	60.1	9.35	59.09	61.06
DHEAS (ugm/ml)	3.81	2.08	3.59	4.02
Sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG)	22.87	5.06	21.12	24.54

TABLE 2 PHENOTYPE OF POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME IN WOMEN

PHENOTYPE	Frequency	Percentage
Oligomenorrhea	184	52.6%
Amenorrhea	211	60.3%
Anovulation	182	52.0%
Weight Loss	206	58.9%
Clinical Hyperandrogenism	260	74.3%
Hirsutism	205	58.6%
Acne	158	45.1%
Androgenic Alopecia (Hair Loss)	152	43.4%
Biochemical Hyperandrogenism	231	66%

**DISCUSSION**

Polycystic ovarian syndrome is oftenly presented with endocrine disorders along with cardio vascular disease, endometrial carcinoma<sup>9</sup>. it is mostly diagnosed in young female patients with abnormal menstrual irregularly, oligomenorrhea and ovulatory dis function and excessive androgen problems Observed endocrinological disorder at gynaecological clinic. It usually seen correlated with metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease, and endometrial carcinoma<sup>10</sup>. "It is commonly diagnosed in young women with anovulatory infertility, oligomenorrhea or hyperandrogenic<sup>11</sup>.

In Pakistan, Haq et al found that frequency of PCOS in women attending infertility clinics was 17.6%<sup>12</sup>.

Balen A described in review that prevalence of PCO in general population 17-22% approximately.<sup>13</sup>

The average age of the women was 26.16#6.33 years (95%CI: 25.84 to 26. 81). It was also in Hussein et al<sup>14</sup>

The described prevalence of PCOS is estimated between 2.2% to 26% in different countries, bound on the conscripted method, the population study, the basis used for its description and the approach used to define each criteria"<sup>15</sup>.

In Fauzia et al study<sup>16</sup> "on Pakistani patients, hirsutism was remarkable in 84.6% of cases and oligomenorrhea was found in 75% of patients. Which is high as compared to 58.6% in our cases. The increased incidence of hirsutism in the cases of Fauzia et al may be due to sample of less number of patients (52) in study as comparatively to our study which included larger number of patients (350).

The reason may be related to tough basis for selection of patients in the studies carried out by Lobo et al<sup>17</sup>.

However amenorrhea and oligomenorrhea are usually found, normal menstrual cycle may be observed in patients with PCOS<sup>18</sup>. In patients with PCOS levels of sex steroids relatively remain constant as comparatively to the varying levels in normal menstrual cycle. That is due to a greater response of serum LH that is not usually seen in different stages of normal menstruation period has purely archived in PCOS a long ago<sup>18,19,20</sup>.

Likewise serum FSH can be low and LH cannot be raised all the time, thus it has been indicated that the use of the LH : FSH quota would be prejudicial for a hormonal diagnosis and a quota of greater than two in the existence of indicative clinical marks and sonogram detecting is found to be diagnostic<sup>21</sup>. The prolonged LH in PCOS outcomes from a raised pituitary responsive to GnRH stimulation subordinate to hyper-estrogenic. It has been assisted by analytical links noticed by researchers " between oestrogens with LH and the LH: FSH quota in patients with PCOS. . The primary trouble in the ovary lies in the interchange of regular estrogen to irregular androgens.<sup>21, 22, 23</sup>

This is as a result of defect in follicular cells in the conversion of testosterone to estrogen. The androgen surplus in PCOS is less apart from that seen in ovarian tumour and hyperthecosis and flowing testosterone amount is not more than 150 ng/dl.<sup>24,25,26</sup>

Insulin resistance is usually seen in obese women however it is also present in 50% of normal weight women. In PCOS the insulin resistance seen at all levels leads to increased production of androgens<sup>27,28,29</sup>.

## CONCLUSION

Polycystic Ovarian syndrome, a common problem of women of reproductive age group is affecting their life physically, mentally and socially. Amenorrhea, hyperandrogenism and hirsutism are the most common clinical presentation of PCOS. Early intervention may lead to prevent long term health consequences.

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