

Table 1. Definition of the phenotypes of the polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

PCOS phenotype	Anovulation	Biochemical hyperandrogenemia or clinical manifestations of hyperandrogenemia	Polycystic ovaries in transvaginal ultrasonography
1 (severe PCOS)	+	+	+
2 (anovulation and hyperandrogenemia)	+	+	-
3 (ovulatory PCOS)	-	+	+
4 (mild PCOS)	+	-	+

Definition is based on the 2003 Rotterdam criteria for the diagnosis of PCOS.⁶