

Table 1. Age and anthropometric characteristics of women with polycystic ovary syndrome and different patterns of menstrual cycles

	Single cycle irregularity (n=148)	Multiple cycle irregularities (n=254)	Single cycle irregularity alternating with regular menstrual cycles (n=764)	Regular menstrual cycles (n=131)	p (overall)	p (Post-hoc tests between women with different types of menstrual cycle irregularities)					
						SCI vs. MCI	SCI/RMC	SCI vs. RMC	MCI vs. RMC	SCI/RMC vs. RMC	SCI/RMC vs. RMC
Age (years)	23.2±6.6	23.7±5.5	24.4±5.7	25.7±5.7	0.001	NS	NS	0.001	NS	0.007	NS
BMI (kg/m ²)	27.9±8.2	26.2±7.2	26.7±6.9	26.6±5.6	NS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Waist (cm)	86.3±17.8	82.8±16.1	83.7±15.3	82.0±11.8	NS	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
W/H	0.84±0.54	0.78±0.07	0.78±0.07	0.77±0.06	0.013	0.033	0.016	0.033	NS	NS	NS

SCI: single cycle irregularity; MCI: multiple cycle irregularities; SCI/RMC: single cycle irregularity alternating with regular menstrual cycles; RMC: regular menstrual cycles; NS: not significant; NA: not applicable; BMI: body mass index; W/H: waist/hip ratio.