

# **Clinical & Physiological Pattern among children with Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome in Parami General Hospital**

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# Aim and Objectives of the Study

- To explore **clinical symptoms and signs** in children with OSAS of Myanmar
- To find out **physiological parameters** during the diagnostic method.
- **To raise awareness of parents and clinicians** for common symptoms and signs of OSAS in children for timely referral.
- To encourage **new study on Pediatric OSAS** in Myanmar.

# Introduction

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## Definition of OSA in children (American Association of Pediatrics 2014)

“Disorder of breathing during sleep characterized by **prolonged partial** upper airway obstruction and/or **intermittent complete** obstruction that **disrupts normal ventilation during sleep** and **normal sleep pattern** accompanied by **symptoms and signs**”.

- + **Prevalence** 1.2%-5.7% (in western country)  
unknown in Myanmar
- + **Morbidity** behavioral problems, learning difficulties, growth retardation, Pulmonary Hypertension and Congestive Cardiac Failure
- + **Coexisting Risk** Feeding difficulties, recurrent otitis media, nasal or laryngeal obstruction, syndromes, Neuromuscular disorders

# ICSD3 diagnostic criteria of OSA in children

- Criteria **A** and **B** must be met.

# ICSD3 diagnostic criteria of OSA in children

- **Criteria A**-The presence of **1 or >** of the followings -
  - 1-Snoring
  - 2-Laboured, paradoxical, or obstructed breathing during sleep
  - 3- sleepiness, hyperactivity, behavioral problems, or learning problems.

# ICSD3 diagnostic criteria of OSA in children

- Criteria B-PSG findings ( 1 or both)

**1. One or more obstructive apneas, mixed apnea or hypopneas per hour of sleep.**

**OR**

**2- A pattern of obstructive hypoventilation ,**  
defined as **at least 25% of total sleep time**  
with **PaCO<sub>2</sub> > 50 mmHg.**

In **association with 1 or >** of the followings

- a-Snoring
- b- flattening of inspiratory nasal wave form
- c- Paradoxical thoracoabdominal motion.

# ICSD3 diagnostic criteria of primary snoring in children

- \*Snoring but  $AHI < 1$  → Primary snoring  
(ICSD diagnostic manual 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2014)



# Introduction

## Polysomnogram(PSG)

- + Sleep test device      - AASM compliance type 2 device  
( Embla X- 100, UK made)
- + Software                -Ramlogic auto scoring software
- + Protocol                -Sleep PLM protocol with 92.8% sensitivity and  
42.8% specificity

# Introduction

## Polysomnogram (PSG)

+ Sensor for

EEG, EOG, EMG, inductive movement of chest and abdomen, SPO<sub>2</sub>, tidal volume, NREM and REM sleep stages and position.

+ Reproduce following data

AHI, O<sub>2</sub> desaturation index, sleep stages, sleep efficiency %, EEG arousal pattern, Epileptic discharges (epilepsy) limb movement pattern, Heart Rate and respiratory effort ect---

# Introduction

## Diagnosis and Severity Assessment of OSAS

\*Diagnosis is done by **AHI = Apnea-Hypopnea Index (diagnosis= AHI = or > 1 )** by Polysomnogram

\* **Severity criteria**

0-5= Normal,
5-15= Mild,
15-30= Moderate,
>30=Severe

\* **Diagnosis method** Polysonography (PSG)

# Management according to European Respiratory Society Statement for 1 month to 23 months and 2 to 18 years (2017 Dec)

ERS STATEMENT | A.G. KADITIS ET AL.

TABLE 2 Similarities and differences in the diagnosis and management of obstructive sleep disordered breathing (SDB) in younger and older children (1–23 months *versus* 2–18 years)

	Younger children (1– 23 months)	Older children (2–18 years)
<b>Diagnosis</b>		
Symptoms reflecting upper airway obstruction are frequently present both during wakefulness and sleep	Yes	No
Adenotonsillar hypertrophy and obesity predominantly cause SDB	No	Yes
Various congenital, syndromic and/or genetic entities predominantly cause SDB	Yes	No
Feeding difficulties and growth failure may coexist with OSAS	Yes	No
Pulmonary hypertension may complicate OSAS, especially in patients with complex conditions	Yes	Yes
Polysomnography is the gold standard for diagnosis of OSAS	Yes	Yes
Endoscopy is especially useful to determine the level of upper airway collapse	Yes	No
<b>Management</b>		
Adenotonsillectomy is the most commonly used treatment	No	Yes
NPPV is frequently used as first-line treatment due to a high incidence of multilevel, dynamic airway collapse	Yes	No
Orthodontic appliances are effective in cases of OSAS with retrognathia or malocclusion	No	Yes
Patients with complex conditions are prioritised for treatment	Yes	Yes
Follow-up after each treatment intervention may identify persistent OSAS	Yes	Yes
Patients on NPPV undergo nocturnal cardiorespiratory monitoring annually	Yes	Yes

OSAS: obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome; NPPV: non-invasive positive pressure ventilation.

# Material and Method

- Subsequent PSG testing (**overnight sleep test**) to each patient.
- OSAS diagnosis by using **criteria from American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) 3<sup>rd</sup> edt diagnostic manual 2014**. (Mentioned in Introduction)
- Data analysis by **SPSS (ver.13)**

# Material and Method

- Number of patients - 86 children (< 18yr) with suspected OSAS.
- Type of study - Cross sectional hospital based descriptive study
- Inclusion Criteria - All referred Patients
- Study period - 2013 Jan to 2017 Sept.

# Material and Method

- Recording of **clinical and demographic data** including graphical tonsil size grading (G0 to G4)



**0**

Surgically removed tonsils



**1**

Tonsils hidden within tonsil pillars



**2**

Tonsils extending to the pillars



**3**

Tonsils are beyond the pillars



**4**

Tonsils extend to midline

# How we Do Sleep Study (Polysomnography)





# BMI measurement

- BMI = weight/height square (kilogram/metre square) kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- BMI over 91<sup>st</sup> centile =overweight
- BMI over 98<sup>th</sup> centile =obese
- BMI over 99<sup>th</sup> centile =severely obese

# BMI Weight Ranges

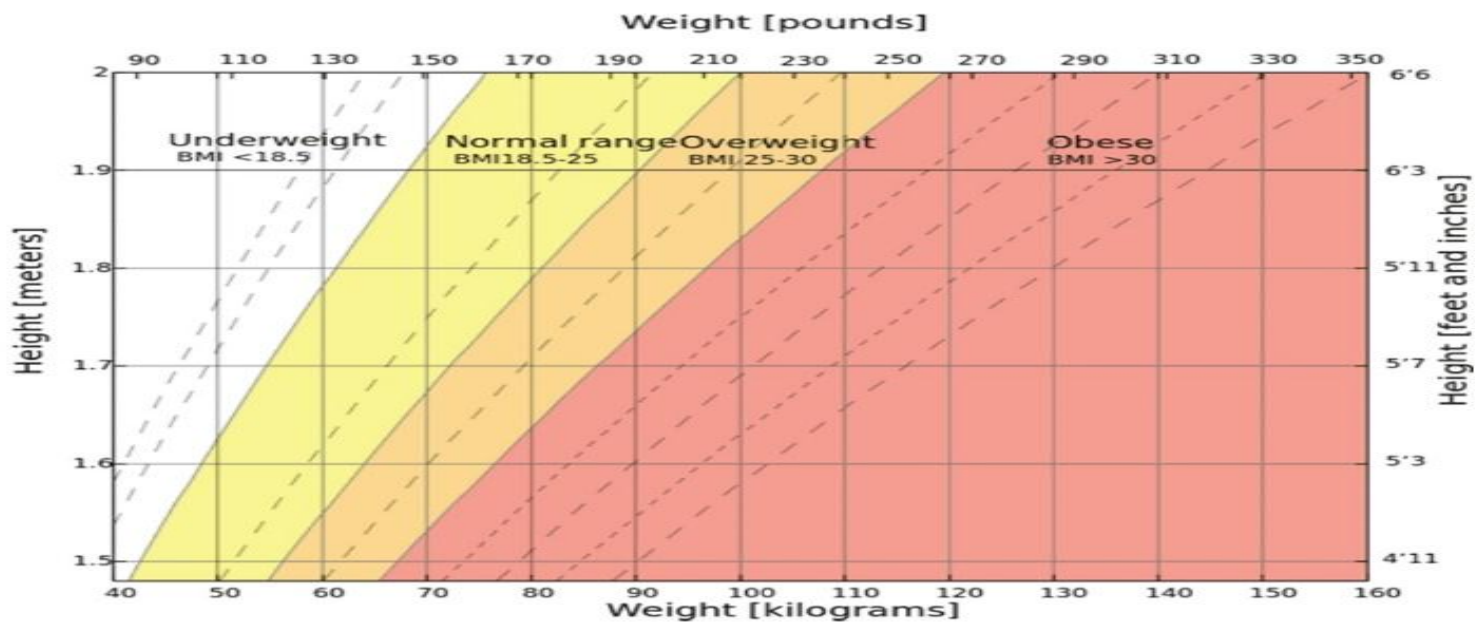
BMI weight ranges

Less than 18.5 = Underweight

Between 18.5 - 24.9 = Healthy Weight

Between 25 - 29.9 = Overweight

Over 30 = Obese



# BMI Centile(GIRL,RCPCH 2-20years)

## GIRLS UK Body mass index (BMI) 2-20 years

**RCPCH** **DH** Department of Health  
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
London, UK and Glasgow, Scotland

The BMI centile is a simple and reliable indicator of thinness and fatness in childhood. Where severe over- or underweight is a concern, or where there is a need for monitoring over time, BMI can be calculated and plotted on this chart. It is important also to plot the height and weight separately on the main 2-18 chart. There is also a BMI centile look-up on the standard 2-18 chart for less complex cases.

BMI is calculated by dividing weight (in kg) by the square of height (in metres e.g. 1.32 m, not centimetres e.g. 132 cm).

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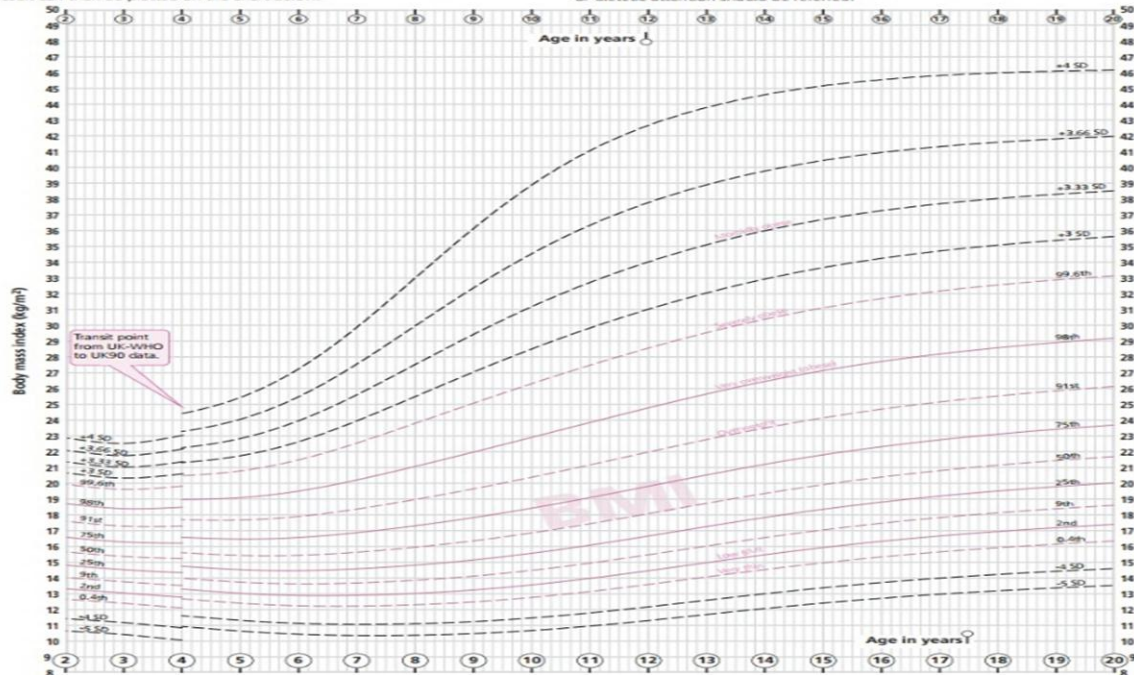
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### Overweight and obesity

A BMI above the 91st centile suggests overweight. A child above the 98th centile is very overweight (clinically obese) while a BMI above the 99.6th centile is severely obese. In addition to the usual nine centile lines, the BMI chart displays high lines at +3, +3.33, +3.66 and +4 SD, which can be used to monitor the progress of children in overweight treatment programmes.

### Thinness

A BMI below the 2nd centile is unusual and may reflect undernutrition, but may simply reflect a small build. The chart also displays low lines at -4 and -5 SD for those who are severely underweight. Children whose BMI lies below the 0.4th centile are likely to have additional problems and if not already receiving medical or dietetic attention should be referred.



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# BMI Centile (BOY, RCPCH, 2-20 years)

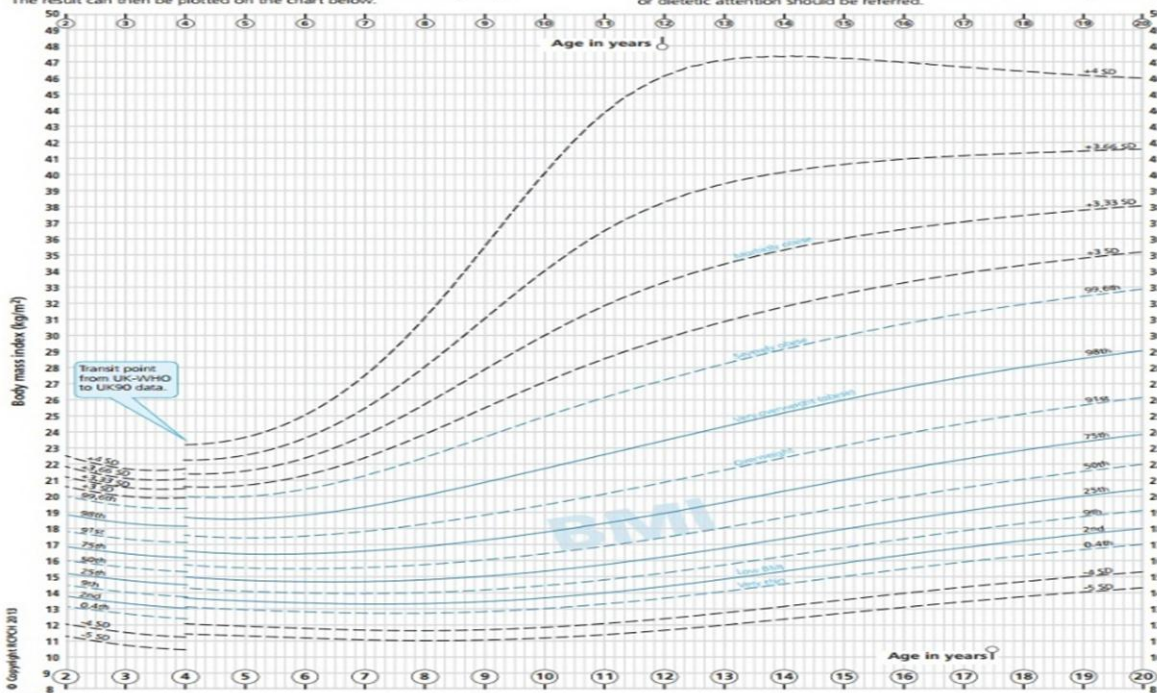
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# Results

# Baseline Characteristics of Suspected Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Children

No.	DATA	Figure	SD
1	Total No	86 (52M,60.5%)+ (34F,39.5%)	
2	Mean Age	7.17	+ - 3.657
3	Mean BMI	20.92	+ - 8.35
4	Snoring	81(96.4%)	
5	Tonsil Enlargement (G1to G4)*	58 (67.4%)	
6	OSAS children (AHI1 or >)*	62(73.8%)	
7	Apnea	58(68.2%)	
8	Bed Wetting	28(32.6%)	
9	Restless Breathing	26(30.2%)	

## Baseline Characteristics of Suspected Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Children

No.	DATA	Figure	SD
10	Insomnia	9 (10.5%)	
11	Morning Headache	8 (9.4%)	
12	Abnormal Day Time Sleepiness	16 (18.8%)	
13	Learning difficulties	9 (11.0%)	



# Results of all Referred Suspected OSA children

- Among 86 children, Mean age is 7.17+ or- 3.65 and Mean BMI was 20.92.
- **Snoring** (n=81) 96.4% of all cases, highest.
- Tonsillar enlargement (n=57) 67.4%,
- Apnoic attack (n=58) 68.2%
- Children with AHI >/ 1 (n=62) 73.8% respectively.



# Results of all Referred Suspected OSA children

## Least Commonest presentations

- Insomnia 9 (10.5%)
- Morning Headache 8 (9.4%)
- Abnormal Day Time Sleepiness 16 (18.8%)
- Learning difficulty 9 (11.0%)
  
- Bed Wetting (n=28)32.6%
- Restless Breathing (n= 26)30.2% , both are the second lowest group.

# Children with Snoring (Proportion of OSA vs. PSG normal)

Table 6 Proportion of OSA and normal among children who have snoring

AHI classification	Number of patients (n, %)
OSA (AHI $\geq$ 1)	61 (75.3%)
Normal (AHI <1)	18 (22.2%)
Unknown	2 (2.5%)
Total	81

\*In majority of children with snoring, OSA was common. (In Jalilolghadr S et,al 2015)

\*Snoring but AHI<1 → Primary snoring (ICSD diagnostic manual 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2014)

# Children with Snoring (Proportion of OSA vs. PSG normal)

- Out of all children presenting with Snoring 81 (96.4%),
- N=61 ( 75.3%) was found out that AHI = or > 1, diagnosed as OSAS.
- N=18 (22.2%) was noted as AHI< 1 in PSG. ( normal finding in Polysomnogram). { Primary snoring, ICSD 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed, 2014)

# Children diagnosed as OSAS

## Prevalence of clinical features and Physiological findings by PSG

**Table 5** Prevalence of clinical features and characteristics of polysomnographic findings among OSA patients

Variables	Results
<b>Clinical features</b>	
Snoring (N = 62)	61 (98.4%)
Apnea (N = 61)	46 (75.4%)
Bed wetting (N = 62)	24 (38.7%)
Restless breathing (N = 62)	19 (30.6%)
Abnormal day time sleepiness (N = 61)	13 (21.3%)
Morning headache (N = 62)	6 (9.7%)
Learning difficulty (N = 59)	5 (8.5%)
Insomnia (N = 62)	5 (8.1%)
<b>PSG parameters</b>	
O <sub>2</sub> desaturation (%) (N = 62)	13.18 ± 16.612
Snore time (minutes) (N = 62)	5.2 ± 9.310
Sleep efficiency (%) (N = 61)	84.89 ± 16.713
Mean O <sub>2</sub> saturation (%) (N = 62)	95.81 ± 4.062
Lowest O <sub>2</sub> saturation (%) (N = 62)	79.94 ± 11.443
Limb movement index (N = 61)	9.51 ± 7.636

Above Signs and Symptoms are common.

In Marcus CL et.al, 2002.Diagnosis and Management of Childhood OSAS,2002.

# Results of Children diagnosed as OSAS (Table5)

## Prevalence of **Clinical** features and **Physiological** findings by PSG

- Clinical presentation of OSA Group patients
- The **most common** presentation was **SNORING** n= 61( 98.4%).
- **Apnoea** n= 46 (75.4%) was responsible for the **second commonest** finding.

# Results of Children diagnosed as OSAS (Table5)

## Prevalence of **Clinical** features and **Physiological** findings by PSG

- Clinical presentation of OSA Group patients
- **Bedwetting n=24 (38.7%)** which is nearly **Double** of **Abnormal Daytime Sleepiness n=13(21.3%)** and **Restless Breathing n= 19 (30.6%)**.
- **Morning Headache, Learning Difficulties and Insomnia** are comorbidities found in Childhood OSAS , **6(9.7%), 5 (8.5%), 5 (8.1%)** respectively.

# Results of Children diagnosed as OSAS (Table5)

## Prevalence of **Clinical** features and **Physiological** findings by PSG

- **PSG parameters of children diagnosed as OSAS**

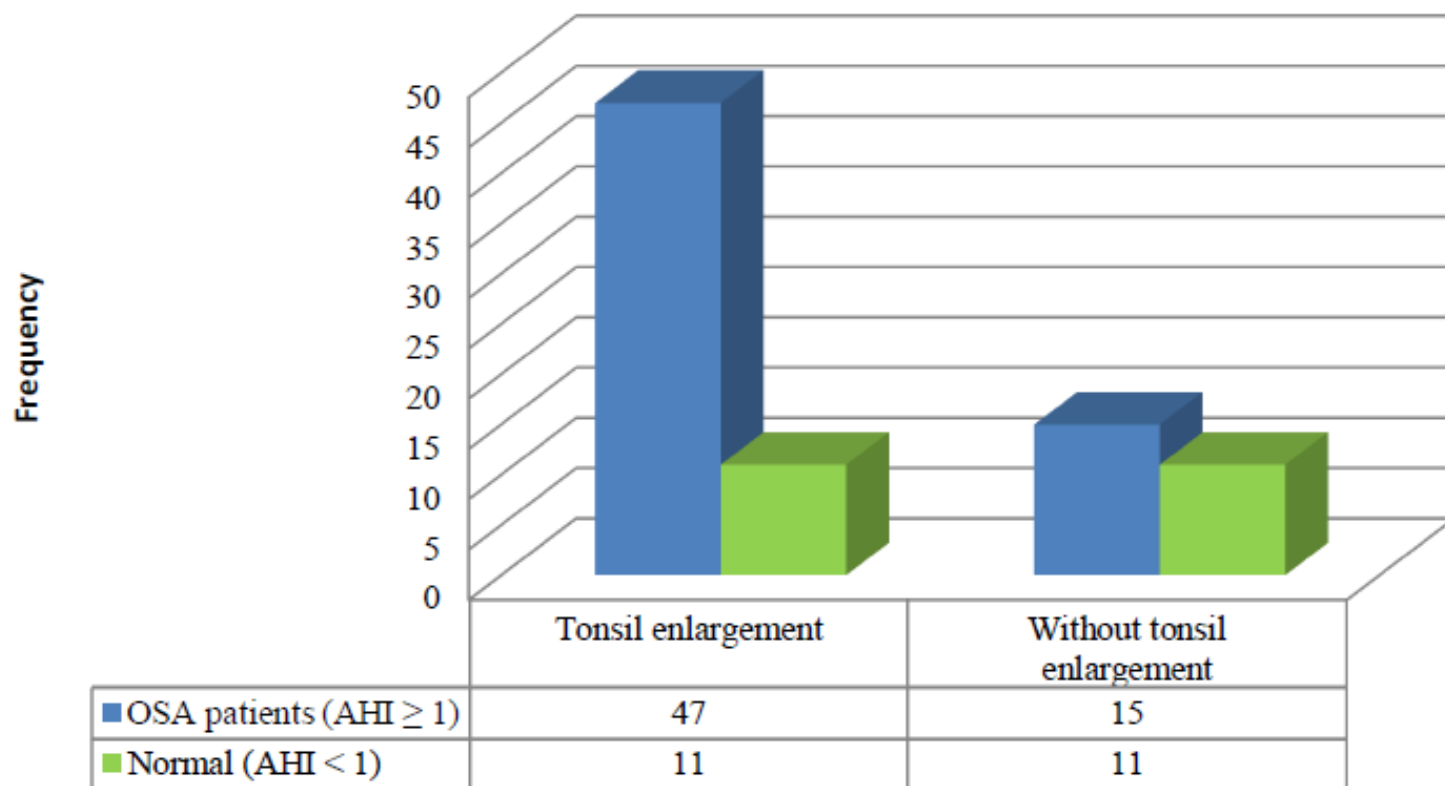
Parameter	Finding (Mean Value)	Normal value
O2 Desaturation attack	13.18+ /- 16.612	3 or less
Snore time in minutes	5.2 +/- 9.310	
Sleep Efficiency	84.89 +/- 16.713	99.9%
Mean O2 saturation	95.81 +/- 4.062	More than 95%
Lowest O2 Saturation	79.94 +/- 11.443	More than 92%
Limb Movement Index	9.51+/- 7.636	Less than 1

\*\*Sleep efficiency % =total duration of sleep / total recording period

## **Results- Tonsil Enlargement and AHI**



# Frequency of AHI abnormalities in patients with Tonsillar Enlargement. Fig 1.



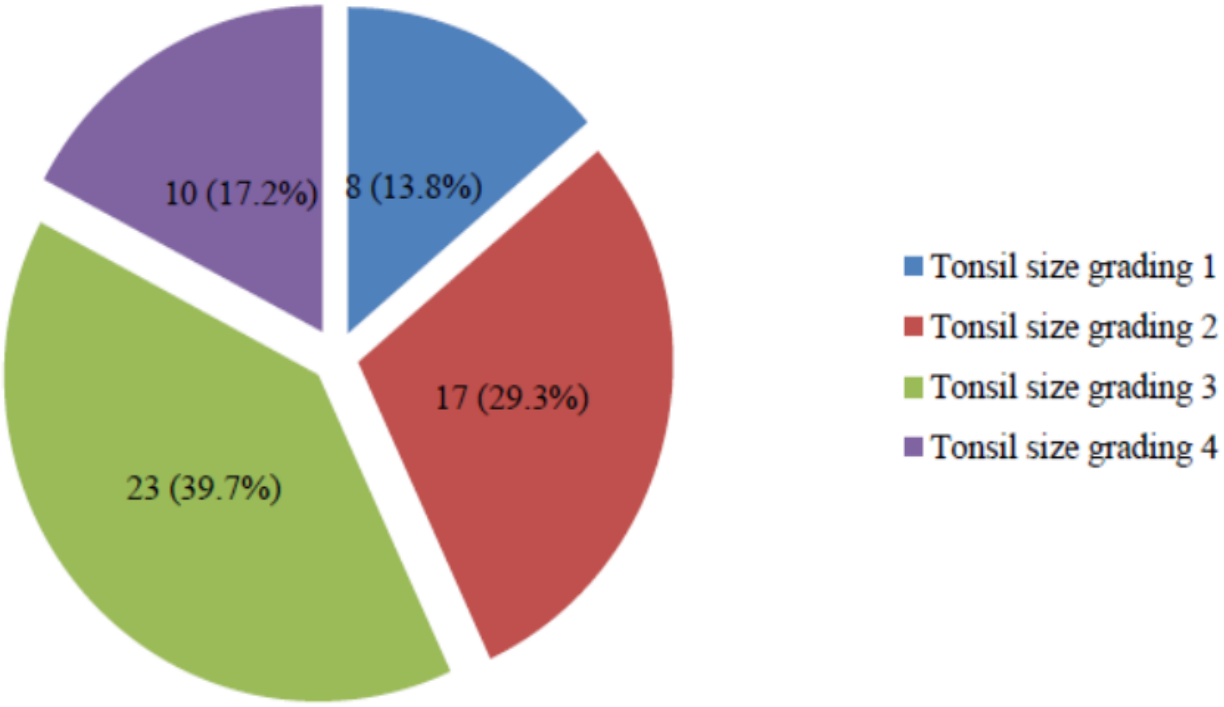
**Figure 1** Frequency of tonsil enlargement in OSA patients and normal

# Frequency of Tonsilar Enlargement in patients with OSA and No (AHI<1) Fig1 result

	Tonsilar Enlargement (n=58)	No Tonsilar Enlargement (n=26)
OSAS (AHI >/1 }	47 (81%)	15 (57%) D/to other causes
Normal / Primary Snoring {AHI<1}	11(9%)	11 (43%) D/to other causes

- **\*\*Prevelence of OSA is higher in Children with Enlarged Tonsils.**
- **Significant difference between two groups (Chi square=5.060,df=1, p=0.024)**

**Distribution of patients according to tonsil grades among children with tonsil enlargement (n=58) . Fig2**



**Figure 2** Distribution of patients according to tonsil grades among children with tonsil enlargement

## Results

**Table2- Characteristics of PSG parameters in tonsil enlarged patients (n=58)**

N0	PSG parameters	range	Mean+/-SD
1	AHI (N=58)	0-50	8.53+/-11.55
2	Sleep efficiency(%) (N=57)	8.80-99.90	83.96+/-18.80
3	Mean O2 saturation% (N=58)	77.50-99.10	96.47+/- 3.413
4	Lowest o2 saturation % (N=58)	50.00-95.00	83.02+/-10.40
5	O2 desaturation% (N=58)	0-53.40	9.61+/- 14.09
6	Limb Movement Index (N=58)	0-45.60	8.93+/-7.273

## Result: Tonsillar Size Grading and Mean AHI of Different Tonsil Groups. Table 3

Table 3 Percentage of OSA and mean AHI in different tonsil size groups

Tonsil size	OSA patients (AHI $\geq$ 1)/Total number of patients (%)	Mean AHI ( $\pm$ SD)
Grade 1	6/8 (75%)	2.89 $\pm$ 4.09
Grade 2	15/17 (88.2%)	10.11 $\pm$ 14.39
Grade 3	17/23 (73.9%)	7.44 $\pm$ 9.86
Grade 4	9/10 (90%)	12.86 $\pm$ 13.04

## **Result: Tonsillar Size Grading and Mean AHI of Different Tonsil Groups. Table 3**

### Finding1. Table 3

No significant trend in prevalence of OSA with different tonsil grades. ( $p=0.586$ )

- One way analysis of variance.
- $F=1.297$ ,  $df=3$ ,  $p=0.0285$
- Finding2. Table3
- No significant difference in mean AHI in relationship with Tonsil Size Grading.

# -Results

## PSG Parameters in Different Tonsilar Size Grading

**Table 4** PSG parameters in various tonsil grades groups

PSG parameters	Tonsil size				p Value
	Grade 1 Mean ± SD	Grade 2 Mean ± SD	Grade 3 Mean ± SD	Grade 4 Mean ± SD	
O <sub>2</sub> Desaturation (%)	3.09± 5.07	11.34 ± 17.60	9.61 ± 13.97	11.89 ± 12.71	0.537
Snore time (minutes)	2.18 ± 6.152	5.59 ± 6.52	3.71 ± 8.85	3.88 ± 5.55	0.727
Sleep efficiency (%)*	84.91 ± 11.17	83.0 ± 22.44	81.65 ± 21.57	89.91 ± 8.21	0.717
Mean O <sub>2</sub> saturation (%)	97.58 ± 0.84	95.27 ± 5.83	96.83 ± 1.51	96.77 ± 1.74	0.359
Lowest O <sub>2</sub> saturation (%)	88.88 ± 6.81	80.29 ± 14.20	83.57 ± 8.17	81.70 ± 8.97	0.274
Limb movement index	7.73 ± 3.91	8.95 ± 10.31	9.75 ± 6.57	7.96 ± 4.94	0.881

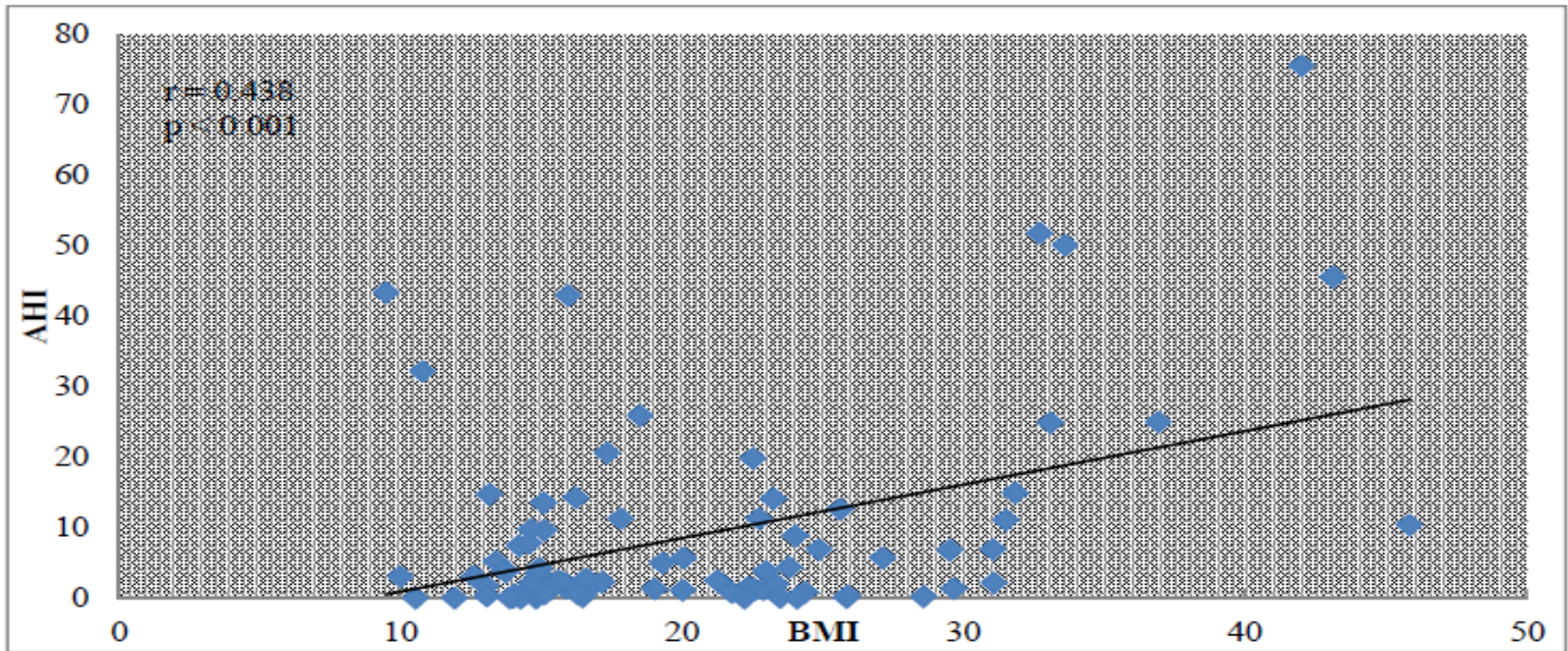
\*N = 57

**Finding=No significant difference between the mean value of all parameters and different grades of tonsils**

# Results-BMI and AHI



# Results- BMI and AHI index correlation in all Suspected OSA(n=84)



**Figure 3** Correlation between BMI and AHI (N=84)

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**There was positive correlation between BMI and AHI  
( $r=0.438$   $p= < 0.001$ )**

# Discussion

In this study, we have studied 86 referred cases with clinically suspected OSA.

It is observed that

**\*common symptoms for referral to do sleep study**

**- Snoring , enlarged tonsils apnea, bed wetting , restless sleep. (Jaliolghadr S et.al, ICSD 3)**

**\* In this study, Children with snoring but no hypoxia or OSA---- regarded as**

**Primary Snoring ( ICSD 3 criteria)**

# Discussion

**\*67.4% children got enlarged Tonsils in all suspected cases.**

**\* Tonsil sizes** did not correlate with severity of AHI.(Nolan et.al, ICSD3).

**\* daytime sleepiness, morning headache, insomnia, learning difficulties are also found in referred Pediatric patients. ( in Marcuc Clet.al)**

# Discussion

In this study children with OSAS had-

- Marked hypoxia (O<sub>2</sub> desaturation) was found during sleep in OSA Patients.(ICSD3)
- EEG arousals, Limb movements and Apneic EEG noted
- If Left Untreated\_\_\_\_ Learning Difficulties, Pulmonary Hypertension, Cardiac Failure would arise.(1. Sateia MJ. Int..et.al)
- BMI = significant positive relation with AHI in this study.  
(Rann Areans et.al, Kan Kt et.al)

# Limitation

- Tonsil size are graded visual score rather than expensive imaging.
- Patients are collected from referred hospitals ( hospital based study)
- Not from community.

# Conclusion

- In children with OSA, snoring and enlarged tonsils were the commonest associated findings.
- Tonsil sizes did not correlate with severity of AHI.
- BMI has significant positive relation with AHI.

# Recommandation

- Every children who have any signs and symptoms of frequent snoring, enlarged tonsils, apnea, bed wetting, over weight, restless sleep, insomnia, daytime sleepiness , morning headache
- should be **screened for OSA and referred to pediatrician** for clinical management.

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# Thank You...

THANK YOU very much both Audience and Our  
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Questions are warmly welcome.