

Figure (8): Example of a ROC curve

Each point on the ROC plot represents a sensitivity/specificity pair corresponding to a particular decision threshold. A test with perfect discrimination (no overlap in the two distributions) has a ROC plot that passes through the upper left corner (100 % sensitivity, 100 % specificity). Therefore, the closer the ROC plot is to the upper left corner, the higher the overall accuracy of the test (**Zweig and Campbell, 1993**).

Criterion value indicates the cut off point corresponding with the best accuracy of the test (minimal false negative and false positive results).

Results

Table (2): Main clinical, hormonal and ultrasonographic features in controls and in patients with PCOS

<i>Hormone</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>PCOS (n=30)</i> <i>Mean ± SD</i>	<i>Controls (n=20)</i> <i>Mean ± SD</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Age (Y)</i>		29.4± 4.2	30.2± 3.5	>0.05
<i>BMI (kg/m²)</i>		29.3±3.4	22.8±2.7	<0.001[*]
<i>AMH (ng/ml)</i>		10.5±4.5	4.1±1.9	<0.001[*]
<i>LH (mIU/ml)</i>		9.2±2.12	4.6±1.1	<0.01
<i>FSH (mIU/ml)</i>		5.0±0.9	5.8±0.8	> 0.05
<i>LH/FSH ratio</i>		1.6±0.3	0.8±0.2	<0.001[*]
<i>Testosterone (nmol/L)</i>		2.5±0.8	1.5±0.6	<0.001[*]
<i>2-to 9-mm follicle no.</i>		14.7±3.4	4.8±1.7	<0.001[*]

Table (1) shows that there was a statistical significant increase between the mean AMH ($P<0.001$), LH ($P<0.01$), Testosterone ($P<0.001$) level in serum of patients with PCOS compared to the control group.

There was statistical significant increase in the LH/FSH ratio ($P<0.001$) in patients with PCOS compared to the control group.

There was statistical significant increase in the BMI ($P<0.001$) in patients with PCOS compared to the control group.

There was statistical significant increase in the 2-to 9-mm follicle no. ($P>0.001$) in patients with PCOS compared to the control group.

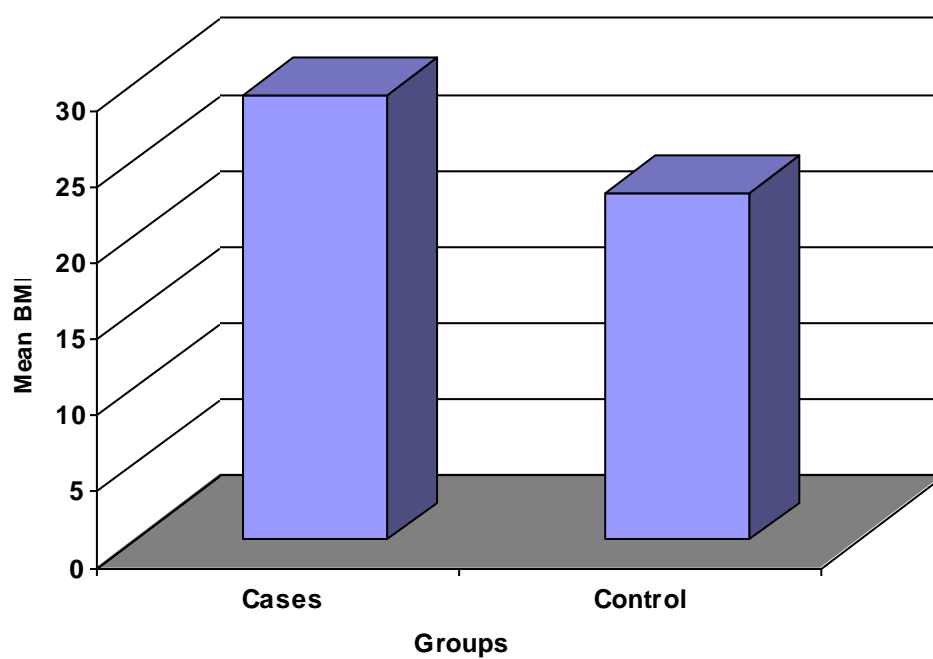


Figure (9): Mean BMI in case and control groups

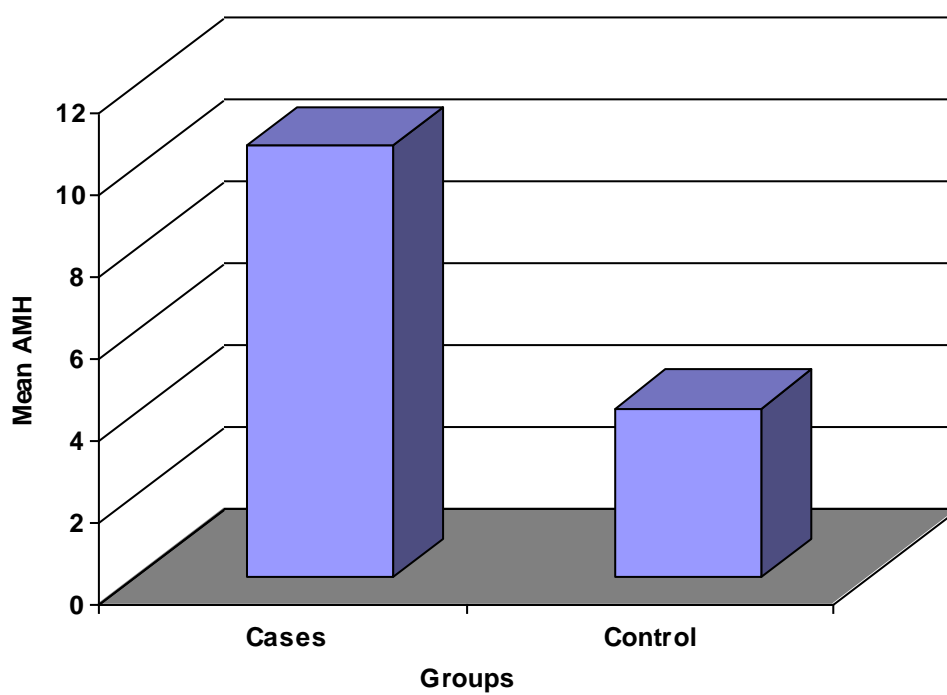


Figure (10): Mean AMH in case and control groups

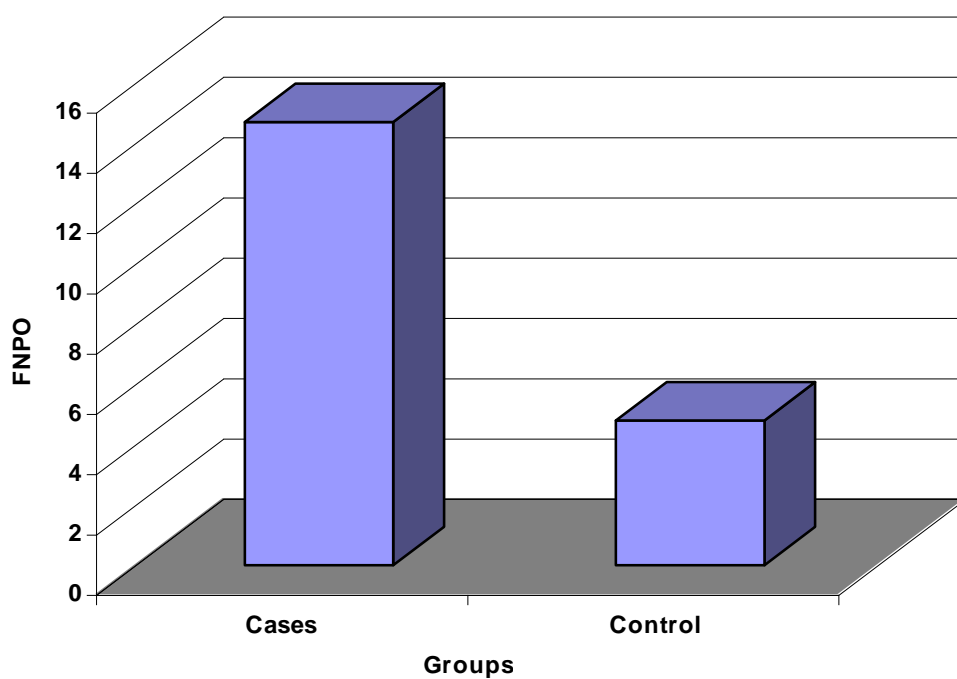


Figure (11): Mean FNPO in case and control groups

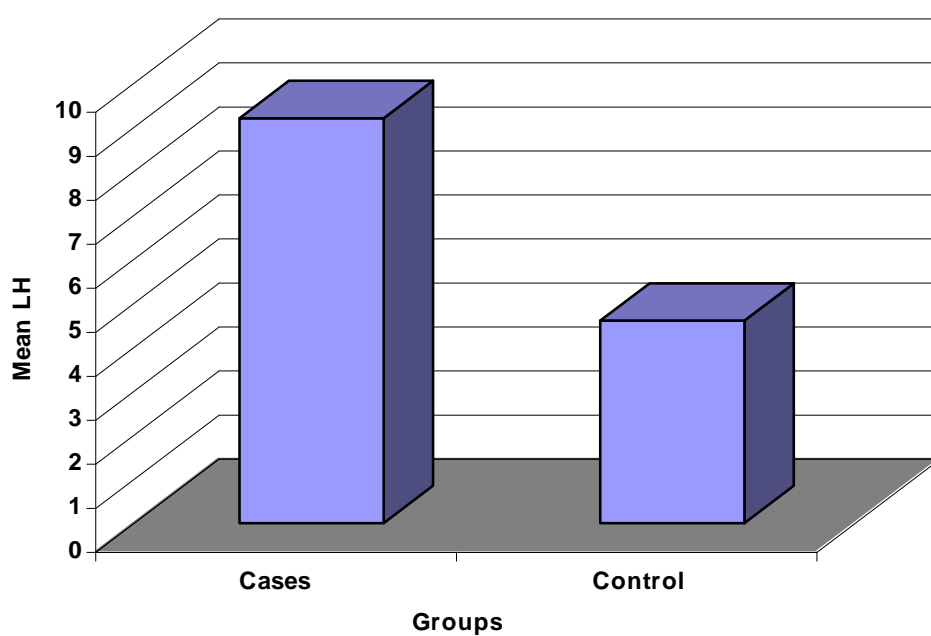


Figure (12): Mean LH in case and control groups

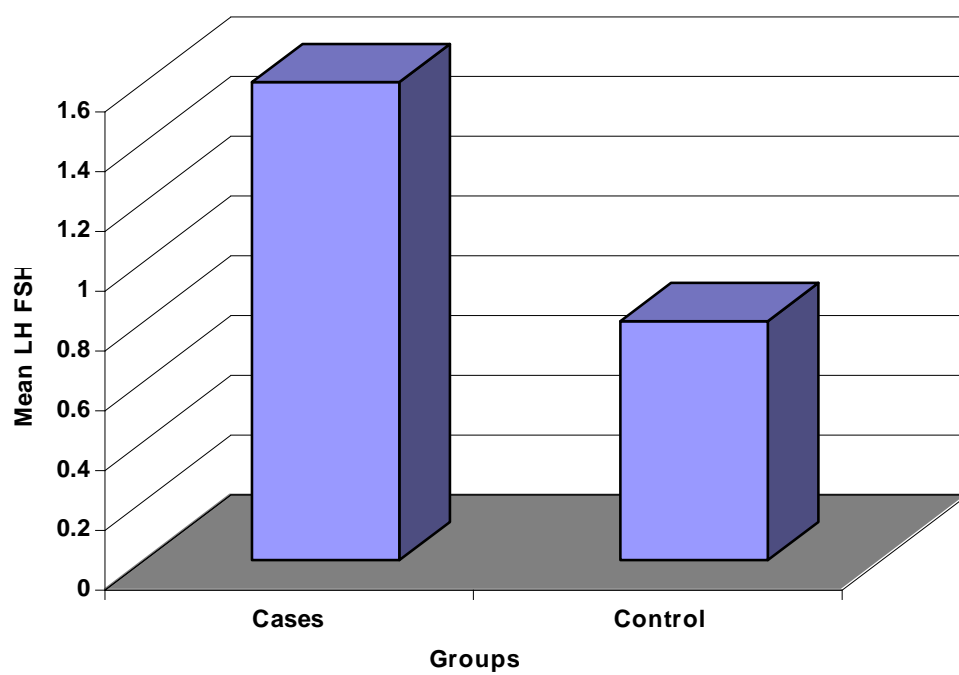


Figure (13): Mean LH/FSH ratio in case and control groups

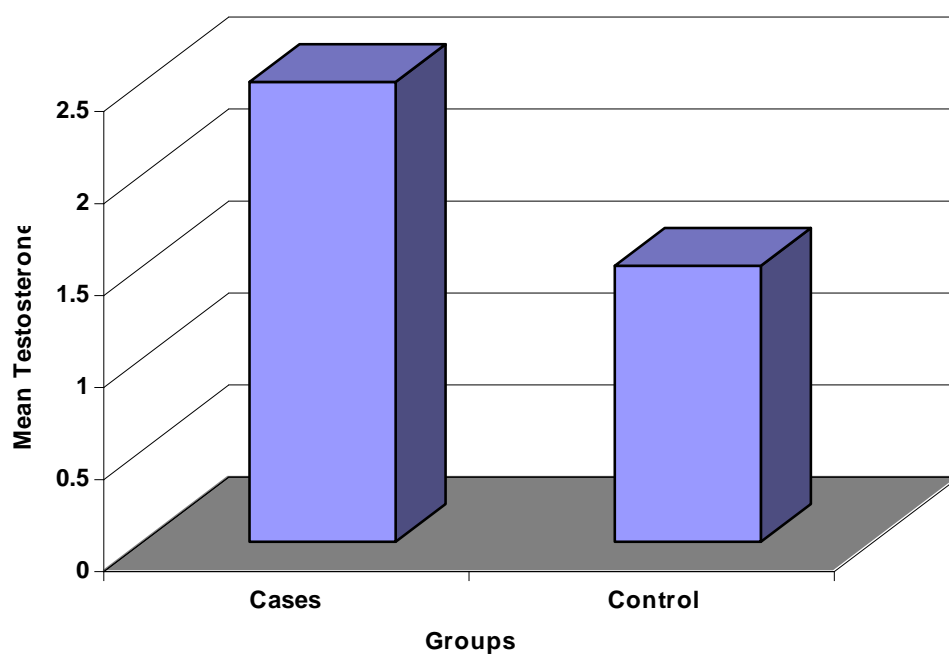


Figure (14): Mean Testosterone in case and control groups

Table (3): Correlation between AMH with other parameters in PCOS: (n=30)

	<i>AMH</i>	
	<i>Pearson Correlation (r)</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Age</i>	<i>-0.806</i>	<i><0.001</i>
<i>BMI</i>	<i>-0.412</i>	<i><0.05</i>
<i>LH</i>	<i>0.289</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>FSH</i>	<i>-0.583^{**}</i>	<i><0.001</i>
<i>LH/FSH ratio</i>	<i>0.211</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>Testosterone</i>	<i>0.678^{**}</i>	<i><0.001</i>
<i>2-to9-mm follicle no.</i>	<i>0.833</i>	<i><0.001</i>

There is a significant negative correlations between serum level of AMH and age ($P<0.001$, $r=-0.806$), and between serum level of AMH and BMI ($P<0.05$, $r=0.412$) (figure 16).

There is a significant positive correlations between serum level of AMH and FNPO ($P<0.001$, $r=0.833$) (figure 15).

There is a significant negative correlation between serum level of AMH and serum level of FSH ($P<0.001$, $r=-0.583$) (figure 17), where as there is a significant positive correlations between serum level of AMH and serum level of Testosterone ($P<0.001$, $r=0.678$) (figure 18).

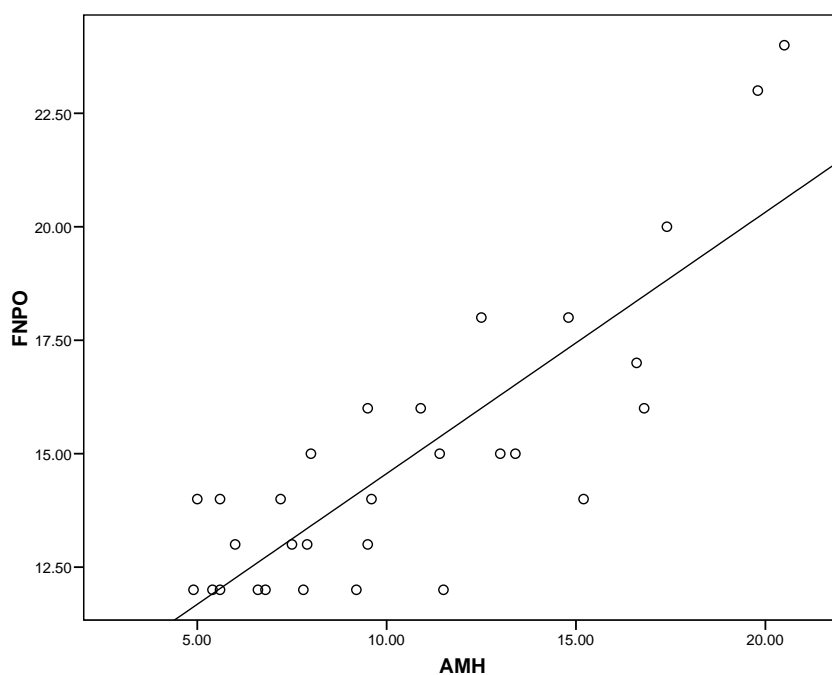


Figure (15): Correlation between AMH and FNPO in PCOS cases

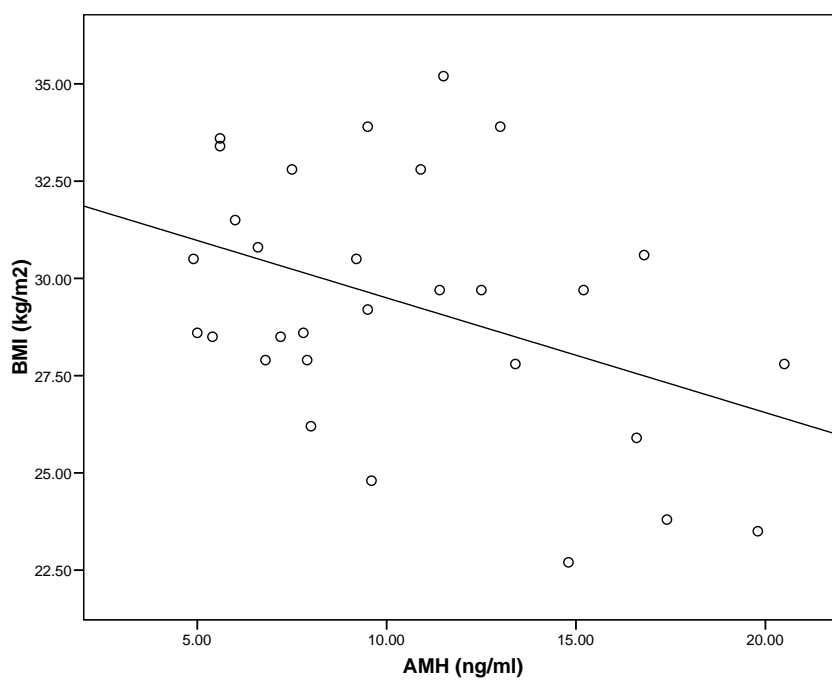


Figure (16): Correlation between AMH and BMI in PCOS cases

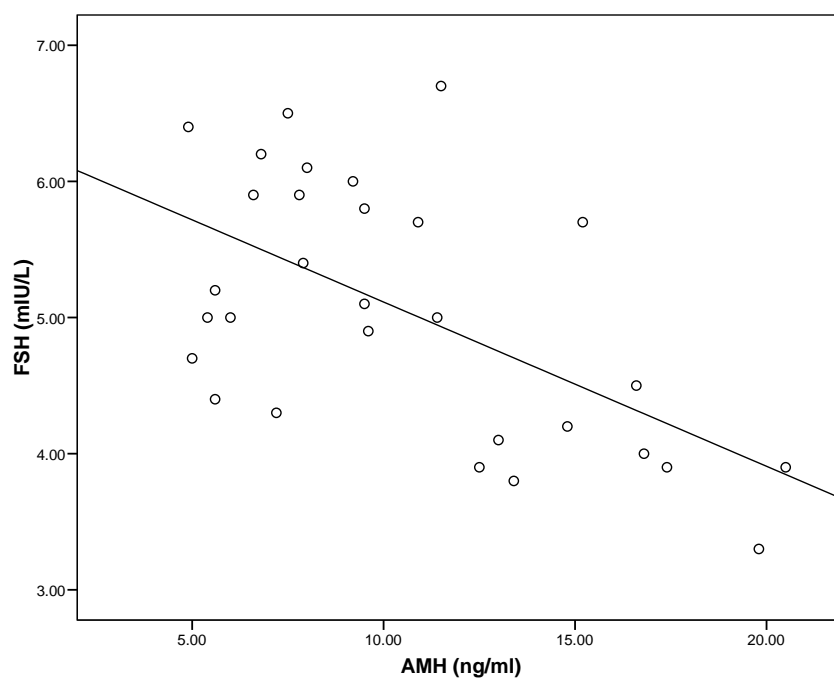


Figure (17): Correlation between AMH and FSH in PCOS cases

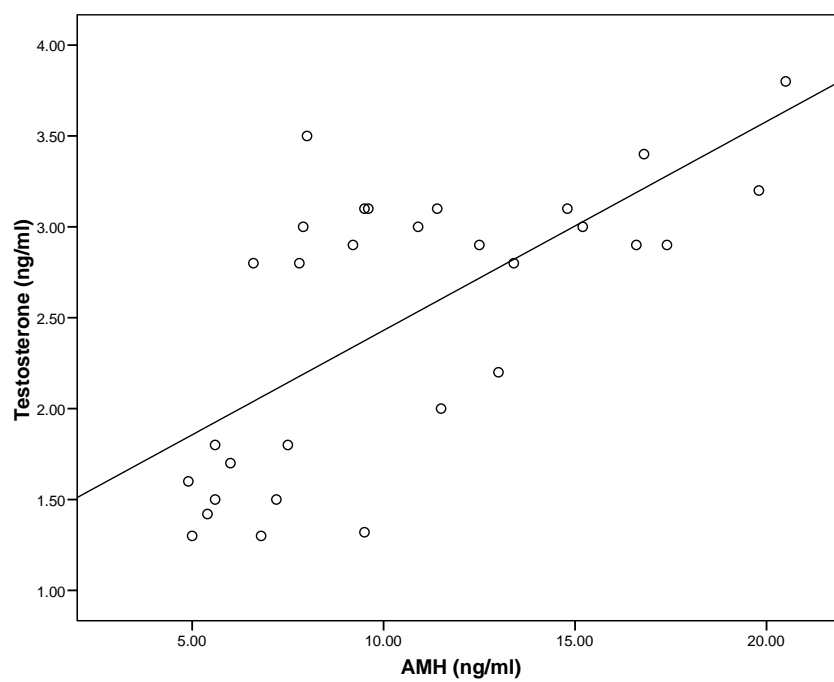


Figure (18): Correlation between AMH and Testosterone in PCOS cases

Table (4): Correlation between AMH with other parameters in Controls: (n= 20)

	<i>AMH</i>	
	<i>Pearson Correlation (r)</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Age</i>	<i>-0.489</i>	<i><0.05</i>
<i>BMI</i>	<i>-0.219</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>LH</i>	<i>0.237</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>FSH</i>	<i>-0.147</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>LH/FSH ratio</i>	<i>0.212</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>Testosterone</i>	<i>0.291</i>	<i>>0.05</i>
<i>2-to-9mm follicle no.</i>	<i>0.166</i>	<i>>0.05</i>

Table (4) show correlations between serum levels of AMH and LH, FSH, Testosterone in control group:

There is a significant negative correlations between serum level of AMH and age ($P < 0.05$, $r = -0.489$).

There is no significant correlation between serum level of AMH and BMI, LH, FSH, LH/FSH ratio, Testosterone, FNPO in control group.

Table (5): Serum AMH levels in patients with PCOS according to their menstrual cycles

	<i>Regular cycles</i>	<i>Oligoamenorrhea</i>	<i>Amenorrhea</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>NO. of patients</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>AMH</i>	<i>7.2±2.0</i>	<i>10.3±3.6</i>	<i>16.5±3.9</i>	<i><0.01</i>

In PCOS patients, the mean serum level of AMH differed significantly ($P < 0.01$) between those presenting either with amenorrhea (16.5 ± 3.9), oligoamenorrhea (10.3 ± 3.6) or regular cycles (7.2 ± 2.0).

Table (6): Serum AMH levels in PCOS patients with irregular cycles (n=22) according to the presence or the absence of hyperandrogenism (HA)

	<i>+ HA</i>	<i>-HA</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>NO. of pt</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>AMH</i>	<i>12.7±4.2</i>	<i>7.5±2.3</i>	<i><0.001</i>

In PCOS patients with abnormal cycles ($n = 22$), the AMH levels varied significantly ($P < 0.001$) according to the presence of hyperandrogenism (12.7 ± 4.2) or the absence of hyperandrogenism (7.5 ± 2.3).

Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve:

ROC curve analysis was done to test diagnostic potency of AMH assay in PCOS.

It was found that AMH at a certain value 7.9 (ng/ml) had specificity of 85 %, and sensitivity of 64%, and the area under the curve was 0.813 (0.696-0.930) (fig 19.).

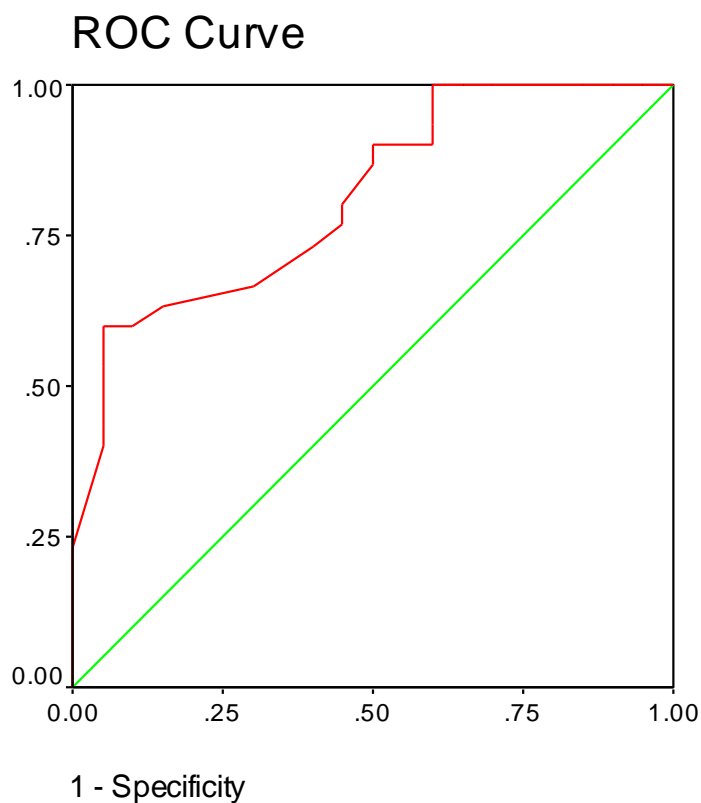


Figure (19): ROC curve analysis of serum levels of AMH (ng/ml).