

Results

Table 1a: Social and demographic data of participants at time of study enrollment

Variables	Study group (n= 150)	Control group (n= 150)	Test of significance	<i>p</i> value
Age (years)	20-48 (35.7±11.3)	21-50 (36.2 ± 13.3)	t = -0.351	0.726
Parity	1-7 (4.8 ±1.7)	1-6 (4.7 ±1.5)	t = 0.54	0.589
Age of marriage (years)	16-27 (21.3± 4.9)	17-28 (22.1 ± 4.4)	t = -1.488	0.138
Educational status				
None	35(23.33%)	39(26%)	$X^2= 1.75$	0.625
Primary	34(22.67%)	30(20%)		
Middle	66(44%)	60(40%)		
High/college	15(10%)	21(14%)		
Contraception				
None	25(16.67%)	23(15.33%)	$X^2= 0.546$	0.969
IUCD	92(61.33%)	95(63.34%)		
Condom	17(11.33%)	14(9.33%)		
Sterilization	6(4%)	7(4.67%)		
Abstinence	10(6.67%)	11(7.33%)		
Smoking				
No	146 (97.33%)	144(96%)	$X^2= 0.414$	0.52
Yes	4 (2.67%)	6(4%)		

Data expressed as Range (mean± SD), or number (percentage); t = unpaired t test; X^2 = Chi-square test

Table (1a) shows that there were no statistically significant differences between both groups as regards social and demographic data of participants at time of study enrollment.

Figure (1a) shows colonization of 39% of the study group with *U. urealyticum*, 5% with *M. hominis* and 5% with both pathogens.

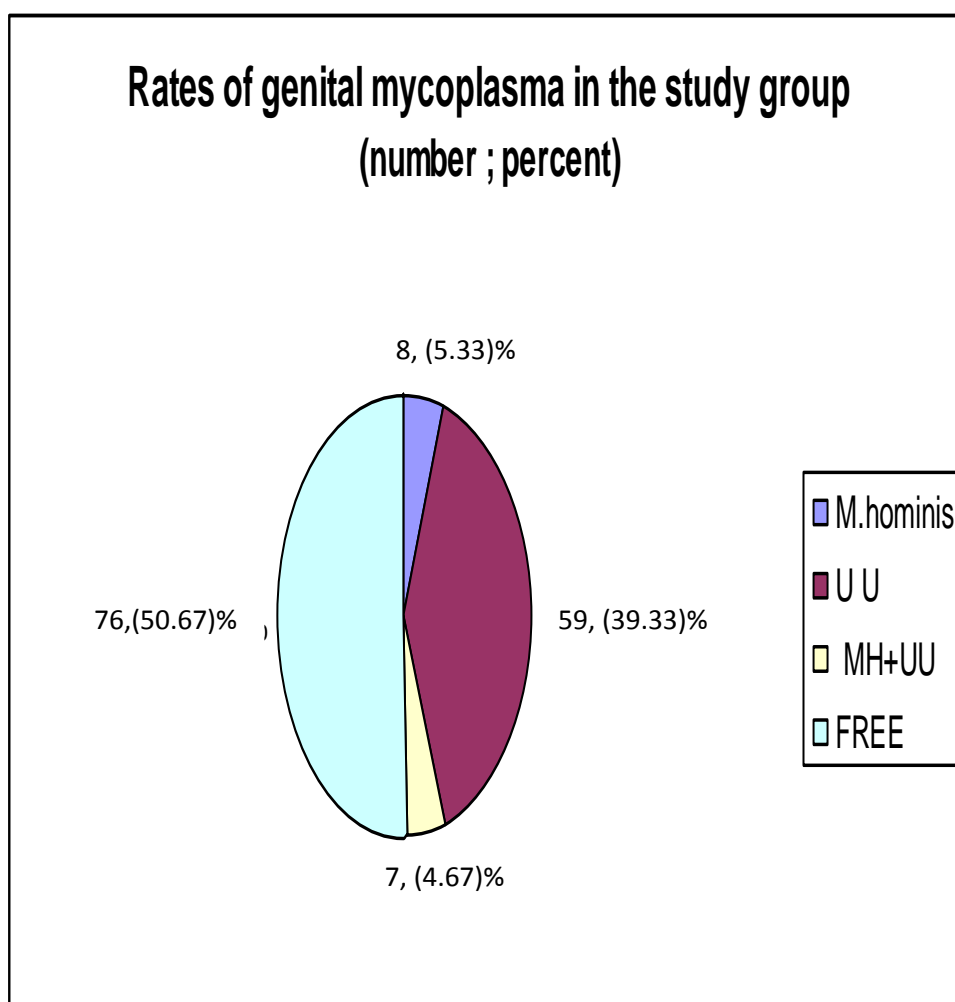


Figure (1a): Rates of genital mycoplasma in the study group

Figure (2a) shows colonization of 21% of the control group with *U. urealyticum*, 3% with *M. hominis* and 4% with both pathogens.

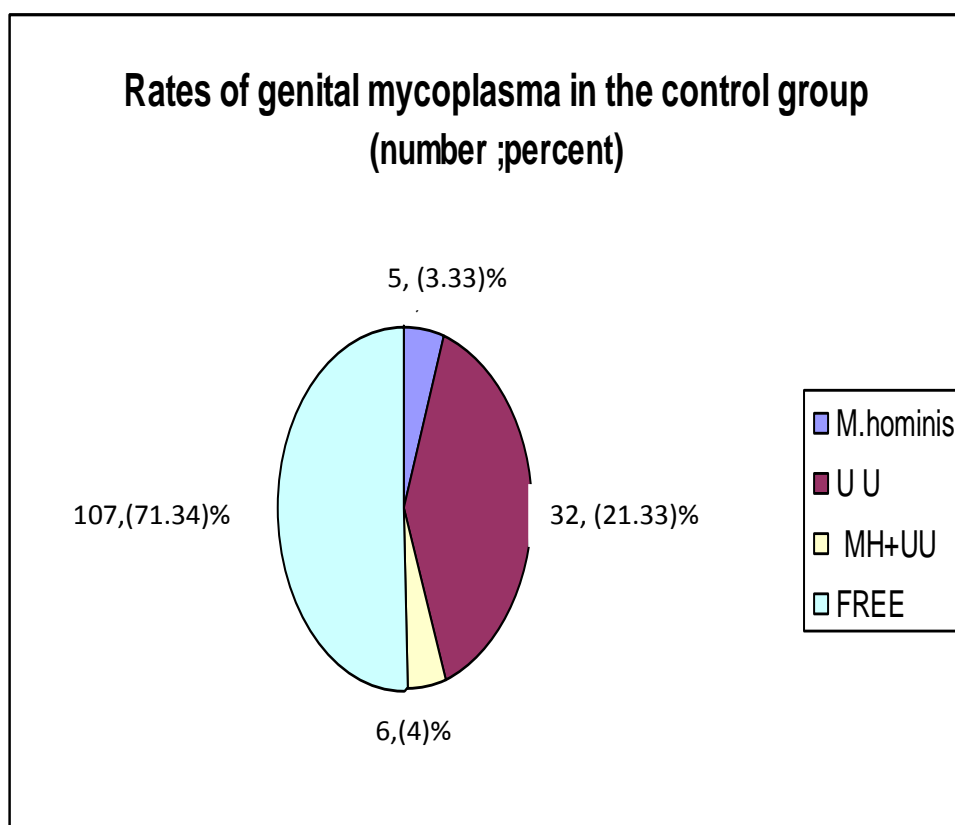


Figure 2a: Rates of genital mycoplasma in the control group

Figure 3 shows that 69 out of 150 cases (46%) showed abnormal pap smear (ASCUS group), 40 out of 150 cases (26.33%) showed abnormal pap smear (HSIL group) and 41 cases out of 150 cases (27.67%) showed abnormal pap smear (LSIL group)

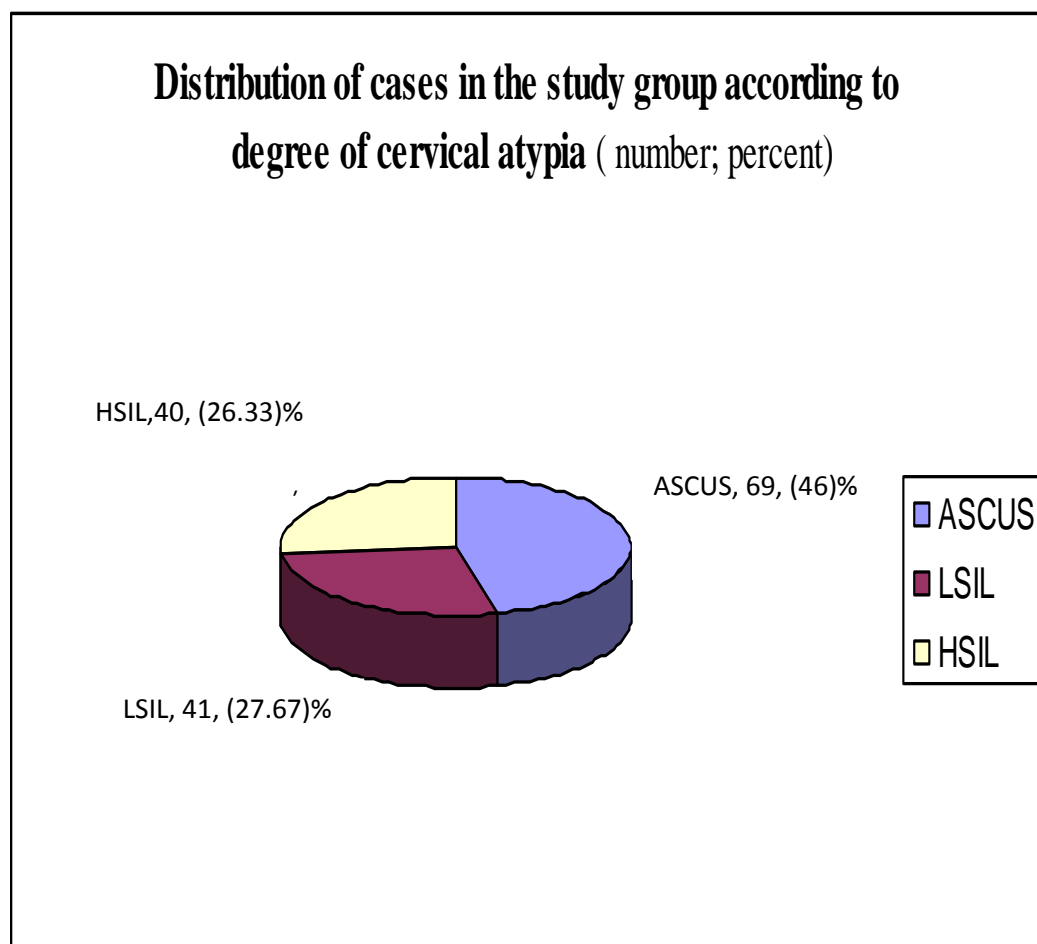


Figure 3a: Distribution of cases in the study group according to the degree of cervical atypia

Table 2a: Occurrence of genital mycoplasmas in study and control groups (number and percentage of positive cases)

<div>Group</div> <div>Pathogens</div>	Study group (Squamous cell abnormalities) (n=150)				Control group (Negative for intraepithelial lesions) (n=150)
	ASCUS n=69	LSIL n=41	HSIL n=40	Total	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	
<i>M. hominis</i>	2 (2.9%)	3 (7.32%)	3 (7.5%)	8 (5.33%)	5 (3.33%)
<i>Statistics</i>	$X^2=1.86$; $P=0.601$			$X^2=0.724$; $P=0.395$	
<i>U. urealyticum</i>	21 (30.43%)	15 (36.59%)	23 (57.5%)	59 (39.33%)	32 (21.33%)
<i>Statistics</i>	$X^2=7.952$; $P=0.019^*$			$X^2=11.49$; $P=0.001^*$	
<i>M. hominis + U. urealyticum</i>	3 (4.35%)	2 (4.88%)	2 (5%)	7 (4, 67%)	6 (4%)
<i>Statistics</i>	$X^2=0.212$; $P=0.976$			$X^2=0.08$; $P=0.777$	
Total	26 (37.68%)	20 (48.79%)	28 (70%)	74 (49.33%)	43 (28.67%)

Data expressed as number (percentage); X^2 = Chi-square test; * Significant difference as $P<0.05$.

Table 2a revealed that 59 out of 150 cases (39.33%) showed positive growth for *U. urealyticum*. In ASCUS group, only 21 out of 69 cases (30.43%), in LSIL group 15 out of 41 cases (36.59%) and in HSIL group 23 out of 40 (57.5%) showed positive growth for *U. urealyticum*. From these data there is highly significant correlation between *U. urealyticum* and cervical atypia. While other data in table 2 revealed that non-significant correlation between *M. hominis* and (*M. hominis + U. urealyticum*) growth in study group