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Abstract: Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is the most prevalent endocrine disorder in premenopausal women. Although the etiology of PCOS remains uncertain, the role of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in its pathogenesis has been extensively described. The second large genome-wide association study (GWAS) conducted in a Chinese population identified that variants in the *INSR* (rs2059807), *TOX3* (rs4784165), *YAP1* (rs1894116), *HMGA2* (rs2272046), and *ERBB3* (rs2292239) genes are associated with PCOS. In this exploratory study, we evaluated the genetic contribution of five polymorphisms in these genes in a sample of Colombian women. Forty-nine control women and forty-nine women with PCOS were included. Genotypic and allelic frequencies were calculated under different inheritance models, and genotype/phenotype analysis was performed. We found that rs4784165-*TOX3* was negatively associated with PCOS risk. Additionally, the GG+AA genotypes at rs2059807-*INSR* were linked to higher fasting blood glucose levels, while the GA genotype was associated with a greater number of total antral follicles. The AC genotype at rs2272046-*HMGA2* was associated with older age and larger total ovarian volume. This is the first pilot study in Colombia to explore the relationship between these gene polymorphisms and PCOS, providing the first insights for the country.

Keywords: polycystic ovary syndrome; *INSR* gene; *TOX3* gene; *YAP1* gene; *HMGA2* gene; *ERBB3* gene

1. Introduction

Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is the most common endocrinopathy in women of childbearing age. The prevalence of PCOS varies according to region, race/ethnicity, and criteria used for diagnosis [1]. Worldwide, it has been reported to affect between 5% to 15% of women [2]. Diagnostic criteria for PCOS include irregular menstrual cycles, hyperandrogenism, and polycystic ovarian morphology [3]. Given the complexity of this disorder, women frequently present associated clinical features such as endometrial cancer, reproductive abnormalities, metabolic and mental disorders, and an increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease [4].

The etiology of PCOS has attempted to be explained by environmental and genetic factors. Being multifactorial, this disorder has been reported to be polygenic, with individual genes, gene-gene interactions, gene-environment interactions, and epigenetic events influencing the risk for PCOS development [5]. PolyCystic Ovary Syndrome KnowledgeBase (PCOSKBR2), a manually curated database, consolidates information from 533 genes, 34 miRNAs, 145 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), 1150 pathways, 3874 ontologies, and 1230 diseases associated with PCOS [6].

Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) contribute significantly to the knowledge of the genetic factor of this disorder by identifying SNPs in candidate genes that increase risk [7]. However, the susceptibility of polymorphisms varies according to the population studied. Therefore, it is necessary to evaluate the SNPs identified in GWAS in different populations [8]. The second GWAS performed in the Chinese population identified eight new risk loci including SNPs in *INSR* (insulin receptor), *TOX3* (high mobility group box family member 3), *YAP1* (Yes1 associated transcriptional regulator), *HMG2* (high mobility group AT-hook 2) and *ERBB3* (erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 3) genes. These genes are involved in metabolic changes underlying the syndrome and in the development of associated comorbidities [9].

The *INSR* gene is located on chromosome 19p13.2 and consists of 22 exons, 21 introns, and 1382 amino acids [10]. In PCOS women, it has been associated with dysfunctions associated with the insulin signaling pathway [11]. In turn, the *TOX3* gene is located on chromosomal region 16q12.1 and consists of 10 exons and 576 amino acids [12]. SNPs in this gene have been associated with insulin resistance [13], hyperandrogenemia, oligomenorrhea, and ovarian morphology [14]. The *YAP1* gene is located on chromosome 11q22.1, consists of 11 exons and 504 amino acids [12]. By participating in the Hippo signaling pathway that contributes to follicle growth, it has been associated with infertility, a prevalent feature in women with PCOS [15].

According to the UniProt database, the *HMG2* gene is cytogenetically mapped at 12q14.3 and is composed of eight exons and 109 amino acids. In women with PCOS, it has been associated with type II diabetes mellitus, vascular tumors including angiomyxomas and pulmonary hamartomas [9], oligomenorrhea, and hyperandrogenism [14]. Finally, the *ERBB3* gene is located at position 12q13.2 and is composed of 30 exons and 1342 amino acids [16]. Polymorphisms in *ERBB3* have been associated with insulin and glucose resistance [17], and type 1 diabetes mellitus due to its immune regulation and beta cell apoptosis [18].

For Colombia, as far as we know, there is no published research studying the relationship between these genes and PCOS. Therefore, the aim of this study is to evaluate the genetic contribution of five SNPs (rs2059807 in *INSR*, rs4784165 in *TOX3*, rs1894116 in *YAP1*, rs2272046 in *HMG2*, and rs2292239 in *ERBB3*) to PCOS in a sample of Colombian women.

2. Results

2.1. Characteristics of Study Subjects

The clinical characteristics, hormonal, and biochemical features of PCOS patients and control group were previously described [19]. Among the statistically significant differences between groups, it stands out that women with PCOS had higher weight, longer menstrual cycles, higher levels of anti-mullerian hormone (AMH), luteinizing hormone (LH), LH/ follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) ratio, Estradiol (E₂), greater ovarian volume, and number of antral follicles. In addition, a greater number of women with the syndrome reported a family history of polycystic ovaries and endometriosis. In relation to reproductive characteristics, women with PCOS reported fewer pregnancies and a greater number of early pregnancy losses.

More than 50% of women with PCOS presented acne, hair loss, facial and abdominal hair, fatty discharge from the scalp and facial, menstrual bleeding stopped for more than three months, and dysmenorrhea.

2.2. Allelic and Genotypic Frequencies

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), for Latin American individuals with mostly European and Native American Ancestry, the nucleotide change for rs2059807-*INSR* is A>G,T, for rs4784165-*TOX3* is T>A,G, for rs1894116-*YAP1* is A>G, for rs2272046-*HMG2* is A>C, and for rs2292239-*ERBB3* is T>C,G (Supplementary Table 1). Our results were coincident for the polymorphisms in the *TOX3*, *YAP1*, and *HMG2* genes. The reference allele for the polymorphisms in *INSR* and *ERBB3* was G.

Table 1 shows the distribution of genotypic and allelic frequencies in both groups. The genotypes distribution complied with HWE. No statistically significant differences were observed between groups for the rs2059807, rs1894116, rs2272046, and rs2292239 polymorphisms. Statistically significant differences were evident in the homozygous genotype for the lowest frequency allele GG of rs4784165-TOX3 (OR=0.10; CI=0.01-0.85; p=0.0051).

Table 1. Genotypic and allelic frequencies of polymorphisms in the INSR, TOX3, YAP1, HMGA1, and ERBB3 genes.

SNP	Genotype	Controls	PCOS	OR (95% CI)	P- value*
rs2059807 - INSR	Genotypes				
	GG	11 (0.22)	16 (0.33)	Reference	0.49
	GA	27 (0.56)	22 (0.45)	0.56 (0.22-1.45)	
	AA	11 (0.22)	11 (0.22)	0.69 (0.22-2.14)	
	HWE	0.58	0.57		
	Alleles				
	G	49 (0.5)	54 (0.55)	Reference	0.47
A	49 (0.5)	44 (0.45)	0.82 (0.47-1.43)		
rs4784165 - TOX3	Genotypes				
	TT	23 (0.47)	23 (0.47)	Reference	0.0051
	GT	16 (0.33)	25 (0.51)	1.56 (0.67-3.67)	
	GG	10 (0.20)	1 (0.02)	0.10 (0.01-0.85)	
	HWE	0.062	0.077		
	Alleles				
	T	62 (0.63)	71 (0.72)	Reference	0.169
G	36 (0.37)	27 (0.28)	0.66 (0.36-1.20)		
rs1894116 - YAP1	Genotypes				
	AA	44 (0.90)	46 (0.94)	Reference	0.46
	GA	5 (0.10)	3 (0.06)	0.57 (0.13-2.55)	
	GG	0 (0)	0 (0)	NC	
	HWE	1	1		
	Alleles				
	A	93 (0.95)	95 (0.97)	Reference	0.47
G	5 (0.05)	3 (0.03)	0.59 (0.14-2.53)		
rs2272046 - HMGA2	Genotypes				
	AA	48 (0.98)	46 (0.94)	Reference	0.31
	AC	1 (0.02)	3 (0.06)	3.13 (0.31-31.19)	
	CC	0	0	NC	
	HWE	1	1		
	Alleles				
	A	97 (0.99)	95 (0.97)	Reference	0.31
C	1 (0.01)	3 (0.03)	3.06 (0.31-29.97)		
rs2292239 - ERBB3	Genotypes				
	GG	30 (0.61)	29 (0.59)	Reference	0.53
	GT	16 (0.33)	19 (0.39)	1.23 (0.53-2.84)	
	TT	3 (0.06)	1 (0.02)	0.35 (0.03-3.51)	
	HWE	0.68	0.42		
	Alleles				
	G	76 (0.78)	77 (0.79)	Reference	0.86
T	22 (0.22)	21 (0.21)	0.94 (0.48-1.85)		

NC: Not calculated. Bold values denote statistical significance at the p<0.05 level. *Chi-square test was performed to evaluate the association between SNP and groups.

Table 2 details the risk to PCOS of the polymorphisms in each gene under the codominant, dominant, recessive, overdominant, and additive inheritance models. It should be noted that this analysis was not performed for the rs1894116 polymorphisms of YAP1 and rs2272046 of HMGA2, because no woman presented the homozygous genotype for the lowest frequency allele (GG and CC, respectively).

No associations were observed between PCOS and the genotypes of rs2059807-INSR, and rs2292239-ERBB3 polymorphisms under any inheritance model. However, with the logistic regression adjustment for age and BMI, statistically significant differences were evident between groups for the GG genotype of rs4784165 of the TOX3 gene, under the codominant (OR=0.008; CI=0.01-0.72; p=0.0025), and recessive models (OR=0.06; CI=0.01-0.55; p=0.001).

Table 2. Variant risk analysis according to inheritance models adjusted for age and body mass index.

SNP	Inheritance model	Genotype	Controls	PCOS	OR (95% CI)	P-value*	AIC	BIC
rs2059807 - INSR	Codominant	GG	11 (0.22)	16 (0.33)	Reference	0.58	141.2	154.1
		GA	27 (0.55)	22 (0.45)	0.60 (0.22-1.60)			
		AA	11 (0.22)	11 (0.22)	0.78 (0.24 - 2.49)			
	Dominant	GG	11 (0.22)	16 (0.33)	Reference	0.36	139.4	149.8
		GA+AA	38 (0.78)	33 (0.67)	0.65 (0.26-1.65)			
	Recessive	GG+GA	38 (0.78)	38 (0.78)	Reference	0.86	140.2	150.6
		AA	11 (0.22)	11 (0.22)	1.09 (0.41-2.87)			
	Overdominant	GG+AA	22 (0.45)	27 (0.55)	Reference	0.34	139.3	149.7
		GA	27 (0.55)	22 (0.45)	0.67 (0.29-1.52)			
	Additive					0.87 (0.49-1.55)	0.64	140
rs4784165 - TOX3	Codominant	TT	23 (0.47)	23 (0.47)	Reference	0.0025	130.3	143.2
		GT	16 (0.33)	25 (0.51)	1.61 (0.66-3.89)			
		GG	10 (0.2)	1 (0.02)	0.08 (0.01-0.72)			
	Dominant	TT	23 (0.47)	23 (0.47)	Reference	0.97	140.3	150.6
		GT+GG	26 (0.53)	26 (0.53)	0.99 (0.44-2.23)			
	Recessive	TT+GT	39 (0.8)	48 (0.98)	Reference	0.001	129.4	139.7
		GG	10 (0.2)	1 (0.02)	0.06 (0.01-0.55)			
	Overdominant	TT+GG	33 (0.67)	24 (0.49)	Reference	0.05	136.4	146.8
		GT	16 (0.33)	25 (0.51)	2.30 (0.99-5.35)			
	Additive					0.63 (0.34-1.17)	0.14	138.1
rs2292239 - ERBB3	Codominant	GG	30 (0.61)	29 (0.59)	Reference	0.41	140.5	153.4
		GT	16 (0.33)	19 (0.39)	1.30 (0.55-3.06)			
		TT	3 (0.06)	1 (0.02)	0.29 (0.03-3.12)			
	Dominant	GG	30 (0.61)	29 (0.59)	Reference	0.79	140.2	150.5
		GT+TT	19 (0.39)	20 (0.41)	1.12 (0.49-2.56)			
	Recessive	GG+GT	46 (0.94)	48 (0.98)	Reference	0.23	138.8	149.2
		TT	3 (0.06)	1 (0.02)	0.26 (0.02-2.79)			
	Overdominant	GG+TT	33 (0.67)	30 (0.61)	Reference	0.45	139.7	150
		GT	16 (0.33)	19 (0.39)	1.39 (0.60-3.25)			
	Additive					0.94 (0.46-1.90)	0.86	140.2

NC: Not calculated. Bold values denote statistical significance at the p<0.05 level. *Chi-square test was performed to evaluate the association between genetic models and groups.

According to the Akaike's information criterion (AIC) and Bayesian information criterion (BIC) values, the best inheritance model for rs2059807-*INSR* was overdominant (AIC:139.3; BIC:149.7), and recessive for rs4784165-*TOX3* (AIC:129.4; BIC:139.7), and rs2292239-*ERBB3* (AIC:138.8; BIC:149.2). For the polymorphisms rs1894116-*YAP1* and rs2272046-*HMGA2*, the codominant model was assumed.

3.3. Genotype/Phenotype Association Analyses

Supplementary Tables 2 to 6 detail the results obtained from the genotype/phenotype analysis for each SNP in PCOS women. The p-value for rs4784165-*TOX3* and rs2292239-*ERBB3* was not calculated since there were genotypes with a single patient. Table 3 shows a summary of the statistically significant associations.

Differences in rs2059807-*INSR* were identified using the overdominant model (GG+AA vs GA). Women with GG+AA genotypes had greater height ($p=0.019$) and higher fasting blood glucose levels ($p=0.025$), while women with GA genotype had a greater number of antral follicles ($p=0.039$).

In rs2272046-*HMGA2*, according to the codominant model (AA vs AC vs CC), differences in age and total ovarian volume were observed. PCOS women with the AC genotype presented greater ovarian volume compared to women with the homozygous genotype for the most frequent allele AA ($p=0.027$).

Table 3. Associations identified in the genotype/phenotype analyses.

Variant	Best inheritance model	Endocrine-metabolic parameter	Genotypes		P-value
			GG+AA	GA	
rs2059807 - <i>INSR</i>	Overdominant	Fasting blood glucose (mg/dL)	85.99 ± 7.98	81.18 ± 8.71	0.025
		Total AFC (number of follicles)	25.5 (21-31)	33 (25.25-36.75)	0.039
		Height (m)	1.64 ± 0.06	1.6 ± 0.06	0.019
rs2272046 - <i>HMGA2</i>	Codominant	Age (years)	27.5 (23-32)	37 (30-NR)	0.039
		Total ovarian volume (cm ³)	12.19 (9.5-17.36)	22.72 (19.3-NR)	0.027

AFC: Antral follicular count; NR: No report.

3. Discussion

In this study, we evaluated the individual effects of five polymorphisms in the *INSR*, *TOX3*, *YAP1*, *HMGA2*, and *ERBB3* genes associated with PCOS. In our results, the lowest frequency allele for SNPs rs4784165-*TOX3*, rs1894116-*YAP1*, and rs2272046-*HMGA2*, matched that reported by NCBI for the Latino population. However, the lowest frequency allele for SNPs rs2059807-*INSR* and rs2292239-*ERBB3* were not matched with the database. This may be due to the small sample size of our study.

The analysis of allelic, genotypic frequencies, OR, and CI (95%) showed a significant negative association between the GG genotype of the SNP rs4784165-*TOX3* and the risk of PCOS (OR=0.10; CI=0.01-0.85; $p=0.0051$), but at the genotype not at the allele level. This association was confirmed in the logistic regression adjustment under the co-dominant (OR=0.008; CI=0.01-0.72; $p=0.0025$), and recessive models (OR=0.06; CI=0.01-0.55; $p=0.001$). *TOX3* was first identified as a candidate gene for PCOS in a GWAS in a Chinese population, where the minor allele G of rs4784165 was positively associated with the syndrome [9]. A Cross-Ethnic Meta-Analysis in women from China, United States, and The Netherlands reported an association between the SNP and PCOS (OR=1.18; $p=8.1 \times 10^{-}$

3) [20]. Furthermore, this polymorphism has been linked with clinical characteristics of the syndrome such as homeostasis model assessment of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) [13], hyperandrogenism [21], and is involved in inflammation processes and its consequences [22].

In a previous SNP interaction study, we identified that rs4784165-*TOX3* interacts with rs11692782-*FSHR* and rs2268361-*FSHR*, conferring a considerable increase in PCOS risk (OR=11.29; $p<0.0001$). This highlights the contrasting results between analyzing individual genetic effects versus gene-gene interactions [23].

No statistically significant differences were observed between groups for the rs2059807-*INSR*, rs1894116-*YAP1*, rs2272046-*HMGA2*, and rs2292239-*ERBB3* polymorphisms. Similar results, indicating no associations for rs2059807-*INSR*, have been reported in studies involving women from Korea [24], Iran [25], and The Netherlands [20]. Few studies have evaluated the genetic contribution of the SNPs rs1894116-*YAP1*, rs2272046-*HMGA2*, and rs2292239-*ERBB3* and PCOS.

The genotype-phenotype analysis demonstrated a significant association between rs2059807-*INSR*, and rs2272046-*HMGA2* and PCOS features. Using the overdominant model (GG+AA vs GA) in *INSR*, it was observed that women with the GG+AA genotypes presented higher levels of fasting blood glucose compared to women with the heterozygous GA genotype (85.99 vs 81.18 mg/dL; $p=0.025$). It should be noted that these data are within the normal reference values for this variable. The *INSR* gene plays a fundamental role in the insulin signaling pathway, therefore, SNPs such as rs2059807 may influence metabolic disorders associated with the syndrome, since increased glucose levels may indicate an inefficient response to insulin [26]. These results may help prevent future complications in women at higher risk. In turn, the heterozygous GA genotype was associated with a higher number of antral follicles compared to the GG+AA genotypes (33 vs 25.5; $p=0.039$). A similar result was reported by Cui et al., who identified an association between rs2059807 and women with anovulation, a diagnostic criterion for PCOS characterized by an increased number of follicles in the ovaries due to failure to release an egg for fertilization [27].

In rs2272046-*HMGA2*, associations with age and total ovarian volume (OV) were observed. Women with the heterozygous AC genotype compared to women with the homozygous genotype for the most frequent allele AA, presented higher age (27.5 vs. 37 years; $p=0.039$) and total OV (12.19 vs. 22.72 cm³; $p=0.027$). Although Alamarai et al., concluded that OV decreases with age in women with PCOS [28], other authors have shown that there is no relationship between OV and age, and, therefore, there are no significant changes in OV during the reproductive ages up to perimenopause [29]. Meanwhile, overexpression of *HMGA2* in granulosa cells has been identified to contribute to increased cell proliferation, and thus to the polycystic ovarian phenotype [30]. The above may be related to increased OV in these women.

The main limitation of the research is associated with the small sample size, which restricts adequate statistical power. However, considering the relationship between the population studied and the risk of PCOS, our results correspond to the first approximation of the study of these genes in women with PCOS in the country and represent a baseline for future population studies.

4. Materials and Methods

4.1. Subjects

This pilot study included 49 control women and 49 women with a confirmed diagnosis of PCOS. The inclusion and exclusion criteria were previously detailed [19]. The diagnosis was made according to the Rotterdam criteria [31]. All women signed the informed consent. The study was conducted in compliance with The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association, and the study protocol was approved by the research and ethics committees of the Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC) (Reference number: SGI code 2386-VIE 05 of 2018; SGI code 2677-VIE 06 of 2019) and Universidad de Boyacá (Reference number: 011-2019CB, 29/03/2019).

4.2. Clinical Measurements and Biochemical Analyses

Data collected included age, height, weight, body mass index (BMI), menstrual features, family background, reproductive features, and presence of signs associated with PCOS.

Between 07:00 and 09:00 a.m. following an overnight fast, venous blood samples were taken. Blood biochemical analyses included measuring AMH, and androstenedione using ELISA immunoassay (MyBiosource, San Diego, USA, MBS2023458, and DiaMetra, Italy, DKO008, respectively). Levels of FSH, dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate (DHEAS), and LH were determined using chemiluminescence techniques. Plasma insulin, E₂, and thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) were analyzed using the amplified enzyme chemiluminescence technique (SIEMENS IMMULITE, Germany). Free testosterone was measured using the radioimmunoassay (RIA) technique. Plasma glucose levels were determined using the hexokinase method (GLUC3 GLUCOSE HK GEN.3, 04404483190, Roche Diagnostics), and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1C) was measured using the HbA1C monoclonal antibody technique (MyBiosource, San Diego, USA, MBS2031845), following the manufacturer's instructions.

Calculation of the HOMA-IR was: fasting insulin (mIU/L)*fasting glucose (mmol/L)/22.5, and for homeostatic model assessment for insulin sensitivity (HOMA-IS) was: 1/fasting insulin (mIU/L)*fasting glucose (mmol/L).

4.3. Polymorphisms Genotyping

The Invisorb R Spin Universal Kit (Stratec Molecular) was used for DNA extraction from the blood. The DNA concentration was read by EPOCHTM2 Microplate Spectrophotometer (Biotek). The DNA was stored at -20 °C until use. Using Assay Design Suite (ADS) software, specific primers were designed for each gene (*INSR*, *TOX3*, *YAP1*, *HMGA2*, and *ERBB3*). Design data is presented in Supplementary Table 7. SNPs typing was performed with the iPLEX Assay and the MassARRAY system (Agena Bioscience) which employs matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS). We followed the previously established protocol [32].

4.4. Statistical Analyses

Analyses were performed using the IBM-SPSS statistical package (version 25.0). Categorical variables are described as number of cases and absolute frequencies. Continuous variables with a normal distribution are expressed as mean \pm standard deviation (mean \pm SD). Continuous variables that did not follow a normal distribution are expressed as median (interquartile range). Differences in categorical variables between groups were estimated using a chi-square test. The Student's T-test was used to compare quantitative normal variables between groups, and the Mann-Whitney U-test to compare non-normal variables.

Genotype and allelic frequencies of target SNPs were calculated in both groups. All SNPs were tested for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) with the chi-square test. The odds ratios (ORs) between groups and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) were evaluated. A logistic regression analysis for age and BMI was designed to evaluate the risk of PCOS under the codominant, dominant, recessive, overdominant, and additive inheritance models. AIC and BIC were used to determine the best genetic model for each SNP [33]. The genotype/phenotype association analyses were performed with the best inheritance model. Significant statistical differences were assumed in all cases showing $p < 0.05$.

5. Conclusions

The present pilot study has shown that the SNP rs4784165-*TOX3* gene is potentially negatively associated with PCOS in a sample of Colombian women. In addition, we identified some SNP genotypes associated with PCOS features. In the rs2059807-*INSR*, women with GG+AA genotypes had higher levels of fasting blood glucose, and women with GA genotypes had a higher number of total antral follicles. Women with AC genotype at rs2272046-*HMGA2* presented higher age and total ovarian volume. Considering the SNP-population-PCOS relationship, this research represents the

first generation of knowledge on this topic for the country. However, a population study is suggested to confirm these findings.

Supplementary Materials: The following supporting information can be downloaded at the website of this paper posted on Preprints.org. Table S1: SNPs genotyped in the *INSR*, *TOX3*, *YAP1*, *HMGA1*, and *ERBB3* genes; Table S2: Clinical and endocrine-metabolic parameters of women with PCOS according to the overdominant model of rs2059807 in *INSR* gene; Table S3: Clinical and endocrine-metabolic parameters of women with PCOS according to the recessive model of rs4784165 in *TOX3* gene; Table S4: Clinical and endocrine-metabolic parameters of women with PCOS according to the genotypes of rs1894116 in *YAP1* gene; Table S5: Clinical and endocrine-metabolic parameters of women with PCOS according to the genotypes of rs2272046 in *HMGA2* gene; Table S6: Clinical and endocrine-metabolic parameters of women with PCOS according to the recessive model of rs2292239 in *ERBB3* gene; Table S7: MassArray design details for SNPs (rs2059807 in *INSR*, rs4784165 in *TOX3*, rs1894116 in *YAP1*, rs2272046 in *HMGA2*, and rs2292239 in *ERBB3*).

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