Gonadal dysgenesis in female is defined as absent or insufficient development of ovaries. The patient with gonadal dysgenesis presents with primary amenorrhea and lack of development of secondary sexual characteristics due to inability of ovaries to produce sex steroids. The karyotype in patients with gonadal dysgenesis can be 46XX, 45XO, mosaicism or deletion of a certain part of X chromosome. Most cases are unexplained but thought to be autosomal recessive.

CASE REPORTS

Case 1: A fourteen and half year-old-girl, presented with delayed puberty. She was born from consanguineous parents after a full-term pregnancy. Pelvic ultrasonography revealed streak ovaries and a hormone profile consistent with hypergonadotropic hypogonadism (Table). Thyroid, adrenal and growth hormone functions were normal. Karyotype was that of a normal female, 46 XX.

Case 2: We subsequently examined the proband's sister who was then 11 years old. Her laboratory and imaging results were similar to those of the proband (Table).

Case 3: 22 year old girl, sibling of the first patient was investigated because of primary amenorrhea (Table). She was receiving oral contraceptives therapy for primary amenorrhea of unknown cause.

CONCLUSION

Hypergonadotropic complete ovarian insufficiency with normal karyotype, also known as XX female gonadal dysgenesis is a rare, genetically heterogeneous disorder. Known causes of isolated XX-gonadal dysgenesis include recessive mutations in the FSH receptor gene, severe X-linked recessive mutations in the growth and differentiation factor BMP15, and both recessive and dominant mutations in the NR5A1/SF-1 transcriptional regulator.

Mutation analyse of the cases for SF-1 are pending.

A rare disease of gonadal dysgenesis in three siblings is presented.