



HAIR DISORDERS

THE UNEVEN HAIR: A NEW HAIR DISORDER

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Background: The importance of hair to our self-esteem has been demonstrated by a recent study among male subjects in 5 European countries. Over 70% reported hair to be an important feature of their personal image.

Objective: Herein we describe a new hair disorder in which the scalp hairs appear with an uneven length.

Patients and methods: Cases were selected from attendants of the dermatology outpatient clinic at Minia University Hospital, Minia, Egypt. Patients subjected to a recent hair styling, hair dyes or those receiving salicylates or other NSAIDs were excluded. Written informed consent was taken from all participating patients. Patients were thoroughly subjected to full history taking, clinical examination, global photography, hair pull test, and trichogram.

Results: The current study included some 320 patients presenting with uneven hair affecting one side or an area of scalp hair over the last three years. The condition occurred almost exclusively in females. The age ranged between 15-32 years. The right side of scalp was the site of predilection affecting (61%) patients. Trichogram showed increased number of telogenic and dystrophic hair. The response of patients to treatment was poor. The hair disorder improved after several months.

In conclusion: We present the first report of a new hair disorder: the uneven hair. The condition occurs almost exclusively in females aged 15-43 years and most commonly affects the right side of the scalp.

