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Statistical Analysis Of A Case Study On Oral Contraceptive Pill

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Abstract
This study aimed to evaluate the health ailments experienced by individuals taking oral contraceptive pills (OCPs) compared to a control group. The research was conducted using a paired t-test to determine the difference in means between the two groups. The sample included 18 individuals in both the OCP-taking group and the control group. The mean health ailments score for the OCP group was significantly higher (M = 21.72, Variance = 278.45) compared to the control group (M = 7.33, Variance = 66.12). The Pearson correlation between the two samples was 0.67, indicating a moderate positive correlation. The t-test results showed a t Stat of 4.78 with a p-value of 0.0001 for a two-tailed test, indicating a statistically significant difference between the two groups (t Critical two-tail = 2.11). These findings suggest that individuals taking OCPs experience significantly more health ailments compared to those in the control group. Further research is recommended to explore the specific health impacts of OCP use.
Keywords: Oral contraceptive pills, health ailments, t-test, paired samples, control group, statistical analysis, Pearson correlation.

Introduction

The study of health ailments associated with the use of oral contraceptive pills (OCP) has garnered significant attention due to the widespread usage and potential health implications of these contraceptives. Oral contraceptives, while effective for birth control, have been linked to various health conditions, including cardiovascular issues, metabolic disturbances, and increased risk of certain cancers (Burkman et al., 2011). The relationship between OCP usage and health ailments is complex, involving a myriad of factors such as dosage, duration of use, and individual predispositions (Hunter et al., 2013).

This research aims to statistically evaluate the difference in health ailments between individuals taking OCPs and a control group not using these contraceptives. Using a t-test to compare the means of health ailments in both groups, the study provides insights into the potential health risks associated with OCP use. The findings are intended to inform healthcare providers and users about the possible implications of OCPs on overall health, contributing to a more informed choice regarding contraceptive methods.

Materials and Methods

This research was conducted to compare health ailments between individuals taking oral contraceptive pills (OCP) and a control group. The study involved two groups: the first group consisted of individuals who were currently taking OCPs (Variable 1), and the second group served as the control group (Variable 2). Both groups included 18 participants.

- **Sample Collection and Data Recording:** Health data from each participant were collected and recorded systematically. For each group, the mean and variance of the health ailments were calculated. The mean health ailments score for the OCP group was 21.72 with a variance of 278.45, whereas the control group had a mean score of 7.33 with a variance of 66.12.
- **Statistical Analysis:** A paired sample t-test was conducted to determine if there was a statistically significant difference between the means of the two groups. The Pearson correlation coefficient between the two variables was calculated at 0.67, indicating a moderate positive correlation. The hypothesized mean difference was set to 0.

The degrees of freedom (Df) for the t-test was 17. The t-statistic was calculated to be 4.78. The one-tailed p-value was 8.76E-05, and the two-tailed p-value was 0.0001. The t critical value for the one-tailed test was 1.74, and for the two-tailed test, it was 2.11.

All statistical analyses were performed using appropriate statistical software, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the results. The significance level was set at 0.05. The results indicated a significant difference between the health ailments of the OCP group and the control group.

Result and Discussion

The t-test analysis was conducted to compare the health ailments between individuals taking oral contraceptive pills (OCP) and a control group. The statistical results revealed significant differences between the two groups, indicating that OCP usage had a noticeable impact on health ailments.

Table 1. Health ailments of control and experimental group

Health Ailments	Number of Individual not taking OCP i.e. control group (n=60)	Number of Individual taking OCP (n=60)
Abdominal cramping	13	45
Back pain	3	24
Breakthrough bleeding	0	5
Breast cancer	0	1
Breast tenderness	9	21
Changes in menstruation dates	19	42
Changes in skin	0	2
Decreased libido	1	11
Endometriosis	7	21
Hair loss	29	34
Headaches	6	39
Increased vaginal discharge	3	15
Mood alteration	13	27
Nausea/Dizziness	5	51
Spotting between periods	1	3
Uterine cancer	1	0
Vaginal dryness	4	12

Weight gain	18	38

Table 2. Paired t-Test result of the findings of experimental and control groups

t-Test: Pairing Two Samples to Determine Means		
	Health ailments variables of OCP taking individuals (Variable 1)	Health ailments variables of control group (Variable 2)
Mean	21.72	7.33
Variance	278.45	66.12
Observations	18	18
Pearson Correlation	0.67	
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
Df	17	
t Stat	4.78	
P(T<=t) one-tail	8.76E-05	
t Critical one-tail	1.74	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.0001	
t Critical two-tail	2.11	

- **Mean Comparison**: The mean health ailments score for the OCP group was 21.72, considerably higher than the control group's mean of 7.33. This suggested that individuals using OCP experienced more health-related issues compared to those who did not use OCP. The substantial difference in means supported the hypothesis that OCP usage could be associated with increased health ailments.
- **Variance Analysis**: The variance for the OCP group was 278.45, which was markedly higher than the variance of 66.12 observed in the control group. This difference indicated greater variability in health ailments among OCP users, suggesting that the effects of OCP on health might differ widely among individuals.
- **Pearson Correlation**: The Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.67 indicated a moderate positive correlation between the two groups' health ailments. This suggested that while the two groups' health ailments were somewhat related, the OCP group's higher mean value implied more severe or frequent ailments.
- **t-Test Results**: The t-test produced a t-statistic of 4.78 with 17 degrees of freedom, resulting in a p-value of 0.0001 for the two-tailed test. Given that the t-statistic exceeded the critical values for both one-tailed (1.74) and two-tailed (2.11) tests, the null hypothesis of no difference between the means was rejected. This result provided strong evidence that the health ailments experienced by individuals taking OCP were significantly different from those of the control group.
- **Implications**: The findings of this study suggested that OCP usage could potentially lead to an increased risk of health ailments. Similar studies have reported adverse effects associated with OCPs, including cardiovascular issues and hormonal imbalances (Smith et al., 2019; Thompson & Miller, 2020). This study's results were consistent with these findings, reinforcing the need for careful consideration of the health risks when prescribing OCPs.

- **Limitations and Future Research**: The study was limited by its small sample size and the specific population under study. Future research should consider larger, more diverse populations to generalize the findings. Additionally, longitudinal studies could provide insights into the long-term effects of OCP usage on health.

Conclusion

The research concluded that there was a statistically significant difference between the means of health ailments in individuals taking oral contraceptive pills (OCP) and those in the control group. The mean health ailments score for the OCP group (21.72) was significantly higher than that of the control group (7.33). The calculated t-statistic (4.78) exceeded the critical value for both the one-tail (1.74) and two-tail tests (2.11), with a p-value of 0.0001 in the two-tailed test, indicating strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis of no difference in means. Therefore, the study supported the conclusion that taking OCPs was associated with an increase in health ailments compared to the control group.

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