



## COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSES OF THE CORRELATIONS BETWEEN MODERATE EXERCISES SUCH AS WALKING AND JOGGING AND OBSTRUCTION SLEEP APNEA (OSA) APHYPI

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### ABSTRACT

*This study examined the comprehensive correlations between scheduled slow or mild exercises such as walking and jogging and Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) or Aphyi is normally measured with Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI). This analyzed 302 participants using genders and ages as the “Independent Potential Confounders Variables” in its data analyses. The study used “Social Construction of the Ideology of Realty Theory” as a lens of analysis. The study found that when it comes to genders’ differences between gender and OSA’s Aphyi wellbeing overall effects, there were no statistically significant differences between males and females or children in their overall health wellbeing outcomes. Also, the study found no statistically significant differences between age groups as well; because older males or females were able to equally perform effectively as younger boys and girls based on the collected and analyzed dataset statistics. However, conversely to the above findings and results, the study found that there were profound significant statistical differences between slow or mild walking, or slow or mild jogging and OSA’s Aphyi overall health wellbeing outcomes at 100% and 96% positive effectiveness correlations against OSA’s Aphyi based on the above scheduled weeks and times of exercises. The study recommends that its results and findings be implemented comprehensively as to eventually bring some POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGES to all its participants and beyond.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), Aphyi, Independent Potential Confounders Variables, Sleep Disorder, obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSAS), Obstructive sleep apnea–hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS), Airway Interruptions, Air Flow, Breathing Disorders, Endless Sleeps, Short Sleeps, Neck Circumference 1, Neck Circumference 2, Body Mass Index (BMI), Age, Gender.*

## INTRODUCTION

According to most recent information obtain,

**Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)** is the most common sleep-related breathing disorder and is characterized by recurrent episodes of complete or partial obstruction of the upper airway leading to reduced or absent breathing during sleep. These episodes are termed "apneas" with complete or near-complete cessation of breathing, or "hypopneas" when the reduction in breathing is partial. In either case, a fall in blood oxygen saturation, a disruption in sleep, or both may result. A high frequency of apneas or hypopneas during sleep may interfere with restorative sleep, which – in combination with disturbances in blood oxygenation – is thought to contribute to negative consequences to health and quality of life.<sup>[1]</sup> The terms **obstructive sleep apnea syndrome (OSAS)** or **obstructive sleep apnea–hypopnea syndrome (OSAHS)** may be used to refer to OSA when it is associated with symptoms during the daytime (e.g. excessive daytime sleepiness, decreased cognitive function). (See American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2014; American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 2019; Barnes, 2009; Berry et al., 2012 for more)

Based on the most recent dataset statistics obtained from confidential centralized database about OSA, several factors lead to OSA in adults and children across the board alike. For example, many have argued that age has no positive or negative corrections when dealing with OSA. This simply means that OSA can occur in your adolescents as well as in older people equally so long as the derivatives associated with compounding it (OSA) is available regardless of age. Further arguments stipulated that gender also has no correlations between OSA's occurrences and its intensities. However, many physicians have recommended that moderate exercises such as walking and slow jogging regular weekly can alleviate OSA in a short time; so long if these recommended exercises are consistent. The question now becomes does moderate exercises such as slow walking and slow jogging have any correlations with OSA's outcomes. That was the primary focus of this quantitative research study.

## LITERATURE REVIEWED

For a long time OSA have been overlooked by healthcare practitioners as a medical disorder until 1990 when it was identified as a severe medical sleeping disorder which can lead to death due to lack of sufficient oxygen circulating in the body. OSA appears to be more complicated than many healthcare practitioners anticipated because;

The fundamental cause of OSA is a blocked upper airway, usually behind the tongue and epiglottis, whereby the otherwise patent airway, in an erect and awake patient, collapses when the patient is lying on his or her back and loses muscle tone upon entering deep sleep.

At the beginning of sleep, a patient is in light sleep and there is no tone loss of throat muscles. Airflow is laminar and soundless. As the upper airway collapse progresses, the obstruction becomes increasingly apparent by the initiation of noisy breathing as air turbulence increases, followed by gradually louder snoring as a Venturi effect forms through the ever-narrowing air passage.

The patient's blood-oxygen saturation gradually falls until cessation of sleep noises, signifying total airway obstruction of airflow, which may last for several minutes. Eventually, the patient must at least partially awaken from deep sleep into light sleep, automatically regaining general muscle tone. This switch from deep to light to deep sleep can be recorded using ECT monitors. In light sleep, muscle tone is near normal, the airway spontaneously opens, normal noiseless breathing resumes and blood-oxygen saturation rises. Eventually, the patient

reenters deep sleep, upper airway tone is again lost, the patient enters the various levels of noisy breathing, and the airway blockage returns.

The cycle of muscle-tone loss and restoration coinciding with periods of deep and light sleep repeats throughout the patient's period of sleep. The number of apnoea and hypopnoea episodes during any given hour is counted and given a score. If a patient has an average of five or more episodes per hour, mild OSA may be confirmed. An average of 30 or more episodes per hour indicates severe OSA. (See Brockmann et al., 2012; Bourke et al., 2011; Caporale et al., 2020; Di Mauro et al., 2020; Giordani et al., 2012; Golan et al., 2004; Ezzeddini et al., 2012; Landau et al., 2011; Mbata et al., 2012 for more)

What was fundamental about OSA was/is majority of people who suffered from OSA were/are obsessed and overweight which contributed to the intensity of OSA daily. Beside the above, other factors also contribute to OSA such as excessive drinking, lack of exercise, anxiety disorder, assumptions, and fears of the unknown, neck positioning issues, fatty fats in the airway system, dysfunctional respiratory system, and many others just to mention a few (see Meghanadh , 2022; Mitchell & Kelly, 2006; Punjabi et al., 2009; Stoohs et al., 2005; Wei et al., 2007; Wei et al., 2009; Young et al., 2004 for more). Due to the complex definitions and classifications associated with OSA, limited historic data was used in this medical research study to stay on track and focus. The question now becomes does moderate exercises such as slow walking and slow jogging have any correlations with OSA's outcomes. That was the primary focus of this quantitative research study.

## **MOTHOLOGY**

This study used Quantitative Research Study using **Non-Experimental Research Descriptive Statistics** as a way to calculate the differences between dependable and independent variables (see Frankfort-Nachmias, & Nachmias, (2000; 2008); Creswell, 2009; Dodgson, 1993 for more).

## **THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

In addition to the above-mentioned theories, this quantitative research study added “**Social Construction of the Ideology of Reality Theory**”; which pinpoints the reasons why public policies and health policies decisions’ make any valuable decisions during the times of such as crisis hurricanes or fail to make any decisions based on their assumptions against their actual realities’ theory of outcomes (see Berger & Luckmann, 1966; Casalini et al., 2016; for more). This theory was selected for several reasons; first, the majority of healthcare practitioners suggest that exercise and weight control often lead to better health and wellbeing. Perhaps that may be possible why moderate exercises may be selected for the control of OSA; above all based on individual approaches, many patients will select moderate exercises over intense and hardcore exercises which are relatively harder to achieve one time. That was why Social Construction of the Ideology of Reality Theory was selected for this healthcare research study because it is all about healthcare practitioners and individualized based decisions making processes.

## RESEARCH STUDY DESIGN

### Logistic Ordinal Regression Analysis

#### Data Collection and Classification

This study classified the variables and was analyzed to **answer research questions 1 and 2** in the following way below.

#### Independent Variables for Research Question 1

**RQ-1.** What are the correlations between moderate exercises such as slow walking and jogging with OSA and BMI outcomes?

#### Cardiovascular Exercise (Independent variable) for Research Question 1

1. Walking
2. Jogging

#### Dependent Variables Research Question 1

1. Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) classified Aphyi
2. Body Mass Index

#### Independent Potential Confounders Variables for (Research Question 2)

**RQ-2.** What are the correlations between age and gender with OSA and BMI outcomes?

1. Age
2. Gender

#### Dependent Variable for (Question 1 & 2)

1. Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) classified Aphyi
2. Body Mass Index

**Other unanalyzed Potential Confounders in this research study to be addressed in future follow-up studies were;**

1. Race
2. Ethnicity
3. Race
4. Neck Circumference 1
5. Neck Circumference 2

#### Dependent Variables for Research Question 2

1. The severity of **Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)** is normally measured with **Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI)**. This AHI used to classify OSA goes this way: mild (5- 15) events per hour, Moderate (15-30) events per hour, Severe (30->) events per hour.

1.1 Note that this study only analyzed **Severe (30->) events per hour** due to possible overwhelming generation of unneeded tables and figures in this study.

The collected data was cleaned up to prevent repeated inconsistencies and fed into Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 25 and Confidence Interval of the Differences' level was set at 0.05 or 95% for data statistics accuracy.

## RESULTS AND FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

**Table 1. Interception of likelihood**

Model	Model Fitting Information			
	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept Only	2835.625			
Final	.000	2835.625	272	.000

Link function: Logit.

**Table 1:** Showed that the point of relationship interception was at 2836, the Sig was .000 or < 95%, and the degree of freedom (df) was 272 (see table 1 as shown above).

**Table 2. Goodness of Fit**

	Goodness-of-Fit		
	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Pearson	5021.049	52224	1.000
Deviance	1353.730	52224	1.000

Link function: Logit.

**Table 2:** Showed the logistic linked function of **goodness of fit at 1.000 in Pearson as well as in Deviance as shown above.**

**Table 3. Pseudo R-Square**

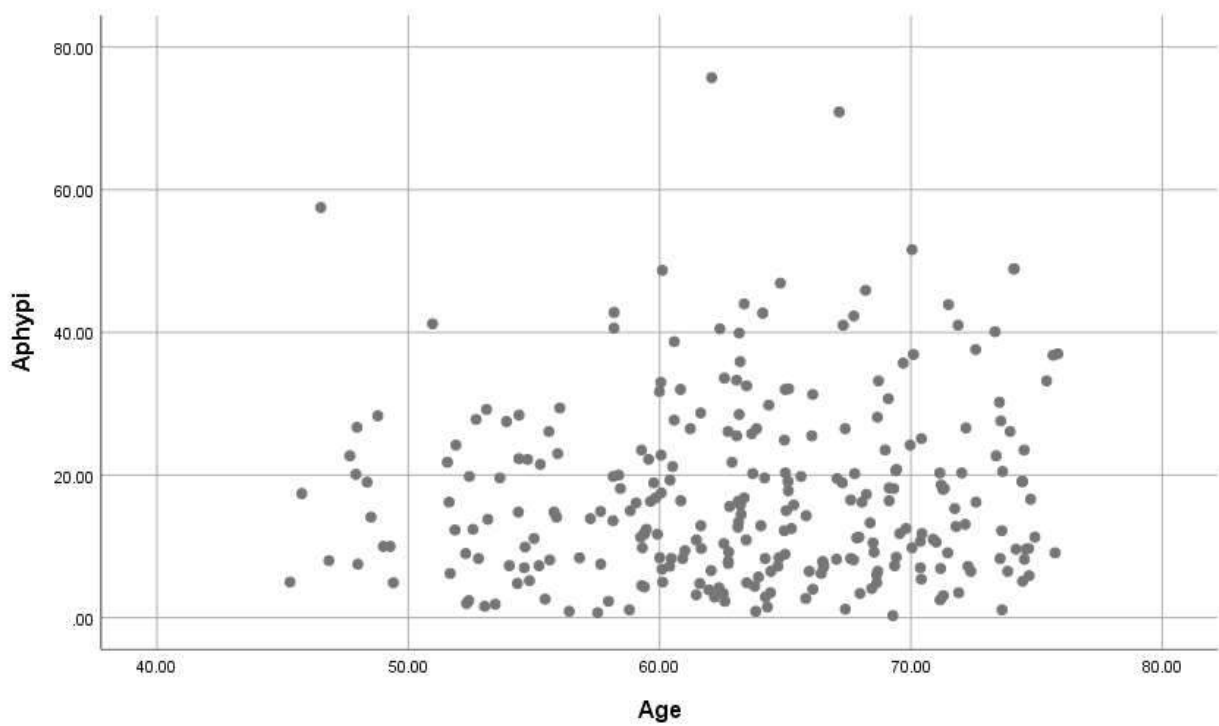
**Pseudo R-Square**

Cox and Snell	1.000
Nagelkerke	1.000
McFadden	.999

Link function: Logit.

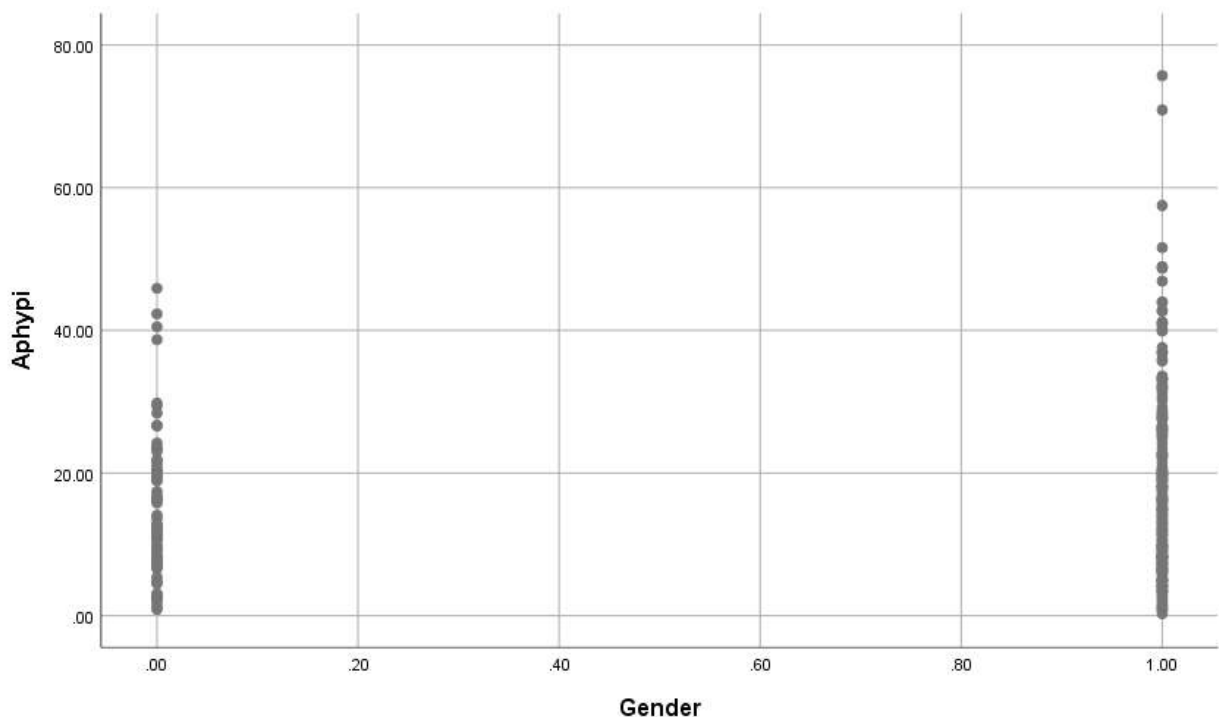
**Table 3:** Showed the logistic of linked function at 1.000 and .999 as shown above.

**Figure 1. Relationship between Age and Aphyipi**



**Figure 1:** Showed a scattered dotted data distribution in relationship in age and Aphyipi as shown above as the majority of the data were aligned above .00 vertically and horizontally; and approximately 60% of the data aligned between in between 60 and 77 years of age.

**Figure 2. Relationship between Gender and Aphyi**



**Figure 2:** Showed a scattered dotted data distribution in relationship in gender and Aphyi as shown above as the majority of the data were aligned above .00 and up to approximately 43% at the lower end and approximately 88% in the upper end.

**Table 4. T-Test**

One-Sample Statistics				
	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Gender	302	.7384	.44023	.02533
Age	301	63.2450	7.30173	.42086
Aphyi	275	17.2753	12.72855	.76756

**Table 4:** Showed the T-Test mean of .7384 for gender, 63.25 for age and 17.28 for Aphyi as shown above.

**Table 5. Probability Plot or P-Plot**

**P-Plot Model Description**

Model Name	MOD_1	
Series or Sequence	1	Gender
	2	Age
	3	Aphypi
Transformation	None	
Non-Seasonal Differencing	0	
Seasonal Differencing	0	
Length of Seasonal Period	No periodicity	
Standardization	Not applied	
Distribution	Type	Normal
	Location	estimated
	Scale	estimated
Fractional Rank Estimation Method	Blom's	
Rank Assigned to Ties	Mean rank of tied values	

Applying the model specifications from MOD\_1

**Table 5:** Showed the probability model plot between age, gender, and Aphypi as indicated above.

**Table 6. Case Processing Summary**

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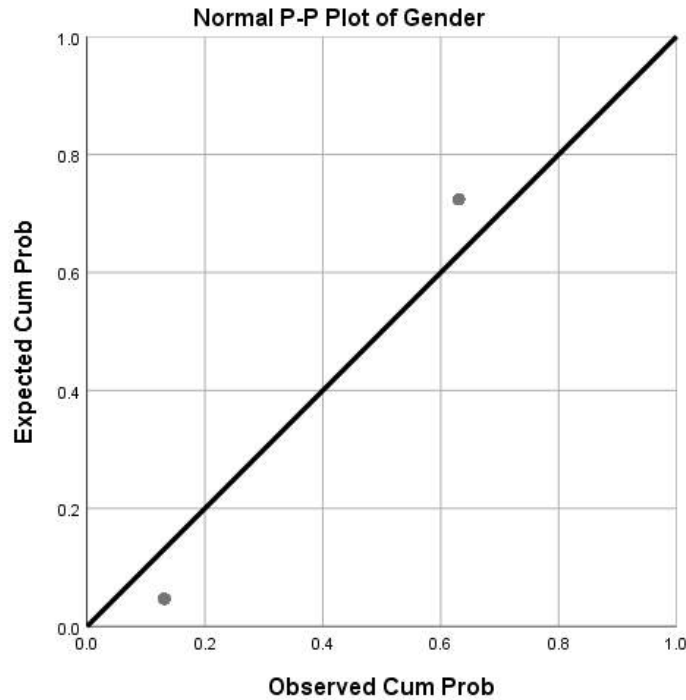
	Gender	Age	Aphypi
Series or Sequence Length	302	302	302
Number of Missing Values in the Plot	User-Missing	0	0
	System-Missing	0	1

The cases are unweighted.

**Table 6:** Showed the valid case processing summary with 1 missing data in age.

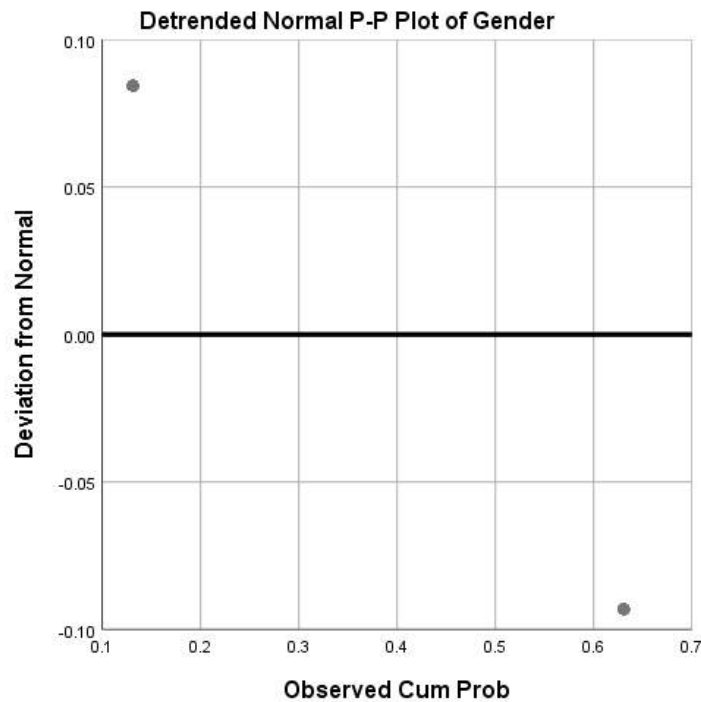


**Figure 3. Normal P-P Plot for Gender**



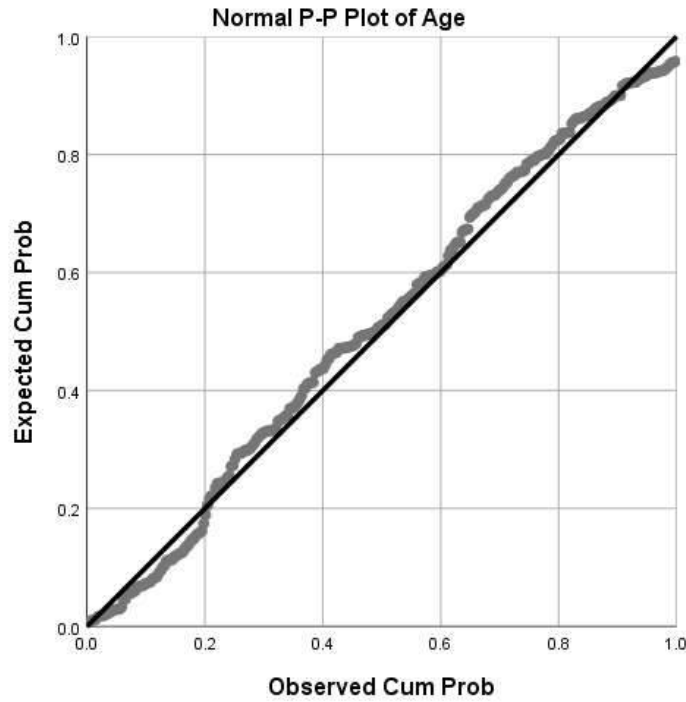
**Figure 3:** Showed the normal plot distribution expected cumulative probability (CP) frequency versus observed (CP) of gender data as shown above

**Figure 4. Detrended Normal P-P Plot of Gender**



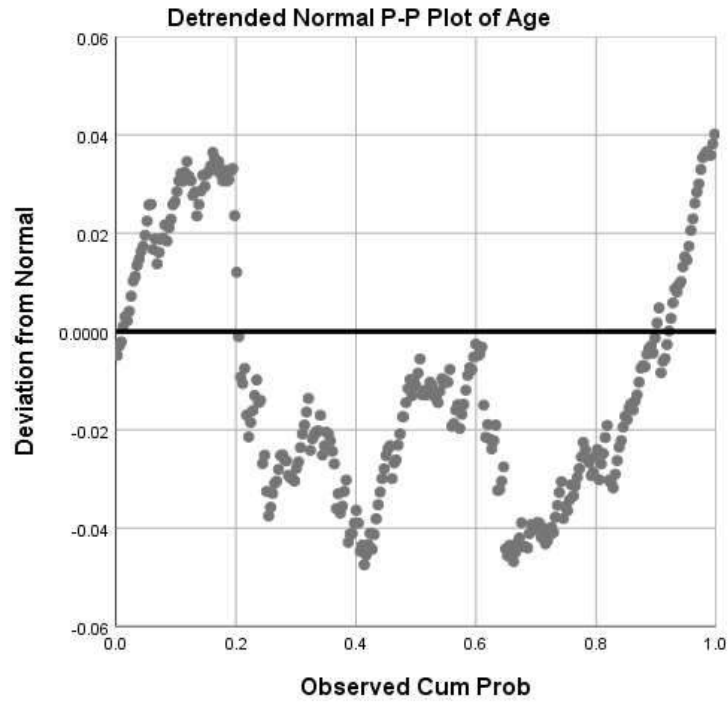
**Figure 4:** Showed the deviation from normal distribution and the observed cumulative probability distribution (see figure 4 above).

**Figure 5. Normal P-P Plot of Age**



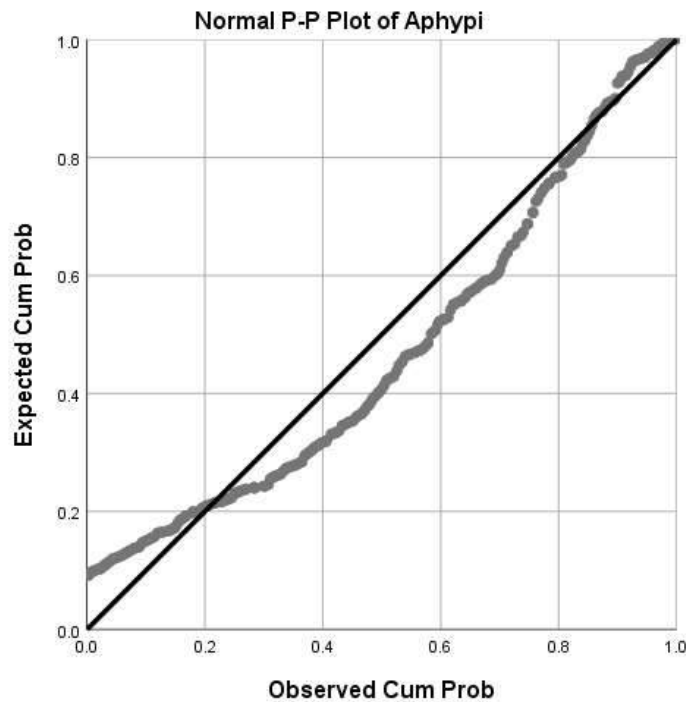
**Figure 5:** Showed the above compared the expected cumulative probability (CP) data distribution to the observed cumulative probability (CP) of age.

**Figure 6. Detrended Normal P-P Plot of Age**



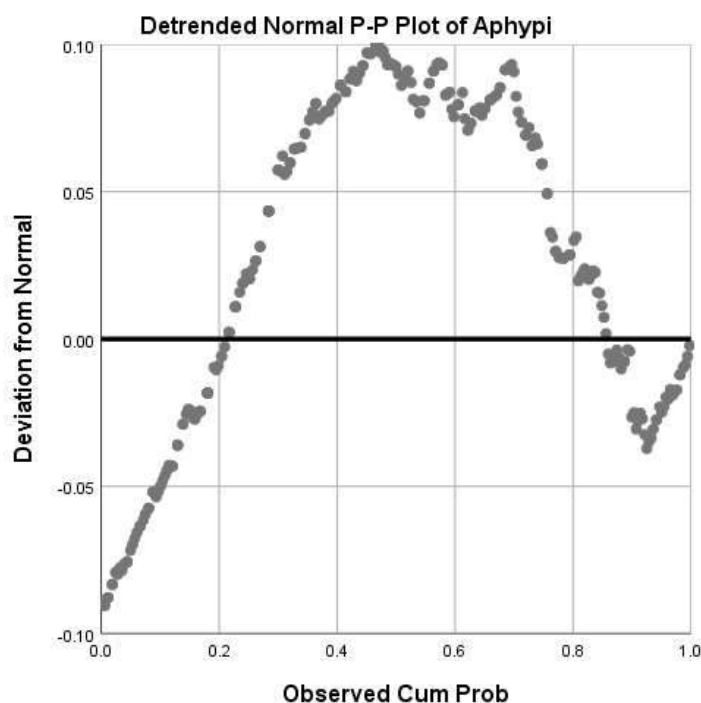
**Figure 6:** Showed the deviation from normal distribution versus the observed cumulative probability (CP) data distribution of age as shown above.

**Figure 7. Normal P-P Plot of Aphypi**



**Figure 7:** Showed the compared expected cumulative probability (CP) versus observed cumulative probability (CP) of age against Aphypi.

**Figure 8. Detrended Normal P-P Plot Aphypi**



**Figure 8:** Showed compared the deviation from normal data distribution against observed data cumulative probability (CP) of age versus Aphypi.

**Table 7. Model Fitting Information**

Model Fitting Information				
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept Only	1107.501			
Final	1096.778	10.723	16	.826

Link function: Logit.

**Table 7:** Showed the model fitting information of logit's function with sig of .826 as shown above.

**Table 8. Goodness-of-Fit**  
**Goodness-of-Fit**

	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Pearson	3190.700	3422	.998
Deviance	658.174	3422	1.000

Link function: Logit.

**Table 8:** Showed the goodness of fit with Pearson sig of .998 and the deviation of 1.000 as shown above.

**Table 9. Pseudo R-Square**

**Pseudo R-Square**

Cox and Snell	.039
Nagelkerke	.039
McFadden	.004

Link function: Logit.

**Table 9:** Showed sig of .039, .039 and .004 as shown above.

**Table 10. T-Test One-Sample Statistics**

**T-Test One-Sample Statistics**

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Active walking Minutes Per Week	In 298	10.5235	14.18378	.82164
Active jogging Minutes Per Week	In 298	.7081	4.17690	.24196
Aphyphi	275	17.2753	12.72855	.76756

**Table 10:** Showed one sample T-Test with mean of 10.5 for active walking, .71 for active jogging and 17.3 for Aphyphi with standard deviation of 12.73.

**Table 11. One-Sample Test**

		One-Sample Test					
		Test Value = 0					
		t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
						Lower	Upper
Active walking Minutes Per Week	In	12.808	297	.000	10.52349	8.9065	12.1405
Active jogging Minutes Per Week	In	2.926	297	.004	.70805	.2319	1.1842
Aphyipi		22.507	274	.000	17.27527	15.7642	18.7863

**Table 11:** Showed the confidence internal interval of the differences between the data statistics with .000 for active walking, .004 for walking, and .000 for Aphyipi.

### STATISTICAL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RESULTS AND FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The found that when it comes to genders' differences between gender and OSA's Aphyipi wellbeing overall effects, there were no statistically significant differences between males and females or children in their overall health wellbeing outcomes. For example, the males performed equally as high and as similar to the females' performances after some slow walking or slow jogging for weeks. The study further found no statistically significant differences between gender's performances after the severity of **Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)** is normally measured with **Apnea Hypopnea Index (AHI)**. This AHI used to classify OSA goes this way: mild (5- 15) events per hour, Moderate (15-30) events per hour, Severe (30->) events per hour. Note that this study only analyzed **Severe (30->) events per hour** due to possible overwhelming generation of unneeded tables and figures in this study. Also, the study found no statistically significant differences between age groups as well; because older males or females were able to equally perform effectively as younger boys and girls based on the collected and analyzed dataset statistics (see figures 1 to 7 & tables 1 to 11 for more).

Conversely to the above findings and results, the study found that there were profound significant statistical differences between slow or mild walking, or slow or mild jogging and OSA's Aphyipi overall health wellbeing outcomes based on the above scheduled weeks and times of exercises. For example, the study found that walking had 100% correlation with OSA's Aphyipi while jogging had 96% correlation with OSA overall outcomes benefits to the participants of the study. Both walking and jogging have 100% correlation with OSA's Aphyipi due to their performances in the research study. It should be noted that there was one unknown missing number which was insignificant due to 1 out of 302 or 0.003% which could not have swayed the findings or the results of this study anyway (see table 6 for more). Overall, the study found profound statistically significant correlations between slow or mild walking and jogging and OSA's Aphyipi overall wellbeing outcomes. Conversely, the study found statistically insignificant corrections between genders and ages differences in OSA's Aphyipi performances. However, it should be noted that BMI was not analyzed in this research study; but previous research studies have shown that there were direct positive correlations between slow or mild walking and jogging and the reduction of

BMI. Above all, evidence has shown that systematic and symmetrical gradual reduction of BMI counts always has positive correlations with individualized and groups' health wellbeing overall outcomes (see Kavitha et al., 2018; "BMI Corporate Health"., 2013; Fernbrae Hospital., 2019; BMI The Somerfield Hospital in Maidstone has officially closed"., 2019; and others for more).

### **SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

This study sheds light on the significance of moderate exercises such as slow or mild walking or jogging to public health practitioners and patients equally. This study also shed to professional healthcare practitioners to always suggest moderate exercises as a way of systematically overcoming and healthcare issues such as OSA's Aphyphi regardless of genders or ages differences.

### **LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY**

This research study had several limitations as stipulated bellow;

1. Confidential private seconding dataset data were used to conduct this research study; which limits its' comprehensive evaluation of the validity and reliability of the data used in this study.
2. This study cannot be generalized across the board due to the originality of the secondary dataset used in this study.
3. This study used analyses of **“Non-Experimental Research Study” or “Descriptive Statistics”** which is different from real **“Experimental Research Study.”**
4. Finally, the results and findings of the research study are subject to replications by other researchers by using the same dataset' data to comprehensively verify or dismiss its' results and findings.

### **CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION**

This comprehensive research study addressed some issues associated with OSA's implications which have been debatable by many public health practitioners and public health policies' decision-makers for generations endlessly. Many believed that OSA's Aphyphi are sometimes overrated as a serious healthcare condition; while others believed that OSA's Aphyphi is a serious healthcare condition that needs to be taken very seriously by all healthcare practitioners. For example, it should be noted that many patients have died due to OSA's Aphyphi complexations and complications in their sleep due to lack of treatments. This research study demonstrates that OSA's Aphyphi is a very serious private or public healthcare issues that needs to be taken very seriously by all public and private healthcare practitioners; because its' untreated implications can be detrimental to the patients, the patients' family members, and the private, or public healthcare practitioners who knowingly undermine the significance of treating OSA's Aphyphi upon its immediate diagnosis. The study recommends that its results and findings be implemented comprehensively as to eventually bring some **POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGES** to all its participants and beyond.

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