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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### PREVALENCE OF IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME AMONG ADULTS IN ALMADINAH 2016.

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#### Abstract

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common health problem affecting a substantial proportion of the population. Many individuals with symptoms of IBS do not seek medical attention or have stopped treatment because of disillusionment with current treatment options. Information about prevalence of IBS in Almadinah still deficient. Therefore, the aims of the present study were to estimate the prevalence of IBS in the general population of Almadinah .

a Postal survey was sent to patients selected randomly from the general population of almadinah using a validated questionnaire based on the Rome II criteria .The response rate of the postal survey was 98.12% .

Among 916 subjects, the prevalence of IBS was 25.98% . ratio between male and female 2/1 .Prevalence in 32.36% and in female 16.39%

Prevalence of Irritable bowel syndrome was higher in men and those who are in continues stress and those people with stress have more frequent attacks .

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#### Introduction:-

The epidemiology of any condition is an expansive topic, covering many subjects that individually could warrant their own review articles. Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is no different. The intention of this review is to provide a brief overview of the fundamental issues of epidemiological interest relating to IBS. We will discuss the diagnostic process and variation in how IBS is defined, how many of the population have IBS based upon these definitions, which members of the population are most likely to be affected, and discuss key aspects of the natural history, including symptom fluctuation and the association with other functional conditions.

#### What's IBS:-

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a functional GI disorder characterized by abdominal pain and altered bowel habits in the absence of a specific and unique organic pathology, although microscopic inflammation has been documented in some patients {1} Population-based studies estimate the prevalence of irritable bowel syndrome at 10-20% and the incidence of irritable bowel syndrome at 1-2% per year.

Prevalence estimates for IBS vary greatly internationally, both within and between countries.

Most studies addressing prevalence of IBS are community surveys, with the majority from Europe, Southeast Asia, and North America. Often, postal questionnaires or telephone interviews invite individuals to self-report symptoms,

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and these responses are then assessed by investigators according to one set of diagnostic criteria. This method reflects the underlying burden of symptoms consistent with a diagnosis of IBS. {2} {3} {4} {5} {6} {7} {8}

#### **Who get IBS :-**

In most populations, women report more IBS symptoms than men, irrespective of the diagnostic criteria employed demonstrated that women have an approximately 1.5- to 3-fold higher rate of disease than men. {9}{10}{11}

IBS occurs in all age groups, including children{12} and the elderly, with no difference seen in the frequency of subtypes by age.{13} However, 50% of patients with IBS report having first had symptoms before the age of 35 years,{14} and the prevalence is 25% lower in those aged over 50 years than in those who are younger{15}

One study suggested that IBS was associated with lower socioeconomic status{16}, a finding supported by the theory that lower income is associated with poorer health care outcomes, lower overall quality of life, and increased life stressors.{17} However, others suggest that the opposite is true and that being in a higher socioeconomic group during childhood is associated with higher prevalence of IBS.{18}{19}

The relative risk of IBS is twice as high in individuals with a biological relative with IBS.{20} In twin studies, having a mother or father with IBS is an independent risk factor for an individual having IBS and a stronger predictor than having a twin with IBS{21}. Concordance in monozygotic twins (the proportion of twin pairs who both have IBS) is less than 20%,{21}{22} and the association seen in familial clustering is significantly reduced when somatization is taken into account.{23} These findings suggest the perceived heredity may be more closely linked to learned behavior than to genetic factors.{24}

#### **Objectives:-**

Research aim to determine the prevalence of IBS and the risk factors that increase the frequency of attacks in Almadinah 2016

#### **Method and participant:-**

Sample of 916 participants was collected in Almadinah City , Saudi Arabia. The study included 916 participants (60.04% male and 39.95% female ) a Postal survey was sent to patients selected randomly from the general population of almadinah using a validated questionnaire based on the Rome II criteria .The response rate of the postal survey was 98.12% .

#### **Inclusion and exclusion criteria:-**

##### **Inclusions;-**

1. ALMADINAH POPULATION
2. FROM ALMADINAH
3. AGE 15-50
4. MALE AND FEMALE

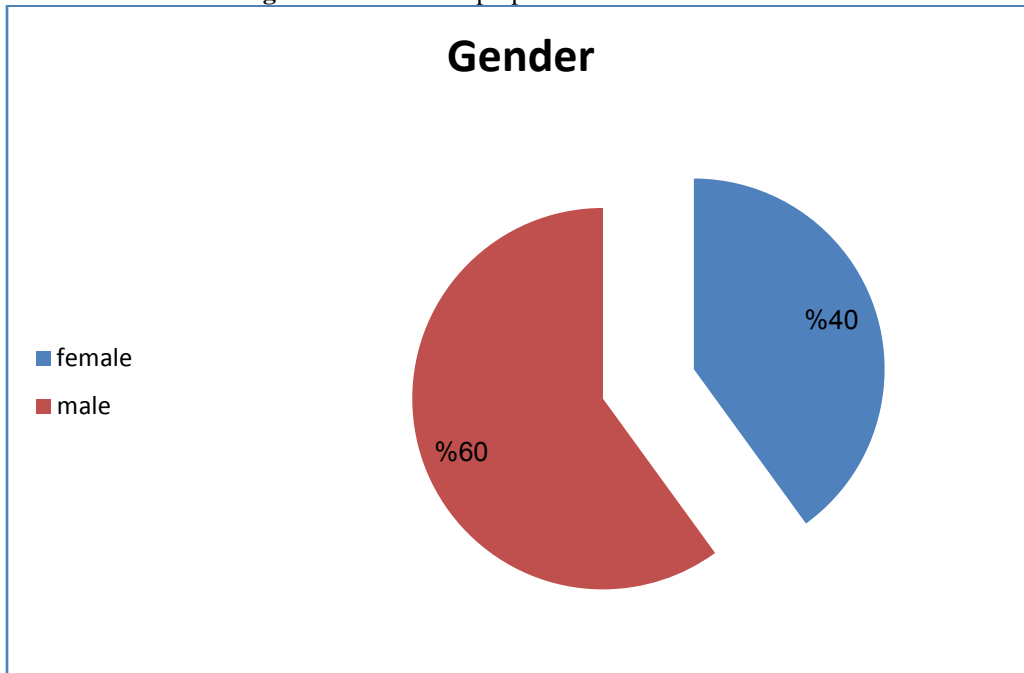
##### **Exclusions:-**

- a. refuse consent
- b. VISITOR OR WORKER from other cities

#### **Results:-**

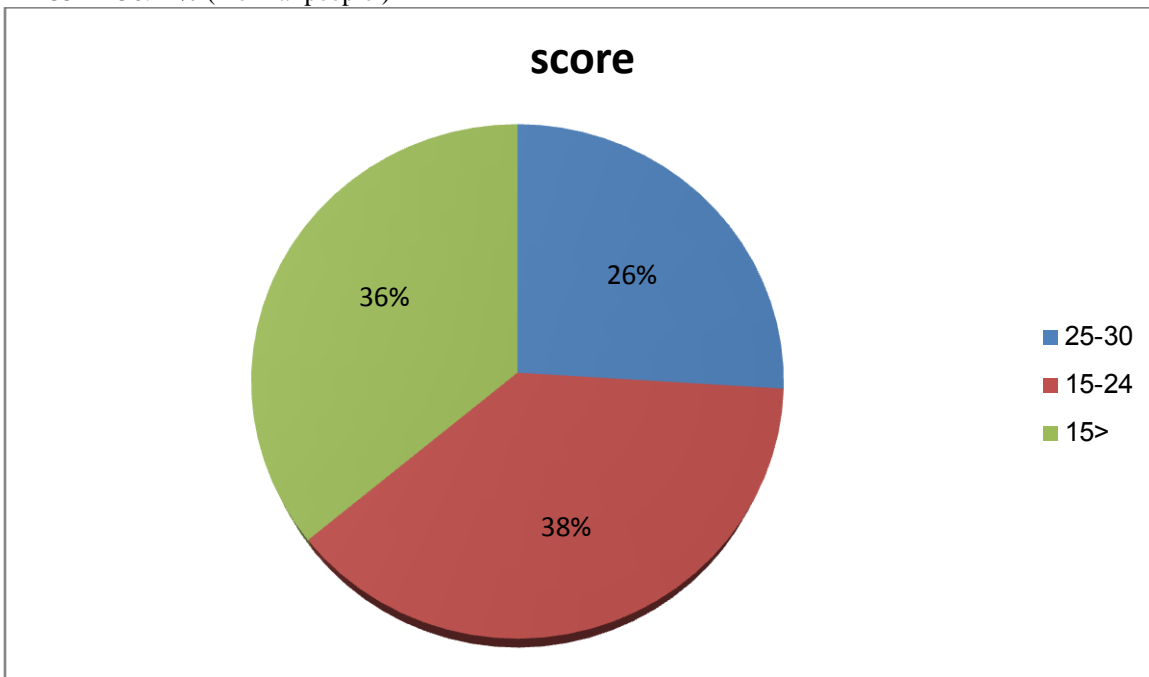
Among 916 subjects, the prevalence of IBS was 25.98% . ratio between male and female 2/1 .Prevalence in 32.36% and in female 16.39%. patients who have lactose intolerance 6%. And those who have positive family history 54% . psychological stress among them was 60% .

Figure 1:- Shows the proportion of female and male.

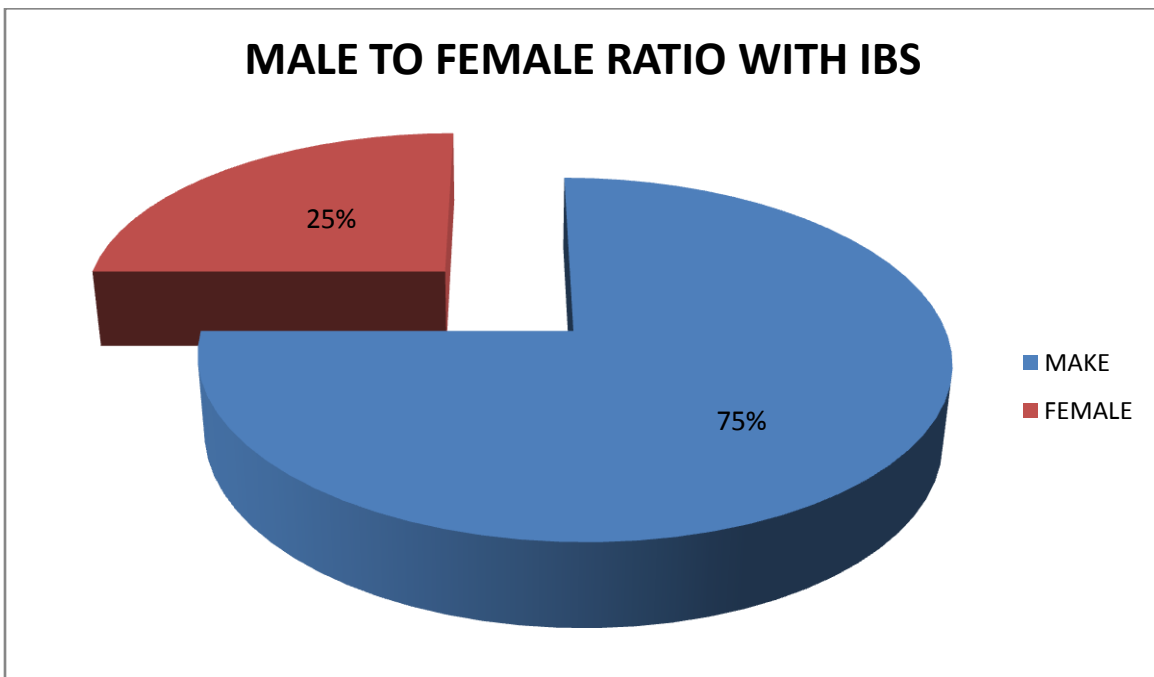
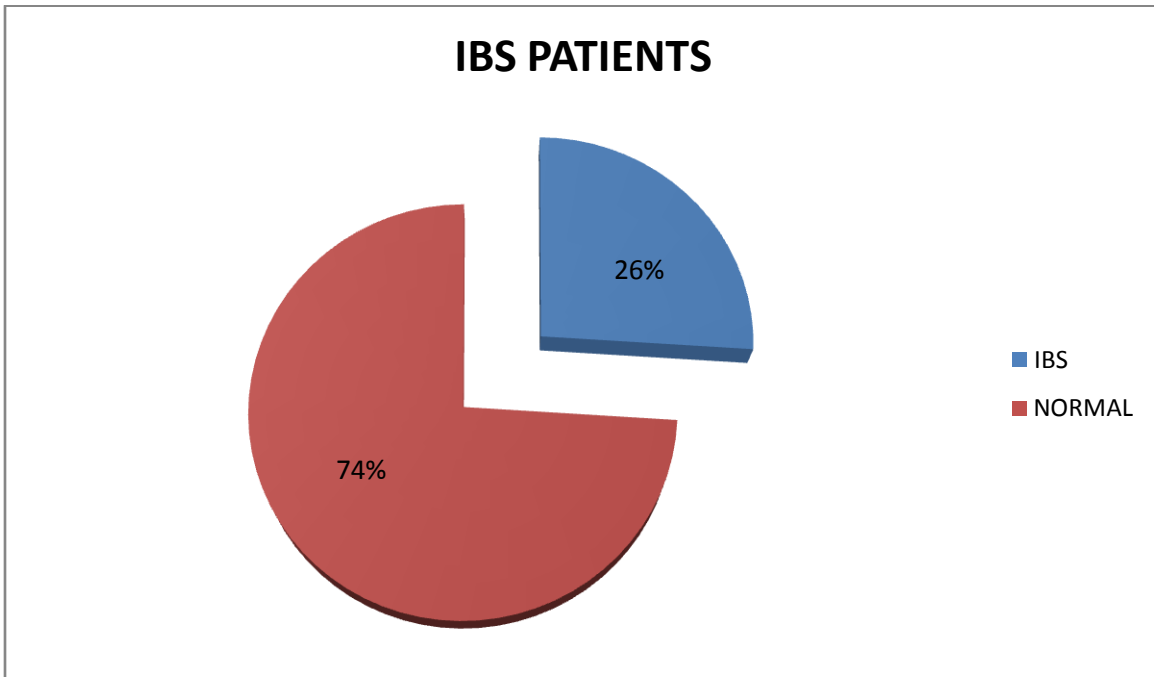


A total of 916 person participated in the survey .  
The majority of the respondents are male ( 60%) compared to males (40%)

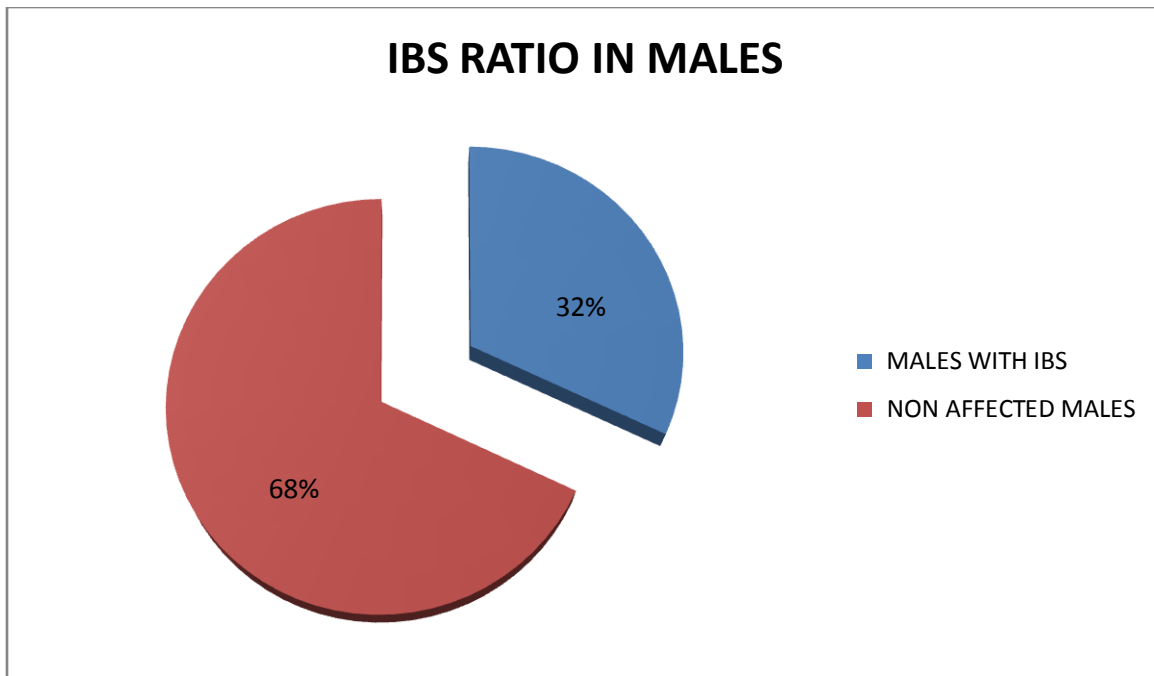
Score  
30-25 = 238 = 25.98% ( IBS patient )  
24-15 = 346 = 37.7% ( may Have IBS )  
<15 = 332 = 36.24% ( normal people )



Ibs patients  
238 = 25.98%  
Male = 178 = 74.78%  
Female = 60 = 25.21%



TOTAL MALE = 550  
MALES WITH IBS = 178 = 32.36%  
NON AFFECTED MALES = 372 = 67.6%



TOTAL FEMALES = 366  
FEMALES WITH IBS = 60 = 16.39%  
NON AFFECTED FEMALES = 306 = 83.60%

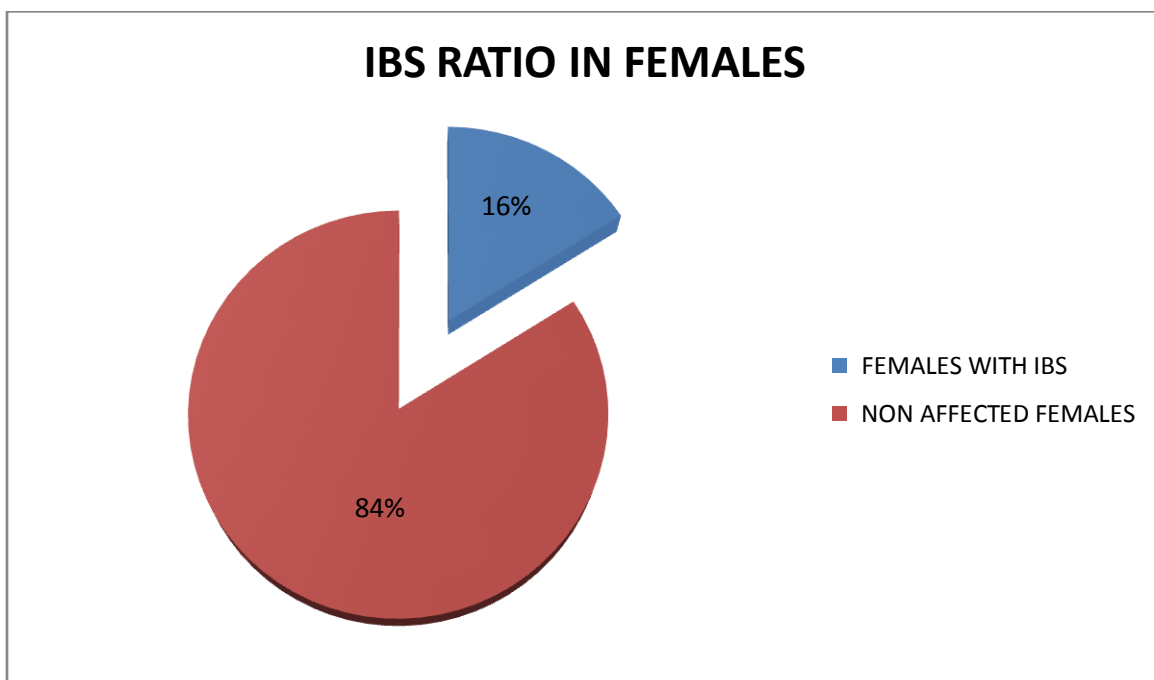
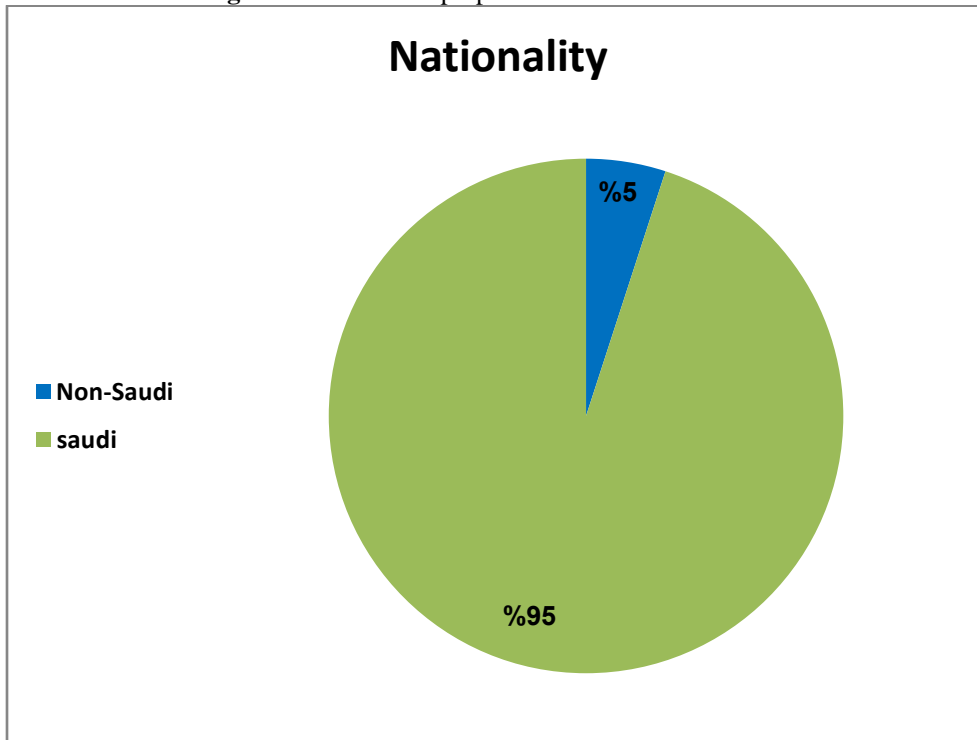
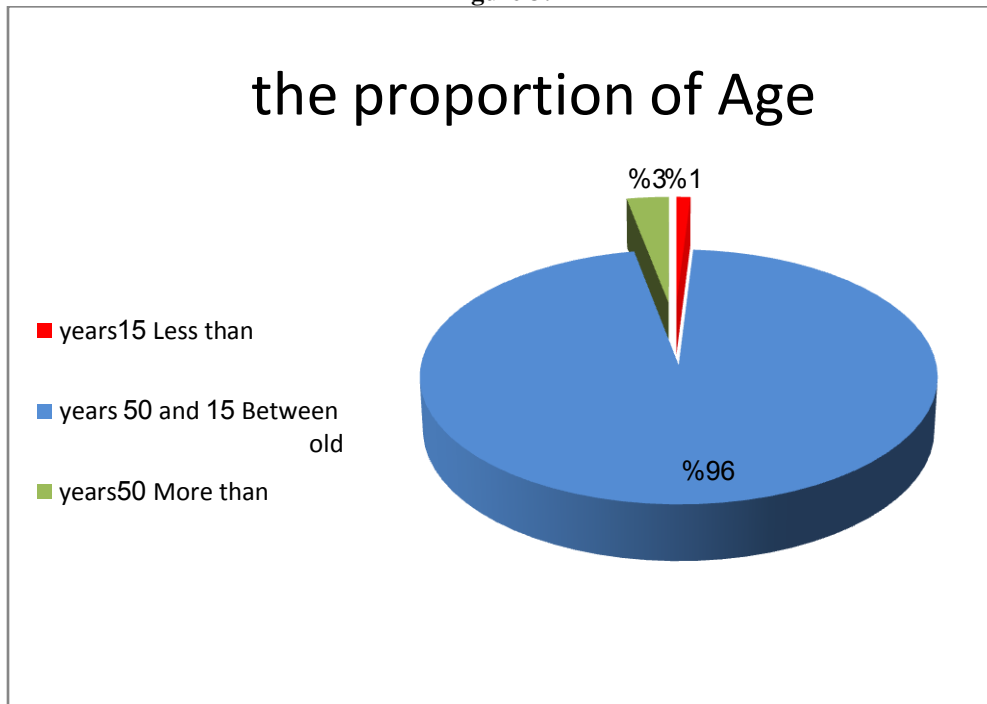


Figure 2:- Shows the proportion Saudi and Non-Saudi.



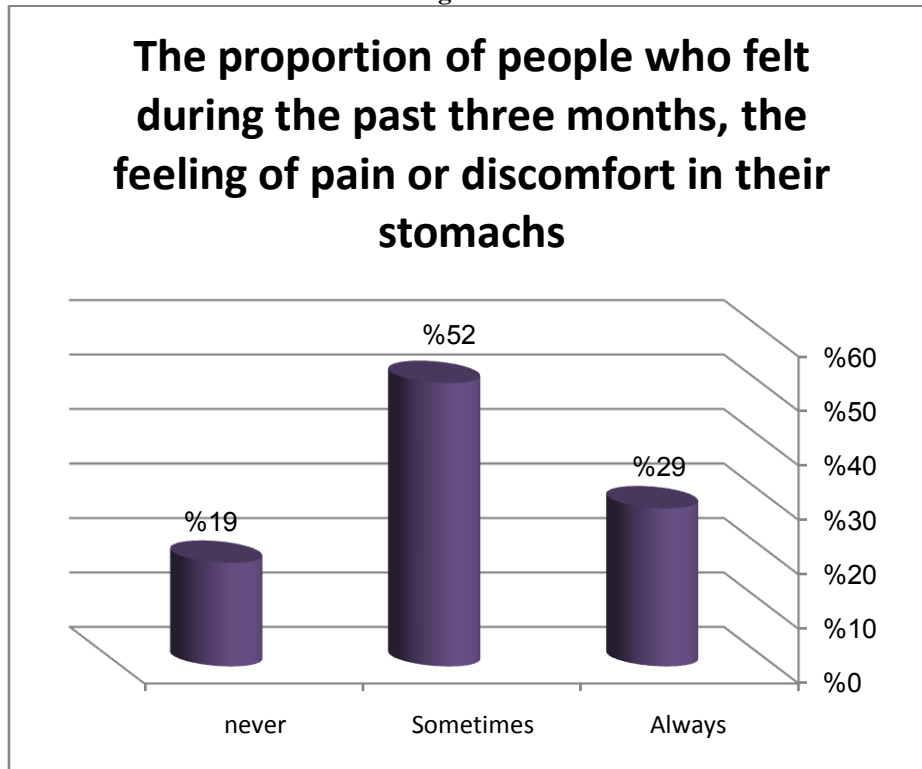
The majority of people 95% are Saudis  
The minority of people 5% are Non-saudis

Figure 3:-



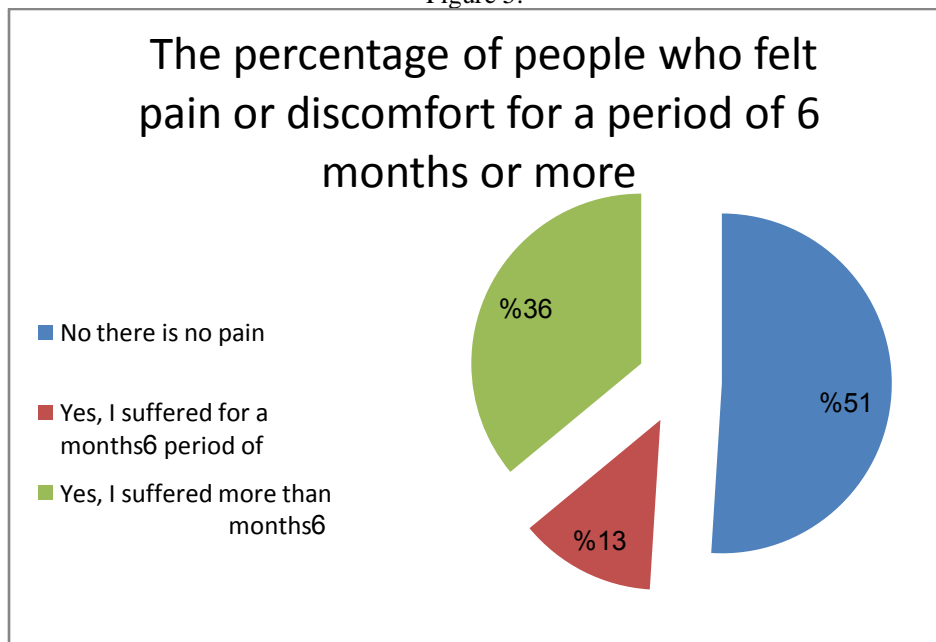
The vast majority of patient 96% aged between 15 and 50 years old  
The minority of patient 3% aged over 50 years  
The minority of patient 1% aged less than 15 years

Figure 4:-



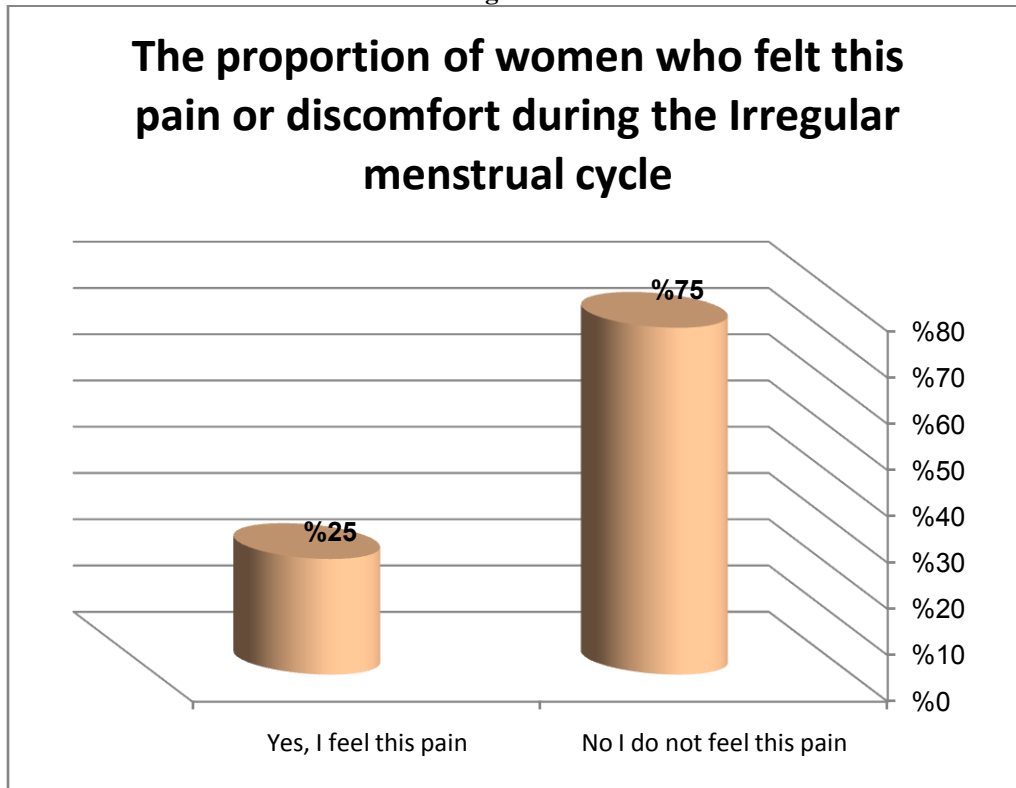
The majority of people 52% sometimes they feel of pain or discomfort in their stomachs  
 The midpoint of the people 29% they Always feel of pain or discomfort in their stomachs  
 The minority of people 19% they never feel of pain or discomfort in their stomachs

Figure 5:-



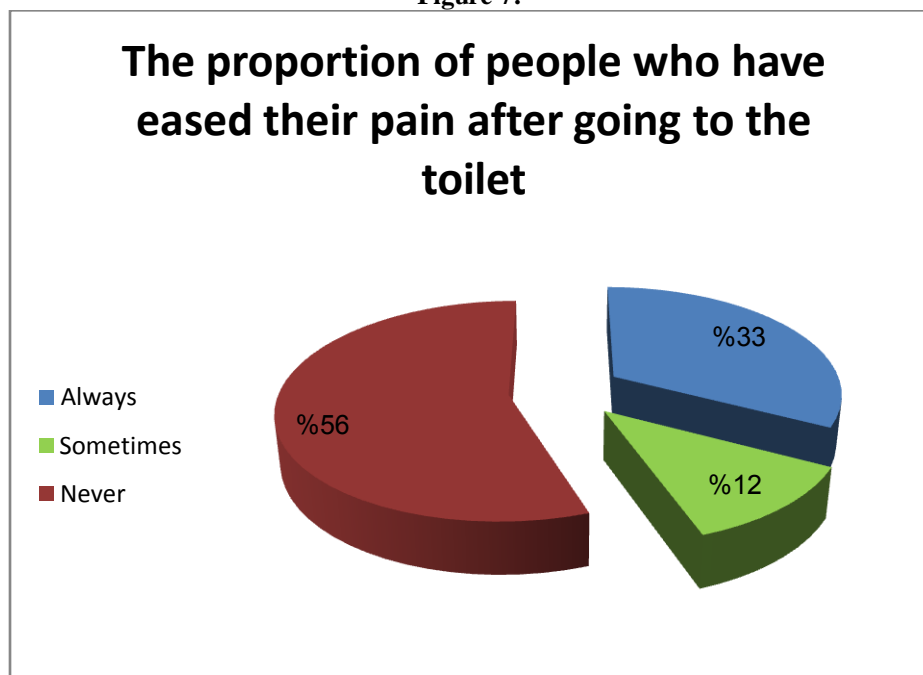
The majority of people 51% They do not have the pain  
 The midpoint of people 36% they felt pain during the 6 months  
 The minority of people 13% they felt the pain more than 6 months

Figure 6:-



The majority of women 75% who they did not feel pain or discomfort during the Irregular menstrual cycle  
The minority of woman 25% who they felt pain or discomfort during the Irregular menstrual cycle

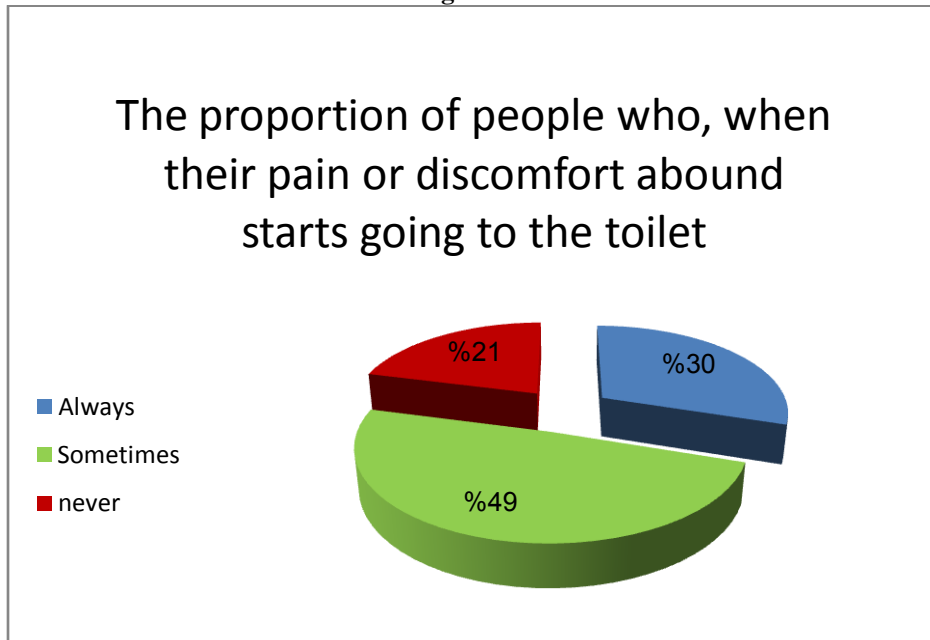
Figure 7:-



The majority of people 56%, the pain never disappears after going to the toilet  
The midpoint of people 33% their pain always disappears after going to the toilet  
The minority of people 12% sometimes their pain disappears after going to the toilet

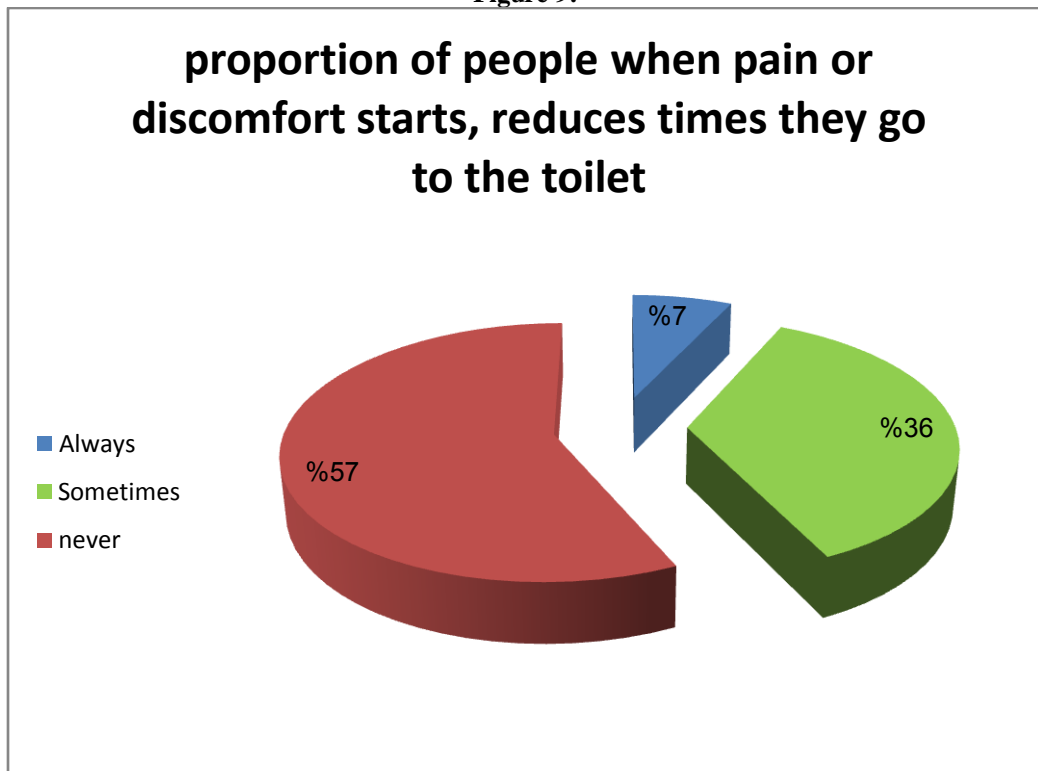


Figure 8:-



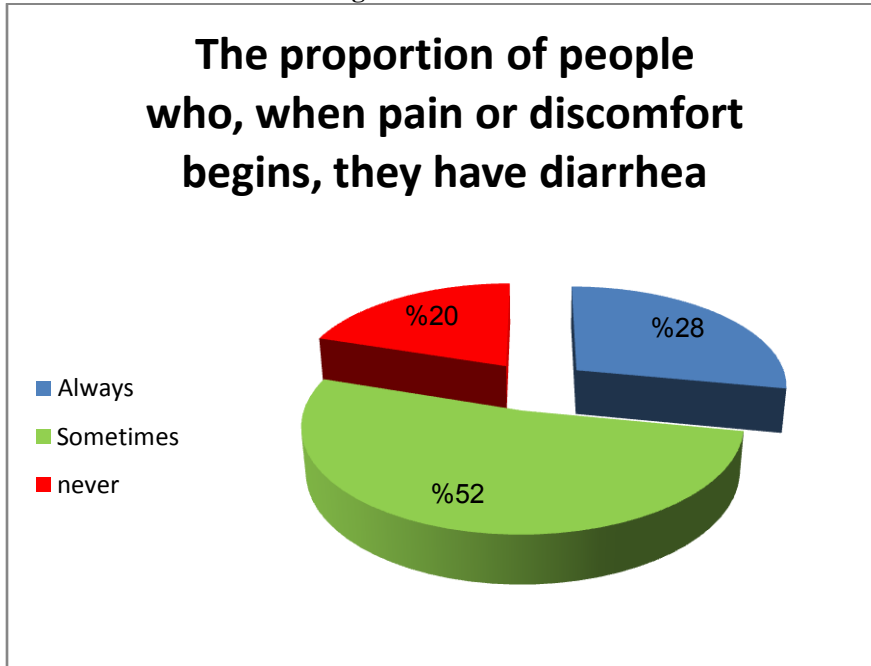
The majority of people 49% sometimes, Increase  
The midpoint of people 30% always, Increase  
The minority of people 21% never, Increase

Figure 9:-



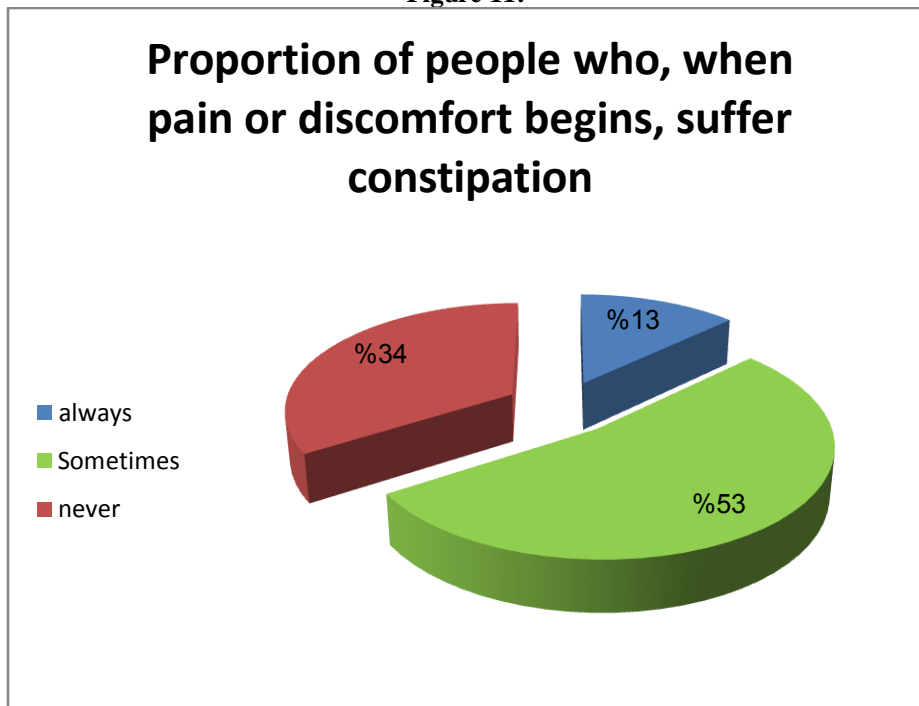
The majority of people 57% never Decrease the times to go to the toilet  
The midpoint of people 36% sometimes Decrease the times to go to the toilet  
The minority of people 7% Always Decrease the times to go to the toilet

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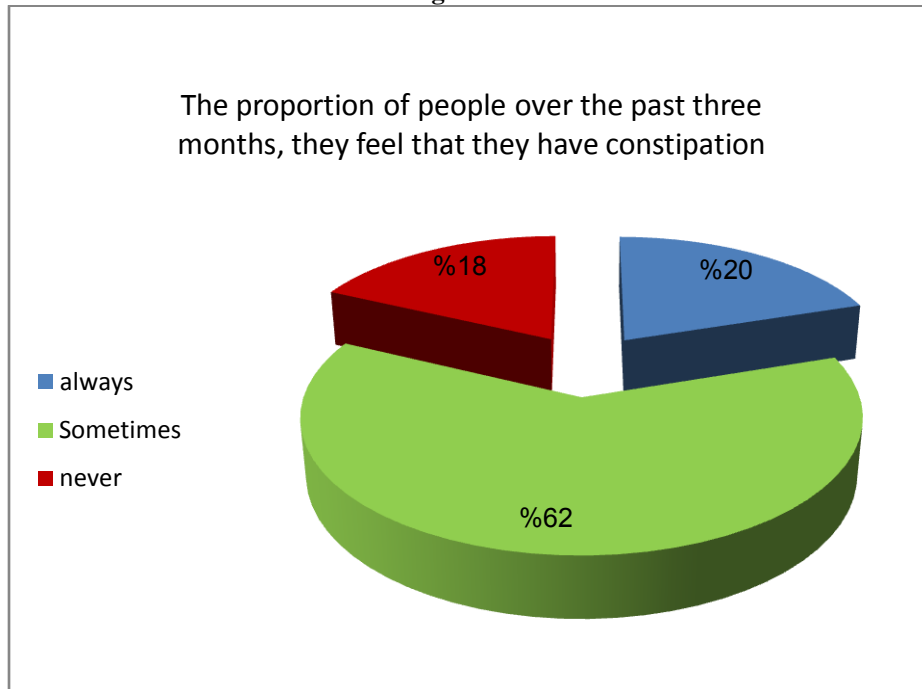
The majority of people 52% sometimes Suffer from diarrhea  
The midpoint of people 28% Always Suffer from diarrhea  
The minority of people 20% never Suffer from diarrhea

Figure 11:-



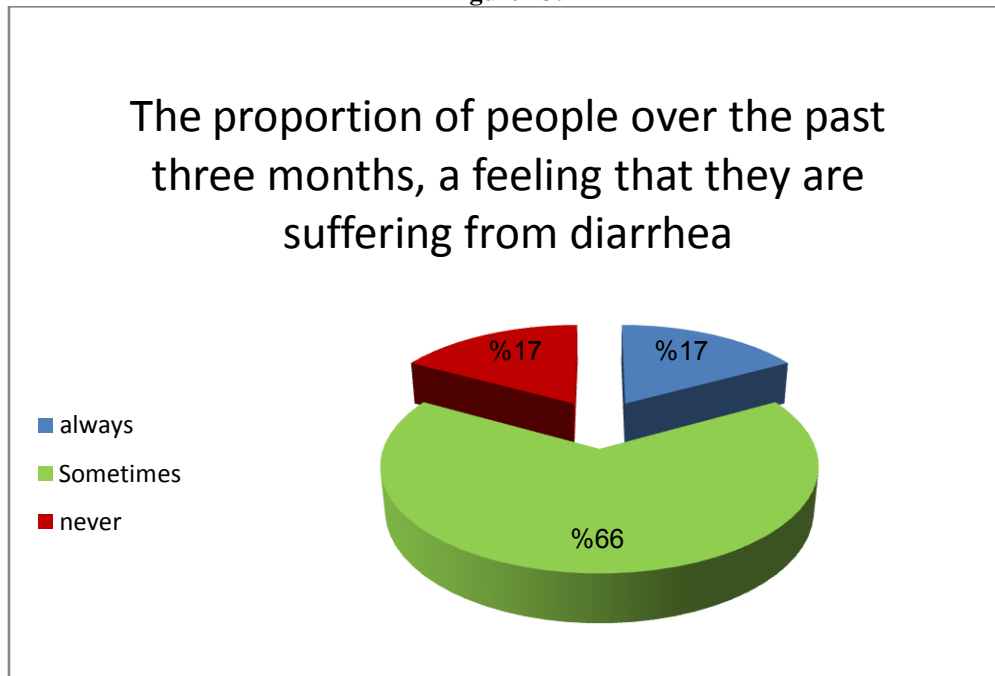
The majority of people 53% sometimes Suffer from constipation  
The midpoint of people 34% never Suffer from constipation  
The minority of people 13% always Suffer from constipation

Figure 12:-



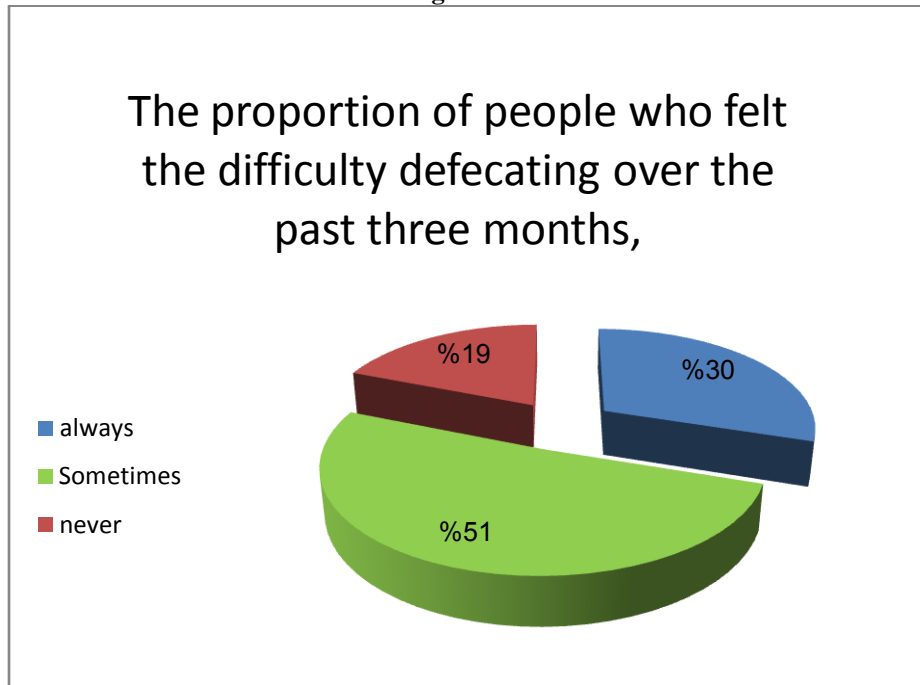
The majority of people 62% sometimes They feel that they have constipation  
The minority of people 20% always They feel that they have constipation  
The minority of people 18% never They feel that they have constipation

Figure 13:-



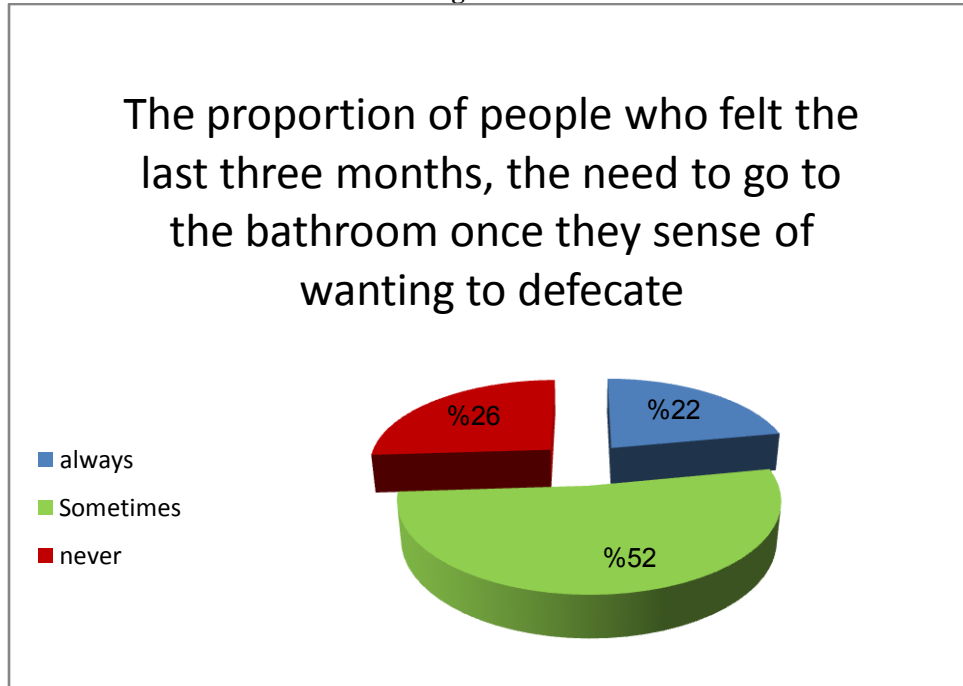
The majority of people 66% sometimes They feel that they have diarrhea  
The minority of people 17% always They feel that they have diarrhea  
And also 17% from the people never They feel that they have diarrhea

Figure 14:-



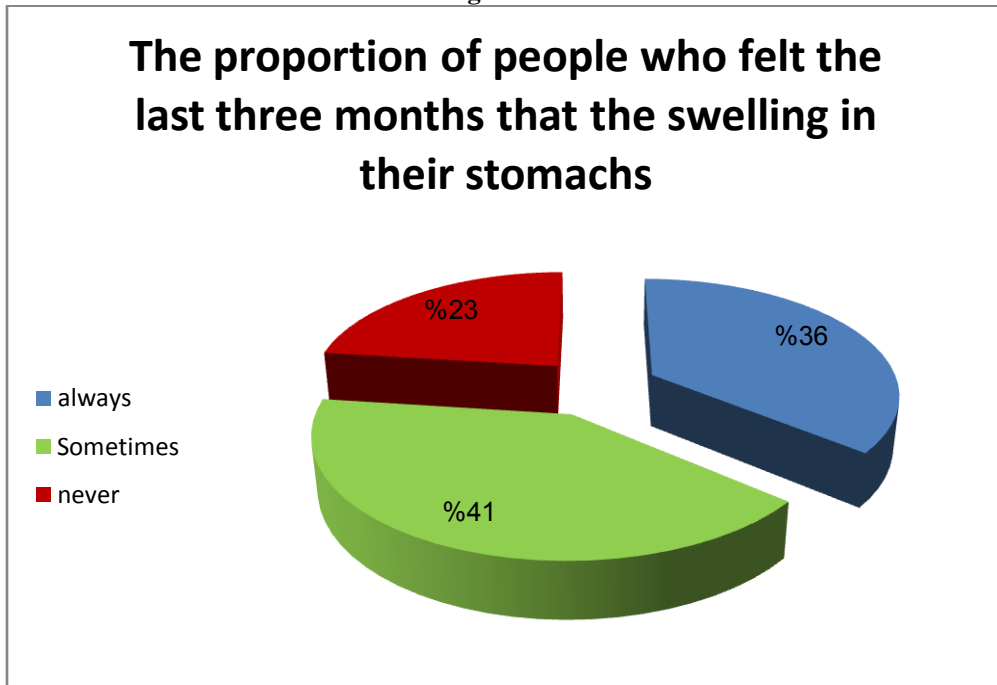
The majority of people 51% sometimes they feel difficult defecation  
The midpoint of people 30% they always feel difficult defecation  
The minority of people 19% they never feel difficult defecation

Figure 15:-



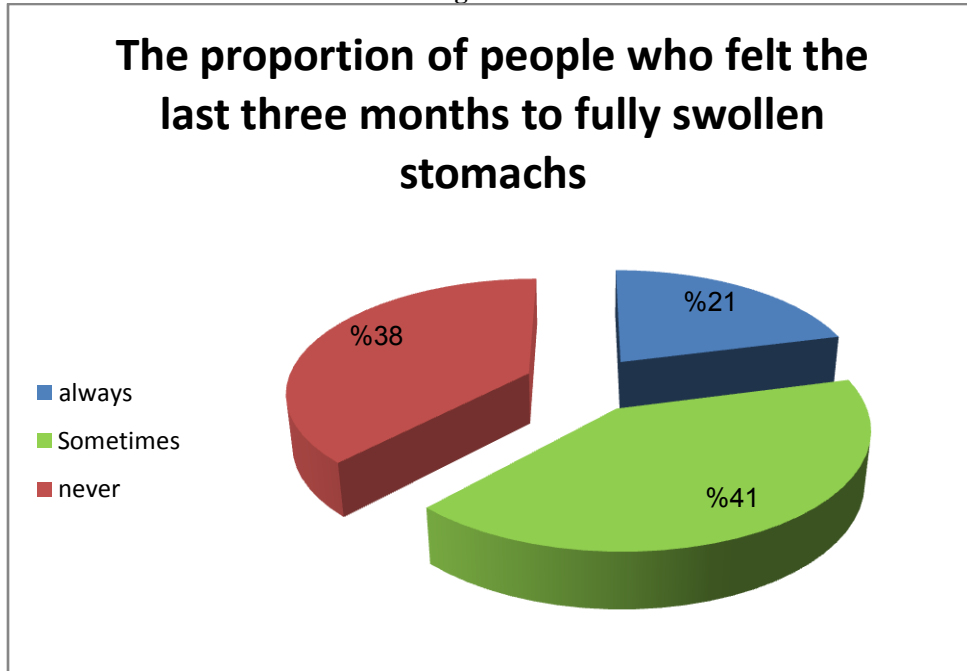
The majority of people 52% sometimes felt they need to go to the bathroom  
The minority of people 26% never felt they need to go to the bathroom  
22% always felt they need to go to the bathroom

Figure 16:-



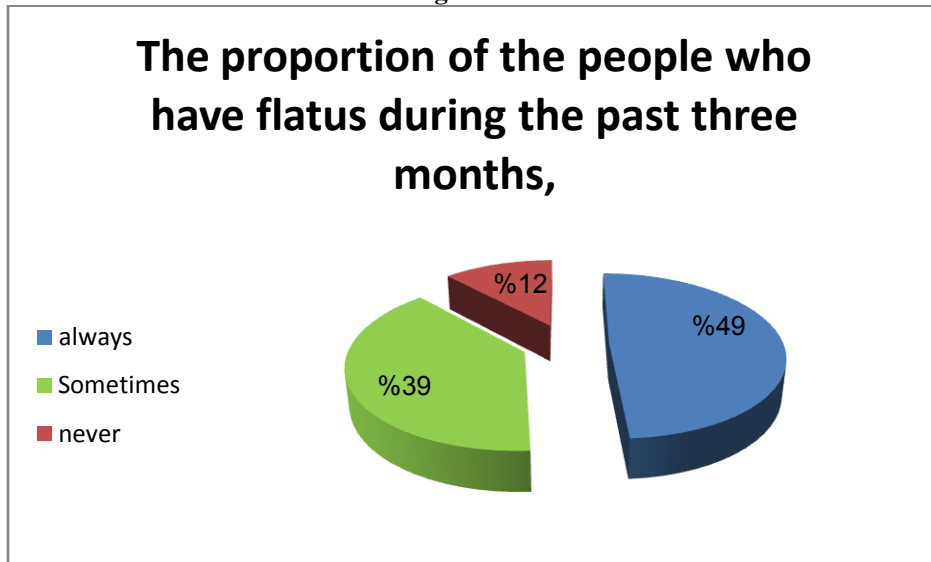
The majority of people 41% sometimes they felt that their stomachs swollen  
The midpoint of people 36% They always felt that their stomachs swollen  
The minority of people 23% They never felt that their stomachs swollen

Figure 17:-



The majority of people 41% sometimes they felt that completely swollen belly  
38% they never felt that completely swollen belly  
The minority of people 21% they always felt that completely swollen belly

Figure 18:-

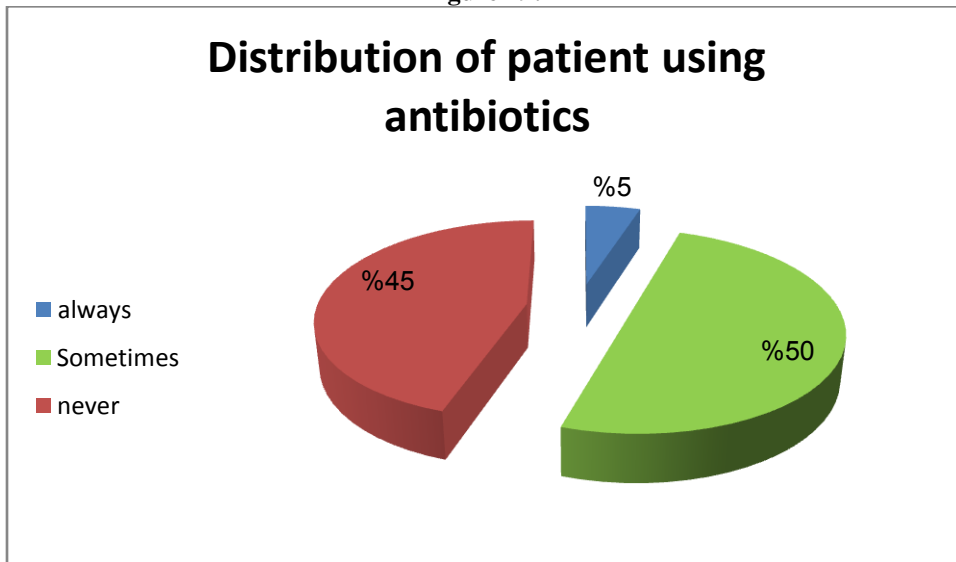


The majority of people 49% always  
They feel they have flatus

The midpoint of people 39% sometimes  
They feel they have flatus

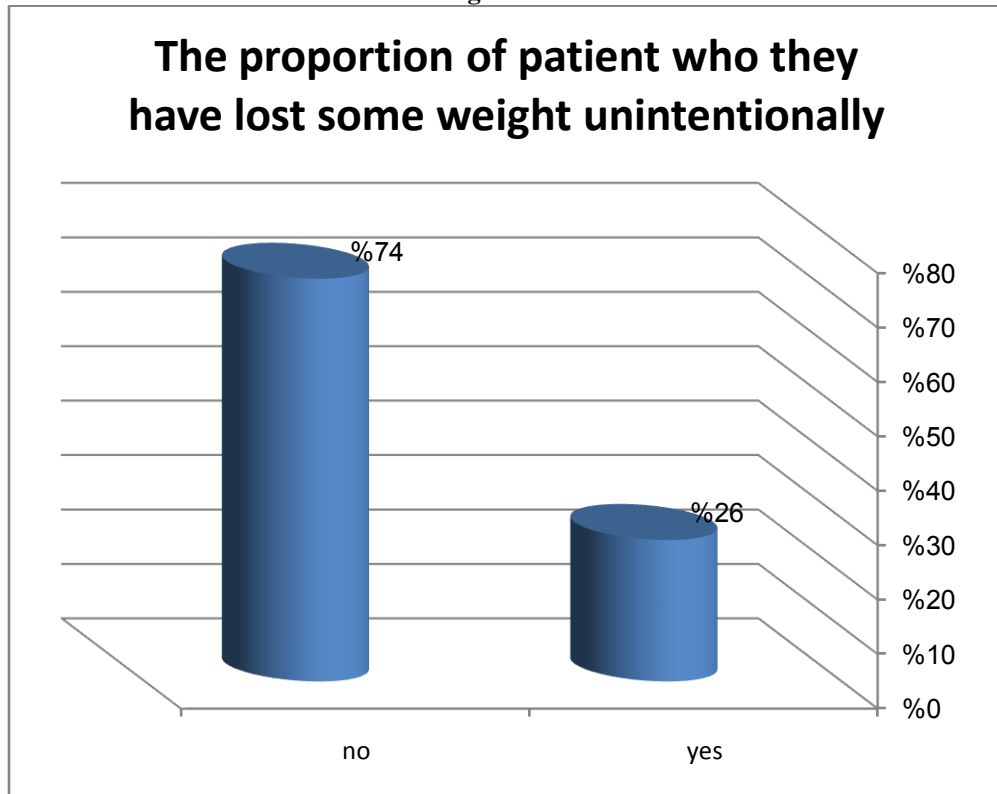
The minority of people 12% never  
They feel they have flatus

Figure 19:-



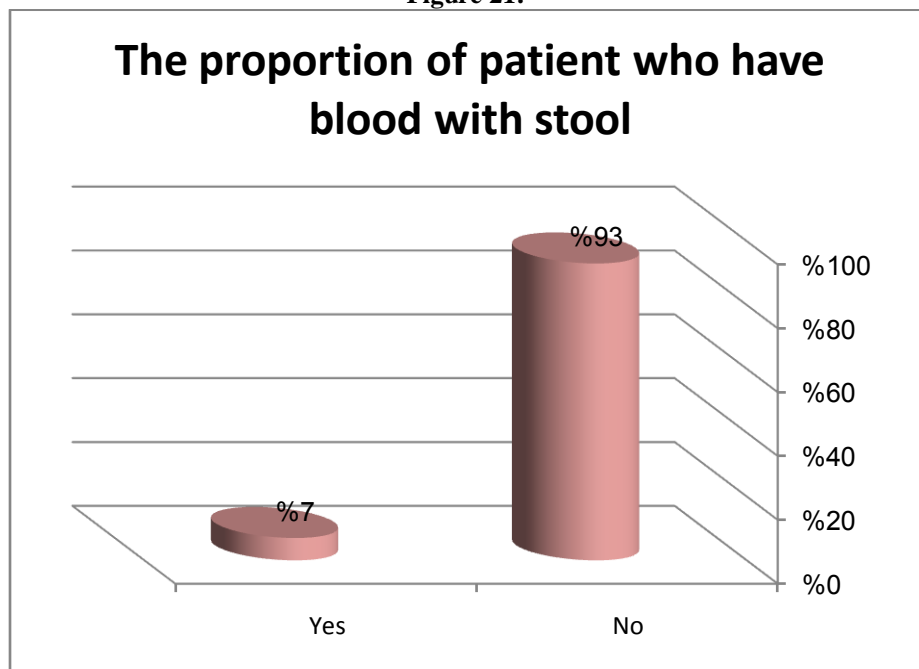
The majority of patient 50% sometimes they are using antibiotics 45% They never use antibiotics  
The minority of patient 5% always using antibiotics

Figure 20:-



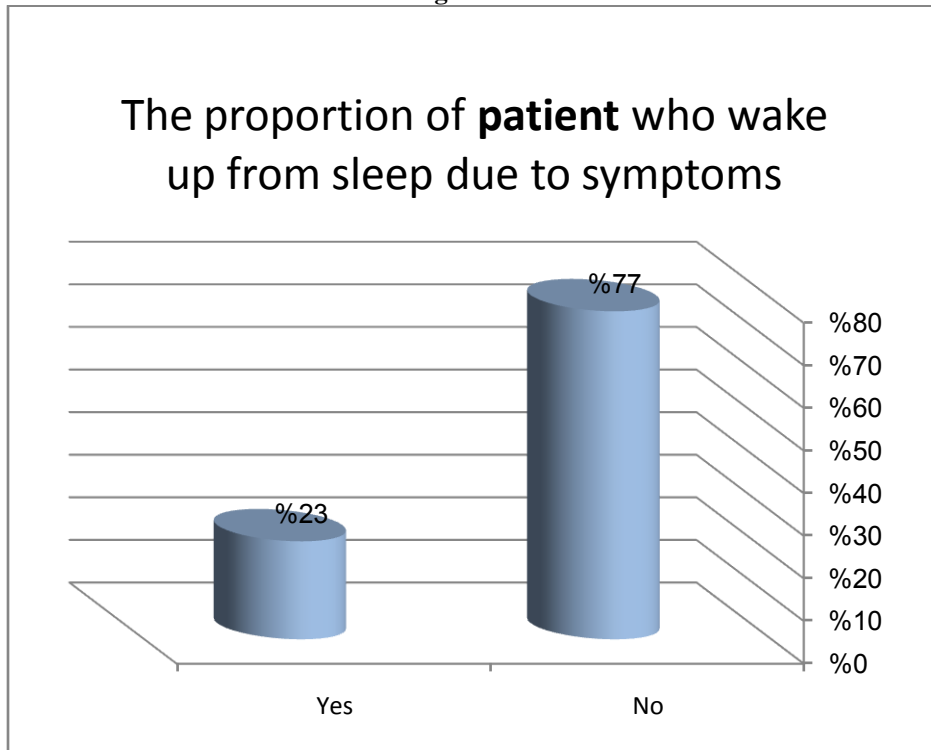
The Majority of patient 74% they did not lose their weight  
The Minority of patient 26% they lose their weight

Figure 21:-



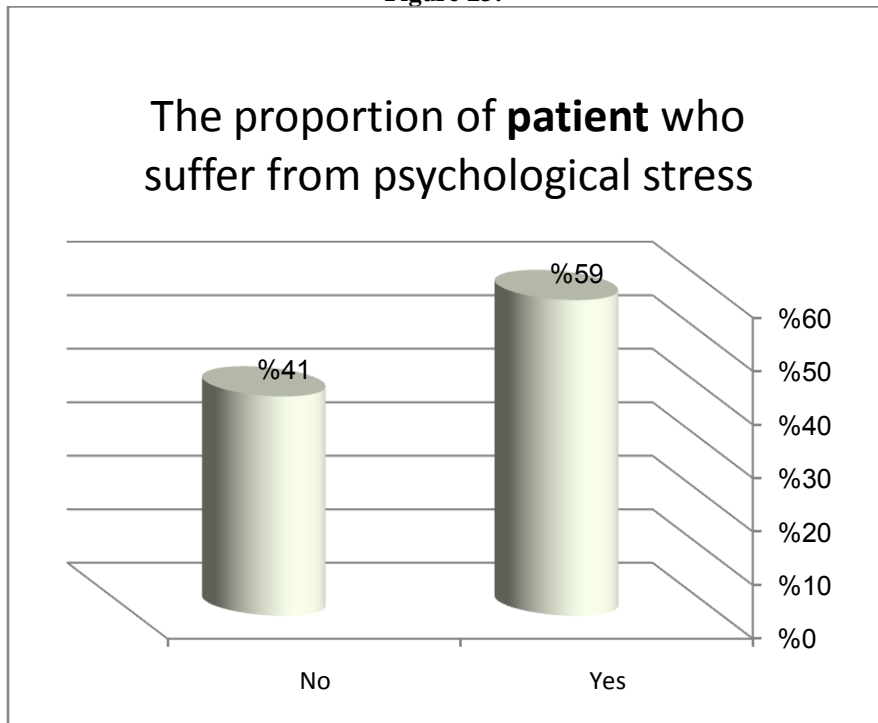
The Majority of patient 93% does not have the blood with stool  
The minority of patient 7% they have blood with stool

Figure 22:-



The majority of patient 77% do not wake up from the symptoms  
The minority of patient 23% wake up because of symptoms

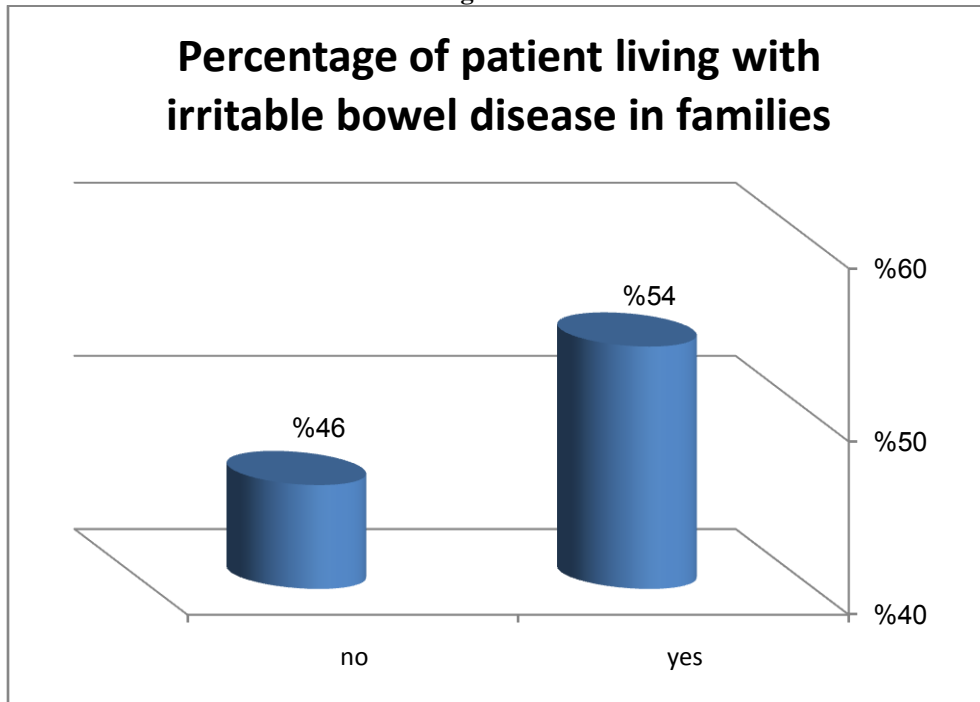
Figure 23:-



The majority of people 59% suffering from psychological stress  
The minority of people 41% do not suffer from psychological stress

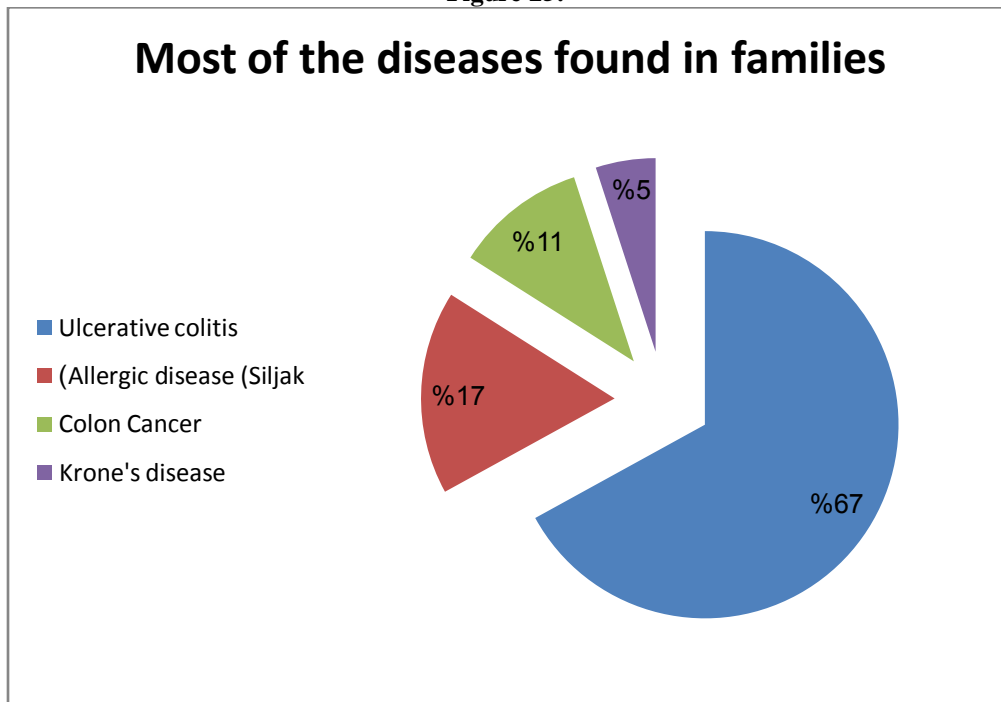


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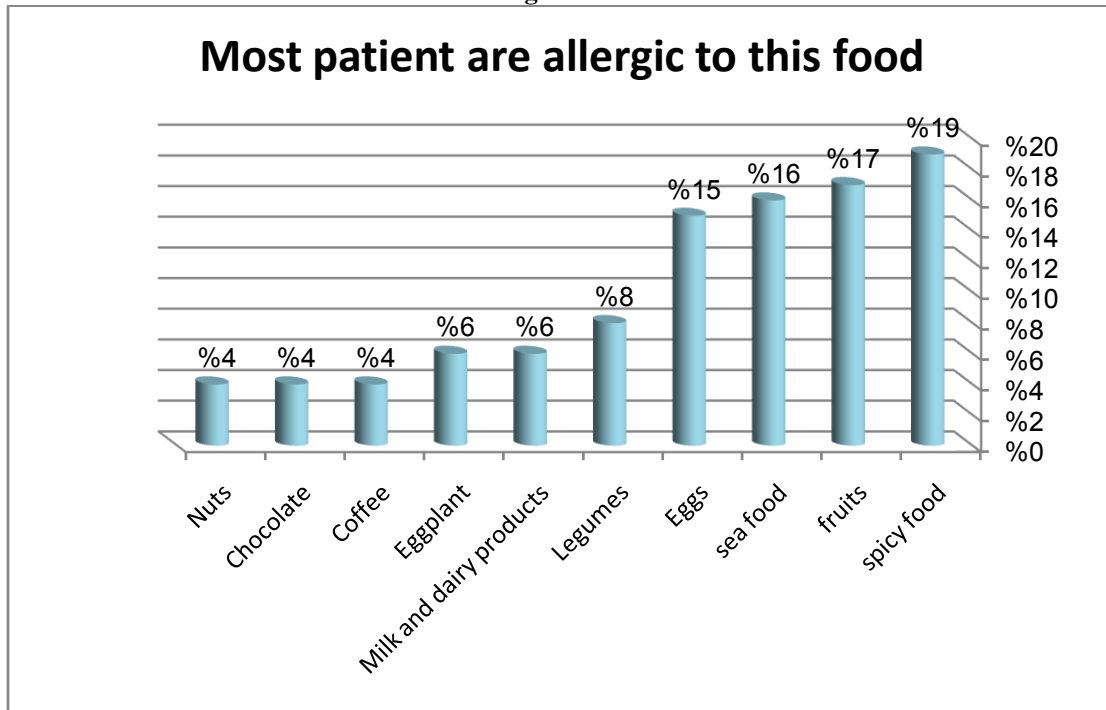
The majority of patient 54% they have someone in their family suffering from irritable bowel disease  
The minority of patient 46% does not have someone in their family suffer from irritable bowel disease

Figure 25:-



67% of patient suffering from ulcerative colitis  
17% of patient suffering from wheat allergy disease (Siljak)  
11% of patients suffering from colon cancer  
5% of patients suffer from Crohn's disease

Figure 26:-



19% of patient are allergic to spicyfood  
 17% of patient are allergic to fruits  
 16% of patient are allergic to sea food  
 15% of patient are allergic to Eggs  
 8% of patient are allergic to Legumes  
 6% of patient are allergic to Milk and dairyproducts  
 6% of patient are allergic to Eggplant  
 4% of patient are allergic to Coffee  
 4% of patient are allergic to Chocolate  
 4% of patient are allergic to Nuts

### Discussion, conclusion, recommendation and limitation:-

This study is the first one encountered on IBS prevalence among general population in Almadinah , KSA . The present study revealed the prevalence of IBS in the studied sample to be 25.98%. A close prevalence of IBS in whole kingdom of Saudi Arabia also reported with prevalence of 25% and that may go with the similar region and culture. In other studies in different countries show Up to 20 %in USA{25}, 46% in mexico{26} and 43% in brazil{27} this might be interrupted by the variation in culture of different countries . general population were included in these studies, and their estimated prevalence included rome II criteria score between 25-30 . High prevalence rate was observed in mexico{26} The prevalence of IBS in our study is lower than the study ofCanada with prevalence of 6% {28}-.

There was significant association between gender and IBS in our study with (male to female ratio 2/1) shows that male have higher prevalence than females not like what other studies say{29} .

These findings are consistent with existing data that our hypothesis was "There is a strong family risk factor as 54% of patient have positive family history of IBS "

### Limitations of the study:-

The sample may not necessarily be representative of all population in Saudi Arabia. One more limitation with anonymous self-reported questionnaires is inaccurate reporting.

**Conclusion:-**

Prevalence of Irritable bowel syndrome was higher in men and those who are in continues stress 60% and those people with stress have more frequent attacks . most of the patients have strong family history of IBS54% or other GI disease mostly ulcerative colitis 67%. 74% of the patients complaining of weight loss.Enhancing faculty preventive & curative health services is recommended. We recommend case-control studies to determine the risk factors .

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