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Diagnostic approach to androgen disorders in 423 women: acne, hirsutism, and alopecia

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> A simple, cost-effective screening protocol can differentiate whether androgen excess is an ovarian or an adrenal problem.

Treatment of androgenic disorders in women: acne, hirsutism, and alopecia

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