

Table 4 Prevalence of menopausal symptoms according to pattern of menopause (n = 450)

Menopausal symptom	Slow onset		Rapid onset %	Overall %	Cramer's V
	Recurrent amenorrhoea	Recurrent bleeding			
	%	%			
Tiredness	95.7	96.5	96.6	96.0	0.022
Headache	96.0	91.9	95.5	95.1	0.074
Hot flushes	91.7	95.3	83.0	90.7	0.139*
Skin wrinkles	87.3	97.7	94.3	90.7	0.149**
Decreased sexual desire ^a	93.3	74.6	89.7	89.1	0.237***
Dry/sore vagina ^a	91.9	76.2	79.5	87.2	0.205**
Night sweats	90.9	91.9	70.5	87.1	0.245***
Decreased breast size	87.3	86.0	86.4	86.9	0.016
Disturbed concentration	83.0	70.9	92.0	82.4	0.173**
Blurred vision	82.2	72.1	87.5	81.3	0.126*
Hair loss	82.2	79.1	79.5	81.1	0.037
Anxiety	75.7	84.9	93.2	80.9	0.178**
Feelings of loss of attractiveness ^a	79.5	61.9	94.9	77.9	0.228***
Drowsiness	76.1	75.6	83.0	77.3	0.066
Loss of skin elasticity	73.9	76.7	79.5	75.6	0.052
Sleep problems	68.1	84.9	77.3	73.1	0.152**
Propensity to gain weight	75.4	64.0	73.9	72.9	0.099
Muscle or joint pain	69.2	69.8	84.1	72.2	0.131*
Numbness	61.6	77.9	81.8	68.7	0.194***
Loss of appetite	61.2	75.6	70.5	65.8	0.125*
Difficult breathing	69.2	59.3	52.3	64.0	0.144**
Depressed mood	59.4	48.8	76.1	60.7	0.177**
Irritability	53.6	53.5	87.5	60.2	0.275***
Tinnitus	55.4	46.5	71.6	56.9	0.162**
Nausea	49.6	66.3	67.0	56.2	0.167**
Increased facial hair	59.1	52.3	14.8	49.1	0.343***
Flatulence	32.2	43.0	64.8	40.7	0.256***
Incontinence	36.2	54.7	37.5	40.0	0.146**
Burning micturition	35.9	46.5	21.6	35.1	0.164**
Palpitations	29.7	37.2	21.6	29.6	0.107
Vaginal discharge ^a	19.5	36.5	56.4	27.6	0.286***

^aOnly currently (i.e. at the time of the survey) married women (n = 312).

*P < 0.05; **P < 0.01; ***P < 0.001.