Association of socioeconomic variables with bullying, being a victim, life dissatisfaction, and poor self-rated health in Iranian children and adolescents: the CASPIAN-V study

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Abstract
Background Bullying, being a victim of violent behaviors, life satisfaction (LS) and self-rated health (SRH) in children and adolescents, all have consistently been recognized as vital factors in school performance and future individual life. In this study we examined the association of some socioeconomic variables with bullying, being a victim, life dissatisfaction (LDS), and poor self-rated health (SRH) in Iranian children and adolescents.

Methods This cross-sectional data secondary study was a part of the fifth Childhood and Adolescence Surveillance and Prevention of Adult Non-communicable disease (CASPIAN-V) in 2015. A total of 14,400 students 7-18 years and their parents living in 30 provinces in Iran were studied. A validated questionnaire of the World Health Organization on Global School-based Health Survey (WHO-GSHS) was used to measure the outcomes and socioeconomic variables. Family’s socioeconomic status (SES) was determined using principle component analysis (PCA). The crude and adjusted odds ratios (95%CI) were estimated using multiple logistic regression for each outcome.

Results A total of 14,274 students (50.6% boys, 49.4% girls) completed the study. The prevalence of bullying, being a victim, LDS, and poor SRH was 35.6%, 21.4%, 21.1%, and 19.0% respectively. In multiple-logistic regression analysis, mother illiteracy (versus college degree) increased the odds of bullying (Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.77(1.45-2.16), being a victim (Adj.OR (95%CI),1.58(1.26-1.98), LDS (Adj.OR (95%CI),1.64 (1.30-2.08)) and Poor-SRH (Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.60(1.25-2.04). Students with illiterate father(Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.28(1.03-1.61) or unemployed father (Adj.OR (95%CI),1.58(1.29-1.81)) had a higher odds of Poor-SRH. Moreover, family size > 4 members (Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.14(1.03-1.25), and low-SES (Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.35(1.15-1.56), and illiteracy of mother (Adj.OR (95%CI), 1.64(1.30-2.08) had direct association with LDS. Living in a two- parent family decreased the odds of LDS (Adj.OR (95%CI), 0.76(0.61—0.95).

Conclusions Some socioeconomic variables can be proposed as the main attribution of bullying and being a victim, LDS, and Poor-SRH in children and adolescents.

Background
Among many topics that are important to any discussion of the interface between early life
experience and total health, bullying at the school setting, life dissatisfaction (LS) and self-rated health (SRH) are increasingly documented as predictors to instant and long-run health outcomes [1-3].

Despite the fact that bullying, formerly regarded as a normal part of children’s growing up [4], previous studies have explained a negative association between bullying and health outcomes [5, 6]. A study in the 21 European rich countries composing the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) verified that 1 out of 3 of children have been bullied at least once during the last two months [7]. In Iran, a study in a sample of middle school students revealed that 79.6% of students are involved in bullying and 81% are suffered bullying [8].

Life satisfaction (LS) is referred to the subjectively perceived quality of life according to the personal preferences of several life domains and the satisfaction in these domains [9]. Life dissatisfaction (LDS) has been closely related to a range of negative personal, behavioral, psychological and social outcomes [10, 11]. The majority of previous researches on LS (or LDS) has been conducted primarily with adult participants [10], and relatively limited studies have investigated in childhood and adolescence [12].

Self-rated health (SRH), as a single-item health predictor [1], is to ask about an individual’s perception of their own overall health status [13]. Because of SRH consequences in adult life, exploring the SRH and its associated factors in early life may be of particular interest in health researches. Previous studies suggest that conceptualizing health [14] and establishing healthy behaviors [15, 16] begin from early childhood and adolescence. Further, studies indicate that it can be regarded as the predictor of mortality [17], morbidity [18] and use of health care services [16, 19].

Given that bullying, being a victim, LDS, and SRH have consistently been recognized as vital factors associated with positive growth, good health and well-being in adulthood period, understanding of socioeconomic variables attributed to them in childhood and adolescence is important. Limited information is available on the socio-economic determinants of childhood and adolescence self-rated health [20, 21], bullying, being a victim of violent behavior and LDS at a school settings, especially in low and middle-income countries. Furthermore, as childhood and adolescents groups are often
overlooked in health policy [21], this study allows policymakers to broaden their focus and to better develop early life-related health policies. Our objectives were to examine some socioeconomic variables on 1) bulling, 2) being victim, 3) LDS and 4) Poor SRH among Iranian children and adolescents.

Methods

This is the multicentric cross-sectional fifth survey of a surveillance program entitled “Childhood and Adolescence Surveillance and Prevention of Adult Non-communicable disease” (CASPIAN V) study (2015). Detailed methodology and executive procedures described previously [22], here we point to essential subjects.

Study participants

Using a multistage, stratified cluster sampling method, the study participants consisted of children and adolescents aged 7–18 years from primary and secondary schools of urban and rural areas of the country. We designed the proportional to size sampling method with equal sex ratio. Aim to that, within each province; the student's place of residence (urban or rural) and level of education (primary and secondary) applied.

Questioning procedures

Based on the World Health Organization-Global School-based student Health Survey (WHO-GSHS), two specific sets of questionnaires were developed for students and their parents. The student's questionnaire was obtained from the WHO-GSHS that was translated into Persian. The validity and reliability of questionnaires have been confirmed previously. After explaining the aims of the study and executive procedure, we obtained written informed consent from the parents and oral agreement from the students.

Definitions

Bullying:

Bullying assessed through questioning about: “During the past 3 months, how often did you bully at school?”. The possible choices defined as: “None” (considered as no), “One to two times” (considered as yes), “Two to three times” (considered as yes) and “Four times or more” (considered as yes) [23,
**Being Victim**
According to the Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS) questionnaire of psychiatric distress and violent behaviors, victim detected by questioning on “During the past 3 months, how often did you get bullied at school?” The response choices categorized as; “None” (considered as no), “One to two times” (considered as yes), “Two to three times” (considered as yes) and “Four times or more” (considered as yes) [23, 24].

**Socioeconomic status**
The methods and variables of calculating the family SES selected based on the categories approved in the Progress International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) for Iran[25]. The SES data was extracted from the parents' questionnaire. The participants' SES was determined based on the results of principle component analysis (PCA) variables of parents' education, occupation, possessing a private car, their school type (public/private), home type (private/rented) and having a personal computer at home. The SES score was a weighted average of the SES variables that were summarized under one main component of SES score. A lower score corresponded to a lower SES. The calculated score was categorized into tertiles to define SES levels. The first tertile was considered ‘low’, and the second and third ones as ‘middle’ and ‘high’ SES, respectively[24].

**Life dissatisfaction (LS)**
To evaluating the Life dissatisfaction (LDS), the participants were asked to express their degree of life satisfaction according to a tenth-point scale from 1= very dissatisfied to 10 = very satisfied. Based on the results, below 6 scores considered as Life dissatisfaction (LDS) [26, 27].

**Self-rated health (SRH)**
Self-rated health (SRH) of students were assessed through questioning about “How would you describe your general state of health?” The response choices categorized as; “perfect,” “good,” “moderate,” and “bad” [26, 27]. We summarized the responses as either 'not poor' (perfect or good) or 'poor' (moderate or bad) SRH.

**Statistical analysis**
Quantitative variables are expressed as mean and standard deviation (SD) and qualitative variables
as number (%). Chi-square test was used to compare the self-rated health, life satisfaction, and violent behaviors across the socioeconomic status variables. The association of socioeconomic status variables and violent behaviors, self-rated health, life satisfaction, evaluated using different logistic regression models. Model I was a crude model (without adjustment); in model II, the association was adjusted for all socioeconomic status variables and age, simultaneously. All statistical analyses were conducted based on survey data analysis methods. Data were analyzed using the STATA package V.11.0 (Stata Statistical Software: Release 11. College Station, Texas, USA: StataCorp LP Package) and a p-value <0.05 was considered significant.

**Ethical concerns**

Study protocols were approved by ethical committees and other relevant national regulatory organizations. The Research and Ethics Council of Isfahan University of Medical Sciences approved the study (Project Number: 194049). After a complete explanation of the study objectives and protocols, written informed consent and verbal consent were obtained from the parents and students, respectively.

**Results**

A total of 14,274 students (50.6% boys, 49.4% girls) and one of their parents (out of 14,400, participation rate) completed the survey (participation rate: 99%). Table 1 shows the demographic and family characteristics of students, totally and by sex group.

The mean ± SD age of students was 12.3 ± 3.2 years, with no significant difference between girls and boys. In girls compared to boys, a higher percentage of mothers had college degree (14.7% vs. 12.8%, p = 0.009) and were employed (13.7% vs. 11.8%, p < 0.001). There were any significant differences in other demographic and family characteristics between boys and girls.

Overall, 35.6% (95% CI: 34.9 – 36.4%) of students reported that they bullied, and 21.4% (95% CI: 20.7-22.0%) of them was a victim during the past 3 months. 21.1% (95% CI: 20.4 – 21.8) of our participants were dissatisfied in life and 19.0% (95% CI:18.4-19.7%) of them rated their health as poor. Table 2 presents the frequency of bullying, being victim, life dissatisfaction and poor health status according to sex and socioeconomic variables.
All our outcomes including bullying, being victim, life dissatisfaction, and poor Self-rated health were more frequent among individuals with socioeconomic status low (versus higher levels of SES), and those who their mother were illiterate (versus other levels of education). (all p < 0.05).

A higher percentage of individuals with family size more than four members (versus family size ≤ 4), single-parent family (versus two parents), and unemployed father (versus employed) were dissatisfied in their life. (all p-value < 0.05)

Poor health status was less reported among those who their father had a college degree (versus less than college) or were employed (versus unemployed). (both p-value <0.05)

A lower percentage of individuals with single parents (versus two parents) and academic education level of a father (versus less than a college degree) described being a victim during the past 3 months. In addition, a lower percentage of students who their mother were employed (versus unemployed) or their father had a college degree (versus less than college degree), reported bulling during the past 3 months. (All p-value < 0.05)

In the adjusted model of logistic regression analysis that all socioeconomic status variables and age were simultaneously in the model, higher odds of bullying was observed among students who lived in low SES (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.21 (1.06-1.38)), two-parent family (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.39 (1.13-1.71)), and those who their mothers had education level ≤ diploma (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.46 (1.25-1.70)) or illiterate (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.77 (1.45-2.16)). Also, odds of being victim of violence was higher among students with mother’s education level ≤ diploma (Adj.OR, (95%CI): 1.20 (1.01-1.43) ) or illiterate (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.58 (1.26-1.98)), father education level ≤ diploma (Adj.OR (95%CI): 1.19(1.03-1.38)), but it was 18% lower among those who their mothers were unemployed (Adj.OR (95%CI):0.82 (0.71-0.95)). (Table 3).

As presented at Table 4, students of illiterate mother (Adj.OR (95%CI):1.64 (1.30-2.08)), low SES family (Adj.OR (95%CI):1.35 (1.15-1.56)), and family size > 4 (Adj.OR (95%CI):1.14 (1.03-1.25)), had a higher odds of LDS. However, living in a two-parent family indicated an indirect association with life dissatisfaction (Adj.OR (95%CI): 0.76 (0.61-0.95)).

Besides, both maternal and paternal education level less than college (≤ diploma & illiterate), and
the unemployment of father, all were associated with higher odds of poor health status. (All p-value < 0.05)

There was not a significant association between other socioeconomic variables with the assessed outcomes. The crude and adjusted odds ratios were generally similar (as in Table 3&4).

Discussion
In this study, using a nationally representative dataset from CASPIAN V, we focused on socioeconomic variables of bullying, being a victim, life dissatisfaction (LDS) and poor SRH among students aged 7 to 18 years in Iran. We mainly tried to clarify attributed socioeconomic variables of the mentioned outcome variables. To our knowledge, this is the first attempt to declare socioeconomic attributions related to bullying, being a victim, LDS and poor SRH in the early life simultaneously in this country. It is important since the influencing variables in early life pave the way for health status and well-being later in life [28]. The findings imply that among socioeconomic variables, mother’s illiteracy increased the odds of bullying, being a victim, LDS and poor SRH among students. Further, father’s illiteracy and low level of education, and father’s unemployment increase the odds of poor SRH. Moreover, family size > 4, single parent and low-SES were associated with life dissatisfaction.

To our good knowledge, there is still no evidence on socioeconomic factors associated with bullying in Iran. However, our finding contributes to the existing literature suggesting the role of family characteristics including parental education as an important factor related to the risk of bullying [29–31]. We find that mother’s illiteracy and low maternal education are risk factors for students to getting a bully and a victim. Our result is in keeping with previous findings that show low parental education level has been associated with increased risk of bullying [30, 32, 33]. Jansen et al., using longitudinal data from a subsample of the Tracking Adolescents’ Individual Lives Survey (TRAIRS) in Netherlands found that children from low educational level of the father and the mother (as a marker of low socioeconomic status of families) were more likely to get a bully, victim, or bully/victim [30]. In Germany, Von Marées and Petermann, using a cross-informant approach showed that low parental education levels significantly increased chance of being a bully/victim among primary school children
Nordhagen et al., in a cross-sectional comparative study conducted in the five Nordic countries, showed that children of parents with low education seemed to be bullied more often than counterparts with high education [32]. Nevertheless, some other studies revealed no statistically significant association between parental education level and bullying among children and adolescents [6, 31]. About the negative effects of low parental education on bullying one can assume that parent’s low educational level as so-called risk marker [33], can raise risk factors such as authoritarian parenting style, family stress, parental conflicts, poor communication with parents, lack involvement and warmth in family [34] and household material deprivation [31] which are related to bullying. It was also implying that parents with low education less involved with school activities and policies that has been a risk factor for getting a bully or a victim [35].

Findings related to socioeconomic variables and LDS are consistent with those of other studies [2, 10, 36–38]. Adolescent LDS is related to a variety of early life experiences in the family environment [39]. Out of these early experiences, as we found, family composition including family size (i.e. number of adults living in the home) is significantly related to LDS. From a review of literature, no studies were found in other countries that explored the association of family size with LDS. However, in Iran, Kelishadi et al., using information of 13,486 students aged 6–18 years found that LDS significantly higher in students with > 4 family members [37]. It is suggested that crowded families may be related to the continuing struggle for achieving household financial resources and emotional supports, low rate of room per capita, limited share of foods and more conflicts between siblings and hence lead to a low level of life satisfaction (LS) among family members. We found that families with single parents increased likelihood of dissatisfying life between students. This finding is also consistent with previous studies that showed living with single parents had inverse relationship with LS [37, 40, 41]. In United States, Zulling et al., using statewide data from Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) indicated that both white males’ and females’ adolescents who reported living with two parents were significantly less likely to report LDS [41]. The mother’s illiteracy was a risk factor of LDS in our study. A study among European American, African American, Chinese American, Mexican American, and Dominican American adolescents showed that LS was positively correlated with parental education [42].
Moreover, Crede et al. in a sample of German high school students reported that although fathers’ education did not moderate the relationship between students’ LS scores and academic achievement, mothers’ education did [43]. Nevertheless, another study in USA reported that no statistical significance between mother’s and father’s level of education and LS [44]. The finding respect to family SES and LDS was consistent with different studies that show significant direct association between low SES and LDS [36, 45, 46]. In the study included a sample of 2823 Croatian high school students, authors concluded that adolescents' perception of their family's economic status had a modest positive correlation to LS [46]. Chappal et al. showed that students in the low SES group reported lower LS compared to middle/high SES students [45]. In Iran, Mirmoghtadaee et al. showed that compared to high family SES, low family SES increases the odds of low LS [26]. Kelishadi et al. also reported the same findings [37]. However, some studies examining the role of SES with respect to LS reported no difference disfavor of lower SES students [47, 48].

With regard to SLR students who belonging to illiterate mothers and fathers, fathers with a low level of education and unemployment were more likely to have poor SRH. It also was consistent with some other studies [1, 49, 50]. Goodman et al., recruiting 1179 adolescents from Princeton City School District demonstrated that lower parent education associated with fair–poor SRH [49]. Results from 22 European and North American countries showed that the most deprived students (i.e. students with a low level of parental education and occupation) had an odds ratio for self-rated poor health nearly three times higher than the least deprived students [50].

**Strengths And Limitations Of The Study**

The main strengths of the study lie on the quantity and quality of the data, collected in a large nationally representative sample size and designed and conducted according to standardized questionnaire of the World Health Organization on Global School-based Health Survey (WHO-GSHS). As data were drawn from a cross-sectional study, causal interpretations should be made with caution. In fact, attribution of causality might be better discovered with prospective longitudinal research in the future studies.

**Conclusions**
According to the findings, some socioeconomic variables can be proposed as the main attributions of bullying, being victim, LDS and poor-SRH in children and adolescents. Namely, parental education, father’s occupation, family size as well as family’s SES can be taken into account in anti-bullying initiatives and programs related to LS and SRH promotion.

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Tables

Table 1: Socioeconomic characteristics and psychiatric distress according to sex: the CASPIAN-V study

| Variable                      | Girl n (%) | Boy n (%) | Total n (%) | Missing n (%) | p-Value |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| Living area                   |            |           |             |               |         |
| Urban                         | 5044 (71.6)| 5150 (71.3)| 10194 (71.4)| 12 (0.1)      | 0.657   |
| Rural                         | 2002 (28.4)| 2078 (28.7)| 4080 (28.6) |               |         |
| Family size                   |            |           |             |               |         |
| ≤4                            | 3291 (47.4)| 3444 (48.3)| 6735 (47.9) | 220 (1.5)     | 0.310   |
| >4                            | 3645 (52.6)| 3686 (51.7)| 7331 (52.1)|               |         |
| Maternal education level      |            |           |             |               |         |
| College degree                | 776 (11.1) | 747 (10.4) | 1523 (10.8) | 126 (0.9)     | 0.201   |
| Diploma and less              | 5012 (71.7)| 5125 (71.5)| 10137 (71.6)|               |         |
| Illiterate                    | 1202 (17.2)| 1298 (18.1)| 2500 (17.7)|               |         |
| Paternal education level      |            |           |             |               |         |
| College degree                | 997 (14.7) | 959 (12.8) | 1856 (13.7) | 508 (3.6)     | **0.006**|
| Diploma and less              | 4941 (72.7)| 5211 (74.6)| 10152 (73.7)|               |         |
| Illiterate                    | 858 (12.6) | 876 (12.5) | 1734 (12.6)|               |         |
| Maternal occupation status    |            |           |             |               |         |
| Employed                      | 962 (13.7) | 850 (11.8) | 1812 (12.7) | 59 (0.4)      | **0.001**|
| Unemployed                    | 6063 (86.3)| 6352 (88.2)| 12415 (87.3)|               |         |
| Paternal occupation status    |            |           |             |               |         |
| Employed                      | 6382 (91.3)| 6550 (91.2)| 12932 (91.2)| 108 (0.8)     | 0.833   |
| Unemployed                    | 611 (8.7)  | 635 (8.8)  | 1246 (8.8)  |               |         |
| Family composition            |            |           |             |               |         |
| Two parents                   | 6586 (94.1)| 6754 (94.1)| 13340 (94.1)| 110 (0.8)     | 0.986   |
| Single parent                 | 413 (5.9)  | 423 (5.9)  | 836 (5.9)   |               |         |
| Family socioeconomic status (SES) |         |           |             |               |         |
| Low                           | 2234 (33.3)| 2325 (33.6)| 4559 (33.5)| 660 (4.6)     | **0.077**|
| Mid                           | 2172 (32.4)| 2343 (33.8)| 4515 (33.1)|               |         |
| High                          | 2297 (34.3)| 2255 (32.6)| 4552 (33.4)|               |         |
Table 2. Frequency of bullying, being victim, life dissatisfaction, and poor Self-rated health according to sex and socioeconomic variables: the CASPIAN-V study

| Variable                  | Bullying n (%) | p-Value | Being a Victim n (%) | p-Value | Life dissatisfaction n (%) | p-Value | Poor Self-rated health, n (%) | p-Value |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| Sex                       |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| Boy                       | 2583 (35.9)    | 0.486   | 1573 (21.8)          | 0.137   | 1508 (21.0)               | 0.738   | 1345 (18.8)                 | 0.538   |
| Girl                      | 2477 (35.3)    |         | 1460 (20.8)          |         | 1488 (21.2)              |         | 1341 (19.2)                 |         |
| Living area               |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| Urban                     | 3562 (35.1)    | 0.061   | 2128 (21.0)          | 0.106   | 2110 (20.8)              | 0.213   | 1929 (19.1)                 | 0.589   |
| Rural                     | 1498 (36.8)    |         | 905 (22.2)           |         | 886 (21.8)              |         | 757 (18.8)                 |         |
| Family size               |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| ≤4                        | 2382 (35.5)    | 0.915   | 1421 (21.1)          | 0.505   | 1270 (18.9)              | 0.738   | 1279 (19.1)                 | 0.955   |
| >4                        | 2579 (35.4)    |         | 1575 (21.6)          |         | 1693 (23.2)              |         | 1380 (19.1)                 |         |
| Maternal education level  |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| College degree            | 445 (29.4)     | <0.001  | 304 (20.1)           | <0.001  | 293 (19.4)               | <0.001  | 246 (16.3)                  | <0.001  |
| Diploma and less          | 3591 (35.6)    |         | 2090 (20.7)          |         | 1978 (19.6)              |         | 1862 (18.6)                 |         |
| illiterate                | 976 (39.2)     |         | 621 (24.9)           |         | 680 (27.3)              |         | 558 (22.6)                  |         |
| Paternal education level  |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| College degree            | 615 (32.7)     | 0.010   | 347 (18.4)           | 0.001   | 365 (19.4)               | 0.110   | 284 (15.1)                  | <0.001  |
| Diploma and less          | 3645 (36.1)    |         | 2243 (22.2)          |         | 2142 (21.2)              |         | 1963 (19.6)                 |         |
| illiterate                | 591 (34.2)     |         | 357 (20.7)           |         | 382 (22.1)              |         | 354 (20.7)                  |         |
| Maternal occupation status|                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| Employed                  | 603 (33.4)     | 0.036   | 405 (22.5)           | 0.223   | 373 (20.7)               | 0.661   | 319 (17.8)                  | 0.036   |
| Unemployed                | 4443 (36.0)    |         | 2620 (21.2)          |         | 2610 (21.1)              |         | 2360 (19.2)                 |         |
| Paternal occupation status|                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| Employed                  | 4573 (35.5)    | 0.881   | 2771 (21.5)          | 0.151   | 2667 (20.7)              | 0.011   | 199 (16.1)                  | 0.005   |
| Unemployed                | 444 (35.7)     |         | 246 (19.8)           |         | 296 (23.8)              |         | 2478 (19.4)                 |         |
| Family composition        |                |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| Two parents               | 4739 (35.7)    | 0.107   | 2866 (21.6)          | 0.007   | 2760 (20.8)              | 0.008   | 2507 (19.0)                 | 0.579   |
| Single parent             | 274 (32.9)     |         | 147 (17.6)           |         | 205 (24.6)              |         | 162 (19.8)                  |         |
| Family socioeconomic status (SES) |        |         |                      |         |                           |         |                              |         |
| low                       | 1723 (38.0)    | <0.001  | 1031 (22.7)          | <0.001  | 1136 (25.0)              | <0.001  | 910 (20.3)                  | 0.036   |
| mid                       | 1597 (35.6)    |         | 925 (20.6)           |         | 860 (19.1)              |         | 845 (18.9)                  |         |
| high                      | 1508 (33.3)    |         | 939 (20.7)           |         | 846 (18.7)              |         | 819 (18.2)                  |         |

Table 3: Associations of socioeconomic status variables with bullying and being victim.: the CASPIAN V study, logistic regression analysis

*In the adjusted model, all socioeconomic status variables and age are simultaneously in the model

Table 4: Associations of socioeconomic status variables with life dissatisfaction and Poor Self-rated health: the CASPIAN V study, logistic regression analysis
| Variable                      | Bullying Crude model | Adjusted model* | Being a victim Crude model | Adjusted model* |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|                               | OR (95% CI)          | P-value         | OR (95% CI)                 | P-value         |
|                               | OR (95% CI)          | P-value         | OR (95% CI)                 | P-value         |
|                               | OR (95% CI)          | P-value         | OR (95% CI)                 | P-value         |
| Sex                           |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Girl                          | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Boy                           | 1.02 (0.95-1.09)     | 0.486           | 1.03 (0.95-1.10)            | 0.420           |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Living area                   |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Urban                         | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Rural                         | 1.07 (0.99-1.15)     | 0.061           | 1.07 (0.99-1.16)            | 0.073           |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Family size                   |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| ≤4                            | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| >4                            | 0.99 (0.93-1.06)     | 0.915           | 0.95 (0.84-1.08)            | 0.60            |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Maternal education level      |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| College degree                | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Diploma and less              | 1.32 (1.18-1.49)     | <0.001          | 1.46 (1.25-1.70)            | <0.001          |
| illiterate                    | 1.55 (1.35-1.77)     | <0.001          | 1.77 (1.45-2.16)            | <0.001          |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Paternal education level      |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| College degree                | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Diploma and less              | 1.16 (1.04-1.29)     | 0.005           | 1.01 (0.92-1.1)             | 0.80            |
| illiterate                    | 1.07 (0.93-1.23)     | 0.315           | 1.05 (0.94-1.24)            | 0.38            |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Maternal occupation status    |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Employed                      | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Unemployed                    | 1.11 (1.00-1.24)     | 0.036           | 0.89 (0.78-1.01)            | 0.082           |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Paternal occupation status    |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Employed                      | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Unemployed                    | 1.00 (0.89-1.14)     | 0.881           | 0.92 (0.79-1.08)            | 0.344           |
|                               |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Family composition            |                      |                 |                             |                 |
| Two parents                   | 1.13 (0.97-1.31)     | 0.107           | 1.39 (1.13-1.71)            | 0.002           |
| Single parent                 | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Family socioeconomic status (SES) |                |                 |                             |                 |
| low                           | 1.22 (1.12-1.33)     | <0.001          | 1.21 (1.06-1.38)            | 0.004           |
| mid                           | 1.10 (1.01-1.20)     | 0.021           | 1.10 (1.00-1.22)            | 0.050           |
| high                          | Reference            | Reference       | Reference                   | Reference       |
| Variable                  | Life dissatisfaction | Poor Self-rated health |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                          | Crude model          | Adjusted model         | Crude model          | Adjusted model |
|                          | OR (95% CI)          | P-value                | OR (95% CI)          | P-value        |
|                          | OR (95% CI)          | P-value                | OR (95% CI)          | P-value        |
|                          | OR (95% CI)          | P-value                | OR (95% CI)          | P-value        |
|                          | OR (95% CI)          | P-value                | OR (95% CI)          | P-value        |
| Sex                      |                      |                        |                      |                |
| Girl                     | Reference            | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
| Boy                      | 0.99 (0.92-1.07)     | 0.738                  | 1.00 (0.92-1.08)     | 0.940          |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
| Living area              |                      |                        |                      |                |
| Urban                    | Reference            | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
| Rural                    | 1.06 (0.97-1.16)     | 0.213                  | 1.04 (0.94-1.15)     | 0.480          |
| Family size              | ≤4                    | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
|                          | 1.30 (1.21-1.41)     | <0.001                 | 1.14 (1.03-1.25)     | 0.011          |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
| Maternal education level | College degree       | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
|                          | Diploma and less     | 1.02 (0.89-1.18)       | 0.825                | 0.237          |
|                          | Illiterate           | 1.59 (1.35-1.85)       | <0.001               | 1.64 (1.30-2.08) |
| Paternal education level | College degree       | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
|                          | Diploma and less     | 1.12 (0.99-1.27)       | 0.082                | 0.28           |
|                          | Illiterate           | 1.19 (1.01-1.39)       | 0.043                | 1.05 (0.88-1.25) |
| Maternal occupation status | Employed            | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
|                          | Unemployed           | 1.03 (0.92-1.16)       | 0.661                | 1.10 (0.96-1.25) |
| Paternal occupation status | Employed            | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
|                          | Unemployed           | 1.20 (1.04-1.37)       | 0.011                | 1.05 (0.88-1.25) |
| Family composition       | Two -parent          | 0.81 (0.69-0.94)       | 0.007                | 0.76 (0.61-0.95) |
|                          | Single - parent      | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |
| Family socioeconomi c status (SES) | low     | 1.47 (1.39-1.61)       | <0.001               | 1.35 (1.15-1.56) |
|                          |                      |                        |                      |                |
|                          | mid                  | 1.03 (0.92-1.15)       | 0.622                | 1.06 (0.94-1.21) |
|                          | high                 | Reference              | Reference            | Reference      |

*In the adjusted model, all socioeconomic status variables and age are simultaneously in the model.