Prevalence and correlates of overweight status among Saudi school children

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES: There are limited data on changes in the prevalence of overweight among the Saudi school children and on associated risk factors. We compared recent prevalence data (2012) with early data (1994-98) and assessed risk factors.

DESIGN AND SETTING: Data from a cross-sectional study of children in primary schools in two cities in Al-Qassim province.

PATIENTS AND METHODS: Parental questionnaires were used to collect sociodemographic data and information on the child’s diet/exercise behavior. Children’s weight and height were measured. Current and previous data on overweight prevalence were compared and risk factors were assessed in a multiple logistic regression model.

RESULTS: The sample consisted of 874 randomly chosen school children, aged 6-10 years; analysis was based on 601 with complete data. Current overweight prevalence was 16.9% and was higher in girls than in boys (29.7% vs. 11.7%, P value <.0001). Prevalence has risen in the last 15 years (overall: 16.9% vs. 10.1%; boys: 11.7% vs. 8.5%; girls: 29.7% vs. 11.5%; all P values <.05). Those who ate restaurant food ≥2 times/week were 2.4 times more likely (95% CI=1.26, 4.64) to be overweight and those who engaged in sports ≥2 hours/day were 0.5 times less likely to be overweight (95% CI=0.25, 1.20).

CONCLUSION: The overweight prevalence in primary school children in Saudi Arabia has risen significantly. The focus should be on developing obesity prevention programs for this population.

Childhood obesity in Saudi Arabia is a major public health concern. The prevalence varies across the regions of the country, with the central region having the highest prevalence (overweight=21%, obesity=9%). Although a general rise in prevalence was reported in the past (from 3.4% in 1988 to 24.5% in 2005), the data pertained to boys only and referred to an earlier period (1988 -2005). The data needs to be updated and include both sexes.

Saudian school children who are overweight or obese are at increased risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. The metabolic syndrome in this population is as high as 18%, and their blood pressure and lipid ratio (triglyceride to high-density lipoprotein) exhibited a dose-response relationship with their quartiles of waist circumference and body mass index (BMI). What is alarming is that not only are these children at cardio-metabolic risk at present, but many will develop chronic disease early in their adulthood. Therefore, tackling this childhood obesity problem in Saudi Arabia ought to be a public health priority; education and early prevention programs (e.g. school or community based interventions) are critical to address the obesity epidemic.

Lifestyle is a major component of any successful obesity prevention program, and there is an urgent need to find the lifestyle-related factors, specific to the Saudi context, before developing such a program. For example, local and western fast food chains are widespread in Saudi Arabia and are a popular hang-out place for its citizens with family. Therefore, eating out is likely to be an important lifestyle-related risk factor for childhood obesity. Data is limited in this regard since almost all published reports of childhood obesity in the country contain only prevalence data and not an associated risk-factor analysis. The few studies that assessed risk...
factors reported a 35-75% higher odds of obesity among the children who reported an eating out frequency of three or more times per week.\textsuperscript{11,12} They also found a significant association with consumption of sugar-sweetened carbonated beverages.\textsuperscript{13} Very little is known about the association of physical activity and obesity among Saudi school children.\textsuperscript{14}

This report uses data from a cross-sectional study conducted among the primary school children (age: 6-10 years) of Al-Qassim province (i.e. central region) of Saudi Arabia. The objectives were to determine the prevalence of overweight (overall and sex-specific) and compare it with the corresponding estimates from earlier published data. An additional objective was to examine the association between children's overweight status and parental (e.g. sociodemographic) and child (e.g. dietary and physical activity habit) characteristics.

**PATIENTS AND METHODS**

We adopted a multi-stage random sampling procedure to identify a sample for study. Primary schools from two cities (with the largest populations) in Al-Qassim province, Buraidah and Unaizah, were selected. An updated list of all public primary schools was used in the sampling frame; 34 schools were randomly selected from a total of 340 schools (29 for Buraidah and 5 for Unaizah according to population proportion). Thereafter, a class list was created for each targeted grade (from grade I-IV) in the selected schools. Ten classes from each grade were randomly selected (40 classes). All students in the selected classes were invited to participate (n=1000, with an average 25 students per class). They were given a form, along with a questionnaire, to be taken to their parents at home. The form included a brief description of the study, an invitation to participation, an informed consent, and a request to fill out the accompanying questionnaire, which included questions about their sociodemographic characteristics and the dietary, physical, and disease-related information on their children. The students were asked to return the informed consent and the completed questionnaire to the school social workers.

The inclusion criteria for children in this study were having Saudi nationality, a provincial residency permit, and an age between 6 and 10 years. The exclusion criteria were being disabled (physically or mentally), having a diagnosis of chronic disease, psychiatric illness, or immune-compromised disorder. The sample size (i.e. 874) was sufficient to survey a population of schoolchildren (age: 6-10 years; 15% of total population of Al-Qassim; n=150 000) with a 90% confidence and with a 3% margin of error (required n=744). Although the number of boys and girls in Saudi primary schools are comparable, the low enrollment of girls in this study was because of insufficient female research staff. The study was conducted in 2012, and the duration of sampling and data collection was six months. The study protocol was approved by the ethical review committee at Qassim University.

After consent, children provided anthropometric measurements. Height and weight were measured following standard protocol (e.g. bare feet and light clothes), and the scales were recalibrated after each measurement. Body mass index (BMI) was calculated as weight (in kg) divided by height (in meters and squared). The parents provided information on the following areas: (a) age, education, occupation, residence, family size, and socioeconomic status, (b) general health status, past history of illnesses, present medical conditions (if any), and medication use for these conditions, (c) engagement and time spent in sports, use of electronic gadgets (e.g. personal computer, play station, television) and time spent in these activities, and (d) home breakfast, snacking and number of main meals per day, and restaurant eating. The questionnaire (Supplement) was piloted on a small group of students before it was administered in the study.

A PubMed search was conducted (December 20, 2014) to identify earlier published data comparable to this study in terms of geography (i.e. central re-
and sample age (6-10 years). The combination of MESH terms ‘obesity’ and ‘Saudi Arabia’ together with the filters (such as ‘human’ and ‘children’) returned a total of 97 records; 75 were excluded after primary screening (adults: 29, adolescent=23, patients=12, review=5, pregnant women=6). Of the 22 eligible, nine obtained their samples from the central region. Seven1,3,6,13,15-17 were further excluded (sample with older kids or absence of key information necessary for comparison) leaving two records 18,19 from The National Study for Diabetes Mellitus (data collection 1994-98). The estimates were extracted from these papers; one provided overweight prevalence by age group 18, and the data for 6-12 years (overall and sex-specific) were chosen for statistical comparison with the corresponding data from the present study (age: 6-10 years). Another report19 provided prevalence data by age, but did not provide the cell size; hence only a graphical comparison was made between that and the current study.

Prevalence of overweight was calculated according to the cut-off values provided in Cole et al.20 The BMI cut-off values were age and sex-specific [age 6 (M=17.5, F=17.3), age 7 (M=17.9, F=17.7), age 8 (M=18.4, F=18.3), age 9 (M=19.1, F=19.0), age 10 (M=19.8, F=19.8)]. These estimates were graphed and compared against the corresponding reference estimates.

For the risk factor analysis, a list of a priori variables were selected from the literature review: the child’s age and sex, mother’s age, education, and employment status, family socioeconomic status, home breakfast, snacking, frequency of meals and restaurant-eating, television viewing, daily walk, and engagement in sports.11,12 The nature of these variables were either binary or multinomial. These variables in overweight and the normal weight children were compared by chi-square tests.

A multiple logistic regression model was used to build the adjusted model for being overweight. All variables were considered as candidates. A stepwise selection process was chosen to determine the most parsimonious model for the outcome. Odds ratios were the measure of estimation and the associated 95% confidence intervals were reported. All tests were two-sided with an alpha level of 0.05 and the analyses were carried out with SAS 22.

RESULTS

Seventeen percent of the sample (n=874) were overweight; the prevalence was higher in girls than boys (29.7% vs, 11.7%, P value <.0001); there was a monotonic increase in prevalence by age in boys but not in girls.

The overall prevalence in this study was significantly higher than its corresponding reference estimate (16.9% vs. 10.1% P value <.0001); the similar was true for boys (11.7% vs. 8.6%; P value=.02) and for girls (29.7% vs.11.5%, P value <.0001) (Figure 1). The overweight prevalence for each chronological year was also higher than its corresponding reference estimate, irrespective of sex (Figure 2A & 2B).

Parent characteristics, except mother’s age, were not significantly associated with children’s overweight status (Table 1). However, there was a non-significant increase in the prevalence of overweight status by mother’s employment and education status as well as by the family’s socioeconomic status. Restaurant-eating was significantly associated with overweight; children who ate out at least twice a week exhibited a higher prevalence of overweight (28.9%) compared with those who did not eat out (13.3%); home-breakfast, snacking, or number of meals were not significantly associated with overweight status (Table 2).

Engagement in sports was significantly associated with overweight status; prevalence was considerably lower among those who reported engagement in sports more than two hours per day (8.8%) compared with those who did not take part in sports (20.1%). Television-watching or daily walking did not have a significant association with overweight status (Table 3).
A multivariate logistic model showed that children’s age, sex, frequency of eating out, and engagement in sports were significantly associated with overweight status. For example, a ten-year old child was twice as likely to be overweight compared to a six to seven year old child. Also girls were twice as likely to be overweight as boys. Similarly, children who ate in the restaurant ≥ 2 times per week were twice more likely to be overweight compared to children who did not eat in the restaurant. Conversely, children who engaged in sports >2 hours per day had a 50% less chance to be overweight than those who did not engage in sports (Table 3).
The main findings of this study were that the prevalence of overweight among school children has increased significantly in the central region of Saudi Arabia over the last 15 years. The actual difference between these two time points was likely to be higher for two reasons: girls, who exhibited a higher overweight prevalence than the boys, were under-represented in this study; secondly, this study had a sample of younger age (6-10 years) than the age group of the reference study (6-12 years) whose overweight prevalence was used for comparison. The overweight prevalence also increased significantly both in boys and in girls between these two time points. Further, the increment was also evident across the age spectrum, irrespective of sex, although a statistical comparison was not possible due to the unavailability of the cell size by age for the reference study.

Most Saudi studies with school children found a higher overweight prevalence among girls, while reporting a higher obesity prevalence among boys. In this study, the overweight prevalence among girls

### Table 2. Selected lifestyle characteristics of a sample of primary school children (n=601; age=6-10 years) in Al-Qassim, Saudi Arabia.

| Variable                  | N   | Overweight status | Frequency (%) | P value |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|---------|
|                           |     |                   | No (n=503)    |         |
|                           |     |                   | Yes (n=98)    |         |
| Have breakfast at home    |     |                   |               |         |
| No                        | 359 | 84.4              | 15.6          | .57     |
| Yes                       | 242 | 82.6              | 17.4          |         |
| Eat between meals         |     |                   |               | .83     |
| No                        | 100 | 83.0              | 17.0          |         |
| Yes                       | 501 | 83.8              | 16.2          |         |
| Number of meals/day       |     |                   |               | .43     |
| 2                         | 80  | 87.5              | 12.5          |         |
| 3                         | 378 | 82.3              | 17.7          |         |
| ≥ 4                       | 143 | 85.3              | 14.7          |         |
| Restaurant eating         |     |                   |               | .005    |
| 0 /week                   | 264 | 86.7              | 13.3          |         |
| 1/week                    | 261 | 84.3              | 15.7          |         |
| ≥2/week                   | 76  | 71.1              | 28.9          |         |
| Television watching (daily) |    |                   |               | .17     |
| None                      | 44  | 86.4              | 13.6          |         |
| Up to 2 hours             | 203 | 86.2              | 13.8          |         |
| 2.1-2.9 hours             | 234 | 79.5              | 20.5          |         |
| ≥ 4 hours                 | 120 | 86.7              | 13.3          |         |
| Walk daily                |     |                   |               | .06     |
| A lot                     | 149 | 89.3              | 10.7          |         |
| Moderate                  | 323 | 83.0              | 17.0          |         |
| Little                    | 129 | 79.1              | 20.9          |         |
| Engage in sports          |     |                   |               | <.0001  |
| 0 hour/day                | 164 | 79.9              | 20.1          |         |
| <2 hours/day              | 162 | 89.5              | 10.5          |         |
| 2 hours/day               | 150 | 75.3              | 24.7          |         |
| >2 hours/day              | 125 | 91.2              | 8.8           |         |

### Table 3. Adjusted associations of overweight in a sample of primary school children (n=601; age=6-10 years) in Al-Qassim, Saudi Arabia.

| Variable                  | N   | Odds ratio | 95% CI       | P value |
|---------------------------|-----|------------|--------------|---------|
| Child's age (years)       |     |            |              |         |
| 6-7                       | 171 | Reference  |              | .08     |
| 8                         | 139 | 1.88       | 0.91, 3.86   |         |
| 9                         | 121 | 2.07       | 0.99, 4.30   |         |
| 10                        | 170 | 2.40       | 1.23, 4.69   |         |
| Sex                       |     |            |              | .002    |
| Male                      | 417 | Reference  |              |         |
| Female                    | 184 | 2.26       | 1.33, 3.80   |         |
| Restaurant eating         |     |            |              | .03     |
| 0 /week                   | 264 | Reference  |              |         |
| 1/week                    | 261 | 1.30       | 0.78, 2.16   |         |
| ≥2/week                   | 76  | 2.41       | 1.26, 4.64   |         |
| Engagement in sports      |     |            |              | .002    |
| 0 hour/day                | 164 | Reference  |              |         |
| <2 hours/day              | 162 | 0.62       | 0.31, 1.21   |         |
| 2 hours/day               | 150 | 1.75       | 0.94, 3.24   |         |
| >2 hours/day              | 125 | 0.54       | 0.25, 1.20   |         |
was twice as much as that of boys. Some of this sex difference could be due to adiposity related to hormonal change in menarche (sample age: 6-10), but this information was not collected in the study. Another factor that might have played a role was the sex difference in engagement of sports; 55% of the girls were reported to have not engaged in sports as compared to only 15% of the boys (data not shown).

The significant association of frequent restaurant eating (≥2 times per week) with overweight found in this study is supported by findings from earlier studies. Most food in restaurants are high caloric and fried, fatty, or sweet in nature, and there are limited options for healthy food. Children are not likely to make a healthy food choice unless they are made aware of the benefit of such a choice and the danger of unhealthy food habits. This study also shows the benefit of engaging in daily sports for at least two hours to avoid childhood obesity. In light of these results, primary schools could be an ideal target for obesity prevention program among Saudi children. This program needs to be comprehensive and multi-component in nature, and should focus on the school environment itself (e.g. playground), its food services (e.g. school cafeteria), and classroom curriculum.

This study has notable strengths. It had a sufficient sample size and the sample was randomly selected. Hence, the results of the study should be representative of the school children of central region of Saudi Arabia. The comparison made between the results of this study and those from the previous study is valid, since both studies used the same age and sex-specific cut-off points for the determination of overweight. Also, this study evaluated a comprehensive list of covariates for model selection.

A limitation of this study was that recruitment of girls was lower than boys; hence, there was an imbalance in the ratio of male to female participants. This might have impacted the accuracy of the overweight estimate for the girls. The lifestyle data on the students and the sociodemographic data of the parents were missing for 31% of the students who did not return the questionnaire that was supposed to be completed by their parents; these students were slightly younger, leaner, and more likely to be boys, and the absence of information for these students has likely left some impact on the statistical modeling of the data. Finally, participants in this study came from one province only, so the results may not be generalizable to the entire country.

In summary, this study indicates that overweight prevalence among Saudi children is alarmingly high and that the current estimate for the country’s central region for 6 to 10 year-old children is significantly higher than what was previously known for this age group. It is likely that this increase in prevalence has happened in other age groups of children as well. Given this evidence, the public health focus should be on developing obesity intervention programs for school children in order to address the obesity epidemic in Saudi Arabia.

Conflict of interest
The authors have no competing interests to declare.

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All authors were involved in the design of the study, data collection and analysis plan. KD and MSI assisted with the data collection plan and supervised field data collection. ARM and NS conducted the data analysis and drafted the initial manuscript. All authors reviewed, edited and approved the final the manuscript.

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**Supplement: Arabic version of the questionnaire.**

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| 47  | هل الطفل يمارس رياضة؟                                                 |     |      |
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| استمارة العادات الغذائية |
|---------------------------|
| **عدد الوجبات اليومية التي يتولها الطفل** | **الانشاءات** |
| (0) الافطار | (1) الغذاء |
| (2) العشاء | **(3) كلها** |
| **عدد الوجبات اليومية التي يتناولها الطفل** |
| اثنا - (3) اربع - (5) | **الوجبة التي غالبا ما يرفض الطفل تناولها وتجدين صعوبة في اطعامه اياها؟** |
| لا يوجد | (0) الافطار |
| (1) الغذاء |
| (2) العشاء | **(3) كلها** |
| **في حالة نعم من وجهة نظر ما هو السبب (باختصار)؟** |
| **ما هي الوجبة الرئيسية في اليوم بالنسبة لطفلك؟** |
| لا | (1) الافطار |
| (2) الغذاء |
| (3) العشاء | **(4) كلها** |
| **هل يتناول طفلك وجباته الغذائية في مواعيد ثابتة؟** |
| لا | **(1) نعم** |
| (2) أحيانا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| **هل الطفل يتناول وجبة الافطار؟** |
| لا | (1) نعم |
| (2) أحيانا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| **في حالة لا ما السبب؟ (يجب اختيار اجابة واحدة فقط)** |
| **قلة الشهية** | **(1) التأخير** |
| **عدم التعود** | **(2) عدم التعود** |
| **انتباع حمية** | **(3) إتباع حمية** |
| **غير ذلك** | **(4) غير ذلك** |
| **في حالة نعم: اين يتناولها؟ (يجب اختيار اجابة واحدة فقط)** |
| البيت | (1) المدرسة |
| (2) المقرص | **(3) أخرى** |
| **في حالة نعم ما هي الاطعمة التي يفضلها في الفطور (يجب اختيار اجابة واحدة فقط)** |
| جبن | (1) بيض |
| فلافل | **(2) بيض** |
| سوسس | **(3) فلافل** |
| هامبرجر | **(4) سوسس** |
| كبد | **(5) هامبرجر** |
| دجاج | **(6) كبد** |
| قشدة | **(7) دجاج** |
| اخرى (ما هي؟) | **(8) قشدة** |
| **هل يتناول الطفلك أي خضروات أو فواكه طازجة في الصباح؟** |
| لا | (1) أحيانا |
| (2) نعم | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| **هل طفلك يتناول السلطة الخضراء؟** |
| لا | **(1) نعم** |
| (2) 1-2 اسبوعيا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| (4) أكثر من 4 اسبوعيا | **(5) أربع - (6)** |
| **هل طفلك يشرب كمية كافية من الماء يوميا؟** |
| لا | **(1) نعم** |
| (2) 1-2 اسبوعيا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| (4) أكثر من 4 اسبوعيا | **(5) أربع - (6)** |
| **هل طفلك يشرب الحليب أو اللبن يوميا؟** |
| لا | **(1) نعم** |
| (2) 1-2 اسبوعيا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| (4) أكثر من 4 اسبوعيا | **(5) أربع - (6)** |
| **هل طفلك يتناول الاطعمة السريعة؟** |
| لا | **(1) نعم** |
| (2) احيانا | **(3) اربع - (5) (6)** |
| (4) أكثر من 4 اسبوعيا | **(5) أربع - (6)** |
| رقم | السؤال                                                                      | نعم | لا |
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| 80  | في حالة نعم كم مرة في الأسبوع؟                                                | 1 (مرتين) | لا |
| 81  | هل الأسرة تتناول بعض الوجبات بالمحافظة أو ما شابه؟                           | 2 (ثلاث مرات) | لا |
| 82  | في حالة نعم كم مرة اسبوعيا؟                                                  | 1 (أقل من مرة) | لا |
| 83  | هل طفلك يتناول الدجاج بالجملد؟                                             | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 84  | هل طفلك يتناول الدجاج البيروستد؟                                           | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 85  | في حالة نعم كم مرة اسبوعيا؟                                                  | 1 (أقل من مرة) | لا |
| 86  | هل طفلك يحب تناول الاطعمة المحمرة؟                                          | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 87  | هل الطفل يتناول الاطعمة بين الوجبات؟                                       | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 88  | في حالة نعم ما هي هذه الاطعمة؟ (إجابة واحدة)                                | 1 (فاكهة وعصير) | لا |
| 89  | مشروبات غازية (3) حلويات (4) شيكولاتة (5) اخرى (6)                         | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 90  | هل طفلك يشرب المشروبات الغازية؟                                            | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 91  | في حالة نعم: كم مرة يوميا اقل من مرة سفرت (3) سفن اب (2) كوكاكولا (1)     | لا | لا |
| 92  | الكمية في الarme الواحدة                                                      | لا | لا |
| 93  | الانواع المفضلة (اجابة واحدة)                                                | لا | لا |
| 94  | هل طفلك يشرب مشروبات الطاقة                                                | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 95  | في حالة نعم كم مرة يوميا اقل من مرة ديو (5) ميراندا (4) سيرات (3)           | لا | لا |
| 96  | هل الطفل يحب تناول الحلويات                                                  | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 97  | في حالة نعم: عدد مرات تناولها في الأسبوع اقل من مرة سفرت (3) سفن اب (2) كوكاكولا (1) | لا | لا |
| 98  | هل طفلك يحب تناول الشوكولاتة                                                | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 99  | في حالة نعم: عدد مرات تناولها في الأسبوع                                    | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 100 | هل طفلك يشرب الشاي؟                                                         | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 101 | هل طفلك يشرب القهوة؟                                                       | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 102 | هل طفلك يتناول التمر؟                                                       | 1 (لا) | لا |
| 103 | عدد مرات تناول المكسرات اسبوعيا لا يتناولها اقل من مرة مرتين                 | 1 (لا) | لا |