

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics (n = 349)

Characteristic	No. (%)
<i>Mean age (range) (years)</i>	10.6 (6-15)
<i>Sex</i>	
Male	179 (51.3)
Female	170 (48.7)
<i>Area of residence</i>	
Gaza	199 (57.0)
West Bank	150 (43.0)
<i>Father's employment</i>	
Unemployed	78 (22.4)
Unskilled labourer	59 (16.9)
Skilled worker	22 (6.3)
Government employee	156 (44.7)
Merchant	34 (9.7)
<i>Family income</i>	
Low ^a	168 (48.1)
Middle-high ^b	181 (51.9)
<i>Number of siblings</i>	
≤ 4	109 (31.4)
5-7	168 (48.0)
≥ 8	72 (20.6)

^aUS\$ 300 or less per month; ^bUS\$ 300-→700 per month.