

Table 1 Socioeconomic and demographic profiles of participants in relation to OTC prevalence (n = 6363)

Variable	Classification	Female, n (%)	Male, n (%)	Total, n (%)	OTC use (n, prevalence %)
<i>Type of school</i>					***
	Public	2056 (58.7)	1832 (64.2)	3888 (61.2)	2128 (54.7)
	Private	1446 (41.3)	1021 (35.8)	2467 (38.8)	1097 (44.5)
<i>Property ownership</i>					***
	Own	1529 (52.8)	1158 (48.9)	2687 (51.1)	1453 (54.1)
	Rent	1366 (47.2)	1208 (51.1)	2574 (48.9)	1207 (46.9)
<i>Born in UAE</i>					***
	No	854 (24.8)	673 (24.3)	1527 (24.6)	687 (50.0)
	Yes	2596 (75.2)	2093 (75.2)	4689 (75.4)	2472 (52.7)
<i>Citizenship status</i>					***
	Local	1828 (53.0)	1238 (44.7)	3066 (49.3)	1720 (56.1)
	Expatriate	1624 (47.0)	1532 (55.3)	3156 (50.7)	1446 (45.8)
<i>Nationality</i>					***
	UAE	1828 (53.0)	1238 (44.7)	3066 (49.3)	1720 (56.1)
	GCC	127 (3.7)	230 (8.3)	357 (5.7)	170 (47.6)
	Arab/Middle East	453 (13.1)	522 (18.8)	975 (15.7)	522 (53.5)
	Arab/Africa	291 (8.4)	331 (11.9)	622 (10.0)	337 (54.2)
	South East Asia	661 (19.1)	382 (13.8)	1043 (16.8)	336 (32.2)
	Western	51 (1.5)	31 (1.1)	82 (1.3)	42 (51.2)
	None/Other	41 (1.2)	36 (1.3)	77 (1.2)	39 (50.6)
<i>Parental marital status</i>					**
	Married	3023 (87.8)	2424 (88.5)	5447 (88.1)	2716 (49.9)
	Widowed	148 (4.3)	91 (3.3)	239 (3.9)	134 (56.1)
	Separated/ divorced	152 (4.4)	93 (3.4)	245 (4.0)	152 (62.0)
	Other	119 (3.5)	128 (4.8)	251 (4.1)	134 (53.4)