

Table 3 Results of meta-regression model assessing the effects of mean age of subjects, publication year and the type of study [individual studies versus the Iranian Health Profile Survey (IHPS)]

Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	P-value
Age (years)	0.40	0.09	< 0.0001
Publication date	0.06	0.39	0.87
Type of study (IHPS as baseline)	0.16	1.98	0.94