

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of the studied children and their parents, by stature

Variable	Short stature (-2 z-score)	Normal stature	P-value
Age (years)			0.23
Mean (standard deviation)	8.01 (2.9)	8.5 (5.9)	
Median(range)	8 (4-12)	8 (4-12)	
Sex, no. (%)			0.830
Male	127 (14.6)	742 (85.4)	
Female	126 (15.0)	715 (85.0)	
Residence, no. (%)			0.450
Rural	135 (15.4)	740 (84.6)	
Urban	118 (14.1)	717 (85.9)	
Father's education, no. (%)			0.834
Illiterate	24 (12.6)	166 (87.4)	
Read and write	67 (14.7)	388 (85.3)	
Basic education	46 (20.1)	183 (97.9)	
Secondary school	85 (13.4)	550 (86.6)	
Higher education	31 (15.4)	170 (84.6)	
Mother's education, no. (%)			0.484
Illiterate	23 (12.2)	166 (87.8)	
Read and write	66 (14.2)	399 (85.8)	
Basic education	35 (12.5)	245 (87.5)	
Secondary school	105 (17.6)	491 (82.4)	
Higher education	24 (13.3)	156 (86.7)	
Father's job, no. (%)			0.347
Not working	21 (13.2)	138 (86.8)	
Unskilled manual worker	23 (17.8)	106 (82.2)	
Skilled manual worker/farmer	77 (15.9)	408 (84.1)	
Trade/business	93 (14.4)	555 (85.6)	
Semi-professional/clerk	25 (13.4)	161 (86.6)	
Professional	14 (13.6)	89 (86.4)	
Mother's job, no. (%)			0.223
Working	92 (13.5)	589 (86.5)	
Not working	161 (15.6)	868 (84.4)	
Total	253 (14.8)	1457 (85.2)	