Table 2 Association of indices of emotional abuse with sociodemographic and psychosocial variables

Sociodemographic characteristic	Significantly different groups	Total with abuse No. (%)[a]	χ^2	df
Sex multiple abuses[b]	Male > female	179 (28.0 male)	15.8**	5
Faculty (ever abused)	Allied health > others	77 (70.6)	31.3***	10
Parents' marital status (ever abused)	Separated/divorced > others	106 (67.1)	13.5***	2
Parents' marital status multiple abuses[b]	Separated/divorced > others	74 (46.9)	88.5***	10
Living with (ever abused)	With mother > others	142 (68.6)	22.9***	3
Living with multiple abuses[b]	With mother > others	96 (46.4)	87.4***	15
Polygamy (ever abused)	Polygamous > monogamous	111 (59.0)	19.7***	2
Polygamy multiple abuses multiple abuses[b]	Polygamous > monogamous	60 (31.9)	58.8***	10
Household multiple abuses[b]	Multiple wives not in same household > others	78 (33.2)	33.2***	10
Monthly income (ever abused)	Income less than US$ 1800 > others	103 (66.5)	37.5***	4
Monthly income multiple abuses[b]	Income less than US$ 1800 > others	67 (43.2)	87.7***	20
Smoking status (ever abused)	Daily smoker > others	71 (67.0)	15.4***	3
Smoking status multiple abuses[b]	Daily smoker > nonsmoker	96 (39.7)	32.3**	15
Physical fights multiple abuses[b]	Physical fight last year > no physical fight	125 (49.0)	128.1***	5
Emotional abuse experience (ever abused)	Not for discipline/not reasonable or justified > others	116 (97.5)	456.1***	3
Emotional abuse justified multiple abuses[b]	Not for discipline/not reasonable or justified > others	95 (79.9)	840.1***	15
Emotionally abused compared with other children (ever abused)	Much more than other children > others	64 (97.0)	271.7***	4
Emotionally hurt compared with other children multiple abuses[b]	Much more than other children > others	56 (84.9)	662.6***	20

[a]% of significant group. Because of missing responses, the overall total as denominator is less than the original total number.
[b]Multiple abuses (≥ 2 forms of abuse).
**P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001.
df = degrees of freedom.