

Table 1***Demographic and Other Variables by Gender***

| | Female | Male |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Number | 96 | 677 |
| Age range | 6-15 | 6-18 |
| Mean age (<i>SD</i>) | 8.80 (1.88) | 8.76 (2.18) |
| Ethnicity (%within gender) | | |
| Chinese | 81.8 | 80.0 |
| Indian | 9.1 | 7.0 |
| Malay | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Others | 4.5 | 8.7 |
| Mother's education level (%within gender) | | |
| Secondary education or below | 52.7 | 61.4 |
| Post-secondary or above | 47.3 | 37.4 |
| Others | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Father's education level (%within gender) | | |
| Secondary education or below | 48.3 | 54.6 |
| Post-secondary or above | 49.4 | 43.4 |
| Others | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| Experienced financial problems | 12.0 | 9.7 |
| Psychological aggression between spouses (%within gender) | | |
| Yell at spouse | 36.9 | 41.3 |
| Refuse to talk | 40.5 | 35.4 |
| Cry | 15.5 | 9.5 |
| Insult or swear | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Threaten to hit or injure spouse | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Physical punishment (%within gender) | | |
| Spank with your hand | 32.2 | 35.5 |
| Cane or hit with an object | 41.1 | 43.9 |
| Shake or shove | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| History of family member(s) seeing a psychiatrist (%within gender) | 8.0 | 12.9 |

Table 2***CBCL and TRF Syndrome Scales, Internalizing and Externalizing Problems by Gender***

| Syndrome Scales | CBCL | | <i>p</i> | TRF | | <i>p</i> |
|------------------------|--|---|----------|--|---|----------|
| | Female (<i>n</i> =72) <i>M (SD)</i> | Male (<i>n</i> =489) <i>M (SD)</i> | | Female (<i>n</i> =64) <i>M (SD)</i> | Male (<i>n</i> =474) <i>M (SD)</i> | |
| Withdrawn/ Depressed | 3.92 (3.00)* | 3.06 (2.75) | .015 | 2.78 (3.05) | 2.65 (3.08) | .748 |
| Somatic complaints | 2.56 (2.76) | 2.36 (2.75) | .581 | 0.92 (1.95) | 0.76 (1.61) | .461 |
| Anxious/Depressed | 6.15 (5.10) | 5.30 (4.35) | .180 | 3.78 (4.86) | 2.95 (3.79) | .111 |
| Social problems | 5.72 (3.26) | 5.13 (3.10) | .132 | 3.67 (4.37) | 4.35 (3.85) | .191 |
| Thought problems | 2.83 (2.36) | 3.00 (2.54) | .596 | 1.03 (1.44)** | 1.57 (1.91) | .009 |
| Attention problems | 9.65 (3.82) | 9.65 (3.64) | .999 | 15.44 (8.31)** | 19.53 (9.19) | .001 |
| Delinquent behavior | 3.13 (2.47)** | 4.27 (3.41) | .006 | 2.06 (2.74)* | 2.96 (3.21) | .034 |
| Aggressive behavior | 12.53 (6.29)** | 14.88 (8.35) | .006 | 9.66 (11.43)** | 14.45 (12.57) | .004 |
| Internalizing problems | 12.29 (8.87) | 10.45 (7.70) | .098 | 7.28(7.81) | 6.38 (7.54) | .374 |
| Externalizing problems | 15.79 (8.23)** | 19.04 (10.71) | .003 | 11.72 (13.72)** | 17.35(14.86) | .004 |
| Total problems | 52.65 (24.91) | 52.67 (25.76) | .995 | 39.69 (30.39)** | 49.79 (29.57) | .011 |

Note. **p*< .05, ***p*< .01.

Table 3***CBCL Scores by Age Group***

| CBCL Scales | 6 – 12 years old | 13-18 years old | <i>p</i> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | (<i>n</i> =524) | (<i>n</i> = 37) | |
| | <i>M (SD)</i> | <i>M (SD)</i> | |
| Syndrome scales | | | |
| Withdrawn/ Depressed | 3.11 (2.81) | 3.95 (2.46) | .080 |
| Somatic complaints | 2.37 (2.76) | 2.62 (2.52) | .594 |
| Anxious/Depressed** | 5.27 (4.39) | 7.38 (4.92) | .005 |
| Social problems | 5.04 (3.07) | 6.30 (4.97) | .109 |
| Thought problems | 2.93 (2.52) | 3.65 (2.50) | .095 |
| Attention problems* | 9.56 (3.66) | 11.03 (3.40) | .018 |
| Delinquent behavior ** | 3.97 (3.13) | 6.38 (4.86) | .005 |
| Aggressive behavior | 14.44 (8.05) | 16.54 (9.34) | .129 |
| Internalizing problems* | 10.48 (7.85) | 13.59 (7.67) | .020 |
| Externalizing problems* | 18.32 (10.22) | 22.92 (13.06) | .043 |
| Total problems* | 51.99 (25.29) | 62.30 (28.71) | .018 |

Note. * $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$

Table 4

Summary of Multiple Linear Regressions for Variables Predicting CBCL Internalizing and Externalizing Scores

| Variables | CBCL internalizing score | | | CBCL externalizing score | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| | <i>B</i> | <i>SE B</i> | β | <i>B</i> | <i>SE B</i> | β |
| Gender ^a | -2.00 | 1.03 | -.09 | 2.77 | 1.40 | .09* |
| Age | .52 | .15 | .15** | .43 | .21 | .09* |
| Mother's education ^b | -1.35 | .72 | -.09 | -.51 | 1.00 | -.03 |
| Father's education ^b | -.71 | .68 | -.05 | -2.39 | .94 | -.13** |
| Financial problems ^c | 2.73 | 1.21 | .10* | .85 | 1.64 | .02 |
| Psychological aggression between spouses ^d | .60 | .37 | .08 | 1.41 | .51 | .13** |
| Physical punishment ^e | 1.22 | .44 | .13** | 2.41 | .61 | .18** |
| Family member(s) seen a psychiatrist before ^f | -1.31 | .98 | -.07 | -2.09 | 1.35 | -.07 |
| <i>R</i> ² | | .09 | | | .10 | |
| <i>F</i> | | 6.18** | | | 6.72** | |

Note. * $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$

B = unstandardized beta coefficient, *SE B* = standard error, β = standardised beta coefficient.

^a coded as 0 = Female, 1 = Male

^b coded as 1 = secondary education or below, 2 = post-secondary education or above

^c coded as 0 = no financial problems, 1 = experienced financial problems before

^d coded as 0 = no psychological aggression between spouse, 1 to 5 = 1 point for the presence of each of the following, yelling, insulting, crying, threatening to injure spouse and refusing to talk

^e coded as 0 = no physical punishment in disciplining, 1 = spank or hit with an object, 2 = spank and hit with an object

^f coded as 0 = no one in the family has ever seen a psychiatrist, 1 = at least one family member has seen a psychiatrist