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| **Supplementary table 2** Unadjusted association between covariates and behavioral/emotional problems |
|  | Total difficulties | Conduct problems | Peer problems  | Hyperactivity | Emotional problems | Prosocial behaviors |
| Unstandardized *β* (SE) |
| **Sex** (Ref.=Boys) | 0.62 (0.23) \* | -0.14 (0.07) \* | -0.13 (0.07) | -0.06 (-0.09) | 0.94 (0.10) \* | 0.67 (0.10) \* |
| **Age**  | 0.01 (-0.08)  | -0.07 (0.02) \* | 0.03 (0.02) + | -0.01 (0.03)  | 0.03 (0.03)  | 0.01 (0.03) |
| **Ethnicity** (Ref.=Han) | 0.64 (0.78) | 0.21 (0.22) | -0.40 (0.24) + | 0.72 (0.32) \* | 0.06 (0.34)  | -0.11 (0.34) |
| **Family economic status** (Ref.= Above average) |
| Average | 1.34 (0.23) \* | 0.06 (0.07)  | 0.26 (0.07) \* | 0.46 (0.10) \* | 0.54 (0.10) \* | -0.39 (0.10) \* |
|  Below average | 3.79 (0.59) \* | 0.69 (0.17) \* | 0.75 (0.18) \* | 1.35 (0.24) \* | 1.00 (0.26) \* | -0.66 (0.26) \* |
| **Family relationship** (Ref.=Good) |
| Average  | 3.51 (0.35) \* | 0.65 (0.10) \* | 0.47 (0.11) \* | 1.30 (0.14) \* | 1.07 (0.15) \* | -0.70 (0.15) \* |
| Conflict  | 6.53 (0.65) \* | 1.33 (0.19) \* | 0.71 (0.21) \* | 1.86 (0.27) \* | 2.64 (0.29) \*  | -0.26 (0.29) |
| **Academic pressure** (Ref.=Mild) |
| Moderate  | 0.86 (0.27) \* | -0.08 (0.08) | 0.07 (0.09)  | 0.46 (0.11) \* | 0.41 (0.12) \* | -0.15 (0.12) + |
| Heavy | 3.37 (0.31) \* | 0.35 (0.09) \* | 0.28 (0.10) \* | 1.17 (0.13) \* | 1.56 (0.13) \* | -0.05 (0.14)  |

\* *p*<0.05

+ *p*<0.25