

Table 1 Occurrence of asthma, rhinitis, and eczema symptoms in 6–7-year-old children in Urmia

Variable	Boys (n = 1450)		Girls (n = 1549)		Total (n = 2999)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No	%
<i>Asthma</i>						
Ever wheezed***	276	19	201	13.0	477	1
Wheeze in past year***	164	11.3	117	7.6	281	9.4
Wheeze with exercise in past year***	80	5.5	45	2.9	125	4.2
Nocturnal cough***	185	12	134	8.7	319	1
Ever diagnosed asthma ^a	31	2.	17	1.1	48	1
<i>Rhinitis</i>						
Ever had rhinitis***	229	15.8	167	10.0	396	13.2
Rhinitis in past year***	174	12.0	106	6.8	280	9.3
Associated itchy eye in past year***	56	3.9	30	1.9	86	2.9
Ever diagnosed hay fever ^b	68	4.	39	2.5	107	
<i>Eczema</i>						
Chronic rash ever ^b	69	4.	66	4.3	135	
Chronic rash in past year ^b	40	2.	42	2.7	87	2
Chronic rash with typical distribution ^b	29	2.	34	2.2	63	2
Ever diagnosed eczema ^b	204	14	217	14.0	421	1

P-value between boys and girls: ***P < 0.001; ^aP = 0.017; ^bP > 0.05.