Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of the study population of Palestinian adolescents aged 12–15 years (n = 932)

Variable	No.	%
Sex		
Girls	502	53.9
Boys	430	46.1
Residential status		
Refugee	561	60.5
Local citizen	367	39.5
Residential area		
Gaza city (high income)	373	40.0
Gaza city (low income)	210	22.5
Village	143	15.3
Refugee camp	206	22.1
Age (years)		
12	161	17.3
13	291	31.2
14	305	32.7
15	175	18.8
Father's work status		
Unemployed	429	46.1
Employed	501	53.9
Household SES		
Low	244	26.9
Medium	431	47.5
High	232	25.6
Father's education		
Low	485	52.7
Medium	262	28.5
High	173	18.8
Mother's education		
Low	531	57.6
Medium/high	391	42.4
BMI*		
Underweight	50	5.4
Normal	710	76.2
Overweight/obese	172	18.5

Stunting <sup>b</sup>			
Non-stunted	843	90.5	
Stunted	89	9.5	
Good school performance	590	63.3	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Underweight: BMI-for-age < 5th percentile; overweight and obesity: > 85th percentile. bStunting: height-for-age < 3rd percentile. n = number of respondents; t/w = times per week; SES = socioeconomic status; BMI = body mass index.