

Table 1 Mean level of bone mineral density (BMD) of the normal height and stunted adolescents by age and sex

Sex/age (years)	Stunted		Normal height	
	No.	Mean (SD) BMD (g/cm ²)	No.	Mean (SD) BMD (g/cm ²)
Boys (n=2003)				
11-	41	0.451 (0.145)	284	0.513 (0.359)
12-	39	0.514 (0.020)	242	0.525 (0.315)
13-	34	0.490 (0.109)	225	0.535 (0.200)
14-	28	0.526 (0.200)	200	0.584 (0.350)
15-	21	0.529 (0.140)	186	0.600 (0.124)
16-	36	0.582 (0.126)	173	0.634 (0.134)
17-	19	0.620 (0.140)	134	0.651 (0.148)
18-	4	0.686 (0.145)	183	0.680 (0.147)
Total	228	0.526 (0.127)	1775	0.586 (0.248)
<i>F</i> =13.436, <i>P</i> <0.001				
Girls (n=1999)				
11-	59	0.453 (0.289)	258	0.517 (0.377)
12-	30	0.453 (0.134)	199	0.520 (0.143)
13-	21	0.517 (0.026)	203	0.555 (0.124)
14-	24	0.556 (0.028)	217	0.598 (0.408)
15-	10	0.556 (0.028)	192	0.585 (0.131)
16-	7	0.501 (0.024)	169	0.628 (0.455)
17-	11	0.604 (0.121)	162	0.609 (0.121)
18-	6	0.524 (0.028)	431	0.610 (0.187)
Total	168	0.495 (0.120)	1831	0.577 (0.265)
<i>F</i> =5.643, <i>P</i> <0.001				

SD = standard deviation.