Table 3 Baseline characteristics of adolescents and their parents according to smoking-trajectory group

	Non-smokers n=918	Experimenters n=146	Escalators n=105	P value*
Adolescents' characteristics				
Age	15.14±1.97	15.23±1.81	15.21±2.05	0.09
Male sex	325 (35.4%)	102 (69.9%)[a]	94 (89.5%)[b]	<0.001
High physical activity	340 (53.9%)	77 (70.6%)[a]	55 (63.2%)	0.002
Smokers	2 (0.2%)	4 (2.8%)	17 (16.2%)	<0.001
Smoking index	0.002 ± 0.05	0.03 ±0.22	0.66 ±1.93	0.001
Maternal characteristics				
Age	41.28±6.41	42.12±6.85	42.50±5.83	0.08
Education level				0.47
Primary	460 (51.5%)	82 (57.7%)	60 (57.1%)	
Secondary	378 (42.3%)	51 (35.9%)	41 (39.0%)	
Higher	55 (6.2%)	9 (6.3%)	4 (3.8%)	
Occupation				0.76
Unemployed	825 (92.5%)	129 (90.8%)	96 (91.4%)	
Employed	67 (7.5%)	13 (9.2%)	9 (8.6%)	
Smoking				0.35
Yes	47 (5.3%)	11 (7.7%)	8 (7.6%)	
No	845 (94.7%)	131 (92.3%)	97 (92.4%)	
Paternal characteristics				
Age	47.03±7.55	48.33±7.90	48.24±7.89	0.47
Education level				0.06
Primary	347 (43.1%)	47 (38.5%)	53 (57.0%)	
Secondary	313 (38.8%)	56 (45.9%)	24 (25.8%)	
Higher	146 (18.1%)	19 (15.6%)	16 (17.2%)	
Occupation				0.15
Unemployed	115 (14.3%)	21 (17.4%)	20 (21.5%)	
Employed	691 (85.7%)	100 (82.6%)	73 (78.5%)	
Smoking				0.003
Yes	367 (45.9%)	67 (55.4%)	58 (62.4%)[b]	
No	433 (54.1%)	54 (44.6%)	35 (37.6%)	

Data are presented as numbers (%), mean ± (SD).

*P values were achieved using chi-square and one-way ANOVA for categorical and continuous variables, respectively.

[a] significant difference between experimenters vs non-smokers.

[b] significant difference between escalators vs non-smokers.