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Table S1. Rate of verbal bullying victimization on campus among students with different characteristics according to different areas. Age–sex adjusted rate ratios (RR)^a comparing rural and urban students are also indicated.

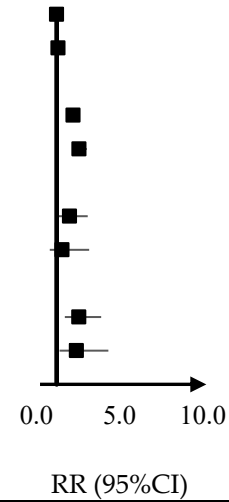
Variables	Urban Rate (95%CI)		Rural Rate (95%CI)		Adjusted RR (95%CI) ^b
Sex					
Boys	10.87 (7.51–15.72)		12.86 (11.10–14.89)		1.10 (0.89–1.36)
Girls	7.22 (4.74–11.01)		8.96 (7.78–10.32)		1.14 (0.87–1.48)
Age group (years)					
<15	11.41 (7.90–16.46)		11.62 (8.17–16.53)		1.01 (1.00–1.03) *
≥15	7.64 (5.03–11.60)		10.02 (7.10–14.16)		1.29 (1.21–1.38) ***
Boarding					
Yes	8.48 (6.27–11.48)		12.58 (9.72–16.29)		1.32 (1.16–1.49) ***
No	9.49 (6.82–13.21)		10.32 (8.37–12.73)		1.02 (0.89–1.17)
Family structure					
Nuclear family	9.06 (6.52–12.57)		9.89 (7.67–12.76)		0.99 (0.85–1.14)
Non-nuclear family	9.13 (6.67–12.50)		11.87 (9.74–14.48)		1.21 (1.08–1.35) **
Paternal education attainment					
Primary school or below	10.64 (8.82–12.83)		12.50 (8.66–18.05)		1.13 (0.92–1.38)
Middle or high school	9.13 (6.41–13.01)		11.14 (8.78–14.13)		1.12 (0.95–1.32)
College or above	8.29 (6.54–10.51)		9.81 (7.93–12.15)		1.06 (0.88–1.28)
Maternal education attainment					
Primary school or below	10.20 (7.18–14.48)		13.93 (10.88–17.84)		1.30 (1.06–1.59) *
Middle or high school	8.86 (6.44–12.19)		10.58 (8.33–13.44)		1.09 (0.95–1.25)
College or above	9.13 (6.75–12.35)		10.19 (7.72–13.44)		0.98 (0.79–1.21)
		0.0 20.0 40.0		0.0 20.0 40.0	
		Urban Rate (95%CI)		Rural Rate (95%CI)	
Depression					
Yes	14.83 (12.64–17.39)		18.80 (15.65–22.58)		1.21 (1.08–1.34) ***
No	7.76 (5.07–11.87)		9.25 (6.91–12.39)		1.06 (0.88–1.27)
Internet Addiction					
Yes	15.55 (12.43–19.45)		16.00 (13.16–19.45)		0.96 (0.65–1.42)
No	8.90 (6.40–12.36)		10.95 (8.75–13.70)		1.13 (1.00–1.27) *
Overweight and Obesity					
Yes	10.91 (9.02–13.20)		13.40 (12.15–14.77)		1.15 (1.01–1.30) *
No	8.23 (5.51–12.29)		9.98 (7.57–13.16)		1.09 (0.94–1.27)
Total	9.10 (6.60–12.53)		11.06 (8.90–13.74)		1.11 (0.99–1.26)
		0.0 20.0 40.0		0.0 20.0 40.0	
		Urban Rate (95%CI)		Rural Rate (95%CI)	

^a RR is the ratio of the rates in rural versus urban students after adjusting for age and sex. ^b * $p < 0.05$,

** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S2. Rate ratios (RR) and rural–urban disparities (RUD in terms of RR) for verbal bullying victimization and among students in Jiangsu according to area, internet addiction and depression.

Category	RR (95%CI) ^{a b}	RUD (95%CI) ^b
Urban + non-internet addiction + non-depression	1.00	
Rural + non-internet addiction + non-depression	1.09 (0.95–1.26)	1.09 (0.95–1.26)
Urban + non-internet addiction + depression	1.99 (1.69–2.35)	
Rural +non-internet addiction + depression	2.35 (1.96–2.81)	1.18 (0.96–1.45)
Urban + internet addiction + non-depression	1.78 (1.11–2.87)	
Rural + internet addiction + non-depression	1.33 (0.59–2.96)	0.74 (0.29–1.88)
Urban + internet addiction + depression	2.34 (1.49–3.68)	
Rural + internet addiction + depression	2.20 (1.18–4.11)	0.94 (0.44–2.01)



^a RR is the ratio of the rates in rural versus urban students after adjusting for age and sex. ^b Rate ratios of statistical significance were in bold.