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Risk factors of school bullying and its relationship with psychiatric comorbidities: a literature review

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Abstract

Background: School bullying is described as violence to other people. It is perpetrated at schools or other activities when the power of a student or a group of students is used to injure others or other groups.

Main body: The prevalence of school bullying is varied from one country to another. There are many types of bullying, such as physical, verbal, social relations, psychological, sexual, and cyber-bullying. Many risk factors could affect school bullying, especially individual, peer and parent factors. Researches found that adults who had school bullying are more vulnerable to develop future psychiatric disorders.

Conclusions: School bullying is one of the crucial problems among pupils. The wide range of the prevalence of school bullying may be due to different methodologies and the presence of many risk factors. It is recommended to have long-term researches about the student with bullying behavior. Also, prevention programs are required to increase knowledge and early detection of affected students to prevent future psychiatric disorders.

Keywords: Bullying, Risk factors, Psychiatric comorbidity

Introduction

School bullying is the most prevalent kind of youth violence that has become a significant concern for pupils and a global public health issue [1]. Bullying is defined as “a type of aggressive behavior in which someone else causes injury or discomfort intentionally and repeatedly [2].

Bully's strength is based on physical strength, age, financial position, and social and technical competencies [3].

Bullying in school is distinct from other forms of violence, as well as from simple interpersonal conflict between students in three ways [4].

1. Intention to cause harm.
2. Repetition of the harmful acts.

The power imbalance between the bully (perpetrator of bullying) and the bullied (victim). The bullying perpetrator has an advantage over the victim, such as physical strength and size, social position, authority, and popularity.

Main text

Prevalence of bullying

Despite the intrinsically hard task of estimating the prevalence of bullying due to different measures used in different studies, researchers generally agree that bullying is a widespread and significant problem in today's schools [5]

Studies in Arab countries

A Cairo-based study evaluating the prevalence of violence among elementary-aged schoolchildren found that

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public and private schools experienced different violence. For example, 76% of public school children reported experiencing physical violence, while 62% of private school children reported experiencing physical violence [6]. In 2019, another Egyptian study, done by Galal and his colleagues looked at rural schools to discover the proportion of bullies among middle and high school students. The researchers found that 9.5% of the students surveyed were bullies [7]. Another study reported prevalence rate of bullying behaviour among 280 elementary students in Sohag at Egypt was about 12.5% [8].

Few studies have been done to determine the frequency of bullying in the Arab world. According to the Global School-based Students Health Survey, middle school students in 19 low- and middle-income countries have an average rate of 34.2 percent for peer victimization, with rates of 44.2 percent in Jordan, 33.6 percent in Lebanon, 31.9 percent in Morocco, 39.1 percent in Oman, and 20.9 percent in the United Arab Emirates [9].

International prevalence of bullying

A meta-analysis of 80 studies from various countries focused on students in grades six through eight has found that bullying involvement rates can range from 9 to 98%, with the average rate being 35% [10].

Victimization rates were reported to range from 2 to 66% in China, while perpetration rates varied from 2 to 34% (Chan and Wong 2015). Another study reveals that bullying is widespread in Southeast Asian countries, as the prevalence rate was 1% to 7.7% [11].

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization [12] report shows that making educational environments violence-free and creating a safe learning environment for all children is still a top priority for the world. However, according to this report, bullying and other forms of violence affect one third of young people. Still, the rates of bullying victimization differ depending on which region is in question.

Bullying comes in various ways and styles [13]

Physical bullying includes slapping, kicking, and punching.

Verbal bullying includes things such as name-calling, taunting, threatening, racial slurs, name-calling, cursing, and more.

Psychological bullies such as harassment, intimidation, and humiliation.

Bullying in social relations Social rejection or preventing people from engaging in certain activities.

Sexual bullying Threats or sexual touching, use dirty words, or being grabby.

Cyber-bullying When someone uses texts, social networks, or hacking to ridicule or intimidate someone.

Direct and indirect bullying are the two general categories of bullying types. In the face-to-face form of bullying, there are physical attacks and verbal harassment. Indirect bullying includes social exclusion, spreading rumors, and similar passive-aggressive behaviors. Therefore, in other words, direct bullying involves aggressive tactics, such as bullying, humiliating, and ridiculing, while more subtle bullying methods are trying to hurt someone socially, get others to avoid them, and keep others in the dark about who did it [14].

Direct bullying has been observed in young children, where direct physical abuse has been substituted progressively with verbal bullying [15]. Different forms of bullying are seen as stemming from gender-based differences. Female students engage in verbal bullying more often than male students, whereas male students employ direct physical bullying [16].

In the group-related bullying process, school students are members of various social groups, and they take on multiple roles, such as bullying perpetrators, victims, and witnesses, to reinforce the hierarchy [17].

There are different roles related to both the bully and the victim, and some of these roles increase the chance that bullying will happen—these positions as [17].

- a) Ringleader bullies: they are persons who are planning, over a long time, to harm the victim again and again.
- b) Assistants: they are followers who aid the bully and engage in aggression against friends.
- c) Reinforcers: these are persons who pay attention to the bully and smile or laugh during the act of bullying.
- d) Defenders: they are persons who help the victim to feel better or to intervene to stop this act.
- e) Victims: they are the target of peer attack and feel they cannot defend themselves easily from a bully.
- f) Bystanders observe students: who are both bullies and victims

Risk factors of school bullying (see Table 1)

Individual risk factors

1. Gender

Since girls and boys can both be bullies and victims of bullying, research has found that boys are more likely than girls to be bullied [18]. The gen-

Table 1 Summary of risk factors for bullying

Risk factors for bullying	
Individual risk factor	Gender
	Grade level
	Ethnicity
	Socioeconomic status
	Physical features and body built
	Externalizing behavior
	Self-esteem
	Social skills and popularity
	Academic achievement
	Disability status
Peer group risk factors	Peer group norms
	Delinquency
	Drug and alcohol abuse
School risk factors	School climate
	Teacher attitude
	Classroom characteristics
	School belonging
Parental risk factors	Parental characteristics
	Family discord
Community risk factors	Neighbourhoods
Societal risk factors	Social media

der disparity in bullying is more significant for direct actions of bullying such as physical assault or threats. However, this relationship is less significant for indirect bullyings such as rumor propagation or social isolation [19].

Nearly 24% of females reported being bullied, while only 18% of males reported this. A similar pattern occurred with rumors: 15% of females compared to 9% of males reported being targeted. However, males (5%) have reported threats of harm more than females (3%) (National Center for Educational Statistics, 2016).

2. Grade level

The rate of bullying decreases as children age, from primary to high school [20]. Bullying is most common in middle school, but research shows that it is at its highest in schools as students prepare to enter high school (i.e., between elementary and mid-school and middle schools and high school)[21].

3. Ethnicity

Bullying involvement is an intercultural and ethnic phenomenon. For example, research has shown that school students who belong to an ethnic minority are more likely than an ethnic majority to be harassed [22].

4. Socioeconomic status

Higher levels of victimization have involved increased disparities between socioeconomic status within one country [23].

5. Bodybuilding and physical characteristics

Powerful men tended to be bullies, according to [19]. According to Unnever and Cornell (2003), bullies in the United States are taller and more robust than their peers. Male students detected a significant quadratic association (U-Shaped) between the bodyweight status and the harassment, while female students did not [24].

These results imply that underweight and obese boys are more likely than their average-weight peers to become bullied, reflecting the theory of conflict that a bullying victim is often different from the majority [25].

6. Externalizing behavior

Being a bully is commonly seen to be associated with externalizing behavior (e.g., aggressive, defiant, disruptive, or delinquent), whereas being a victim is associated with internalizing behavior (e.g., anxiety, depression, or poor self-esteem) [18].

7. Self-esteem

There was a widespread belief that low self-esteem leads to aggression, including bullying. Despite the fact that (weakly) negative self-related insight is linked to bullying, the chances of being a pure unvictimized bully are not greater [18]. Research suggests that narcissism, arrogance, and callous emotional traits (such as a lack of empathy and shame) are more closely linked to bullying than previously assumed [26].

8. Popularity and social skills

A "social relationship problem" has been used to describe bullying [27]. Indeed, victims, bully-victims, and some bullies have social skills deficiencies [18].

Even if many classmates do not necessarily like them personally, bullies can be seen among their peers as popular, influential, and "cool" [28]. In addition, bully members are often central and have friends in their peer networks. Like other people who engage in and affiliate with similar behaviors [29], teenagers can strengthen the coercive behavior of the other.

9. Academic achievement

The connection between bullying and academic performance is difficult. Previous studies vary whether bullies are slightly low or significantly low in school performance. The study investigated 46

schools' exam results and found that peer bullying was associated with lower achievement, especially if teased students missed school and missed educational opportunities [30]. Three African nations included 12–16 years who were enrolled in a Trend Studies in Mathematics and Science class. According to their findings, bullying is both a significant problem in all three countries, and is a significant and common factor related to poor academic performance [31].

10. Physical disability

Students with conduct disorders are more likely to be bullied but bullying can be retaliatory in response to bullying [32].

Peer group risk factors

1. Peer group norms

If members of a peer group participate in bullying, the others experience it. In addition, students who were bully perpetrators were more likely to come from socially significant peer groups [33].

2. Delinquency

The influence of peers was a significant predictor of participation in harassment; Negative peer influence was linked to bullying and being victimized [18]. In addition, research shows that having a delinquent record (i.e., vandalism, membership in a gang, and bringing a weapon to school) correlates with higher levels of bullying and victimization [34].

High pro-social behavior and low social anxiety benefit academic success, because it helps students avoid getting bullied or victimized and thus succeed academically [35].

3. Alcohol/drug use

Bullying and alcohol/drug abuse are known to be linked. For example, a study of adults in the United States discovered that bullying was significantly associated with lifetime alcohol and drug use. Thus, involvement in bullying is linked to both concurrent and future alcohol/drug use [36].

School risk factors

1. School climate

Adults play an important role in creating a positive or negative environment in schools. If the school environment is not good and unhealthy, bullying and related problems are widespread [37]. Bullying and victimization, on the other hand, are less prevalent

when students are challenged and motivated to do well in school [38].

2. Teacher attitude

The role of the teacher is critical in the fight against bullying in the classroom [39]. Teachers' responses to bullying will vary depending on their individual beliefs and attitudes.

Some teachers regard bullying as a normal behavior that may aid children in developing social skills and believe it is unnecessary to intervene, because they do not sympathize with the victim [40].

Furthermore, teachers will not likely interfere with bullying when they perceive that conduct is not bullying or when there are other occurrences of hidden forms such as relational or verbal bullying or when teachers do not perceive the behavior as bullying [41].

3. Classroom characteristics

Schools are an amalgamation of many classrooms and there is an incentive for reducing bullying and victimization in healthy a classroom environment. A study identified four key characteristics that predict bullying in classrooms: (1) negative peer relationships, (2) poor teacher–student relationships, (3) a lack of self-control, and (4) poor problem-solving abilities among students [42].

4. School belonging

Those who bullied others in primary school had lower rates of school affiliation than those who had been or had not been bullied victims [43, 44].

Parental risk factors

1. Parental characteristics

Researchers have found that bullies are more likely to come from families, where there is little cohesion, little warmth, absent fathers, high power needs, and a tolerance for aggressive behavior. They may also have experienced physical abuse as well as being from low socioeconomic status families with authoritarian parents [45].

The mothers of the male victims were overprotective, controlling, restricting, coddling, overinvolved, and warm, whereas their fathers were aloof, critical, absent, indifferent, negligent, and domineering. Female victims, on the other hand, had hostile moms who denied or rejected affection, threatened and dominated them, and fathers who were careless and carefree [18].

2. Family discord

Being raised in a home, where the parents fought, drank, used drugs, and were physically or sexually abusive predicted bullying and bullying victimization in children [43, 44]. A lack of parental guidance and conflict in the home are common themes among bullies [18].

Community risk factors

Neighborhoods

Neighborhood characteristics have a significant impact on bullying behavior [18]. For example, bullying thrives in neighborhoods that are unsafe, aggressive, and unorganized. Conversely, living in a safe, connected neighborhood was associated with lower levels of bullying and victimization [7].

Societal risk factors

Media

Decades of research have been conducted to determine whether exposure to violent video games, television, and film is linked to higher levels of aggression. Indeed, meta-analyses of these studies show that media violence is associated with aggressive and antisocial behavior [46].

Diagnosis of bullying behavior

A- Criteria of bullying behavior.

B- Psychometric Scales for the bullying behavior

Criteria of bullying behavior

A list of features used to identify bullying [47]: Bullying is widely accepted to be a subcategory of aggressive behavior defined by the three minimum criteria listed below:

Intent to hurt (i.e., the harm caused by bullying is deliberate, not accidental).

1. Power disparity (i.e., bullying includes a real or perceived power inequity between the bully and the victim).
2. Long-term repetition (i.e., more than once with the potential to occur multiple times).

To supplement the above-mentioned criteria, the following two additional criteria have been proposed:

1. victim distress (victim suffers mild to severe psychological, social or physical trauma).
2. incitement (bullying is motivated by perceived benefits of their aggressive behaviors).

Psychometric Scales for the bullying behavior

Scales for the bully: There are many scales used to assessed bully behavior, such as.

Bullying behavior Scale for children and adolescents [48]: It is 40 items that used to measure the frequency of self-reported perpetration in different forms of Bullying for Youth 8–18 years.

Aggression Scale [49]: It is 11 items that used to assess the frequency of self-reported perpetration of teasing, pushing, or threatening others for Youth 10–15 years.

Bullying behavior Scale [50]: It is six items that are used to assess bullying behavior at schools for Youth 8–11 years.

Modified Aggression Scale [51]: It is nine items that used to assess bullying behavior and anger for Youth 10–15 years.

Scales for the victim

Gatehouse bullying Scale [52]: It is 12 items that used to assess overt and covert victimization for Youth 10–15 years.

Retrospective Bullying Questionnaire [53]: It is 44 items that used to assess the frequency, seriousness, and duration of bully victimization in primary and secondary school; bully-related psychological trauma, suicidal ideation if bullied, and bullying in college and the workplace for young adults/Adults 18–40 years.

Perception of Teasing Scale (POTS) [54]: It is 22 items that used to measure the frequency and effect of teasing and bullying for youth 17–24 years.

Scales for the bully-victim

Olweus Bullying Questionnaire: It is 39 items that used to assess the frequency of bully perpetration and victimization for Youth 11–17 years.

School life survey [55]: It is 24 items that used to assess the frequency of physical, verbal, and relational bullying as both the perpetrator and the victim for Youth 8–12 years.

School relationships Questionnaire [56]: It is 20 items used to assess the victimization and perpetration of direct and relational bullying/ aggression for Youth 6–9 years.

Illinois Bully Scale [57]: It is 18 items that used to assess the frequency of bullying behavior, fighting, and victimization by peers for youth 8–18 years.

The effects of bullying behavior

The consequences of bullying are extensive, not only to the individuals involved in these conflicts but for society more widely. Scientific research indicated that experiencing bullying has a short and long-term psychological and emotional impact on both victims and perpetrators [58,

Table 2 Effects of bullying behavior

Effects of bullying behavior	
Effects on the bully	
Short term effects [60]	Long term effects [61]
Poor school performance (missed school due to suspensions increases this risk)	Risk of spousal or child abuse
Increased truancy risk	Risk of antisocial behaviour
Difficulty maintaining social relationships	Substance abuse
Increased risk of substance abuse	Less likely to be educated or employed
Effects for the victim	
Short term effects [61]	Long term effects [60]
Social isolation	Chronic depression
Feelings of shame	Increased risk of suicidal thoughts, suicide plans, and suicide attempts
Sleep disturbance	Anxiety disorders
Changes in eating habits	Post-traumatic stress disorder
Low self-esteem	Poor general health
School avoidance	Self-destructive behavior, including self-harm
Symptoms of anxiety	Substance abuse
Bed wetting	Difficulty establishing trusting, reciprocal friendships, and relationships
Higher risk of illness	
Psychosomatic symptoms (stomach-aches, headaches, muscle aches, other physical complaints with no known medical cause)	
Poor school performance	
Symptoms of depression	
Effects on school community [60]	
Student body less engaged in school activities	
Lower overall performance on standardized tests	
Lower graduation rate	
Effects on society [60]	
Disproportionate need for societal support systems such as	
Extended sick leave	
Unemployment	
Uncollected tax revenues	
Increase of health care costs	

Table 3 The effect of bullying on children versus adolescents

Effects of bullying behavior on children		
Victim	Bully	Bully-victim
Depression and Anxiety [62]	Suicidal ideation and behaviour [63]	Depression and Anxiety [62]
Suicidal ideation and behaviour [63]	Alcohol misuse and Smoking	Panic disorder and Hyperactivity [64]
Feeling tired, Poor appetite, Stomach-ache, Sleeping difficulties, Headache, Back pain, Dizziness [63]	Disturbed personality [64]	Disturbed personality [64]
Alcohol misuse [64] and Smoking	Poor school adjustment [64]	Poor social adjustment and isolation [64]
Panic disorder [63]	Externalising problems [64]	
Victim [62]	Bully [62]	Bully-victim [62]
Depression and Anxiety	Depression and Anxiety	Depression and Anxiety
Panic disorder	Panic disorder	Panic disorder
Suicidality	Suicidality	Suicidality
	Disturbed personality	Violent crime and drug misuse [65]
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59]. Also, there are many effect of bullying behaviour that different if happen for children or adolescents (see Tables 2, 3).

1. Effects on the bully
2. Effects on the victim
3. Effects on the school community
4. Effect on the society

Psychiatric comorbidities with bullying

Bullying is a distressing experience that often lasts for years, persists into adulthood, and correlates with current and future psychiatric issues [66]. If the bullying (or being bullied) does not stop or interfere with functioning at school or with friends, pupils should be assessed for potential psychiatric issues [67].

Comorbidity of these disorders [such as depression, anxiety, conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)] occurs among children involved in bullying [68]. At the same time, it is comparatively uncommon in nonbullied children. In addition, separation and generalized anxiety disorder, dysthymia, depression, and panic disorder may be found in the results of an examination of a child who has been the victim of bullying [67].

During adulthood, victim and bully-victims males are at an increased risk for anxiety and personality disorders characterized as histrionic and paranoid [69].

Bullying can begin early in life and persist into adulthood, leading to poor mental and physical health and compromised interpersonal relationships [70].

The consequences of childhood bullying and the correlates of bullying in adulthood can be examined through studies that use adult samples [71]. However, to date, few longitudinal studies have examined general population adult correlates of bullying.

A study in Finland followed bullied elementary school boys into adulthood. This study claimed that bullying could have significant social and psychological effects over time. Boys who bullied others showed that adults are much more prevalent than their unbullying counterparts in antisocial personality disorder, criminality, and convictions [72].

Bullying in childhood is also associated with an increased risk of substance abuse (alcohol, cannabis, and nicotine use disorder), depression, and anxiety in adulthood. In addition, the results indicate that having a psychiatric disorder can increase your risk of being bullied as a youth [72].

Suicide is the second highest cause of mortality among adolescents aged 15 to 29 [73]. Students who have been

bullied are twice as likely to have suicidal thoughts and are 2.6 times more likely to attempt suicide than students who have not been bullied [74]. In addition, Suicidal conduct is reported by students, whether they are bullies, victims, or witnesses [73]. In 2014, About 17.7% of school-aged kids attempted suicide due to bullying behaviour, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) [75].

These negative consequences highlight the importance of further research into bullying to develop effective intervention strategies. We must first comprehend violence and bullying to prevent them. Examining the individuals involved in bullying would be a good first step toward understanding.

Prevention and management

Some of these consequences can be avoided with immediate intervention and long-term follow-up. Schools, families, and communities must work together to understand bullying and its consequences, as well as to discover solutions to reduce, and eventually eliminate, bullying in schools and communities [60]. Therefore, The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) put prevention and management program to bullying behaviour (for details see Tables 4, 5).

In 2018, UNICEF showed that 70% of Egyptian children aged 13–15 are bullied; as a result, Egypt adopted draught revisions to prohibit bullying [76]. Fortunately, in recent years, there have been several initiatives as well as individual attempts to combat bullying. Egypt started its first nationwide campaign in 2018, pushing children, parents, and caregivers to speak up against bullying and providing suggestions and guidance on how to deal with it [77]. In addition, the first legal judgement of its kind was given in Egypt in July, 2020 with two defendants sentenced to 2 years in prison and fined EGP 100,000 (about \$6,250) [78].

Anti-bullying campaign in Egypt, funded by the European Union and coordinated by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), the Ministry of Education and Technical Education and The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). They want to create a safe atmosphere for kids by raising awareness about bullying and how to deal with it through a child protection programme [76]. Some issues may be needed to solve to help this program to fit Egyptian culture such as need for supervisory bodies to monitor teachers and pupils behaviour, need for educational courses for parents and teachers about bullying and having cooperation between school authorities and specialized psychiatrists to treat the problem of bullying with the presence of mental illnesses.

Table 4 Summarize UNICEF prevention program

Prevention [76]		
Role of the teachers	Role of the school leaders	Role of the parents
<p>Learn about bullying</p> <p>Ensuring that pupils understand the consequences of bullying is important (instead of punishments)</p> <p>In their classrooms, create an atmosphere of warmth, rapport, positive interest, and inclusion for their students</p> <p>Consider students who are new to school, physically challenged, or who report of being bullied by others as targets for special attention</p> <p>Encourage children who are more likely to be bullied to integrate more actively and encourage their peers to assist them</p> <p>Have pupils role-play bullying and how to address it. Plan how you'll combat bullying with them</p> <p>Assure your students that if and when they are bullied, you will be there to assist them</p> <p>Help and protect any pupils who are bullied. Assure the bully is not a threat</p>	<p>Raise children's knowledge of the importance of good behavior and great academic success</p> <p>Educate teachers and school personnel on how to deal with bullying</p> <p>Involve parents and students in creating awareness about bullying and how to take positive action against it</p>	<p>Parents should watch for early indicators of child bullying. If child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beliefs and attitudes tolerate or condone violent behaviour Violent towards parents and siblings Seeks to wield authority or influence Grows cocky and narcissistic Disregard rules Manipulate people Lacks empathy Grows up haughty and self-seeking Joins a group notorious for bullying or aggression <p>The following should be taught to children:</p> <p>If someone teases you and says, 'don't tell anyone!' This individual is wrong</p> <p>It takes courage to report harassment and abuse</p> <p>Avoid popular groups that engage in bullying</p> <p>If you are afraid of being bullied or assaulted, avoid being alone or being in an unsupervised area. Keep tight to your friends</p>

Table 5 Summarize UNICEF Intervention program

Intervention [76]	
If the child is a bully	If the child is a victim
<p>1. Role of the teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider their interpretation of events • Point out unsuitable or undesirable behaviour and remind them of the anti-bullying principles and classroom norms • Understand the causes for their bullying conduct • Show empathy and compassion by empathising with the kid being bullied • Apply specific punishments to help them learn • The kid should correct his errors • Explain that rules must be followed to gain classroom privileges • Participation in events, travels, sports, artistic activities, or anything the youngster deems acceptable and fascinating • Plan with their parents <p>2. Role of parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the situation seriously • Hear their side of the story • Recognize the rationale but tell them that bullying is a choice • Describe the wrongdoing in a stern but non-aggressive • Get your kids to accept responsibility for their behaviour • Acknowledge and praise any behavioural changes, • Share, integrate, and demonstrate kindness and empathy are behaviours that reinforce and reward • Teach empathy and compassion by discussing others' feelings and demonstrating them when needed • Involve children in community services • Keep an eye on their actions 	<p>1. Role of the teachers</p> <p>Treat the incident with seriousness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank the bullied for reaching you and praise their efforts • Assure him or her that the problem is not his or her fault • Exhibit empathy • Assist the bullied in asserting his or her rights • Ask the kid what they can do to feel safe • Don't yell at them or blame them. Honesty is rewarded and encouraged • If a child bullies another child with the help or support of other children, they should be held accountable • Inform the youngster with update • Regularly check in with the child on the situation • Seek outside help if necessary • Inform the school counselling staff about any serious problems <p>2. Role of parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen without rushing to any conclusions or making snap judgments • Thank the youngster for sharing his or her story with you • No matter how tough it is, show empathy and listen to his or her feelings, • Avoid criticising the child • Ask inquiries to get as much information as possible about all persons engaged in the problem • Inform the teacher about the situation and how you plan to handle it • If you suspect your kid is in danger at any time, contact the school right away for help

Conclusions

School bullying is one of violence form that could be a major concern for pupils and a global public. The wide range of the prevalence of school bullying may be due to different methodologies and the presence of many risk factors. It is recommended to have long-term research about the student with bullying behavior. Also, prevention programs are required to increase knowledge and early detection of affected students to prevent future psychiatric disorders.

Abbreviations

POTS: Perception of Teasing Scale.; ADHD: Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

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