

## Correlates of device-measured physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleeping in children aged 9-11 years from Chile: ESPACIOS study

### Factores asociados con actividad física, conducta sedentaria y sueño medidos con acelerómetros en niños de 9-11 años de Chile: estudio ESPACIOS

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**Abstract.** Background: Little is known about of correlates of physical activity (PA), sedentary behaviour (SB), and sleeping in children from Latin America. The aim of this study was to assess the association between potential correlates with device-measured PA, SB and sleeping time in children from 9 to 11 years in Carahue, Chile. Methods: A cross-sectional study was conducted to assess correlates of physical behaviours (demographic, psychological, behavioural, home and school environment factors) from data reported by participants and caregivers. Each participant wore an ActiGraph GT3X+ accelerometer on the hip during seven consecutive days to measure PA, SB and sleeping time. Results: In total, 148 participants completed the study (47.3% male, 10.0±0.8 years). SB was positively associated with age, being female, family income, total screen time and distance to places, and negatively with higher scores of parent support for PA. Light PA was associated with age, family income, total screen time (all negative), and parent support for PA (positive). Moderate PA was associated with being male, self-efficacy and established healthy lifestyle committee at school. Vigorous PA was associated with being male, self-efficacy (both positive) and BMI z-score (negatively). Sleeping time was associated with age, portable videogame ownership (both negative) and PE minutes/week (positive). Conclusion: Variables from different levels explained each behaviour, reinforcing the need for multilevel strategies for promoting and helping to ensure healthier lifestyles in children.

**Keywords:** physical inactivity, sleeping, sitting, sedentary, physical behaviours.

**Resumen.** Antecedentes: se sabe poco sobre los correlatos de la actividad física (PA), el comportamiento sedentario (SB) y el sueño en niños de América Latina. El objetivo de este estudio fue evaluar la asociación entre los posibles correlatos con la PA, la SB y el tiempo de sueño medidos con acelerómetro en niños de 9 a 11 años en Carahue, Chile. Métodos: se realizó un estudio transversal para evaluar los correlatos de los comportamientos físicos (factores demográficos, psicológicos, de comportamiento, del entorno escolar y del hogar) a partir de los datos informados por los participantes y los cuidadores. Cada participante usó un acelerómetro ActiGraph GT3X + en la cadera durante siete días consecutivos para medir la PA, SB y el tiempo de sueño. Resultados: En total, 148 participantes completaron el estudio (47.3% hombres, 10.0 ± 0.8 años). SB se asoció positivamente con la edad, el hecho de ser mujer, el ingreso familiar, el tiempo total de la pantalla y la distancia a los lugares, y negativamente con puntuaciones más altas de apoyo de los padres para PA. La PA liviana se asoció con la edad, el ingreso familiar, el tiempo total de la pantalla (todo negativo) y el apoyo de los padres para la PA (positivo). La PA moderada se asoció con ser hombre, autoeficacia y un comité de estilo de vida saludable establecido en la escuela. La PA vigorosa se asoció con ser hombre, autoeficacia (ambos positivos) y puntaje BMI (negativo). El tiempo de sueño se asoció con la edad, la propiedad de los videojuegos portátiles (ambos negativos) y los minutos / semana de PE (positivo). Conclusión: las variables de diferentes niveles explicaron cada comportamiento, lo que refuerza la necesidad de estrategias multinivel para promover y ayudar a garantizar estilos de vida más saludables en los niños.

**Palabras claves:** inactividad física, sueño, tiempo sentado, sedentarismo, conductas físicas.

## Introduction

The benefits in children's health and quality of life associated with physical activity (PA) (Poitras et al., 2016), reduced time spent in front of screens and sedentary (Saunders & Vallance, 2017) and good sleep (Chaput et al., 2016), as well as the combinations of these behaviours (Sampasa-Kanyinga et al., 2017; Saunders et al., 2016), have been strongly documented in the last years. Current recommendations for school-aged children include doing at least 60 minutes per day of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) (World Health Organization, 2010), spending less than 2 hours per day in front of screens (TV, computers) (Carson, Tremblay, Spence, Timmons, & Janssen, 2013), and sleeping between 9 to 11 hours per night (M. S. Tremblay et al., 2016). Even in some countries, such as Canada and Australia, have recommendations for these three behaviours through 24-hour movement guidelines for early years (Okely

et al., 2017), children and youth (M. S. Tremblay et al., 2016).

To overcome the high global prevalences of physical inactivity, sedentary behaviour (SB) and lack of sleep in children, it is necessary to better understand and identify potential causes or mediators in different contexts (Atkin, van Sluijs, Dollman, Taylor, & Stanley, 2016). Several correlates have been described in the literature for PA at different intensities, sedentary and screen time, and sleeping time (Chaput et al., 2015; Sterdt, Liersch, & Walter, 2014; Wilkie, Standage, Gillison, Cumming, & Katzmarzyk, 2018; Yao & Rhodes, 2015). However, these behaviours are influenced by a vast diversity of factors that change depending on the setting (Chaput et al., 2015; Hale & Guan, 2015; Mark S. Tremblay et al., 2016). Measurement methods have advanced allowing better and more feasible ways to assess physical behaviours in free-living environments, but few studies have been conducted in Latin America due to different factors such as related costs, political priorities and lack of research training and capacities, for example (Mark S. Tremblay et al., 2016).

Despite being a very high-income country, Chile has been lagging in several indicators related to PA and SB compared

with other countries (Aubert et al., 2018), while figures about sleeping time are lacking (Aguilar-Farias, Miranda-Marquez, et al., 2018). Chilean adolescents, for example, are among the most inactive and those with the most substantial differences between boys and girls for PA in the Latin American and Caribbean Region (Aguilar-Farias, Martino-Fuentealba, et al., 2018). However, little is known about potential correlates when these behaviours are objectively measured (Aguilar-Farias et al., 2016). Furthermore, most available evidence has been obtained from adolescents (Aguilar-Farias et al., 2016), presenting a considerable gap in the literature for those aged under 12 (Aguilar-Farias, Miranda-Marquez, et al., 2018). By identifying potential correlates in this age group and specific contexts within Chile, more feasible and realistic interventions may be designed to overcome this dramatic problem. For this reason, the purpose of this study was to assess the association between potential individual, social and environmental correlates with different intensities of PA, SB and sleeping time as measured with an accelerometer in children from 9 to 11 years in Carahue, Chile. Comparisons of average PA, SB and sleeping time according to sex and day of the week (weekday/weekend) were also included in this study.

## Methods

A cross-sectional study was conducted in children aged 9-11 years from schools in Carahue, Chile. The sample size was determined considering a cross-sectional design with clusters under the following assumptions (Dean, Sullivan, & Soe, 2013): 1) proportion of children meeting PA recommendations of 50% (Sampasa-Kanyinga et al., 2017), 2) participants would be sampled in school clusters with an average of 20 students per class, 3) 80% power, 4) within intra-class correlation of 0.026 (Williamson et al., 2012), 5) 20% rejection to produce a sample size of 231 participants.

Schools were stratified by type (public/subsidised or private) and then randomly selected. The number of classes to be selected per school was proportional to the total amount of students per site. Then in every school, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>-grade classes were randomly selected to recruit participants. After a study site was selected, its school principal was contacted to request permission to conduct the procedures. Parents or main caregivers signed informed consent and children signed an assent for participation in the study. Participants were measured in the school settings, while a demographic and family health questionnaires were submitted on a sealed envelope to parents or main caregiver to be completed in their homes. The study was approved by the Scientific Ethics Committee of the Universidad de La Frontera (094/2015 CEC).

## Outcome variables

Each participant was asked to wear an ActiGraph GT3X+ accelerometer (AG; ActiGraph, Pensacola, Florida, USA) attached to an elastic belt on the right hip during 24 hours for seven consecutive days. Children were asked to remove the AG during water-based activities (showering or swimming).

Accelerometer data were downloaded, filtered and extracted using ActiLife v6.13.3 (ActiGraph, Pensacola, Florida, USA). First, an automated filter for detecting time spent

sleeping was applied (Barreira et al., 2015). Then, a filter for detecting non-wear periods was applied considering 60 consecutive minutes of zero activity counts (Aadland, Andersen, Anderssen, & Resaland, 2018). The remaining data were identified as waking wear time. Accelerometer data were considered valid for analysis if participants wore the AG for  $\geq 10$  waking hours on at least 4 days including a weekend day (Tudor-Locke et al., 2015). Physical behaviours were classified using AG cut-points for the vertical axis developed by Evenson (Evenson, Catellier, Gill, Ondrak, & McMurray, 2008) as follow: sedentary behaviour (SB, 0-25 counts/15 s), light PA (LPA, 26-573 counts/15 s), moderate PA (MPA, 574-1002 counts/15 s), vigorous PA (VPA,  $\geq 1003$  counts/15 s) and moderate-to-vigorous (MVPA,  $\geq 574$  counts/15 s). These uniaxial cut-points were preferred as previous studies have reported better accuracy when compared with other methods (Zhu, Chen, & Zhuang, 2013) as well as this option favours comparability with other studies with similar age groups (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013; Wilkie et al., 2018).

## Independent variables

Potential correlates were selected base on previous evidence (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013; Sterdt et al., 2014; Yao & Rhodes, 2015) and classified according to the socioecological model (Sallis et al., 2006) as follow: demographic, psychological, behavioural, home and school environment factors.

## Demographic and anthropometric

The participant's main caregiver reported sex, ethnicity and date of birth of their child. Age was calculated based on the participant's date of birth and the day of data collection. In the school visit, height in meters (Seca 213, Hamburg, Germany) and weight in kilograms (Tanita TBF-300A, Tokyo, Japan) were measured to estimate body mass index (BMI, body mass/height<sup>2</sup>) and BMI z-score for age and sex using WHO growth reference data (de Onis et al., 2007).

## Psychological

All participants answered a lifestyle questionnaire during the school visit that included questions for several domains. Self-efficacy for PA (8 items) (Motl et al., 2000) and Motivation for PA (5 items) (Mullan, Markland, & Ingledew, 1997) were measured using validated questionnaires that include questions about how much the children agreed/disagreed with different statements (e.g. 'I can be physically active during my free time on most days'). Every response was coded on a scale of 0 (disagree a lot) to 4 (agree a lot) to calculate the mean score for each questionnaire independently. Health-related quality of life (HRQoL) was measured using the KIDSCREEN-10 (Ravens-Sieberer et al., 2010). The questionnaire comprises 10 questions related to respondents' PA, energy and fitness, moods and emotions, social and leisure participation, social and family relationships, cognitive capacity, and school experience. Every response was coded on a 5-point scale and reversed when necessary to ensure that greater scores indicate better HRQoL. Items for each participant were summed and used to calculate Rasch person-variables, which subsequently were transformed into

T values with a mean of 50 and a SD of approximately 10. (The KIDSCREEN Group Europe, 2006) The internal consistency was adequate for the questionnaire of self-efficacy (Cronbach's alpha coefficient ( $\alpha$ ): 0.74) and HRQoL ( $\alpha$ : 0.77), while the «Motivation for PA questionnaire» showed a poor internal consistency ( $\alpha$ : 0.36) in this sample (Kline, 2013; Streiner, 2003).

### ***Behavioural***

The following variables were collected through self-report. Total screen time per day was estimated using two components (television (TV) viewing and videogames or computer/tablet/mobile phone use) with questions from the US Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017). Participants were asked how many hours had spent watching TV on both school and weekend days in the past week. The answers were coded as: I did not watch TV (0); <1 hour (0.5); 1 hour (1); 2 hours (2); 3 hours (3); 4 hours (4);  $\geq 5$  hours (5). Average TV viewing was calculated using the formula: (TV viewing on school day  $\times 5$  + TV viewing on the weekend  $\times 2$ )/7. A similar question was used for estimating time spent playing videogames or using a computer/tablet/mobile phone for non-related school work (i.e. social networks) during both school and weekend days. The answers were coded as: I did not play video/computer games or use a computer other than for school work (0); <1 hour (0.5); 1 hour (1); 2 hours (2); 3 hours (3); 4 hours (4);  $\geq 5$  hours (5). Average computer use was calculated using the formula: (Videogames or computer use on school day  $\times 5$  + Videogames or computer/tablet/mobile phone use on the weekend  $\times 2$ )/7. TV viewing and videogames or computer/tablet/mobile phone use were added to estimate total screen time on both school and weekend days, respectively. Then, the average screen time was calculated using the formula: (screen time on school day  $\times 5$  + screen time on weekend  $\times 2$ )/7. Participants were classified as meeting screen time guidelines if they spent less than 2 hours on screens (TV + videogames/computer) per day (Tudor-Locke et al., 2015). The same cut-point ( $\geq 2$  hours per day) was used to classify participants as exceeding TV watching time and videogames or computer use on an average day. To estimate outdoor time, children were asked to report separately how much time they spent outside before school, after school before bedtime and on a weekend day during the past week (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013). Overall outdoor time was calculated as (outdoor time on weekdays (before and after school)  $\times 5$  + (outdoor time on weekend days  $\times 2$ )/7. Sports participation was defined as participated in sports teams during the past year (yes/no) (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013). Questions for determining active transportation to school asked how they travelled to and from school in the last week (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013). Active transport modes were: walking, bicycle, rollerblade, skateboard and scooter, while passive modes included: bus, minibus, collective taxi, car or motorbike. Days of physical education (PE) were estimated using a single question that asked how many days they had physical education classes in the last week (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017). Then, participants were classified into two categories: 1 PE day per week or  $\geq 2$  PE days per week.

### ***Home environment***

The participant's primary caregivers were asked to provide information on their educational level, family income, parental support for PA and some screen-based technologies available at home. Educational levels for both the mother and father were classified into four categories (primary, secondary, university degree, postgraduate) based on their last completed course. Family income was obtained from the combined monthly income for their household to be classified into three categories (USD<450 (minimum Chilean salary), USD 450-1000 and USD>1000). Parental support for PA was using a questionnaire that asked how often in a typical week they or another adult at home: 1) watch their child participate in PA or sport, 2) encourage their child to do sport or PA, 3) provide transport to sports/PA clubs, and 4) how often they do sport or PA with their child. (Saelens et al., 2012) Responses were coded as follow: never (0), 1-2 days (1), 3-4 days (2), 5-6 days (3) or every day (4), and the mean score was calculated for each participant. The internal consistency for the parental support for PA in this sample was 0.77 (Kline, 2013; Streiner, 2003).

The primary caregivers were asked, with a simple 'yes' or 'no' question, if their child had the following electronic devices in their room: TV, computer or videogame console. In case they had TV, they were asked about the number of televisions in their home. Also, they were asked if their child owned a mobile phone or portable videogame console.

### ***Neighbourhood environment***

Parents or guardians were asked to a set of questions related to neighbourhood collective efficacy (defined as social cohesion among neighbours combined with their willingness to intervene on behalf of the common good) that included 'Social cohesion and trust' and 'Informal social control' (Sampson, Raudenbush, & Earls, 1997). First, the participant's caregiver answered five questions that represented 'Social cohesion and trust' on a 5-point scale on how strongly they agreed that 1) «people around here are willing to help their neighbours,» 2) «this is a close-knit neighbourhood,» 3) «people in this neighbourhood can be trusted,» 4) «people in this neighbourhood generally don't get along with each other,» and 5) «people in this neighbourhood do not share the same values, attitudes or beliefs» (the last two statements were reverse coded). (Sampson et al., 1997) Similarly, 'Informal social control', expressed as the willingness to intervene for the common good and well-being of the neighbourhood (Sampson et al., 1997), was measured with a 5-item Likert-type scale. The main caregivers were asked about the likelihood (from very unlikely to very likely) that their neighbours could react or be counted on to intervene if: 1) children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner, 2) children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building, 3) children were showing disrespect to an adult, 4) a fight broke out in front of their house, and 5) the fire or police station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts. Individual averages were calculated for both 'Social cohesion and trust' and 'Informal social control', and also, the two scales were combined into a single measure of 'Neighbourhood collective efficacy' (Sampson et al., 1997).

The internal consistency for the collective efficacy ( $\alpha$ : 0.79) and informal social control ( $\alpha$ : 0.81) were adequate, while the social cohesion and trust was lower ( $\alpha$ : 0.64) (Streiner, 2003). The participant's caregivers answered questions about neighbourhood built environment through the NEWS-Y (walkability) (Rosenberg et al., 2009) and questions derived from the Neighbourhood Impact on Kids study survey (distance to places) (Frank et al., 2012; Saelens et al., 2012). These tools assessed the suitability of the neighbourhood environment for walking and performing PA, and the distance to various places such as commercial areas or where a child can be physically active (Frank et al., 2012; Katzmarzyk et al., 2013). Scores for these variables ranged from 0 to 4. The internal consistency for walkability was 0.71 and distance to places 0.90 (Kline, 2013; Streiner, 2003).

### School environment

The school-level environment was assessed with a tool completed by the school principal or administrator that included questions related to: 1) the availability of school policies from promoting PA or/and healthy eating, 2) presence of established committee for promoting healthy lifestyle at school, 3) proportion of students attending extracurricular sport/PA activities, 4) competitive and non-competitive sport options at school, 5) frequency of physical education and breaks, 6) strategies for promoting active transportation to/from school, and 7) knowledge about PA recommendations for children and adolescents (Katzmarzyk et al., 2013).

### Statistical analysis

All analyses were conducted in Stata 15.1 (Stata Corp LLC, Texas, USA). Central tendencies are presented as mean (standard deviation) or median (25th–75th percentiles) based on distributional properties. Categorical variables are presented as percentages. A descriptive analysis was conducted for those participants with complete data for accelerometry and all correlates. All potential correlates and physical behaviours (SB, LPA, MPA, VPA, MVPA, sleeping) were compared according to sex. Comparisons between week and weekend days by sex were also conducted for all physical behaviours. Student's t-test and Mann-Whitney test were used for parametric and non-parametric data, respectively. Simple multilevel linear regression was used to analyse associations between each potential correlate (independent variable) and the different physical behaviours. Schools were nested and treated as random effects in all models. Age, sex, income and accelerometer wear time were included as covariates in all models. To assess potential correlates, variables associated with a physical behaviour at  $p < 0.10$  were included in the final multiple multilevel linear regression models. This criterion was used to avoid relevant variables from being excluded from the analysis. The potential correlates were entered following this order: demographic, psychological, behavioural, home environment, neighbourhood environment and school environment. Stepwise estimation was conducted where those variables with a  $p$ -value  $> 0.05$  were removed before entering new variables from the following level or domain. In the case that more than one variable was non-significant, the variable with the highest  $p$ -value was removed first. The process was repeated on each level until only significant variables ( $p < 0.05$ ) were left.

## Results

In total, six schools and 258 participants were assessed in the study, but 148 were included in the final analysis. 10 participants were excluded due to age range (younger than 9 years old = 1, and older than 11 years old = 9). Other participants were not included due to invalid data. Sources of invalid data for this study were: an insufficient number of valid accelerometer days and incomplete reports from parents ( $n=44$ ), only insufficient accelerometer data ( $n=36$ ) and only incomplete information from parents ( $n=20$ ).

Table 1.  
Descriptive characteristics of the sample

Variable	Total (n=148)	Boys (n=70)	Girls (n=78)	P
<b>Demographic</b>				
Age in years, mean (SD)	10.0 (0.82)	10.1 (0.80)	9.96 (0.83)	0.177
Nutritional status (%)				
Normal	33.1	34.3	32.1	0.739
Overweight	42.6	44.3	41.0	
Obesity	24.3	21.4	26.9	
BMI z-score	1.8 (0.97)	1.9 (0.98)	1.6 (0.96)	0.125
Ethnic group (% mapuche)	37.8	41.4	34.6	0.394
<b>Psychological</b>				
Self-efficacy score (range 0-4, mean (SD))	2.6 (0.84)	2.7 (0.82)	2.5 (0.85)	0.120
Motivation for PA (range 0-4, mean (SD))	2.4 (0.72)	2.2 (0.65)	2.5 (0.74)	0.007
HRQoL (T score, mean (SD))	48.3 (11.51)	47.8 (11.51)	48.7 (10.95)	0.618
<b>Behavioral</b>				
Screen time (h/day, mean (SD))	3.1 (2.20)	3.0 (2.30)	3.3 (2.11)	0.346
TV viewing (h/day, mean (SD))	1.8 (1.26)	1.7 (1.25)	2.0 (1.26)	0.099
Videogames/computer use (h/day, mean (SD))	1.3 (1.37)	1.3 (1.35)	1.3 (1.39)	0.998
Outdoor time (h/day)	3.3 (2.15)	3.6 (2.20)	3.0 (2.09)	0.154
Sport participation (% yes)	59.5	75.7	44.9	<0.001
Active transportation to school (% yes)				
Walking or cycling	37.8	40.0	35.9	0.607
Walking	34.5	37.1	32.0	0.515
Cycling (cycles)	3.4	2.9	3.9	0.740
Physical education (%)				
<2 classes per week	16.2	18.6	14.1	0.461
<b>Home environment</b>				
Mother's educational level (%)				
Primary education	24.3	27.1	21.8	0.675
Secondary education	54.7	50.0	59.0	
University degree	17.6	20.0	15.4	
Postgraduate	3.4	2.9	3.8	
Father's educational level (%)				
Primary education	35.8	41.4	30.8	0.363
Secondary education	50.0	44.3	55.1	
University degree	13.5	12.9	14.1	
Postgraduate	0.7	1.4	0	
Family income (%)				
<450 USD	68.9	68.6	69.2	0.346
450-1000 USD	22.3	25.7	19.2	
>1000 USD	8.8	5.7	11.5	
Parental support for PA (range 0-4, mean (SD))	1.5 (1.03)	1.5 (1.05)	1.6 (1.01)	0.691
TV available in room (% yes)	59.5	60.0	59.0	0.899
Computer in room (% yes)	76.4	78.6	74.4	0.547
Videogame console ownership (% yes)	18.2	12.9	23.1	0.108
TVs per house (mean (SD))	1.8 (0.94)	1.8 (0.90)	1.9 (0.97)	0.748
Mobile phone ownership (% yes)	51.4	57.1	46.2	0.182
Portable videogame console ownership (% yes)	83.1	78.6	87.2	0.163
<b>Neighbourhood environment</b>				
Collective efficacy (range 1-5, mean (SD))	3.5 (0.66)	3.5 (0.72)	3.5 (0.60)	0.615
Walkability (range 0-4, mean (SD))	1.6 (0.59)	1.6 (0.64)	1.6 (0.55)	0.907
Distance to places (range 0-4, mean (SD))	2.4 (2.17, 2.5)	2.4 (2.10, 2.67)	2.4 (2.09, 2.61)	0.847

Abbreviations: BMI: body mass index; HRQoL: Health-related quality of life; PA: physical activity; SD: standard deviation; TV: television; USD: United States dollars

### Sample characteristics

Details about the characteristics of the sample are shown in Table 1. The overall age of the sample was 10.0±0.82 years. About 7 out of 10 children were overweight or obese. Only two descriptive variables were significantly different between boys and girls. The motivation for PA was higher in girls ( $p=0.007$ ), while sports participation was more prevalent in boys ( $p<0.001$ ) than girls. All school principals reported having school policies for PA promotion, but only 1 out of 6 schools had an established healthy lifestyle committee (Table 2). None of the school principals knew the PA recommendations for children. Only one school reported that more than 25% of the pupils attend sport or PA clubs. Basketball and football were the most common sports activities offered to children in schools. More details about the school-level variables are shown in Table 2.

### Device-measured and self-reported physical behaviours

Details about the device-measured and self-reported

Table 2.

School-level variables of the study

School-level variables	%
Presence of school policies for PA	100
Presence of school policies for healthy eating	66.6
Established healthy lifestyle committee	16.7
Proportion of pupils attending sport or PA clubs	
Not available	16.7
<=24	66.6
>25%-49%	16.7
Sports clubs (competitive and non-competitive)	
Basketball	66.6
Volleyball	16.7
Football	66.6
Gymnastics	33.3
Athletics	33.3
3 or more school breaks per day	40
PE minutes per week	
45 min/week	66.6
90 min/week	16.7
135 min/week	16.7
Active transportation promotion strategies	
Identify safe routes to school	33.3
Presence of crossing guards at school	33.3
Car free zone in surroundings	16.7
Allow to bring bikes	50.0
Allow to bring other small cycles	16.7
Promote helmet or other safety measures for active transportation	16.7

Abbreviations: PA: physical activity; PE: physical education

physical behaviours of the sample are displayed in Table 3. Overall, the participants wore the accelerometer for 848.9±71.38 minutes in an average day, with no differences between sexes ( $p=0.19$ ). The participants spent 46.6±8.72 % of their time in SB, 47.4±7.51% in LPA, 4.8±2.21% in MPA, 1.3±1.08% in VPA and 6.1±2.98% in MVPA. Boys spent more time in MPA (+15.2 min/day,  $p<0.001$ ), VPA (+4.4 min/day,  $p=0.02$ ) and MVPA (+19.6 min/day,  $p<0.001$ ) than girls. The mean sleeping time was 563.3±82.83 min/day (9.4±1.38 h/day) with no differences between boys and girls ( $p=0.57$ ). Only 5.1% met the MVPA guidelines, and nearly half of the participants met the sleeping time recommendations. Based on self-reported data, 13.3% and 36.1% of the sample met the PA and screen recommendations for children, respectively.

Table 3.

Overall device-measured and self-reported physical behaviours in the analytical sample

Variable	Total (n=148)	Boys (n=70)	Girls (n=78)	p
<b>Objectively measured</b>				
Wear time (min/day) mean (SD)	848.9 (71.38)	841.2 (64.65)	856.0 (76.66)	0.19
Sedentary behaviour				
Mean % (SD)	46.6 (8.72)	45.4 (8.37)	47.7 (8.93)	0.10
Median % [IQR]	45.4 [40.51, 52.01]	44.3 [39.98, 51.65]	46.6 [40.96, 52.71]	-
Mean (min/day) (SD)	395.5 (81.67)	380.98 (71.61)	408.7 (88.16)	0.32
Median (min/day) [IQR]	382.6 [337.0, 450.0]	376.3 [334.4, 429.2]	392.0 [343.7, 462.4]	-
LPA				
Mean % (SD)	47.4 (7.51)	47.3 (7.35)	47.4 (7.69)	0.98
Median % [IQR]	47.8 [42.3, 53.1]	47.3 [41.9, 53.1]	48.1 [42.5, 52.32]	-
Mean (min/day) (SD)	402.2 (72.54)	398.6 (71.3)	405.3 (73.9)	0.56
Median (min/day) [IQR]	407.6 [347.6, 454.9]	395.4 [345.0, 454.9]	415.2 [348.8, 457.7]	-
MPA				
Mean % (SD)	4.8 (2.21)	5.7 (2.31)	3.9 (1.71)	-
Median % [IQR]	4.5 [3.0, 6.0]	5.5 [4.2, 7.4]	3.8 [2.6, 5.1]	<0.001
Mean (min/day) (SD)	40.5 (18.98)	48.5 (20.48)	33.3 (14.14)	-
Median (min/day) [IQR]	37.9 [27.3, 51.0]	43.3 [36.1, 62.3]	33.2 [23.4, 41.0]	<0.001
VPA				
Mean % (SD)	1.3 (1.08)	1.5 (1.27)	1.0 (0.82)	-
Median % [IQR]	0.9 [0.6, 1.7]	1.1 [0.6, 2.0]	0.8 [0.5, 1.3]	0.02
Mean (min/day) (SD)	10.8 (9.30)	13.1 (11.12)	8.7 (6.68)	-
Median (min/day) [IQR]	7.6 [5.0, 14.6]	10.0 [5.4, 16.7]	7.4 [4.3, 10.7]	0.02
MVPA				
Mean % (SD)	6.1 (2.98)	7.3 (3.16)	4.9 (2.32)	-
Median % [IQR]	5.6 [3.82, 7.91]	7.3 [4.86, 8.82]	4.8 [3.23, 6.65]	<0.001
Mean (min/day) (SD)	51.3 (25.69)	61.6 (28.18)	42.0 (19.04)	-
Median (min/day) [IQR]	46.8 [33.0, 64.8]	58.3 [40.3, 78.0]	41.3 [28.3, 53.6]	<0.001
Sleeping time				
Mean (min/day) (SD)	563.3 (82.83)	569.7 (89.47)	557.7 (76.45)	0.57
Median (min/day) [IQR]	552.5 [512.1, 601.0]	556.1 [515.7, 616.9]	550.0 [503.1, 603.0]	-
Meeting MVPA guidelines (%)	5.1	8.0	2.4	0.11
Meeting Sleeping guidelines (%)	46.2	48.0	44.6	0.667
<b>Self-reported</b>				
Physically active days (mean (SD))	3.2 (2.10)	3.5 (2.27)	3.0 (1.93)	0.14
Meeting PA guidelines (%)	13.3	18.7	8.4	0.058
Meeting screen time guidelines (%)	36.1	40.0	32.5	0.329
TV =2 h/day (% yes)	44.5	39.2	49.4	0.20
Videogames/computer =2 h/day (% yes)	29.7	28.4	30.9	0.74

Abbreviations: SD: standard deviation; IQR: interquartile range; LPA: light physical activity; MPA: moderate physical activity; VPA: vigorous physical activity; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; PA: physical activity; TV: television.

Accelerometer wearing time was longer during the week than weekend days in the total sample (Table 4). In relative terms based on wearing time, no differences were observed for SB in both boys and girls between week and weekend days. Only boys spent more time in LPA at the weekend than

Table 4.

Comparisons of objectively measured physical behaviours during week and weekend days in the analytical sample.

Variable	Total (n=148)			Boys (n=70)			Girls (n=78)		
	Weekday	Weekend	p	Weekday	Weekend	p	Weekday	Weekend	p
Wear time (min/day)	Mean 879.0 (SD 75.1)	769.5 (100.3)	<0.001	868.4 (68.98)	767.7 (90.18)	<0.001	888.6 (79.5)	771.1 (109.1)	<0.001
Sedentary behaviour									
Mean (%)	46.6 (8.62)	46.4 (12.91)	0.81	45.8 (8.57)	43.9 (11.69)	0.10	47.4 (8.65)	48.8 (13.58)	0.20
Median (%)	45.3 [IQR] [40.8, 52.7]	44.6 [IQR] [36.9, 54.0]	-	45.1 [IQR] [40.1, 50.7]	43.7 [IQR] [35.5, 50.8]	-	46.8 [IQR] [41.1, 52.7]	46.8 [IQR] [39.0, 57.8]	-
Mean (min/day)	410.0 (83.50)	358.4 (118.58)	<0.001	397.46 (77.50)	336.3 (97.04)	<0.001	421.3 (87.50)	378.4 (132.55)	0.001
Median (min/day)	400.8 [IQR] [348.6, 473.0]	333 [IQR] [281.0, 424.0]	-	385.2 [IQR] [348.6, 449.0]	313.5 [IQR] [272.5, 400.0]	-	409.5 [IQR] [347.8, 481.8]	367 [IQR] [289.0, 451.0]	-
LPA									
Mean (%)	47.1 (7.53)	48.1 (11.08)	0.23	46.7 (7.62)	49.4 (10.22)	0.016	47.5 (7.47)	46.8 (11.72)	0.50
Median (%)	47.4 [IQR] [42.0, 52.2]	49.5 [IQR] [42.0, 56.8]	-	48.2 [IQR] [43.5, 52.2]	50.3 [IQR] [44.1, 57.4]	-	47.1 [IQR] [40.8, 53.0]	47.9 [IQR] [39.5, 56.8]	-
Mean (min/day)	414.6 (75.01)	368.8 (95.05)	<0.001	406.1 (74.07)	379.5 (90.88)	0.004	422.2 (75.48)	359.1 (98.21)	<0.001
Median (min/day)	421.4 [IQR] [365.8, 469.8]	372.8 [IQR] [313.0, 432.0]	-	402.6 [IQR] [357.4, 464.8]	381.5 [IQR] [323.0, 430.0]	-	435.7 [IQR] [367.4, 471.0]	363 [IQR] [305.0, 434.5]	-
MPA									
Mean (%)	4.9 (2.21)	4.2 (3.03)	-	5.9 (2.26)	5.3 (3.46)	-	4.1 (1.81)	3.3 (2.2)	-
Median (%)	4.5 [IQR] [3.0, 6.0]	3.7 [IQR] [2.1, 5.9]	<0.001	5.9 [IQR] [4.3, 7.4]	5.1 [IQR] [2.4, 7.4]	0.046	5.2 [IQR] [2.6, 5.4]	2.8 [IQR] [1.2, 4.1]	<0.001
Mean (min/day)	43.3 (19.53)	32.7 (23.91)	-	51.1 (20.64)	41.0 (27.79)	-	36.2 (15.48)	25.2 (16.68)	-
Median (min/day)	41 [IQR] [29.6, 53.8]	27.8 [IQR] [15.5, 44.5]	<0.001	51 [IQR] [34.8, 66.4]	33 [IQR] [17.5, 57.5]	<0.001	37 [IQR] [23, 47.0]	24.0 [IQR] [10.0, 35.5]	<0.001
VPA									
Mean (%)	1.3 (1.09)	1.3 (1.77)	-	1.6 (1.26)	1.4 (1.74)	-	1.0 (0.82)	1.1 (1.79)	-
Median (%)	0.9 [IQR] [0.53, 1.63]	0.8 [IQR] [0.18, 1.55]	0.005	1.1 [IQR] [0.64, 2.25]	0.93 [IQR] [0.26, 1.84]	0.037	0.8 [IQR] [0.47, 1.23]	0.67 [IQR] [0.14, 1.24]	0.061
Mean (min/day)	11.2 (9.57)	9.6 (13.22)	-	13.8 (11.35)	10.9 (14.02)	-	8.9 (6.90)	8.4 (12.40)	-
Median (min/day)	8.4 [IQR] [5.0, 14.0]	6.0 [IQR] [1.5, 13.0]	<0.001	9.7 [IQR] [5.8, 19.2]	7.0 [IQR] [2.0, 14.0]	0.003	7.5 [IQR] [4.4, 12.0]	5.5 [IQR] [1.0, 9.0]	0.005
MVPA									
Mean (%)	6.2 (3.00)	5.5 (4.08)	-	7.4 (3.12)	6.7 (4.48)	-	5.1 (2.42)	4.4 (3.37)	-
Median (%)	5.9 [IQR] [4.02, 7.85]	4.6 [IQR] [2.56, 8.09]	<0.001	7.3 [IQR] [5.0, 9.25]	5.8 [IQR] [2.93, 10.05]	0.056	4.9 [IQR] [3.08, 6.78]	3.7 [IQR] [1.73, 6.03]	0.004
Mean (min/day)	54.5 (26.52)	42.3 (32.06)	-	64.9 (28.57)	51.9 (36.54)	-	45.1 (20.58)	33.6 (24.52)	-
Median (min/day)	50.8 [IQR] [37.2, 69.0]	33.3 [IQR] [19.0, 60.5]	<0.001	63.8 [IQR] [41.25, 84.67]	46.0 [IQR] [22.0, 75.0]	<0.001	44.8 [IQR] [27.67, 59.0]	30.0 [IQR] [13.5, 45.0]	<0.001
Sleeping time									
Mean (min/day)	552.3 (85.50)	570.9 (96.10)	-	558.9 (85.69)	565.3 (103.94)	-	546.3 (85.44)	575.9 (88.82)	-
Median (min/day)	543.5 [IQR] [500.6, 603.5]	574.0 [IQR] [503.0, 622.0]	0.005	549.0 [IQR] [506.0, 616.0]	564.3 [IQR] [497.0, 620.5]	0.19	535.4 [IQR] [494.0, 595.8]	576.5 [IQR] [521.0, 626.0]	0.017
Meeting MVPA guidelines (%)	7.6	16.5	0.015	12.0	26.7	0.023	3.6	7.2	0.303

Abbreviations: SD: standard deviation; IQR: interquartile range; LPA: light physical activity; MPA: moderate physical activity; VPA: vigorous physical activity; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; PA: physical activity

Table 5.

Associations between potential correlates and each physical behaviour in the total sample, adjusting for covariates.

Variable	Sedentary (min/day)		LPA (min/day)		MPA (min/day)		VPA (min/day)		MVPA (min/day)		Sleeping (min/day)	
	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p
<b>Demographic</b>												
Age (years)	<b>25.9 (12.27, 39.52)</b>	<0.001	<b>-22.3 (-33.94, -10.67)</b>	<0.001	<b>-3.2 (-6.99, 0.55)</b>	<b>0.094</b>	-0.4 (-2.27, 1.39)	0.638	-3.6 (-8.61, 1.49)	0.167	<b>-22.4 (-39.08, -5.72)</b>	<b>0.008</b>
Sex (ref=female)	<b>-25.9 (-46.79, -5.00)</b>	<b>0.015</b>	5.3 (-12.52, 23.17)	0.558	<b>16.0 (10.65, 21.35)</b>	<0.001	<b>4.4 (1.62, 7.23)</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>20.5 (13.17, 27.85)</b>	<0.001	17.0 (-4.83, 38.79)	0.127
BMI z-score	3.3 (-7.32, 13.83)	0.547	-0.3 (-9.35, 8.74)	0.947	-1.2 (-3.90, 1.57)	0.404	<b>-1.7 (-3.10, -0.31)</b>	<b>0.017</b>	-2.9 (-6.57, 0.86)	0.132	-7.1 (-18.45, 4.26)	0.221
Ethnic group (ref= no mapuche)												
<b>Psychological</b>												
Self-efficacy score (range 0-4)	-7.7 (-20.04, 4.62)	0.220	0.9 (-9.64, 11.52)	0.862	<b>4.1 (1.03, 7.24)</b>	<b>0.009</b>	<b>2.6 (0.95, 4.18)</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>6.7 (2.46, 10.90)</b>	<b>0.002</b>	-2.7 (-15.73, 10.24)	0.679
Motivation for PA (range 0-4)	9.9 (-4.87, 24.66)	0.189	-8.0 (20.66, 4.57)	0.211	-1.8 (-5.60, 1.99)	0.352	-0.3 (-2.29, 1.68)	0.764	-2.1 (-7.33, 3.08)	0.424	5.2 (-10.33, 20.78)	0.511
HRQL (T score, mean (SD))	0.1 (-0.85, 1.03)	0.849	-0.3 (-1.09, 0.50)	0.470	0.1 (-0.14, 0.34)	0.421	0.1 (-0.02, 0.22)	0.117	0.2 (-0.13, 0.53)	0.239	-0.4 (-1.42, 0.55)	0.387
<b>Behavioral</b>												
Screen time (h/day)	<b>7.2 (2.44, 11.86)</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>-6.0 (-9.99, -1.97)</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>-1.3 (-2.52, -0.08)</b>	<b>0.037</b>	0.1 (-0.56, 0.73)	0.806	-1.2 (-2.89, 0.49)	0.165	0.7 (-4.35, 5.65)	0.798
TV viewing (h/day)	<b>10.1 (1.59, 18.64)</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>-8.4 (-15.65, -1.07)</b>	<b>0.025</b>	-1.7 (-3.85, 0.41)	0.114	0.02 (-1.10, 1.14)	0.976	-1.7 (-4.63, 1.24)	0.259	1.4 (-7.37, 10.14)	0.757
Videogames/computer use (h/day)	<b>13.7 (6.22, 21.09)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>-11.2 (-17.53, -4.78)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>-1.8 (-0.38, 0.11)</b>	<b>0.065</b>	0.2 (-0.79, 1.27)	0.649	-1.6 (-4.28, 1.14)	0.255	-0.5 (-8.47, 7.48)	0.903
Outdoor time (h/day)	-1.0 (-5.93, 3.87)	0.680	-0.23 (-4.43, 3.91)	0.902	<b>1.1 (-0.17, 2.33)</b>	<b>0.090</b>	0.2 (-0.40, 0.86)	0.470	1.3 (-0.39, 3.02)	0.130	-3.2 (-8.20, 1.84)	0.214
Sport participation (ref= none)	1.3 (-21.05, 23.66)	0.11	-8.6 (-27.64, 10.44)	0.376	<b>5.8 (0.14, 11.46)</b>	<b>0.045</b>	1.6 (-1.42, 4.55)	0.305	<b>7.3 (-0.51, 15.03)</b>	<b>0.067</b>	-5.3 (-29.01, 18.35)	0.659
Active transport (ref= passive transport)	0.6 (-20.73, 21.93)	0.956	-5.7 (-23.87, 12.50)	0.540	3.0 (-2.52, 8.53)	0.287	1.4 (-1.43, 4.27)	0.327	4.7 (-2.84, 12.18)	0.223	<b>20.2 (-2.78, 43.27)</b>	<b>0.085</b>
Physical education (ref= 1 class)	18.0 (-11.11, 47.06)	0.226	-17.7 (-42.48, 7.10)	0.162	0.5 (-7.01, 7.97)	0.899	-0.8 (-4.70, 3.13)	0.695	0.3 (-10.54, 9.97)	0.956	8.5 (-11.12, 48.22)	0.221
<b>Home environment</b>												
Mother's educational level (ref=primary)	3.2 (-12.41, 18.81)	0.688	-1.3 (-14.61, 12.06)	0.851	-3.3 (-7.30, 0.66)	0.103	0.6 (-1.48, 2.71)	0.564	-2.6 (-8.13, 2.84)	0.344	2.7 (-14.07, 19.45)	0.753
Father's educational level (ref=primary)	2.7 (-13.66, 18.98)	0.750	-3.9 (-17.78, 10.07)	0.587	-1.0 (-5.17, 3.20)	0.646	<b>1.9 (-0.25, 4.09)</b>	<b>0.082</b>	1.1 (-4.65, 6.90)	0.703	-3.6 (-20.82, 13.64)	0.683
Family income (ref <\$40 USD)	<b>24.3 (8.24, 40.40)</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>-22.9 (-36.59, 9.12)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	-2.1 (-6.25, 2.06)	0.323	<b>-3.2 (-6.99, 0.55)</b>	<b>0.094</b>	-1.3 (-7.01, 4.34)	0.645	-1.3 (-18.94, 16.33)	0.884
Parental support for PA (range 0-4)	<b>-14.9 (-24.66, -5.13)</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>15.3 (7.04, 23.50)</b>	<0.001	0.2 (-2.34, 2.80)	0.861	-0.6 (-1.91, 0.78)	0.407	-0.6 (-4.12, 2.96)	0.749	4.9 (-5.56, 15.45)	0.356
TV available in room (ref= no TV)	-8.2 (-29.06, 12.59)	0.438	9.4 (-8.35, 27.20)	0.299	0.4 (-5.01, 5.82)	0.884	-0.7 (-3.46, 2.13)	0.640	0.3 (-7.09, 7.79)	0.927	-8.4 (-31.09, 14.34)	0.470
Computer in room (ref= no computer)	10.4 (-13.76, 34.56)	0.399	-9.7 (30.31, 10.93)	0.357	-0.7 (-6.97, 5.60)	0.831	0.6 (-2.63, 3.86)	0.710	0.0 (-8.60, 8.56)	0.996	-16.9 (-42.85, 9.04)	0.202
TVs per house (n)	-0.7 (-12.16, 10.75)	0.904	0.5 (-9.24, 10.32)	0.914	-0.6 (-3.54, 2.44)	0.717	0.0 (-1.55, 1.52)	0.985	-1.1 (-5.21, 2.95)	0.587	<b>10.5 (-1.81, 22.84)</b>	<b>0.094</b>
Mobile phone ownership (ref=no)	-4.8 (-25.77, 16.10)	0.651	5.4 (12.48, 23.25)	0.555	-0.7 (-6.05, 4.66)	0.799	0.0 (-2.77, 2.85)	0.978	-0.7 (-8.04, 6.64)	0.851	5.7 (-16.27, 27.74)	0.609
Portable videogame ownership (ref=no)	-20.5 (-49.55, 8.60)	0.168	<b>21.7 (-3.05, 46.43)</b>	<b>0.086</b>	2.0 (-5.55, 9.46)	0.610	-3.0 (-6.89, 0.89)	0.131	-1.0 (-11.25, 9.32)	0.854	<b>-52.1 (-81.61, -22.52)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Videogame console ownership (ref=no)	-6.1 (-16.01, 3.87)	0.231	4.7 (-3.77, 13.25)	0.275	1.4 (-1.04, 3.91)	0.256	0.3 (-0.97, 1.64)	0.613	1.7 (-1.68, 5.14)	0.321	1.0 (-9.02, 11.06)	0.842
<b>Neighborhood environment</b>												
Collective efficacy (range 1-5)	-3.5 (-19.25, 12.23)	0.662	3.7 (-9.73, 17.13)	0.589	1.2 (-2.86, 5.24)	0.564	-0.7 (-2.81, 1.40)	0.512	0.4 (-5.17, 5.92)	0.895	1.0 (-15.63, 17.58)	0.908
Walkability (range 0-4)	<b>-14.1 (-34.23, 6.00)</b>	<b>0.169</b>	10.0 (-7.12, 27.11)	0.252	2.7 (-2.42, 7.87)	0.299	1.4 (-1.15, 4.02)	0.275	4.0 (-3.03, 11.04)	0.264	1.0 (-20.27, 22.23)	0.928
Distance to places (range 0-4)	<b>9.5 (-0.37, 19.31)</b>	<b>0.059</b>	-6.0 (-14.48, 2.42)	0.162	<b>-2.6 (-5.13, 0.00)</b>	<b>0.050</b>	-0.7 (-2.00, 0.67)	0.327	<b>-3.4 (-6.86, 0.10)</b>	<b>0.057</b>	-0.8 (-11.75, 10.20)	0.890
<b>School environment</b>												
School Policy for PA promotion (ref=none)	24.7 (-13.11, 62.60)	0.200	-24.0 (-56.29, 8.25)	0.145	-3.9 (-15.55, 7.83)	0.517	2.3 (-2.83, 7.35)	0.385	-1.6 (-16.75, 13.46)	0.831	37.9 (-36.14, 111.93)	0.316
School Policy for healthy lifestyle (ref=none)	<b>42.4 (-7.15, 92.00)</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>-45.7 (-87.83, -3.66)</b>	<b>0.033</b>	0.6 (-13.78, 15.05)	0.932	1.9 (-4.83, 8.57)	0.585	2.7 (-16.17, 21.50)	0.782	13.8 (-72.89, 100.39)	0.756
Healthy lifestyle committee at school (ref=none)	-8.0 (-30.34, 14.30)	0.481	-2.6 (-21.73, 16.44)	0.786	<b>8.9 (3.31, 14.53)</b>	<b>0.002</b>	1.7 (-1.24, 4.73)	0.252	<b>10.7 (2.96, 18.37)</b>	<b>0.007</b>	-3.0 (-60.54, 54.60)	0.919
Pupils participation in sport/PA clubs at school (ref=none)	1.8 (-9.01, 12.69)	0.740	-6.6 (-15.78, 2.63)	0.162	<b>3.3 (0.58, 6.10)</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>1.4 (-0.04, 2.83)</b>	<b>0.057</b>	<b>4.7 (0.98, 8.49)</b>	<b>0.013</b>	-9.2 (-34.49, 16.13)	0.477
PE time at school (min/week)	-1.1 (-0.40, 0.19)	0.473	0.0 (-0.21, 0.30)	0.713	0.0 (-0.07, 0.13)	0.543	0.0 (-0.02, 0.06)	0.347	0.1 (-0.04, 0.17)	0.257	<b>0.8 (0.40, 1.29)</b>	<0.001
Promotion of active transport to school (range 0-6)	-0.2 (-3.23, 5.68)	0.590	0.7 (-3.37, 4.73)	0.743	<b>-1.4 (-2.50, -0.24)</b>	<b>0.019</b>	-0.4 (-1.00, 0.19)	0.182	<b>-1.8 (-3.32, -0.23)</b>	<b>0.026</b>	-8.6 (-19.61, 2.48)	0.128
School breaks (breaks/day)	5.2 (-9.33, 19.82)	0.481	-8.4 (-20.78, 4.03)	0.186	2.6 (-1.55, 6.67)	0.222	0.3 (-1.69, 2.23)	0.787	3.0 (-2.32, 8.28)	0.271	13.3 (-17.68, 44.35)	0.399

Each association between potential correlate and the physical behaviour were adjusted by sex, age, family income and accelerometer wear time. Sleeping time was not adjusted by wear time. Schools were treated as random effects in all models.

Bold font indicates significant results (p&lt;0.10).

Abbreviations: BMI: body mass index; CI: confidence interval; HRQL: Health-related quality of life; LPA: light physical activity; MPA: moderate physical activity; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; PA: physical activity; PE: physical education; SD: standard deviation; TV: television; USD: United States dollars

weekdays (+2.7%, p=0.016). Boys and girls spent more time in MPA, VPA and MVPA in week than weekend days. Children tended to sleep about 30 minutes more in the weekend than weekdays.

### Correlates of sedentary behaviour

Table 5 displays the associations between potential correlates and each physical behaviour, adjusting for sex, age, income and wear time. Age, screen time, family income, distance to places, school policy for a healthy lifestyle (all positively), being male and parental support for PA (both negatively) were associated with SB (p<0.10). For SB, no significant psychological correlates were identified. The fully adjusted model that included all potential correlates identified in the previous step showed that being male and higher scores of parent support for PA were negatively associated with SB (Table 6). While, age, family income, total screen time and distance to places were positively associated with SB.

### Correlates of light physical activity

The association analysis between potential correlates and LPA showed that age, screen time (TV and videogames/computer), family income, distance to places and school policy for healthy lifestyle were all negatively associated with this behaviour (p<0.10) (Table 5). While parent support for PA and portable videogame ownership were positively associated with LPA (p<0.10). For LPA, no significant psychological correlates were identified. The final model

identified four correlates associated with LPA: age, family income, total screen time (all negative), and parent support for PA (positive) (Table 6).

Table 6.

Correlates of device-measured sedentary time, light, moderate and vigorous physical activity in the total sample (n=148)

	$\beta$ (95% CI)	p
	min/day	
<b>Sedentary time</b>		
Sex (ref=female)	<b>-26.0 (-46.29, -5.66)</b>	<b>0.012</b>
Age (years)	<b>25.2 (12.08, 38.41)</b>	<0.001
Total Screen time (h/day)	<b>6.3 (1.69, 10.81)</b>	<b>0.007</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	<b>26.5 (10.86, 42.21)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Parent support for PA (range 0-4)	<b>-15.2 (-25.16, -5.24)</b>	<b>0.003</b>
Distance to places (range 0-4)	<b>10.2 (0.26, 20.18)</b>	<b>0.044</b>
<b>LPA</b>		
Sex (ref= female)	4.5 (-12.78, 21.80)	0.609
Age (years)	<b>-22.2 (-33.44, -10.98)</b>	<0.001
Total Screen time (h/day)	<b>-5.4 (-9.25, -1.50)</b>	<b>0.007</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	<b>-22.4 (-35.57, -9.21)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Parent support for PA (range 0-4)	<b>14.8 (6.37, 23.26)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>MPA</b>		
Sex (ref=female)	<b>15.1 (9.89, 20.26)</b>	<0.001
Age (years)	-2.6 (-5.92, 0.80)	0.136
Self-efficacy (0-4)*	<b>4.0 (0.92, 7.03)</b>	<b>0.011</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	-2.3 (-6.26, 1.67)	0.256
HLS Committee at school (ref=no)	<b>8.6 (3.06, 14.06)</b>	<b>0.002</b>
<b>VPA</b>		
Sex (ref=female)	<b>4.3 (1.57, 7.04)</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Age (years)	-0.4 (-2.12, 1.39)	0.681
BMI z-score	<b>-1.4 (-2.79, -0.05)</b>	<b>0.043</b>
Self-efficacy (0-4)	<b>2.3 (0.72, 3.93)</b>	<b>0.005</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	0.5 (-1.52, 2.61)	0.603
<b>MVPA</b>		
Sex (ref=female)	<b>18.9 (11.88, 25.99)</b>	<0.001
Age (years)	-2.79 (-7.37, 1.78)	0.231
Self-efficacy (0-4)	<b>6.5 (2.34, 10.65)</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	-1.69 (-7.08, 3.70)	0.539
HLS Committee at school (ref=no)	<b>10.1 (2.59, 17.55)</b>	<b>0.008</b>
<b>Sleeping time</b>		
Sex (ref=female)	13.1 (-7.99, 34.13)	0.224
Age (years)	<b>-17.6 (-33.45, -1.70)</b>	<b>0.030</b>
Family income (ref <450 USD)	-9.2 (-26.86, 8.51)	0.309
Portable videogame ownership (ref=no)	<b>-50.0 (-79.62, -20.37)</b>	<b>0.001</b>
PE minutes (min/week)	<b>0.8 (0.30, 1.33)</b>	<b>0.002</b>

Abbreviations: BMI: body mass index; HLS: Healthy lifestyle committee; LPA: light physical activity; MPA: moderate physical activity; MVPA: moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; PA: physical activity; SD: standard deviation; USD: United States dollars; VPA: vigorous physical activity

All models were adjusted by accelerometer wear time (except for the sleeping time model) with schools treated as random effects.

Bold font indicates significant results (p&lt;0.05).

### ***Correlates of moderate physical activity***

MPA was positively associated with being male, higher self-efficacy scores, outdoor time, sports participation, the presence of a school committee for promoting healthy lifestyle and proportion of pupils participating in sport/PA clubs at schools ( $p < 0.10$ ) (Table 5). Correlates negatively associated with MPA were age, screen time, distance to places and promotion of active transportation to/from school. For MPA, no significant home environment correlates were identified. All correlates that were significant in the fully adjusted model were positively associated with MPA: being male, self-efficacy and established healthy lifestyle committee at school (Table 6).

### ***Correlates of vigorous physical activity***

In the initial model that included potential correlates, being male, self-efficacy scores, father's educational level and percentage of pupils' participation in sport/PA clubs at school were positively associated with VPA ( $p < 0.10$ ) (Table 5). On the other hand, BMI z-score and family income were negatively associated with VPA ( $p < 0.10$ ). Variables from the behavioural and neighbourhood domains were not associated with VPA. In the fully adjusted model, VPA was only associated with correlates from the demographic and psychological levels: sex, BMI z-score and self-efficacy (Table 6).

### ***Correlates of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity***

The potential correlates positively associated with MVPA in the simple model were: being male, self-efficacy, sports participation, the presence of a healthy lifestyle committee at school and percentage of pupils' participation in sport/PA clubs at school ( $p < 0.10$ ) (Table 5). Whereas, negative associations were observed between distance to places and promotion strategies for active transportation to/from school with MVPA ( $p < 0.10$ ). Only sex, self-efficacy and presence of a healthy lifestyle committee at school remained significantly associated with MVPA in the fully adjusted model (Table 6).

### ***Correlates of sleeping time***

When modelling for assessing potential correlates, age, portable videogame ownership (both negative), active transportation to/from school, TVs per house, minutes of PE per week (all positive) were associated ( $p < 0.10$ ) with sleeping time (Table 5). The final model showed that age, portable videogame ownership (both negative) and PE minutes per week (positive) were associated with sleeping time (Table 6).

## **Discussion**

This study assessed the association between potential individual, social and environmental correlates with different intensities of PA, SB and sleeping time as measured with an accelerometer in children from 9 to 11 years in Carahue, Chile. Also, the study included the comparison of physical behaviours according to sex and day of the week (weekday/weekend). Physical inactivity was highly prevalent (objectively measured: 94.9%; self-reported: 86.7%) in the sample. Children tended to be more physically active during week than weekend days with boys accumulating more

minutes per day in MPA, VPA and MVPA than girls. No differences were observed in sedentary time between boys and girls, and only 36.1% met the screen-time guidelines. Sleeping time was similar between boys and girls on an average day, but girls slept more in the weekend than weekdays. Each behaviour was partially explained by diverse variables from different levels or domains, supporting that there is not a specific set of factors that may explain physical behaviours in children.

Children from this study were less sedentary and less physically active than children of similar age from other countries (Chaput et al., 2015). However, the mean sleeping time (9.4 h/day) was comparable with figures recorded in Australia, Canada, South Africa and the UK (Chaput et al., 2015). Sex and age are two commonly reported correlates of physical behaviours in children. Our study, in line with these previous reports, showed disparities in most physical behaviours between sexes, except for LPA and sleeping time. Sedentary time was larger in girls, and time spent in MPA, VPA and MVPA were higher in boys as shown in most international studies (Bringolf-Isler et al., 2018; Herman, Sabiston, Mathieu, Tremblay, & Paradis, 2015; Kavanaugh, Moore, Hibbett, & Kaczynski, 2015; King et al., 2011; Ortega et al., 2018). Age was positively correlated with sedentary time but negatively with LPA and sleeping time. Although we included a narrow age range for this study, large differences per every increasing year were observed for each of the three behaviours. These findings suggest that the transition to more sedentary and less active lifestyles may start from earlier stages. A recent study in a younger sample has even shown that this transition can be observed in children aged 6 to 9 (Jago et al., 2018), reinforcing the need for strengthening preventive and promotion strategies from earlier stages.

Another commonly reported correlate of physical behaviours at the individual level is the nutritional status (Baena, Vega, & Ramírez, 2018). In our study, the BMI z-score was only negatively associated with VPA, while other studies have reported associations between nutritional status with sedentary or screen time (positive) (Herman et al., 2015; King et al., 2011) and MVPA (negative) (King et al., 2011). Longitudinal studies are scarce in this age group to explain a uni or bi-directional association with health outcomes, but strong evidence in adults have shown the relevance of maintaining a healthy weight to prevent the rise of non-communicable diseases (Webber et al., 2012). This sample was particularly overweight and obese, therefore, more aggressive multisectoral strategies are needed to prevent and restraint this unhealthy condition at very early stages.

Among the psychological correlates, only self-efficacy was positively associated with MPA, VPA and MVPA. Even though self-efficacy is commonly reported as a correlate or determinant of PA (Kavanaugh et al., 2015), few studies have investigated the longitudinal relationship between this psychological variable and either PA or ST. Recently, Forthofer et al. (2017) found that self-efficacy was protective against declines in device-measured PA, but only in girls. Another study showed that self-efficacy predicts self-reported PA in both girls and boys (Li et al., 2018). Also, they reported that specific domains of self-efficacy, such as the

predilection for PA, might protect against declines in PA and increases in ST during schools years. These findings are promissory as building self-efficacy with focus on predilection or preference for being active through positive environments and experiences may enhance PA and potentially decrease ST in school-aged children.

In the final fully adjusted, one behavioural correlate was identified in this study: total screen time. Time spent watching TV or playing videogames was positively associated with SB and negatively related with LPA in line with similar findings reported by Herman et al. (2015). It is relevant to note that other well-documented behavioural correlates such sport participation (Kokko et al., 2018; Wilkie et al., 2018) or active commuting (King et al., 2011; Wilkie et al., 2018) were not significant in the fully adjusted model, but they were identified as potential correlates in the simple models. These outcomes reinforce theories about the complex and context-dependent interactions of individual, social and environmental correlates for physical behaviours (Atkin et al., 2016).

Regarding the home environment, family income was positively related with SB, and negatively related with LPA. Parent support for PA was only positively associated with LPA and inversely associated with SB. These associations suggest that strategies for promoting PA by including parents in the process have the potential to reduce SB, but these may not be enough for improving MVPA by itself. Therefore, more active and meaningful approaches for caregivers are needed in programs to achieve positive results in multicomponent interventions. In line with the literature (Hale & Guan, 2015), our study showed that those children who own a portable videogame console affected their sleeping time negatively. This reinforces the call for reducing screen time, not only TV but different modalities such as portable videogames to promote good physical and mental health in children.

Interestingly, the unique physical behaviour that was influenced by the neighbourhood environment was SB. A potential explanation may be that closest places reported by parents were those that do not necessarily require engagement in MVPA, but LPA, such as stores and other services. In tone with our findings, a study from Switzerland showed that boys who lived in neighbourhoods with dead ends, and both low street and greenspace density showed less time spent in SB than their peers, suggesting that built environment features have also influences over time spent in SB in children (Bringolf-Isler et al., 2018).

At school level, the presence of a healthy lifestyle committee at school was positively associated with MVPA. The implementation of these committees that include a responsible, collaborators and written principles or guidelines for promoting healthier lifestyles may be a low-cost strategy for starting a change in school communities. Also, a novel finding was that children who engaged in more minutes of PE per week tended to sleep more. This highlights the relevance of PE in other transverse aspects for comprehensive health. Despite school environment showed important potential benefits, home and neighbourhoods' environments should also be included in local and government strategies to increase PA participation.

### ***Strengths and limitations***

To the best of our knowledge is the first study reporting device-measured physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleeping time in Chilean children. This study included a socioeconomically representative sample from urban and rural areas of Carahue. Also, we collected data at individual, family and school levels to include an extensive list of potential correlates. However, the study presented some limitations that should be considered when translating results. The cross-sectional design limits the establishment of a causal relationship between correlates and behaviours. Also, low wearing compliance was observed for the accelerometer, affecting the final number of participants due to the strict protocol used in the study. However, no differences were observed on demographic characteristics between those with enough and insufficient accelerometer data.

### **Conclusion**

Physical inactivity was highly prevalent in children from Carahue, but boys were more physically active than girls. Overall, no differences were observed in the time spent in sedentary activities and sleeping between boys and girls. Variables from different levels explained each behaviour, reinforcing the need for multilevel strategies for promoting and helping to ensure healthier lifestyles in children. Coordinated efforts from different sectors must be implemented to ensure opportunities for children to be more active not only in school environments but also in out-of-school hours, particularly on weekends. Therefore, urban planning, social development and transport among other sectors are called to be part of these actions. Further prospective studies are needed to identify potential mechanisms for these behaviours to conduct more effective strategies in this scenario. In the meantime, governments should ensure evaluation of current strategies and practices to identify relevant aspects such as reach, effectiveness, adoption, implementation and maintenance for optimising investments of resources.

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