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რედაქციაში სტატიის წარმოდგენისას საჭიროა დავიცვათ შემდეგი წესები:

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- 7. სამამულო ავტორების გვარები სტატიაში აღინიშნება ინიციალების თანდართვით, უცხოურისა უცხოური ტრანსკრიპციით.
- 8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფჩხილებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.
- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

აღნიშნული წესების დარღვევის შემთხვევაში სტატიები არ განიხილება.

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# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEGATIVE EMOTIONS AMONG BOARDING SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CERTAIN REGIONS OF ANHUI PROVINCE AND FAMILY ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATIONAL METHODS

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### Abstract.

**Objective:** Understanding the current state of negative emotions among boarding school students in Anhui Province and their relationship with family environment and educational methods, providing scientific basis for psychological health intervention and family education optimisation for boarding school students.

**Method:** This study employed an anonymous online convenience sampling survey method to select 4,800 junior high and high school students in grades 7 to 12 from Hefei, Wuhu, Anqing, and other regions in Anhui Province to conduct a current situation survey. Among the valid respondents, 1,064 were boarding students. The questionnaire included general demographic characteristics, the Depression-Anxiety-Stress Scale (DASS-21), and other items.

Results: The detection rates for depression, anxiety, and stress among boarding school students were 31.86%, 49.44%, and 17.29%, respectively. The detection rate for the coexistence of two negative emotions was 18.80% (the detection rates for the coexistence of depression and anxiety, depression and stress, and anxiety and stress were 14.94%, 0.28%, and 3.57%, respectively), and the detection rate for the coexistence of all three negative emotions was 13.35%. The multi-factor logistic regression adjustment model showed that more frequent visits home and higher maternal education levels were significantly associated with a reduced risk of depression and anxiety. Conversely, factors such as coming from a reconstituted family, poor parent-child relationships, and punitive and abusive parenting styles were closely associated with an increased risk of depression, anxiety, and stress, as well as their comorbidity.

**Conclusion:** Negative emotions among boarding school students are closely related to family environment and educational methods. It is recommended that the family and school support systems be optimised to promote students' mental health development.

**Key words.** Boarding school, negative emotions, family, education, regression analysis, students.

### Introduction.

Negative emotions refer to the emotions that arise when an individual experiences frustration and setbacks due to their current circumstances or environment failing to meet their

subjective desires and needs [1]. Negative emotions encompass multidimensional psychological states, and commonly used predictors include depression, anxiety, and stress [2]. In recent years, mental health issues among adolescents have become increasingly prominent. The World Health Organisation has pointed out that depression is one of the main causes of illness and disability, and the prevalence of mental disorders among this population continues to rise [3]. With urbanisation and the implementation of the policy of 'closing schools and merging schools,' the expansion of boarding schools in rural areas has further shaped China's educational landscape [4]. Boarding students often face unique challenges in adapting to separation from their families. They experience higher rates of loneliness and psychological problems than their non-boarding peers [5], with a higher detection rate of psychological problems (48.7%) than non-boarding students (39.2%) [6]. Previous studies have shown that family environment and parenting styles are closely related to negative emotions in adolescents, and that adverse family dynamics may increase these risks [7-9].

This study hypothesises that family environment and parenting styles are significantly associated with negative emotions among boarding junior high school students in certain regions of Anhui Province. The research findings aim to provide targeted mental health intervention measures for this population.

### Materials and Methods.

**Object:** This study was conducted from September 2021 to February 2023 using an anonymous online convenience sampling survey method. A total of 4,800 junior and senior high school students in Hefei, Wuhu, Anqing and other areas of Anhui Province participated in the survey. All participants signed written consent forms after being fully informed. The survey distributed 4,800 questionnaires and received 4,483 valid responses (a response rate of 93.40%). Among the valid participants, there were 1,064 boarding students, including 646 males (60.71%) and 418 females (39.29%), with an average age of  $(16.09 \pm 1.70)$  years (age range 11-20 years).

### Survey of personal and family information:

The survey content includes age, gender, grade level, whether the student is an only child, number of times returning home ( $\leq$ 2 times,  $\geq$ 3 times), parental employment location (both in the local area, only one parent in the local area, both parents outside

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the local area), parental educational attainment (*P*rimary school or below, junior high school, senior high school, university or above), parent-child relationship and parental relationship (good, average, poor), educational approach (*P*ersuasive education-based, punitive and physical discipline-based), family type (nuclear family, single-parent family, blended family), etc.

### **Depression Anxiety Stress Scales-21, DASS-21:**

The Depression-Anxiety-Stress Self-Rating Scale was developed in 1995 by Australian psychologist Lovibond based on the three-factor model of emotion. Middle school students fill out this questionnaire based on their actual circumstances over the past week. It includes three dimensions of negative emotional states: depression, anxiety, and stress. Each dimension consists of seven items, with each item scored on a scale of 0 to 3 (0= 'does not apply', 1= 'sometimes applies', 2= 'often applies', 3= 'always applies'). The total score for each subscale ranges from 0 to 21 points. The total score for each scale is calculated by multiplying the sum of all scores by 2. A score of  $\geq 10$  on the depression scale indicates psychological depression, a score of  $\geq 8$  on the anxiety scale indicates psychological anxiety, and a score of ≥15 on the stress scale indicates psychological stress [10]. Research has shown that the overall Cronbach's α coefficient and test-retest reliability of the Chinese version of this scale are 0.912 and 0.715, respectively [11].

### **Quality control:**

The same instructions were used throughout the survey, which was conducted collectively. Respondents were asked to read the instructions carefully and then fill out the questionnaire as required. After all questionnaires were collected, they were checked a second time and any unsatisfactory ones were discarded. It should be noted that convenience sampling may result in insufficient sample representativeness, thereby introducing a certain degree of selection bias.

### Statistical methods:

Data analysis was performed using SPSS 26.0 software. Categorical data were described using frequencies and percentages, and intergroup comparisons were performed using the chi-square test. Factors influencing the outcome were analysed using binary multinomial unconditional logistic regression analysis. The significance level was set at  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

### Results.

# Comparative analysis of negative emotion levels among boarding school students with different demographic characteristics:

The results showed that the detection rate of depressive mood among boarding school students was 31.86% (339/1064), the detection rate of anxious mood was 49.44% (526/1064), and the detection rate of stressful mood was 17.29% (184/1064). The detection rate of coexisting negative emotions was 18.80% (200/1064) (The detection rates for coexisting depression and anxiety, depression and stress, and anxiety and stress were 14.94%, 0.28%, and 3.57%, respectively). The detection rate of coexisting negative emotions was 13.35% (142/1064). Girls have higher rates of anxiety, stress, and three types of negative emotions than boys (P<0.05), high school students had higher rates of detection of both single and coexisting negative emotions than junior high school students (P<0.05), for further details, please refer to Table 1.

### Comparative study on the differences in negative emotional levels among boarding school students from different family backgrounds:

The results showed that secondary school students who returned home≥3 times per month had lower rates of depression, anxiety, and coexisting negative emotions than secondary school students who returned home  $\leq 2$  times per month (P < 0.05). Middle school students whose parents both work locally have a higher rate of depression than those whose parents both work locally (P<0.05). Middle school students whose mothers have a junior high school or high school education have lower rates of depression and anxiety than middle school students whose mothers have an elementary school education or below (P<0.05). Middle school students whose mothers have a junior high school education have a lower rate of coexisting negative emotions than middle school students whose mothers have an elementary school education or below (P<0.05). The worse the parent-child relationship and the relationship between parents, the higher the detection rate of single and coexisting negative emotions ( $P_{\text{trend}} < 0.05$ ). Middle school students whose parents use punitive and violent methods of education have a higher rate of coexisting single and three negative emotions

<b>Table 1.</b> Comparison of	of differences in negative of	emotion levels among boarding	school students with different	demographic characteristics (n/%).

<b>Demographic indicators</b>	Group	n	Depression	Anxiety	Pressure	Two negative emotions coexist	Three negative emotions coexist
	Male	646	197 (30.50)	295 (45.67)	98 (15.17)	124 (19.20)	73 (11.30)
C	Female	418	142 (33.97)	231 (55.26)	86 (20.57)	76 (18.18)	69 (16.51)
Gender	$\chi^2$		1.412	9.352	5.182	0.171	5.950
	P		0.235	0.002	0.023	0.679	0.015
	Junior high school student	249	44 (17.67)	90 (36.14)	28 (11.24)	26 (10.44)	17 (6.83)
C-11 -4	High school student	815	295 (36.20)	436 (53.50)	156 (19.14)	174 (21.35)	125 (15.34)
School stage	$\chi^2$		30.151	22.975	8.314	14.868	11.944
	P		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	< 0.001	0.001
Only child	Yes	250	78 (31.20)	119 (47.60)	46 (18.40)	38 (15.20)	38 (15.20
	No	814	261 (32.06)	407 (50.00)	138 (16.95)	162 (19.90)	104 (12.78)
	$\chi^2$		0.066	0.441	0.280	2.770	0.971
	P		0.798	0.507	0.597	0.096	0.324

than middle school students whose parents use persuasive methods of education (P<0.05). Middle school students from blended families have higher rates of depression, anxiety, and co-occurrence of three negative emotions than middle school students from nuclear families (P<0.05), for further details, please refer to Table 2.

## Multifactorial logistic regression analysis of negative emotions among boarding school students:

Based on the results of the univariate analysis, the variables were entered into a binary multivariate unconditional logistic regression model (forward method) according to the inclusion ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) and exclusion ( $\beta = 0.10$ ) criteria. In the analysis, we

Table 2. Comparative study on the differences in negative emotional levels among boarding school students from different family backgrounds (n/%).

Family circumstances	Group	n	Depression	Anxiety	Pressure	Two negative emotions coexist	Three negative emotions coexist
Number of times returning home	≤2 times/month	721	259 (35.92)	388 (53.81)	135 (18.72)	148 (20.53)	109 (15.12)
	≥3 times/month	343	80 (23.32)	138 (40.23)	49 (14.29)	52 (15.16)	33 (9.62)
	$\chi^2$		16.994	17.150	3.201	4.386	6.073
	P		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.074	0.036	0.014
	All are local	486	133 (27.37) <sup>a</sup>	220 (45.27) <sup>a</sup>	74 (15.23)	84 (17.28)	53 (10.91)
Parents	Only one person locally	297	108 (36.36) <sup>b</sup>	159 (53.54) <sup>b</sup>	55 (18.52)	57 (19.19)	47 (15.82)
Employment location	Both parents live elsewhere	281	98 (34.88)ab	147 (52.31)ab	55 (19.57)	59 (21.00)	42 (14.95)
classification	$\chi^2$		8.472	6.306	2.784	1.650	4.704
ciassification	P		0.014	0.043	0.249	0.438	0.095
	Primary school and below	228	79 (34.65)	124 (54.39)	40 (17.54)	57 (25.00)	28 (12.28)
T. 4	Junior high school	576	180 (31.25)	280 (48.61)	93 (16.15)	96 (16.67)	75 (13.02)
Father's	High school	215	68 (31.63)	104 (48.37)	45 (20.93)	38 (17.67)	36 (16.74)
educational attainment	University degree or above	45	12 (26.67)	18 (40.00)	6 (13.33)	9 (20.00)	3 (6.67)
attamment	$\chi^2$		1.480	4.092	3.022	7.680	4.159
	P		0.687	0.252	0.388	0.053	0.245
	Primary school and below	409	155 (37.90) <sup>a</sup>	233 (56.97) <sup>a</sup>	75 (18.34)	98 (23.96) <sup>a</sup>	60 (14.67)
	Junior high school	485	142 (29.28) <sup>b</sup>	227 (46.80) <sup>b</sup>	82 (16.91)	77 (15.88) <sup>b</sup>	64 (13.20)
Mother's	High school	136	31 (22.79) <sup>b</sup>	53 (38.97) <sup>b</sup>	23 (16.91)	19 (13.97)ab	15 (11.03)
educational attainment	University degree or above	34	11 (32.3 <sup>5)ab</sup>	13 (38.24)ab	4 (11.76)	6 (17.65) <sup>ab</sup>	3 (8.82)
attamment	$\chi^2$		13.508	18.292	1.103	11.961	1.862
	P		0.004	< 0.001	0.776	0.008	0.602
	Good	766	198 (25.85)	344 (44.91)	110 (14.36)	120 (15.67)	80 (10.44)
D 1 .: 1:	Average	245	110 (44.90)	144 (58.78)	62 (25.31)	62 (25.31)	50 (20.41)
Relationship with father	Poor	53	31 (58.49)	38 (71.70)	12 (22.64)	18 (33.96)	12 (22.64)
with father	$\chi^2_{\mathrm{trend}}$		48.826	25.305	13.104	19.671	18.671
	P		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
	Good	85	232 (27.01)	395 (45.98)	133 (15.48)	141 (16.41)	98 (11.41)
D 1 .: 1:	Average	166	83 (50.00)	106 (63.86)	41 (24.70)	46 (27.71)	35 (21.08)
Relationship with mother	Poor	39	24 (61.54)	25 (64.10)	10 (25.64)	13 (33.33)	4 (23.08)
with mother	$\chi^2_{\mathrm{trend}}$		49.065	18.800	9.284	16.805	13.561
	P		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.002	< 0.001	< 0.001
	Good	793	210 (26.48)	362 (45.65)	120 (15.13)	129 (16.27)	87 (10.97)
Relationship	Average	20	93 (46.27)	113 (56.22)	46 (22.89)	46 (22.89)	41 (20.40)
between	Poor	70	36 (51.43)	51 (72.86)	18 (25.71)	25 (35.71)	14 (20.00)
parents	$\chi^2_{ m trend}$		39.317	23.172	9.967	17.921	12.824
	P		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.002	< 0.001	< 0.001
	Persuasive education type	684	183 (26.75)	321 (46.930)	99 (14.47)	122 (17.84)	72 (10.53)
Educational	Punitive type	380	156 (41.05)	205 (53.947)	85 (22.37)	78 (20.53)	70 (18.42)
approach	$\chi^2$		23.004	4.813	10.645	1.158	13.166
	P		< 0.001	0.028	0.001	0.282	< 0.001
	Nuclear family	92	278 (30.02) <sup>a</sup>	444 (47.95) <sup>a</sup>	153 (16.52)	169 (18.25)	116 (12.53) <sup>a</sup>
	Single-parent family	90	36 (40.00)ab	51 (56.67) <sup>ab</sup>	17 (18.89)	20 (22.22)	13 (14.44) <sup>ab</sup>
Family type	Blended family	48	25 (52.08) <sup>b</sup>	31 (64.58) <sup>b</sup>	14 (29.17)	11 (22.92)	13 (27.08) <sup>b</sup>
	$\chi^2$		13.231	7.108	5.276	1.407	8.464
	P		0.001	0.029	0.072	0.495	0.015

**Note:** Identical lowercase letters following the data indicate no significant difference (P>0.05), while different lowercase letters indicate a significant difference (P<0.05). a and b are different difference group identifiers.

Table 3. Multifactorial logistic regression analysis of negative emotions among boarding school students.

Dependent variable	Independent variable	Options	OR (95%CI)	P
	Number of times returning home	≥3 times/month	0.708 (0.511-0.981)	0.038
		Nuclear family	1.000	
	Family type	Single-parent family	1.094 (0.665-1.800)	0.723
		Blended family	2.114 (1.127-3.964)	0.020
	D 1 1.	Good	1.000	
	Relationship with father	Average	1.299 (0.867-1.947)	0.205
	with father	Poor	2.111 (1.066-4.181)	0.032
Depression	D 14: 1:	Good	1.000	
	Relationship with mother	Average	1.665 (1.051-2.636)	0.030
	with mother	Poor	2.506 (1.145-5.488)	0.022
		Primary school and below	1.000	
	Mother's educational attainment	Junior high school	0.766 (0.567-1.035)	0.082
		High school	0.540 (0.336-0.870)	0.011
		University degree or above	0.935 (0.418-2.094)	0.871
	Educational approach	Punitive type	1.838 (1.380-2.448)	< 0.001
	Number of times returning home	≥3 times/month	0.716 (0.537-0.955)	0.023
	Mother's educational attainment	Primary school and below	1.000	
Anxiety		Junior high school	0.744 (0.563-0.983)	0.038
		High school	0.575 (0.380-0.871)	0.009
		University degree or above	0.505 (0.238-1.071)	0.075
	Relationship with father	Good	1.000	
		Average	1.655 (1.041-2.630)	0.033
Pressure	with father	Poor	1.224 (0.550-2.724)	0.621
	Educational approach	Punitive type	1.561 (1.120-2.176)	0.009
		Primary school and below	1.000	
Two negative emotions coexist	Mother's educational attainment	Junior high school	0.668 (0.474-0.940)	0.021
		High school	0.581 (0.336-1.002)	0.051
		University degree or above	0.744 (0.294-1.882)	0.532
	Educational approach	Punitive type	1.780 (1.227-2.583)	0.002
Three negative		Nuclear family	1.000	
emotions coexist	Family type	Single-parent family	0.982 (0.505-1.909)	0.956
		Blended family	2.371 (1.178-4.772)	0.016

first included independent variables such as family environment and educational methods. Based on this, we adjusted for demographic characteristics that were statistically significant in the univariate analysis. Specifically, when analysing the cooccurrence of depression and two negative emotions, we adjusted for school stage; when analysing the co-occurrence of anxiety, stress, and three negative emotions, we adjusted for gender and school stage. The results showed that returning home  $\geq 3$  times per month was a protective factor against the development of depressive and anxious moods among boarding school students (P < 0.05). Mothers with a junior high school education level are protective factors for anxiety and the coexistence of two negative emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). A mother's educational attainment at the high school level is a protective factor against the development of depressive and anxious emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). Family type: reconstituted family is a risk factor for the coexistence of depressive mood and three types of negative emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). A merely average

relationship with one's father is a risk factor for the development of stress-related emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). A poor relationship with one's father is a risk factor for the development of depressive emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). An average or poor relationship with one's mother is a risk factor for the development of depressive emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05). Parental educational methods involving punishment and physical abuse are risk factors for the coexistence of depressive mood, stress, and three types of negative emotions among boarding school students (P<0.05), for further details, please refer to Table 3.

### Discussion.

Negative emotions have a significant detrimental effect on the physical and mental health of secondary school students. They may affect their academic performance, interpersonal relationships, and future development, and even increase the risk of suicide [12]. In this study, the detection rates of depression and anxiety among boarding school students were 31.86% and 49.44%, respectively, which were higher than the detection rates of depression (28.0%) and anxiety (28.4%) among the general adolescent population in China [13]. The detection rate of stress-related emotions was 17.29%, which was also higher than the 12.3% reported by Ren Xiaohong et al. [14] for general secondary school students. In addition, the detection rate of coexisting negative emotions among boarding school students was also high, with a detection rate of 14.94% for coexisting depression and anxiety, which was higher than the 8.04% reported by Chen Guoping et al. [15] for general secondary school students. These higher detection rates suggest that mental health issues among secondary school students in boarding school settings warrant close attention. The reasons for this difference may be related to the sample region, boarding school environment, survey tools, and timing.

This study found that the prevalence of anxiety, stress, and co-occurrence of three emotions was higher in women than in men, consistent with related studies [16,17]. It may be related to the effects of premenstrual disorders in adolescent females and is associated with gender differences in adolescent mental health [18]. In terms of differences between educational stages, the detection rates of single and coexisting negative emotions were higher among high school students than among junior high school students, consistent with the findings of Liu Sa et al. [19]. This may be related to the heavy academic workload and intense pressure to advance to higher education among high school students.

The results indicate that secondary school students who return home ≥3 times per month are associated with lower rates of depression, anxiety, and co-occurring negative emotions, suggesting that lower frequency and shorter duration of returning home are associated with poorer mental health [20]. Middle school students with only one parent working locally have a higher rate of depression than those with both parents working locally. Having one parent not working locally may be associated with more frequent experiences of separation, which are often accompanied by higher reports of psychological stress. Parents working locally may buffer these negative effects through more stable emotional support [21]. Among secondary school students, those whose mothers have a junior high school or high school education have lower rates of depression and anxiety than those whose mothers have an elementary school education or below. Similarly, secondary school students whose mothers have a junior high school education have lower rates of co-occurring depression and anxiety than those whose mothers have an elementary school education or below. This may be attributed to the fact that mothers with higher levels of education are generally better able to understand and support their children's psychological needs [22]. The poorer the parent-child relationship and the relationship between parents, the higher the detection rate of single and coexisting negative emotions. Lack of parental love and support may cause students to feel isolated and helpless, thereby increasing the occurrence of negative emotions [23]. Middle school students who are subjected to punitive and abusive educational methods have a higher rate of coexisting single and three negative emotions than those who are subjected to persuasive educational methods. This may be due to the negative impact of strict parental discipline on adolescents' emotional regulation abilities [24]. Middle school students from blended families have higher rates of depression and co-occurrence of three negative emotions than those from nuclear families, possibly because adolescents in blended families face more emotional and physical neglect [25].

Multifactorial logistic regression analysis showed that returning home  $\geq 3$  times per month was a protective factor against depression and anxiety among boarding school students, possibly because family companionship and support play an important role in promoting the emotional health of secondary school students [26]. When mothers have a junior high school education level, it has a certain protective effect on boarding school students' anxiety and the coexistence of two negative emotions. When mothers have a high school education level, it has a protective effect on both depression and anxiety. Mothers with a good education may place more emphasis on creating a positive family atmosphere, be better at expressing positive emotions, and promote good interaction and communication between parents and children, thereby reducing the risk of their children developing negative emotions [27]. Blended families are a risk factor for depression and the coexistence of three negative emotions, reflecting that blended families often face more relationship challenges. For example, there may be adaptation issues between stepparents and stepchildren, and differences in educational philosophies and lifestyles between stepparents and biological parents. These factors increase the likelihood of family conflict, which is closely related to emotional problems in adolescents [28]. For boarding school students, an average father-child relationship is a risk factor for the development of stress-related emotions, while a poor father-child relationship is a risk factor for the development of depressive emotions. Similarly, both an average and a poor mother-child relationship are risk factors for the development of depressive emotions. These findings indicate that the quality of both father-child and mother-child relationships are important factors influencing the mental health of boarding school students [29]. Boarding school students and their parents should focus on communication and interaction to minimise the negative impact of conflicts between them. In terms of educational methods, punitive and abusive education is a risk factor for depression, stress, and the coexistence of three negative emotions. Due to differences in cultural background, social cognition, and family educational traditions, the psychological effects of punitive education may vary across cultures [30].

### Conclusion.

In summary, the negative emotions of boarding school students are influenced by a combination of family environment, family dynamics, gender, and educational stage. It is recommended that families and schools collaborate to address and alleviate the negative emotions of boarding school students. At the family level: Parents should strengthen emotional communication and companionship with their children, reduce family conflicts and punitive educational methods; closely monitor their children's psychological state, and provide timely emotional support and positive guidance. At the school level: Schools should enhance mental health education and crisis intervention, establish

effective home-school communication mechanisms, and promptly identify and assist students experiencing emotional distress.

### This study has the following limitations:

- (1) Since this study employed convenience sampling and selfreport questionnaire surveys, causal inferences cannot be made.
- (2) This study was conducted via the Questionnaire Star platform, and due to the small sample size, the generalisability of the results is limited.
- (3) The sample size for co-occurring depression-stress and anxiety-stress emotions was small, so these were combined with co-occurring depression-anxiety emotions for analysis. Future studies could expand the sample size to better elucidate the relationship between co-occurring emotions among boarding school students and family environment and educational methods.

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