

## Multivariate Growth Models for Older and Younger Sibling Risky Behavior

### SAS Data Set-Up:

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* Multivariate set-up;
DATA work.BivFamily; SET work.Family;
    risky=orisky; age=siboage; boy=Oboy; DV="SibO"; dvO=1; dvY=0; OUTPUT;
    risky=yrisky; age=sibyage; boy=Yboy; DV="SibY"; dvO=0; dvY=1; OUTPUT;
RUN;
* Centering older and younger at different place;
DATA work.BivFamily; SET work.BivFamily;
    IF DV="SibO" THEN endtime=age-17; * Up to 6 occasions (12-17);
    IF DV="SibY" THEN endtime=age-15; * Up to 3 occasions (13-15);
    LABEL endtime= "Time in Study (0=17 for O, 0=15 for Y)";
RUN;

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With this coding we have created a time-in-study model (given that age=time within each) where age is centered at the last measurement occasion separately for each sibling (approximately age 17 for Sib O and 15 for Sib Y). Time is treated as continuous from these points (i.e., an exact age model). The differing centering points allows us to put each DV on its own metric, and to not assume age-based convergence. Thus, the intercept for dvO (Sib O) represents expected risky behaviors at age 17, and the intercept for dvY (Sib Y) represents expected risky behaviors at age 15. We can now examine the extent to which intercepts, slopes, and residuals are related across time of study.

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TITLE1 "SAS Method #1 Direct Effects Unconditional Multivariate Growth Model for Risky Behavior";
PROC MIXED DATA=BivFamily COVTEST NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT MAXITER=1000 IC NAMELEN=100 METHOD=ML;
    CLASS family phase DV;
    MODEL risky = dvO dvY dvO*endtime dvY*endtime dvO*endtime*endtime dvY*endtime*endtime
        / NOINT SOLUTION DDFM=Satterthwaite;
    RANDOM dvO dvY dvO*endtime dvY*endtime / G GCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=family; * Level 2 family;
    REPEATED DV / R RCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=phase*family; * Level 1 crossed time*Dv;
RUN;

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Dimensions	
Covariance Parameters	13
Columns in X	6
Columns in Z Per Subject	4
Subjects	200 # Families
Max Obs Per Subject	12 # Obs per family (2 sibs * 6 times)
Number of Observations	
Number of Observations Read	2400
Number of Observations Used	1627
Number of Observations Not Used	773

**R and RCORR matrices were not printed! I think it has to do with the unbalanced data...**

Estimated G Matrix						
Row	Effect	FAMILY	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
1	dvO	1	64.8158	24.5476	10.3524	4.6851
2	dvY	1	<b>24.5476</b>	50.0280	3.8068	10.2330
3	dvO*endtime	1	10.3524	3.8068	<b>1.7883</b>	0.7835
4	dvY*endtime	1	4.6851	10.2330	0.7835	2.0165

Estimated G Correlation Matrix						
Row	Effect	FAMILY	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
1	dvO	1	1.0000	0.4311	0.9616	0.4098
2	dvY	1	<b>0.4311</b>	1.0000	0.4025	1.0000
3	dvO*endtime	1	0.9616	0.4025	1.0000	0.4126
4	dvY*endtime	1	0.4098	1.0000	<b>0.4126</b>	1.0000

Covariance Parameter Estimates

Cov Parm	Subject	Estimate	Standard Error	Z Value	Pr >  Z
UN(1,1)	FAMILY	64.8158	7.4630	8.68	<.0001
<b>UN(2,1)</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>24.5476</b>	<b>5.3952</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>&lt;.0001 Intercept covariance</b>
UN(2,2)	FAMILY	50.0280	6.8576	7.30	<.0001
UN(3,1)	FAMILY	10.3524	1.3195	7.85	<.0001
UN(3,2)	FAMILY	3.8068	0.9745	3.91	<.0001
UN(3,3)	FAMILY	1.7883	0.2555	7.00	<.0001
UN(4,1)	FAMILY	4.6851	1.7595	2.66	0.0078
UN(4,2)	FAMILY	10.2330	2.0845	4.91	<.0001
<b>UN(4,3)</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>0.7835</b>	<b>0.3139</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>0.0126 Slope covariance</b>
UN(4,4)	FAMILY	2.0165	0.7060	2.86	0.0021
UN(1,1)	FAMILY*phase	13.9353	0.7586	18.37	<.0001
<b>UN(2,1)</b>	<b>FAMILY*phase</b>	<b>-0.7855</b>	<b>0.7540</b>	<b>-1.04</b>	<b>0.2975 Residual covariance</b>
UN(2,2)	FAMILY*phase	14.1744	1.2213	11.61	<.0001

Information Criteria

Neg2LogLike	Parms	AIC	AICC	HQIC	BIC	CAIC
9811.1	19	9849.1	9849.6	9874.5	9911.8	9930.8

Solution for Fixed Effects

Effect	Estimate	Standard Error	DF	t Value	Pr >  t
dv0	28.8527	0.6107	191	47.25	<.0001 Sib0 int at age 17
dv0*endtime	1.9504	0.1988	718	9.81	<.0001 Sib0 linear at age 17
dv0*endtime*endtime	0.08846	0.03297	911	2.68	0.0074 Sib0 quad at any age
dvY	26.3777	0.5890	165	44.78	<.0001 SibY int at age 15
endtime*dvY	1.5046	0.3218	267	4.68	<.0001 SibY linear at age 15
endtime*endtime*dvY	0.04982	0.08117	123	0.61	0.5405 SibY quad at any age

Because the time metrics cover different ages, it is most appropriate to leave the growth terms separate for each Sib. We can remove the nonsignificant quadratic effect of time for Sib Y (not surprising given only 3 time points).

**Examining own and unidirectional effects of sibling sex (O→Y) on growth in risky behavior:**

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TITLE1 "Adding Effects of Gender: Self and O-->Y";
PROC MIXED DATA=BivFamily COVTEST NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT MAXITER=1000 IC NAMELEN=100 METHOD=ML;
  CLASS family phase DV;
  MODEL risky = dv0 dv0*endtime dv0*endtime*endtime dvY dvY*endtime
    dv0*Oboy dv0*Oboy*endtime dv0*Oboy*endtime*endtime
    dvY*Yboy dvY*Yboy*endtime dvY*Oboy dvY*Oboy*endtime
    / NOINT SOLUTION DDFM=Satterthwaite;
  RANDOM dv0 dvY dv0*endtime dvY*endtime / G GCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=family; * Level 2 family;
  REPEATED DV / R RCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=phase*family; * Level 1 crossed time*DV;
RUN;
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Estimated G Matrix

Row	Effect	FAMILY	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
1	dv0	1	64.4248	22.1749	10.4961	4.2930
2	dvY	1	22.1749	49.3236	3.6434	10.2545
3	dv0*endtime	1	10.4961	3.6434	1.7983	0.7672
4	endtime*dvY	1	4.2930	10.2545	0.7672	1.9310

Estimated G Correlation Matrix

Row	Effect	FAMILY	Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
1	dv0	1	1.0000	0.3934	0.9751	0.3849
2	dvY	1	0.3934	1.0000	0.3869	1.0000
3	dv0*endtime	1	0.9751	0.3869	1.0000	0.4117
4	endtime*dvY	1	0.3849	1.0000	0.4117	1.0000

Information Criteria

Neg2LogLike	Parms	AIC	AICC	HQIC	BIC	CAIC
9766.6	25	9816.6	9817.4	9850.0	9899.1	9924.1

Solution for Fixed Effects

Effect	Estimate	Standard Error	DF	t Value	Pr >  t	
dvO	28.2084	0.8537	194	33.04	<.0001	Sib 0 growth for girls
dvO*endtime	2.3724	0.2826	747	8.40	<.0001	
dvO*endtime*endtime	0.1580	0.04543	901	3.48	0.0005	
dvY	25.4502	0.9984	183	25.49	<.0001	Sib 0 growth: girls w/ Sib0=G
endtime*dvY	1.4204	0.2972	59.3	4.78	<.0001	
dvO*Oboy	1.5007	1.2186	190	1.23	0.2197	Own gender on Sib 0
dvO*endtime*Oboy	-0.7656	0.3955	717	-1.94	0.0533	
dvO*endtime*endtime*Oboy	-0.1281	0.06536	906	-1.96	0.0504	
dvY*Yboy	-0.9314	1.1041	166	-0.84	0.4001	Own gender on Sib Y
endtime*dvY*Yboy	-1.0286	0.3571	100	-2.88	0.0049	
dvY*Oboy	2.6318	1.1648	170	2.26	0.0251	Sib 0 gender on Sib Y
endtime*dvY*Oboy	0.7201	0.3710	138	1.94	0.0543	

**Equation for final multivariate model with gender:**

L1:  $Risk_{tfs} = dvO [ \beta_{0fO} + \beta_{1fO}(age_{tfo} - 17) + \beta_{2fO}(age_{tfo} - 17)^2 + e_{tfo} ] + dvY [ \beta_{0fY} + \beta_{1fO}(age_{tFY} - 15) + e_{tFY} ]$

L2:  $\beta_{0fO} = \gamma_{00O} + \gamma_{01O}(OlderBoy_f) + U_{0fO}$   
 $\beta_{1fO} = \gamma_{10O} + \gamma_{11O}(OlderBoy_f) + U_{1fO}$   
 $\beta_{2fO} = \gamma_{20O} + \gamma_{21O}(OlderBoy_f)$   
 $\beta_{0fY} = \gamma_{00Y} + \gamma_{01Y}(OlderBoy_f) + \gamma_{02Y}(YoungerBoy_f) + U_{0fY}$   
 $\beta_{1fY} = \gamma_{10Y} + \gamma_{11Y}(OlderBoy_f) + \gamma_{12Y}(YoungerBoy_f) + U_{1fY}$

**Creating fake families for all combinations of sibling gender in excel:**

**NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE VALUES FOR ALL VARIABLES IN THE MODEL TO DO THIS.**

order	family	dv	dvO	dvY	phase	age	endtime	Oboy	Yboy
1	-99	SibO	1	0	2	12	-5	1	1
1	-99	SibO	1	0	3	13	-4	1	1
1	-99	SibO	1	0	4	14	-3	1	1
1	-99	SibO	1	0	6	15	-2	1	1
1	-99	SibO	1	0	7	16	-1	1	1
1	-99	SibO	1	0	8	17	0	1	1
2	-99	SibY	0	1	6	13	-2	1	1
2	-99	SibY	0	1	7	14	-1	1	1
2	-99	SibY	0	1	8	15	0	1	1
3	-98	SibO	1	0	2	12	-5	1	0
3	-98	SibO	1	0	3	13	-4	1	0
3	-98	SibO	1	0	4	14	-3	1	0
3	-98	SibO	1	0	6	15	-2	1	0
3	-98	SibO	1	0	7	16	-1	1	0
3	-98	SibO	1	0	8	17	0	1	0
4	-98	SibY	0	1	6	13	-2	1	0
4	-98	SibY	0	1	7	14	-1	1	0
4	-98	SibY	0	1	8	15	0	1	0
5	-97	SibO	1	0	2	12	-5	0	1
5	-97	SibO	1	0	3	13	-4	0	1
5	-97	SibO	1	0	4	14	-3	0	1
5	-97	SibO	1	0	6	15	-2	0	1
5	-97	SibO	1	0	7	16	-1	0	1
5	-97	SibO	1	0	8	17	0	0	1

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6      -97      SibY      0      1      6      13      -2      0      1
6      -97      SibY      0      1      7      14      -1      0      1
6      -97      SibY      0      1      8      15      0      0      1

7      -96      SibO      1      0      2      12      -5      0      0
7      -96      SibO      1      0      3      13      -4      0      0
7      -96      SibO      1      0      4      14      -3      0      0
7      -96      SibO      1      0      6      15      -2      0      0
7      -96      SibO      1      0      7      16      -1      0      0
7      -96      SibO      1      0      8      17      0      0      0

8      -96      SibY      0      1      6      13      -2      0      0
8      -96      SibY      0      1      7      14      -1      0      0
8      -96      SibY      0      1      8      15      0      0      0

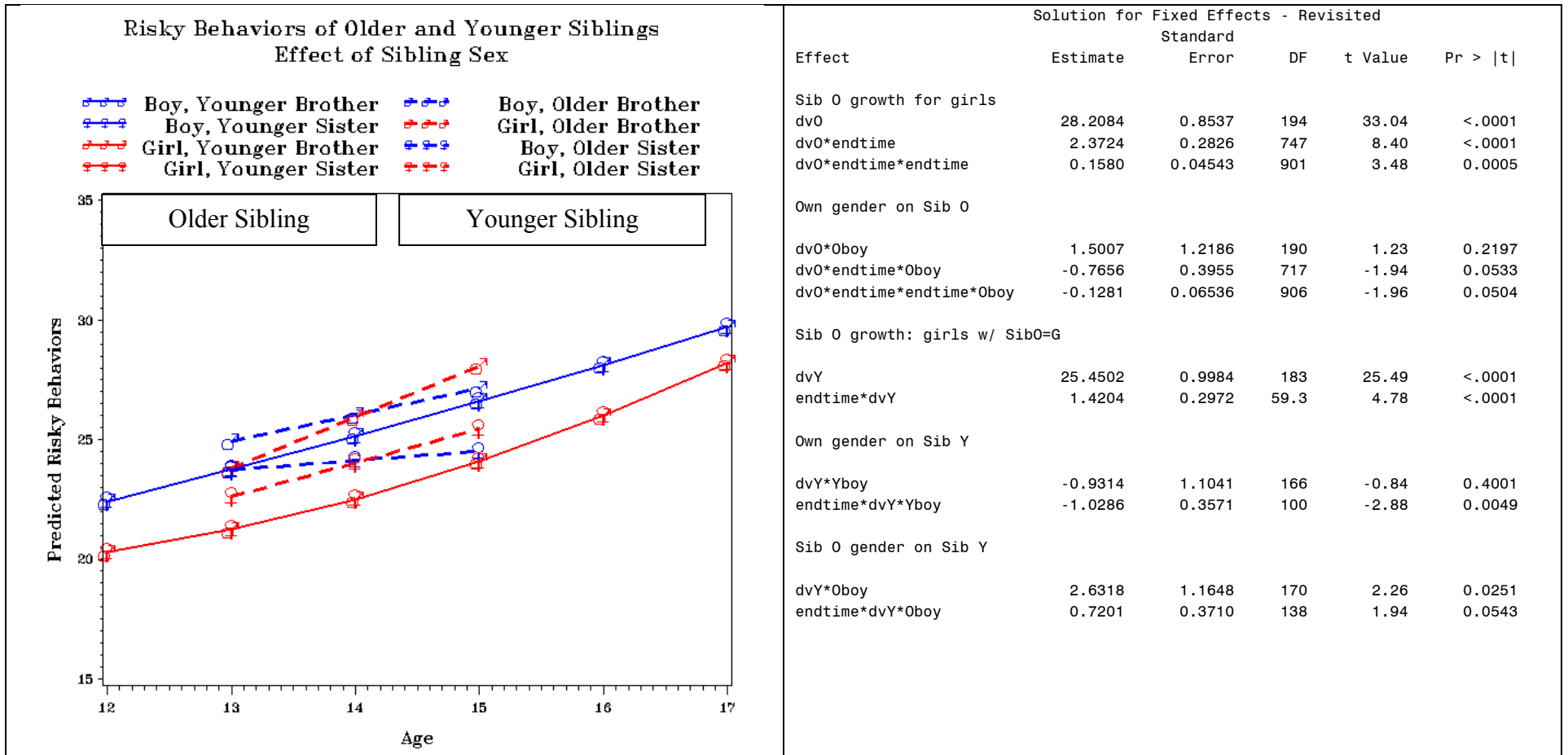
* Where plot will go;
%LET filesave=F:\Example Data\Penn State Data\SibOSibY;
* Sort original datafile by ID variables for merging;
PROC SORT DATA=work.BivFamily; BY family phase; RUN;

* Importing fake people data from excel;
PROC IMPORT DATAFILE = "&filesave.\CPlots.xls"
    OUT=work.CPlots DBMS=EXCEL REPLACE; SHEET="Gender"; GETNAMES=YES; RUN;
* Sort fake people by ID variables for merging;
PROC SORT DATA=work.CPlots; BY family phase; RUN;
* Merging original datafile and fake people for prediction;
DATA work.Mergedbiv; MERGE work.BivFamily work.CPlots; BY family phase; RUN;

* Getting model-predicted values;
TITLE1 "Adding Effects of Gender: Self and O-->Y";
PROC MIXED DATA=Mergedbiv COVTEST NOCLPRINT NOITPRINT MAXITER=1000 IC NAMELEN=100 METHOD=ML;
    CLASS family phase DV;
    MODEL risky = dvO dvO*endtime dvO*endtime*endtime dvY dvY*endtime
        dvO*Oboy dvO*Oboy*endtime dvO*Oboy*endtime*endtime
        dvY*Yboy dvY*Yboy*endtime dvY*Oboy dvY*Oboy*endtime
        / NOINT SOLUTION DDFM=Satterthwaite OUTPM=work.Gen_Plots;
    RANDOM dvO dvY dvO*endtime dvY*endtime / G GCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=family; * Level 2 family;
    REPEATED DV / R RCORR TYPE=UN SUBJECT=phase*family; * Level 1 crossed time*D.V.; RUN;
* Renaming predicted outcome, keeping only fake people;
DATA work.Gen_Plots; SET work.Gen_Plots; WHERE Order IS NOT MISSING; run;
PROC SORT DATA=work.Gen_Plots; BY Order; run;

* Setting generic plotting options for text, size, and joining lines;
GOPTIONS NOBORDER FTEXT=Triplex FTITLE=Triplex VSIZE=7in HSIZE=7in INTERPOL=JOIN
GSFNAME=outgraph DEV=BMP GSFMODE=replace; run;
* Plot for Risky Behaviors by Sibling Gender;
FILENAME outgraph "&filesave.\Risky by Gender.bmp";
TITLE1 JUSTIFY=CENTER HEIGHT=1.6 "Risky Behaviors of Older and Younger Siblings";
TITLE2 JUSTIFY=CENTER HEIGHT=1.6 "Effect of Sibling Sex";
PROC GPLOT DATA=work.Gen_Plots;
    *Settings for Y-axis;
    AXIS1 LABEL=(HEIGHT=1.3 ANGLE=90 "Risky Behaviors") LENGTH=4.7in ORDER=(15 TO 35 BY 5);
    *Settings for X-axis;
    AXIS2 LABEL=(HEIGHT=1.3 "Age") LENGTH=6.0in ORDER=(12 TO 17 BY 1);
    *Setting for legend - place at top, no frame around it, 2 values across;
    *Labels for series in order of Order;
    LEGEND1 NOFRAME POSITION=(CENTER TOP) ACROSS=2 LABEL=NONE VALUE=(HEIGHT=1.5 COLOR=Black
    "Boy, Younger Brother" "Boy, Older Brother"
    "Boy, Younger Sister" "Girl, Older Brother"
    "Girl, Younger Brother" "Boy, Older Sister"
    "Girl, Younger Sister" "Girl, Older Sister") ;
    SYMBOL1 COLOR=Blue VALUE=> HEIGHT=2 LINE=1 WIDTH=2; * > is boy symbol;
    SYMBOL2 COLOR=Blue VALUE=> HEIGHT=2 LINE=3 WIDTH=2; * line=3 is dashed;
    SYMBOL3 COLOR=Blue VALUE=* HEIGHT=2 LINE=1 WIDTH=2; * * is girl symbol;
    SYMBOL4 COLOR=Red VALUE=> HEIGHT=2 LINE=3 WIDTH=2; * line=3 is dashed;
    SYMBOL5 COLOR=Red VALUE=> HEIGHT=2 LINE=1 WIDTH=2;
    SYMBOL6 COLOR=Blue VALUE=* HEIGHT=2 LINE=3 WIDTH=2;
    SYMBOL7 COLOR=Red VALUE=* HEIGHT=2 LINE=1 WIDTH=2;
    SYMBOL8 COLOR=Red VALUE=* HEIGHT=2 LINE=3 WIDTH=2;
    PLOT pred*age=Order / VAXIS=AXIS1 HAXIS=AXIS2 LEGEND=LEGEND1;
RUN; QUIT;

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**Example Results Section:** The extent to which gender predicted risky behavior in older and younger siblings was examined in a multivariate multilevel model in which time and sibling were crossed and nested within families. Based on the design of the study, exact age at each occasion was centered at age 17 for older siblings and age 15 for younger siblings. Preliminary analyses suggested a fixed quadratic, random linear age model was the best unconditional growth model for older siblings, whereas a random linear age model was best for younger siblings. The intercepts were significantly related across siblings ( $r = .43$ ), indicating that in families in which older siblings engaged in more risky behavior at age 17 than their peers, younger siblings were also more likely to engage in more risky behavior at age 15 than their peers. Similarly, the linear age slopes were significantly related across siblings ( $r = .42$ ), indicating that older siblings who increased in risky behavior more across adolescence than their peers were more likely to have younger siblings who did the same. However, there was no significant relationship among the time-specific residuals, indicating that after controlling for growth, on occasions where older siblings were engaging in more risky behavior than predicted, their younger siblings were not significantly more likely to do so as well. The effects of one's own gender and the gender of the older sibling on the younger sibling were then examined. As seen in Table 1 and Figure 1, although there was no significant effect of gender for the older siblings at age 17, older girls had marginally greater linear and quadratic rates of increase across age (i.e., greater acceleration). Similarly, although there was no significant effect of gender for the younger siblings at age 15, younger girls had significantly greater linear rates of increase across age. Finally, having an older brother was related to significantly greater risky behavior for the younger sibling at age 15, and a marginally greater linear rate of increase across age.