

Financial concern, day-to-day maternal emotions, and infant diurnal cortisol rhythms in Mexican-origin dyads: Positive emotions as a moderator and stress as a mediator

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Methods

Participants

The current study includes 62 Mexican origin mothers ($M_{age}=21.25$ years, $SD=2.62$, range=18-31 years) and their infants ($M_{age}=11.39$ months, $SD=5.88$, range=4-22 months) participating in the California Babies Project, an ongoing NICHD-funded longitudinal study examining within-group variability in emotions, behaviors, and physiology. Mothers were recruited from the California Families Project database, an NIH study following 674 Mexican origin families. The second generation from California Families Project were asked to participate in the California Babies Project if they were expecting or were new parents, and mothers were assessed as the primary caregiver. Data for this study were collected from February 2016 to December 2019. All mothers lived in a rural and urban area of Northern California and all of them identified themselves as

Mexican or Mexican-American. Most mothers had completed high school (64%) and reported a modal income of \$10,001 to \$15,000

Procedure

The study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of California, Davis. Bilingual English-Spanish home visitors visited the families' homes when infants were six and eighteen months of age. After consent was provided, mothers completed questionnaires about their demographics, life experiences, parenting behaviors and their experiences of economic hardship. In addition, mothers were trained on saliva collection and how to respond to their EMAs administered through a free phone application called Metricwire® which has been previously used in behavioral studies. All mothers received a saliva collection kit for three days of participation and the option to use a project cell phone or their own phone to answer EMA questions and communicate with project staff.

During the visit, mothers and the home visitors agreed on a schedule for six days of participation during the following two weeks. Mothers practiced EMA questions with the interviewer during the home visit and were asked to answer emotion-related questionnaires three times a day: at wake, in the evening (preferably with their child present, before eating dinner), and during bedtime. The timing of each questionnaire was determined based on families' schedules. After this home visit, parents received \$100 compensation.

As depicted in Figure 1, mothers reported their emotions during the first three days of participation (days 1 – 3) of the first week and added saliva collection (as well as emotions) from days 4 – 6 during the second week, resulting in a maximum of 18 occasions for emotion and 9 cortisol samples. Project staff monitored families' compliance with protocols during their participation via Metricwire®. Due to lack of compliance, which was defined as completing less than 75% of data collection, parents were asked to restart their participation. After two weeks of data collection, parents were compensated with another \$100. The most complete data from three consecutive days in the first week and three consecutive days in the second week were included in the study.

	Week 1			Week 2			
Home visit	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Wake
Financial	EMA	EMA	EMA	EMA	EMA	EMA	Evening
Concern				Cortisol	Cortisol	Cortisol	Bedtime

Figure 1. Study design.

Measures

Financial Concern. 5-item subscale of the Economic Hardship Questionnaire (Conger et al., 1992).

Includes items such as “You have trouble sleeping because of your financial problems” and “You are concerned because you cannot afford health insurance.” The scale had good reliability, Cronbach’s $\alpha = 0.895$.

Maternal Emotions. Maternal emotions were measured using the momentary collections of the Positive and Negative Affect Scale (Hajal et al., 2017) administered to mothers three times a day for six days through Metricwire®, during the morning, evening and at bedtime. Mothers answered how stress or overwhelmed, happy, satisfied, and close and connected to their child they were feeling in the last 30 minutes using a 0 to 100 sliding scale (0=Not at all, 100=Extremely). Positive (i.e., happiness, satisfactions, and close) affective states were averaged at each time point, such that each mother had a positive emotion score at every possible sample occasion.

Salivary Cortisol. During the home visit, mothers received saliva collection kits. Collection kits included pre-labeled sample tubes and saliva collection swabs for the children (SalivaBio, LLC). Mothers were instructed to collect saliva via swab for their infants and place it in the pre-labeled tube. Immediately after saliva collection, mothers were asked to submit a photo of the tube using the Metricwire® application, answering the corresponding EMA survey to have an objective measure of their collection times. Project staff observed the mother collect one practice sample from her child during the home visit, and provided feedback to ensure comprehension and compliance of the saliva procedure.

Participants provided three salivary samples per day: immediately upon waking, during the evening after the mother has spent time together with her child, and right before the child’s bedtime. During each collection, they were instructed to refrain from eating, drinking, or brushing their teeth 20 minutes before collection. Text-

based reminders were sent through the Metricwire® application. Parents were instructed to keep saliva tubes in provided storage bottles in their freezers until project staff would pick them up at the end of the second week of participation. After pick up, samples were stored in an ultralow freezer (-80° C) with a backup generator before all analyses (Granger et al., 2007).

We calculated sample time compliance only during waking using actigraphy-recorded wake time (36.12% of samples with actigraphy) and if this was not available, mothers' report of infants' wake times when they uploaded the picture of the collection tube through Metricwire (63.87% of samples with self-report). Data were considered adherent if photos and actigraphy did not differ by more than 15 minutes. Only 44.06% of the total number of samples were within the 15min window, so to maximize our data, we created a dummy code for compliance and used it as a control variable. Samples were analyzed using standard assays with a highly sensitive, commercially available enzyme immunoassay (Salimetrics, LLC) conducted by the Interdisciplinary Salivary Bioscience Research at the University of California, Irvine. After assay, cortisol values were inspected for biological outliers and *s*. Cortisol values above 4.00 ug/dl were excluded and values between 3.00-4.00 were recorded as 3.00 ug/dl. After removing biological outliers, infants' raw cortisol values were log transformed to correct for positive skewness and screened for statistical outliers within 3 *SD* above or below the mean. Only one outlier was detected and winsorized.

Analytic strategy

Control variables. Across the entire sample, children's cortisol decreased from wake to evening $t(49)=9.32$ $p<.001$ and from evening to bedtime $t(49)=5.04$ $p<.001$.

Associations between cortisol values and variables known to influence cortisol were explored before including them as covariates in the models. There were significant mean differences in cortisol during the evening by child sex, with girls having lower cortisol $t(49)=2.15$, $p<.037$. There were no significant associations between children's cortisol and age, mother's age, medication use, maternal education, income-to-needs. Based on these preliminary analyses, infants' sex was included in subsequent models in addition to wake time and a morning compliance.

Modeling children's salivary cortisol across three days. To estimate infant's diurnal rhythm, we fitted a linear two-level growth curve model with random intercepts and slopes for time of day, allowing the variance associated with specific evening and bedtime sample times to be accounted in the model while also including infant's wake time and cortisol compliance as covariates. On average, infants had 5.63 cortisol samples ($SD = 2.76$), and the model with best fit did not include random effects of days. Therefore, our model represents infants' average cortisol across three days.

Estimating interindividual differences in salivary cortisol based on financial concern and maternal emotions. To explore whether maternal emotions moderated or mediated the associations between financial concern and infant's cortisol, we proceeded to run four conditional two-level growth models with overall emotions and financial concern as time-invariant predictors. Covariates and predictors were centered before the analysis. The proposed multilevel growth curve models were fitted using Mplus 7.1 (Muthen & Muthen, 1998-2019) using full maximum likelihood estimation with robust standard errors.

Below, you will find full code and output of the models tested on this study.

[Model 1: Moderation model of financial concern and positive emotions predicting infant's diurnal cortisol](#)

[Model 2: Moderation model of financial concern and stress predicting infant's diurnal cortisol](#)

[Model 3: Mediation model of financial concern -> positive emotions -> infant cortisol](#)

[Model 4: Mediation model of concern -> daily stress -> infant cortisol](#)

Model 1: Positive emotions * financial concern

INPUT INSTRUCTIONS

Title:

Two-level growth model

Data:

File is mplus08.17.20.csv;

Variable:

NAMES =

id

timec

cortc

cc_c

cw_c

csex_c

momed_c

cmed_c

inctned_c

MAge_c

Agemonths_c

mpos_c

mstress_c

ehconcern_c
pfcint
scint;

missing are all (999);
usevariables ARE id cortc timec cc_c cw_c csex_c mpos_c
ehconcern_c pfcint;
!timec is time of day, cc_c is child morning compliance,
!cw_c is wake time.

CLUSTER = id;
WITHIN = timec;
BETWEEN = csex_c cc_c cw_c mpos_c ehconcern_c pfcint;

ANALYSIS:
TYPE = TWOLEVEL RANDOM;
MODEL:
%WITHIN%
s | cortc ON timec;
%BETWEEN%
cortc on csex_c cc_c cw_c mpos_c ehconcern_c ;
s on csex_c cc_c cw_c mpos_c ehconcern_c pfcint ;
cc_c;
[cc_c@0];
ehconcern_c with pfcint ;
[ehconcern_c@0];
mpos_c with pfcint;
[mpos_c@0];
output: Cinterval;

Output

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

Number of groups	1
Number of observations	595
Number of dependent variables	1
Number of independent variables	7
Number of continuous latent variables	1

Observed dependent variables

Continuous

CORTC

Observed independent variables

TIMEC CC_C CW_C CSEX_C MPOS_C EHCONCER
PFCINT

Continuous latent variables

S

Variables with special functions

Cluster variable ID

Within variables

TIMEC

Between variables

CC_C CW_C CSEX_C MPOS_C EHCONCER PFCINT

Estimator	MLR
Information matrix	OBSERVED
Maximum number of iterations	100
Convergence criterion	0.100D-05
Maximum number of EM iterations	500
Convergence criteria for the EM algorithm	
Loglikelihood change	0.100D-02
Relative loglikelihood change	0.100D-05
Derivative	0.100D-03
Minimum variance	0.100D-03
Maximum number of steepest descent iterations	20
Maximum number of iterations for H1	2000
Convergence criterion for H1	0.100D-03
Optimization algorithm	EMA

Input data file(s)
mplus08.17.20.csv
Input data format FREE

SUMMARY OF DATA

Number of missing data patterns	4
Number of clusters	61

COVARIANCE COVERAGE OF DATA

Minimum covariance coverage value 0.100

PROPORTION OF DATA PRESENT

Covariance Coverage

	CC_C	MPOS_C	EHCONCER	PFCINT	CORTC
CC_C	1.000				
MPOS_C	1.000	1.000			
EHCONCER	0.785	0.785	0.785		
PFCINT	0.785	0.785	0.785	0.785	
CORTC	0.593	0.593	0.461	0.461	0.593
TIMEC	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593
CW_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593

Covariance Coverage

	TIMEC	CW_C	CSEX_C
TIMEC	1.000		
CW_C	1.000	1.000	
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	1.000

THE MODEL ESTIMATION TERMINATED NORMALLY
MODEL FIT INFORMATION

Number of Free Parameters 23

Loglikelihood

H0 Value -866.739
H0 Scaling Correction Factor 1.0182
for MLR

Information Criteria

Akaike (AIC) 1779.478
Bayesian (BIC) 1880.415
Sample-Size Adjusted BIC 1807.397
($n^* = (n + 2) / 24$)

MODEL RESULTS

		Two-Tailed		
Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	P-Value	

Within Level

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.363	0.042	8.532	0.000
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Between Level

S ON

CSEX_C	0.034	0.093	0.360	0.719
CC_C	-0.005	0.150	-0.030	0.976
CW_C	0.020	0.037	0.548	0.584
MPOS_C	0.003	0.002	1.328	0.184
EHCONCERN_	0.263	0.085	3.104	0.002
PFCINT	0.012	0.004	3.163	0.002

CORTC ON

CSEX_C	-0.248	0.139	-1.787	0.074
CC_C	0.139	0.223	0.622	0.534
CW_C	-0.087	0.066	-1.311	0.190
MPOS_C	-0.004	0.003	-1.114	0.265
EHCONCERN_	0.010	0.107	0.091	0.928

EHCONCER WITH

PFCINT	-2.735	1.491	-1.835	0.067
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MPOS_C WITH

PFCINT	1.605	37.527	0.043	0.966
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Means

CC_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
MPOS_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000

PFCINT	-7.049	-6.157	-5.701	-3.320	-0.938	-0.482	0.409
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Intercepts

CORTC	-1.468	-1.428	-1.407	-1.299	-1.191	-1.171	-1.130
S	-0.655	-0.625	-0.609	-0.529	-0.448	-0.433	-0.403

Variances

CC_C	0.059	0.068	0.073	0.097	0.121	0.126	0.135
MPOS_C	229.366	259.452	274.843	355.214	435.586	450.976	481.063
EHCONCERN_	0.184	0.232	0.256	0.384	0.511	0.535	0.583
PFCINT	31.321	54.306	66.064	127.464	188.865	200.623	223.608

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.003	0.029	0.043	0.114	0.185	0.199	0.225
S	-0.022	-0.013	-0.008	0.017	0.041	0.046	0.055

Model 2: Stress* financial concern

Title:

Two level multilevel model in Mplus

Data:

File is mplus08.17.20.csv;

Variable:

NAMES =

id

timec

cortc

cc_c

cw_c

csex_c

momed_c

cmmed_c

inctned_c

MAge_c

Agemonths_c

mpos_c

mstress_c

ehconcern_c

pfcint

scint;

missing are all (999);

usevariables ARE id cortc timec cc_c cw_c csex_c mstress_c

ehconcern_c scint;

CLUSTER = id;

WITHIN = timec;

BETWEEN = csex_c cc_c cw_c mstress_c ehconcern_c scint

ANALYSIS:

TYPE = TWOLEVEL RANDOM;

MODEL:

%WITHIN%

s | cortc ON timec;

%BETWEEN%

cortc on csex_c cc_c cw_c mstress_c ehconcern_c ;
s on csex_c cc_c cw_c mstress_c ehconcern_c sfcint ;
cc_c;
[cc_c@0];
ehconcern_c with sfcint ;
[ehconcern_c@0];
mstress_c with sfcint;
[mstress_c@0];
output: Cinterval;

Two level multilevel model in Mplus

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

Number of groups	1
Number of observations	595
Number of dependent variables	1
Number of independent variables	7
Number of continuous latent variables	1

Observed dependent variables

Continuous

CORTC

Observed independent variables

TIMEC CC_C CW_C CSEX_C MSTRESS_ EHCONCER
SFCINT

Continuous latent variables

S

Variables with special functions

Cluster variable ID

Within variables

TIMEC

Between variables

CC_C CW_C CSEX_C MSTRESS_ EHCONCER SFCINT

Estimator	MLR
Information matrix	OBSERVED
Maximum number of iterations	100
Convergence criterion	0.100D-05
Maximum number of EM iterations	500
Convergence criteria for the EM algorithm	
Loglikelihood change	0.100D-02
Relative loglikelihood change	0.100D-05
Derivative	0.100D-03

Minimum variance 0.100D-03
Maximum number of steepest descent iterations 20
Maximum number of iterations for H1 2000
Convergence criterion for H1 0.100D-03
Optimization algorithm EMA

Input data file(s)
mplus08.17.20.csv
Input data format FREE

SUMMARY OF DATA

Number of missing data patterns 4
Number of clusters 61

COVARIANCE COVERAGE OF DATA

Minimum covariance coverage value 0.100

PROPORTION OF DATA PRESENT

Covariance Coverage					
	CC_C	MSTRESS_	EHCONCER	SFCINT	CORTC
CC_C	1.000				
MSTRESS_	1.000	1.000			
EHCONCER	0.785	0.785	0.785		
SFCINT	0.785	0.785	0.785	0.785	
CORTC	0.593	0.593	0.461	0.461	0.593
TIMEC	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593
CW_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.785	0.593

Covariance Coverage			
	TIMEC	CW_C	CSEX_C
TIMEC	1.000		
CW_C	1.000	1.000	
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	1.000

THE MODEL ESTIMATION TERMINATED NORMALLY

MODEL FIT INFORMATION

Number of Free Parameters 23

Loglikelihood

H0 Value -757.428
H0 Scaling Correction Factor 1.1783
for MLR

Information Criteria

Akaike (AIC)	1560.856
Bayesian (BIC)	1661.793
Sample-Size Adjusted BIC	1588.775

(n* = (n + 2) / 24)

MODEL RESULTS

	Estimate	S.E.	Two-Tailed Est./S.E.	P-Value
Within Level				
Residual Variances				
CORTC	0.365	0.043	8.465	0.000
Between Level				
S ON				
CSEX_C	0.054	0.097	0.562	0.574
CC_C	-0.137	0.179	-0.766	0.444
CW_C	0.012	0.041	0.288	0.773
MSTRESS_C	0.002	0.007	0.317	0.751
EHCONCERN_	0.167	0.103	1.620	0.105
SFCINT	-0.017	0.012	-1.459	0.144
CORTC ON				
CSEX_C	-0.250	0.127	-1.963	0.050
CC_C	0.191	0.235	0.813	0.416
CW_C	-0.092	0.065	-1.413	0.158
MSTRESS_C	0.024	0.010	2.455	0.014
EHCONCERN_	-0.067	0.108	-0.622	0.534
EHCONCER WITH				
SFCINT	0.821	0.541	1.517	0.129
MSTRESS_ WITH				
SFCINT	9.622	7.602	1.266	0.206
Means				
CC_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
MSTRESS_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
SFCINT	1.687	0.522	3.230	0.001
Intercepts				
CORTC	-1.300	0.062	-20.829	0.000
S	-0.548	0.053	-10.281	0.000
Variances				
CC_C	0.097	0.015	6.591	0.000
MSTRESS_C	44.588	10.968	4.065	0.000
EHCONCERN_	0.380	0.077	4.956	0.000

SFCINT	19.095	8.320	2.295	0.022
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Residual Variances

CORTC	0.092	0.033	2.765	0.006
S	0.031	0.014	2.175	0.030

CONFIDENCE INTERVALS OF MODEL RESULTS

	Lower .5%	Lower 2.5%	Lower 5%	Estimate	Upper 5%	Upper 2.5%	Upper .5%
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Within Level

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.254	0.280	0.294	0.365	0.436	0.449	0.476
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Between Level

S ON

CSEX_C	-0.195	-0.136	-0.105	0.054	0.214	0.245	0.304
CC_C	-0.597	-0.487	-0.431	-0.137	0.157	0.213	0.324
CW_C	-0.095	-0.069	-0.056	0.012	0.080	0.093	0.119
MSTRESS_C	-0.016	-0.011	-0.009	0.002	0.014	0.016	0.020
EHCONCERN_	-0.098	-0.035	-0.003	0.167	0.336	0.368	0.431
SFCINT	-0.047	-0.040	-0.036	-0.017	0.002	0.006	0.013

CORTC ON

CSEX_C	-0.577	-0.499	-0.459	-0.250	-0.040	0.000	0.078
CC_C	-0.414	-0.269	-0.195	0.191	0.577	0.651	0.796
CW_C	-0.260	-0.220	-0.200	-0.092	0.015	0.036	0.076
MSTRESS_C	-0.001	0.005	0.008	0.024	0.040	0.043	0.049
EHCONCERN_	-0.347	-0.280	-0.246	-0.067	0.111	0.145	0.212

EHCONCER WITH

SFCINT	-0.572	-0.239	-0.069	0.821	1.711	1.881	2.214
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MSTRESS_ WITH

SFCINT	-9.959	-5.278	-2.883	9.622	22.127	24.522	29.203
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Means

CC_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
MSTRESS_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
SFCINT	0.342	0.663	0.828	1.687	2.547	2.711	3.033

Intercepts

CORTC	-1.461	-1.422	-1.402	-1.300	-1.197	-1.178	-1.139
S	-0.685	-0.652	-0.636	-0.548	-0.460	-0.443	-0.411

Variances

CC_C	0.059	0.068	0.073	0.097	0.121	0.126	0.135
MSTRESS_C	16.336	23.090	26.545	44.588	62.630	66.085	72.840
EHCONCERN_	0.183	0.230	0.254	0.380	0.507	0.531	0.578
SFCINT	-2.337	2.787	5.408	19.095	32.782	35.403	40.527

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.006	0.027	0.037	0.092	0.147	0.158	0.178
S	-0.006	0.003	0.008	0.031	0.054	0.059	0.068

Model 3: Financial concern indirectly relates to infant's cortisol via mother's low positive affect

Title:

Two level multilevel model in Mplus

Data:

File is mplus08.17.20.csv;

Variable:

NAMES =

NAMES =

id

timec

cortc

cc_c

cw_c

csex_c

momed_c

cmed_c

inctned_c

MAge_c

Agemonths_c

mpos_c

mstress_c

ehconcern_c

pfcint

scint;

missing are all (999);

usevariables ARE id cortc timec csex_c cw_c cc_c

ehconcern_c mpos_c;

CLUSTER = id;

WITHIN = timec;

BETWEEN = csex_c cw_c cc_c ehconcern_c mpos_c

ANALYSIS:

TYPE = TWOLEVEL RANDOM;

MODEL:

%WITHIN%

s | cortc ON timec;

%BETWEEN%

cortc on csex_c cw_c cc_c ;

s on csex_c cw_c cc_c mpos_c ehconcern_c ;

cortc on mpos_c (b1);

cortc on ehconcern_c (cdash);

mpos_c on ehconcern_c (a1);

cc_c;

[cc_c@0];

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ehconcern_c;
[ehconcern_c@0];
[mpos_c@0];
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MODEL CONSTRAINT:

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NEW(a1b1 TOTAL);
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a1b1 = a1*b1; ! Indirect effect of X on Y via M
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TOTAL = a1*b1 + cdash; ! Total effect of X on Y
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output: Cinterval ;
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Two level multilevel model in Mplus

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

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Number of groups          1
Number of observations     595
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Number of dependent variables      2
Number of independent variables    5
Number of continuous latent variables      1
Observed dependent variables
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Continuous

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MPOS_C  CORTC
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Observed independent variables

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TIMEC  CSEX_C  CW_C  CC_C  EHCONCER
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Continuous latent variables

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S
```

Variables with special functions

Cluster variable ID

Within variables

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TIMEC
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Between variables

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CSEX_C  CW_C  CC_C  EHCONCER  MPOS_C
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Estimator          MLR
Information matrix   OBSERVED
Maximum number of iterations      100
Convergence criterion      0.100D-05
Maximum number of EM iterations    500
Convergence criteria for the EM algorithm
  Loglikelihood change      0.100D-02
  Relative loglikelihood change    0.100D-05
  Derivative      0.100D-03
Minimum variance      0.100D-03
Maximum number of steepest descent iterations    20
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Maximum number of iterations for H1	2000
Convergence criterion for H1	0.100D-03
Optimization algorithm	EMA

Input data file(s)
 mplus08.17.20.csv
 Input data format FREE

SUMMARY OF DATA

Number of missing data patterns	4
Number of clusters	61

COVARIANCE COVERAGE OF DATA

Minimum covariance coverage value 0.100

PROPORTION OF DATA PRESENT

Covariance Coverage

	MPOS_C	CC_C	EHCONCER	CORTC	TIMEC
MPOS_C	1.000				
CC_C	1.000	1.000			
EHCONCER	0.785	0.785	0.785		
CORTC	0.593	0.593	0.461	0.593	
TIMEC	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000
CW_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000

Covariance Coverage

	CSEX_C	CW_C
CSEX_C	1.000	
CW_C	1.000	1.000

THE MODEL ESTIMATION TERMINATED NORMALLY

MODEL FIT INFORMATION

Number of Free Parameters	19
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Loglikelihood

H0 Value	-688.240
H0 Scaling Correction Factor for MLR	0.9433

Information Criteria

Akaike (AIC)	1414.481
Bayesian (BIC)	1497.864
Sample-Size Adjusted BIC	1437.544

(n* = (n + 2) / 24)

MODEL RESULTS

		Two-Tailed		
Estimate	S.E.	Est./S.E.	P-Value	

Within Level

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.363	0.043	8.449	0.000
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Between Level

S ON

CSEX_C	0.058	0.097	0.600	0.549
CW_C	0.012	0.044	0.274	0.784
CC_C	-0.095	0.178	-0.532	0.594
MPOS_C	0.002	0.002	1.025	0.305
EHCONCERN_	0.131	0.090	1.449	0.147

CORTC ON

CSEX_C	-0.238	0.138	-1.730	0.084
CW_C	-0.086	0.068	-1.268	0.205
CC_C	0.152	0.228	0.666	0.506
MPOS_C	-0.004	0.004	-1.133	0.257
EHCONCERN_	-0.007	0.116	-0.061	0.951

MPOS_C ON

EHCONCERN_	-8.987	4.094	-2.195	0.028
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Means

CC_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000

Intercepts

MPOS_C	0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
CORTC	-1.298	0.065	-19.879	0.000
S	-0.579	0.045	-12.838	0.000

Variances

CC_C	0.097	0.015	6.591	0.000
EHCONCERN_	0.377	0.076	4.989	0.000

Residual Variances

MPOS_C	324.748	44.081	7.367	0.000
CORTC	0.114	0.041	2.753	0.006
S	0.035	0.016	2.231	0.026

New/Additional Parameters

A1B1	0.037	0.037	1.017	0.309
TOTAL	0.030	0.104	0.290	0.771

CONFIDENCE INTERVALS OF MODEL RESULTS

Lower .5%	Lower 2.5%	Lower 5%	Estimate	Upper 5%	Upper 2.5%	Upper .5%
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Within Level

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.252	0.279	0.293	0.363	0.434	0.448	0.474
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Between Level

S ON

CSEX_C	-0.191	-0.131	-0.101	0.058	0.217	0.247	0.307
CW_C	-0.101	-0.074	-0.060	0.012	0.084	0.098	0.124
CC_C	-0.553	-0.444	-0.388	-0.095	0.198	0.254	0.364
MPOS_C	-0.004	-0.002	-0.001	0.002	0.006	0.007	0.008
EHCONCERN_	-0.102	-0.046	-0.018	0.131	0.279	0.307	0.363

CORTC ON

CSEX_C	-0.592	-0.507	-0.464	-0.238	-0.012	0.032	0.116
CW_C	-0.261	-0.219	-0.198	-0.086	0.026	0.047	0.089
CC_C	-0.436	-0.295	-0.223	0.152	0.527	0.599	0.739
MPOS_C	-0.014	-0.011	-0.010	-0.004	0.002	0.003	0.005
EHCONCERN_	-0.306	-0.235	-0.198	-0.007	0.184	0.220	0.292

MPOS_C ON

EHCONCERN_	-19.532	-17.011	-15.721	-8.987	-2.253	-0.964	1.557
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Means

CC_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Intercepts

MPOS_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CORTC	-1.466	-1.426	-1.406	-1.298	-1.191	-1.170	-1.130
S	-0.695	-0.667	-0.653	-0.579	-0.504	-0.490	-0.463

Variances

CC_C	0.059	0.068	0.073	0.097	0.121	0.126	0.135
EHCONCERN_	0.182	0.229	0.253	0.377	0.502	0.525	0.572

Residual Variances

MPOS_C	211.204	238.349	252.235	324.748	397.260	411.146	438.291
CORTC	0.007	0.033	0.046	0.114	0.181	0.194	0.220
S	-0.005	0.004	0.009	0.035	0.060	0.065	0.075

New/Additional Parameters

A1B1	-0.057	-0.035	-0.023	0.037	0.098	0.109	0.132
TOTAL	-0.238	-0.174	-0.141	0.030	0.202	0.235	0.299

Model 4: Financial concern indirectly relates to infant's cortisol via mother's heightened daily stress

Title:

Two level multilevel model in Mplus

Data:

File is mplus08.17.20.csv;

Variable:

NAMES =

id

timec

cortc

cc_c

cw_c

csex_c

momed_c

cmcd_c

inctned_c

MAge_c

Agemonths_c

mpos_c

mstress_c

ehconcern_c

pfcint

scint;

missing are all (999);

usevariables ARE id cortc timec csex_c cw_c cc_c

ehconcern_c mstress_c;

CLUSTER = id;

WITHIN = timec;

BETWEEN = csex_c cw_c cc_c ehconcern_c mstress_c ;

ANALYSIS:

TYPE = TWOLEVEL RANDOM;

MODEL:

%WITHIN%

s | cortc ON timec;

%BETWEEN%

cortc on csex_c cw_c cc_c ;

s on csex_c cw_c cc_c mstress_c ehconcern_c ;

cortc on mstress_c (b1);

cortc on ehconcern_c (cdash);

mstress_c on ehconcern_c (a1);

cc_c;

[cc_c@0];

ehconcern_c;

[ehconcern_c@0];

[mstress_c@0];

MODEL CONSTRAINT:

NEW(a1b1 TOTAL);

a1b1 = a1*b1; ! Indirect effect of X on Y via M

TOTAL = a1*b1 + cdash; ! Total effect of X on Y

output: Cinterval,

Output:

Two level multilevel model in Mplus

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

Number of groups	1
Number of observations	595
Number of dependent variables	2
Number of independent variables	5
Number of continuous latent variables	1

Observed dependent variables

Continuous

MSTRESS_C CORTC

Observed independent variables

TIMEC CSEX_C CW_C CC_C EHCONCER

Continuous latent variables

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Variables with special functions

Cluster variable ID

Within variables

TIMEC

Between variables

CSEX_C CW_C CC_C EHCONCER MSTRESS_

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CC_C	1.000	1.000			
EHCONCER	0.785	0.785	0.785		
CORTC	0.593	0.593	0.461	0.593	
TIMEC	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000
CSEX_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000
CW_C	1.000	1.000	0.785	0.593	1.000

Covariance Coverage

	CSEX_C	CW_C
CSEX_C	1.000	
CW_C	1.000	1.000

THE MODEL ESTIMATION TERMINATED NORMALLY

MODEL FIT INFORMATION

Number of Free Parameters 19

Loglikelihood

H0 Value -618.882
H0 Scaling Correction Factor 1.0364
for MLR

Information Criteria

Akaike (AIC) 1275.763
Bayesian (BIC) 1359.146
Sample-Size Adjusted BIC 1298.827
($n^* = (n + 2) / 24$)

MODEL RESULTS

	Estimate	S.E.	Two-Tailed Est./S.E.	P-Value
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Within Level

Residual Variances

CORTC	0.364	0.043	8.454	0.000
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Between Level

S	ON				
CSEX_C		0.078	0.096	0.818	0.413
CW_C		0.017	0.040	0.429	0.668
CC_C		-0.120	0.175	-0.689	0.491
MSTRESS_C		-0.004	0.008	-0.450	0.653
EHCONCERN_		0.133	0.098	1.352	0.176

CORTC	ON				
CSEX_C		-0.245	0.127	-1.925	0.054
CW_C		-0.096	0.066	-1.464	0.143
CC_C		0.197	0.233	0.847	0.397
MSTRESS_C		0.024	0.012	2.025	0.043
EHCONCERN_		-0.046	0.124	-0.366	0.714

MSTRESS_C	ON				
EHCONCERN_		5.256	1.441	3.648	0.000

Means					
CC_C		0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
EHCONCERN_		0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000

Intercepts					
MSTRESS_C		0.000	0.000	999.000	999.000
CORTC		-1.299	0.062	-20.819	0.000
S		-0.579	0.045	-12.776	0.000

Variances					
CC_C		0.097	0.015	6.591	0.000
EHCONCERN_		0.390	0.081	4.812	0.000

Residual Variances					
MSTRESS_C		33.820	7.894	4.285	0.000
CORTC		0.096	0.035	2.745	0.006
S		0.034	0.015	2.296	0.022

New/Additional Parameters					
A1B1		0.125	0.066	1.896	0.058
TOTAL		0.080	0.101	0.789	0.430

CONFIDENCE INTERVALS OF MODEL RESULTS

Lower .5%	Lower 2.5%	Lower 5%	Estimate	Upper 5%	Upper 2.5%	Upper .5%
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Within Level

Residual Variances						
CORTC		0.253	0.280	0.293	0.364	0.435
					0.449	0.475

Between Level

S	ON
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CSEX_C	-0.168	-0.109	-0.079	0.078	0.236	0.266	0.325
CW_C	-0.086	-0.061	-0.048	0.017	0.083	0.095	0.120
CC_C	-0.570	-0.462	-0.407	-0.120	0.167	0.222	0.329
MSTRESS_C	-0.026	-0.020	-0.018	-0.004	0.010	0.013	0.018
EHCONCERN_	-0.120	-0.060	-0.029	0.133	0.294	0.325	0.385

CORTC ON

CSEX_C	-0.573	-0.494	-0.454	-0.245	-0.036	0.005	0.083
CW_C	-0.265	-0.225	-0.204	-0.096	0.012	0.033	0.073
CC_C	-0.403	-0.259	-0.186	0.197	0.581	0.654	0.798
MSTRESS_C	-0.006	0.001	0.004	0.024	0.043	0.047	0.054
EHCONCERN_	-0.366	-0.289	-0.250	-0.046	0.159	0.198	0.275

MSTRESS_ON

EHCONCERN_	1.544	2.432	2.886	5.256	7.627	8.081	8.969
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Means

CC_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
EHCONCERN_	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Intercepts

MSTRESS_C	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CORTC	-1.460	-1.422	-1.402	-1.299	-1.197	-1.177	-1.139
S	-0.695	-0.667	-0.653	-0.579	-0.504	-0.490	-0.462

Variances

CC_C	0.059	0.068	0.073	0.097	0.121	0.126	0.135
EHCONCERN_	0.181	0.231	0.256	0.390	0.523	0.548	0.598

Residual Variances

MSTRESS_C	13.488	18.349	20.836	33.820	46.805	49.292	54.153
CORTC	0.006	0.028	0.039	0.096	0.154	0.165	0.186
S	-0.004	0.005	0.010	0.034	0.059	0.063	0.072

New/Additional Parameters

A1B1	-0.045	-0.004	0.017	0.125	0.234	0.255	0.296
TOTAL	-0.181	-0.118	-0.087	0.080	0.246	0.278	0.340