

**Table 1** Baseline characteristics, outcomes, and fertility: original participants of the Perry Preschool and Abecedarian Projects

	Perry			ABC		
	Control mean	MD	MD <i>p</i> -value	Control mean	MD	MD <i>p</i> -value
<b>a. Baseline</b>						
IQ (Perry) or mother's IQ (ABC)	78.54	1.03	0.387	83.49	1.83	0.399
Socioeconomic index	8.62	0.17	0.530	21.82	−1.93	<b>0.089</b>
Mother does not work <sup>¶</sup>	0.69	0.22	<b>0.002</b>	0.39	−0.22	<b>0.010</b>
Mother's year of birth	1959.97	0.03	0.950	1974.35	−0.15	0.674
<b>b. Midlife skills<sup>†</sup></b>						
Cognitive	0.00	0.48	<b>0.005</b>	0.00	0.34	<b>0.031</b>
Noncognitive	0.00	0.50	<b>0.011</b>	0.00	0.47	<b>0.031</b>
<b>c. Midlife education<sup>‡</sup></b>						
High school graduate	0.52	0.20	<b>0.021</b>	0.53	0.20	<b>0.025</b>
College graduate	0.05	0.02	0.453	0.09	0.21	<b>0.007</b>
<b>d. Midlife outcomes*</b>						
Married	0.25	0.09	<b>0.082</b>	0.42	0.01	0.486
Labor income (2021 USD)	16,298.91	7,826.94	<b>0.018</b>	37,527.95	13,044.70	<b>0.098</b>
Household labor income (2021 USD)	25,121.43	13,243.21	<b>0.007</b>	37,247.62	14,632.67	<b>0.071</b>
Accumulated days (Perry) or times (ABC) in jail or prison	1,326.71	−380.83	0.237	0.14	−0.12	<b>0.027</b>
Never arrested (Perry) or accumulated arrests (ABC)	0.46	0.18	<b>0.039</b>	0.61	0.26	0.151
Physical health	0.00	−0.02	0.553	0.00	0.28	<b>0.096</b>
Mental health	0.00	0.31	<b>0.072</b>	0.00	0.20	0.111
<b>e. Midlife fertility<sup>†</sup></b>						
Any children	0.80	−0.01	0.878	0.89	−0.03	0.748
Age at onset	22.63	0.87	0.469	21.93	2.23	0.122
Number of children	2.42	0.15	0.727	2.31	−0.19	0.524
>5 children	0.07	0.02	0.727	0.00	0.02	0.928
<b>f. Sample sizes</b>						
Original participants at baseline	65	−7		57	2	
Original participants at midlife follow-up	50	2		45	6	

<sup>¶</sup>The difference between treatment-group mothers in ABC and Perry is that ABC provided full-day childcare and Perry did not.

<sup>†</sup>Based on identical variables observed at age 54 for Perry and 45 for ABC.

<sup>‡</sup>Based on identical variables of completed years of education for both Perry and ABC.

\*For Perry, marriage is the fraction of years married between ages 20 and 40; labor income is the average earnings from labor income between ages 20 and 40; household labor income is the previous variable in addition to average spouse's labor income between ages 20 and 40 (if married); accumulated days in prison and never arrested are observed up to age 54. For ABC, marriage is an indicator of whether an individual is married at age 45; labor income is measured at age 45; household income is the previous variable in addition to spouse's labor income at age 45 (if married); times in jail and accumulated arrests are measured at age 30. For Perry, physical health is a latent variable of measures describing prevalence and intensity of diabetes, stroke, heart disease, self-rated health, body mass index, and waist-to-hip ratio at age 54. For ABC, an analogous variable is constructed using information at age 34. For Perry, mental health is a latent variable of measures describing depression and antisocial behavior at age 54. For ABC, an analogous variable is constructed using information at age 45.

Panels *a* and *e* present the control-group mean and treatment-control mean difference (MD) for the outcome in the label for the Perry Preschool (Perry) and Carolina Abecedarian (ABC) Projects. For each treatment-control MD, we present the permutation *p*-value associated with the null hypothesis that MD is equal to 0. We bold *p*-values when they are lower than 0.10. Panels *b* to *d* are analogous in format to panels *a* and *e*. The null hypothesis in these panels is that MD is less than or equal to 0.