



Figure 1: Path model for the effects of socioeconomic status (SES) on pulmonary function indexes. Direct and indirect effects of education, occupation and FAI on FEV₁/FVC (A), FEV₁ (B), FVC (C) and FEV₁% pred (D). Direct effects are represented by solid arrows; indirect effects are represented by dotted arrows. The β values are shown between two items. * P <0.05, † P <0.01, ‡ P <0.001. BMI: Body mass index; FAI: Family average income; FVC: Forced vital capacity; FEV₁: Forced expiratory volume in one second; FEV₁% pred: FEV₁ percentage of predicted.