Abstract

The roles of family cohesion, family support and parent-adolescent conflict in depression and suicide ideation in Hong Kong adolescents were examined in the present study of four hundred twenty-one adolescents, ages 14 –20. Results indicated that low levels of family cohesion and support were negatively correlated with adolescents' depression and suicide ideation while high levels of parent-adolescent conflict were positively correlated with them. Depression served as a mediating factor between the three family variables and adolescents' suicide ideation. No gender differences were found in adolescents' perceived family environments, but males had a higher level of depression and suicide ideation than females in the present study.