



Fig. 1. Personality Profile of Medical Students

types of B and E involved 72 and 114 respondents, respectively. With the regression models used to control for the year factor, being male was associated with an increased odds of being classified as a Director type (odds ratio, OR = 1.5; $p < 0.05$), compared to their female peers.

Furthermore, year effects were considered with

the gender factor held constant. It was thus observed that 2nd-year respondents were less likely to display the type A personality (OR = 0.3; $p < 0.05$), as compared to 1st-year freshmen. Moreover, with the reference group specified to be students in the 1st year, the 3rd- and 4th-year participants were both estimated to be 2.8 times more likely to be allocated to the type B per-

Table 3. Five Personality Types of the Lai Personality Instrument by Gender and Year ^a

| | Gender ^b | | | | | Year ^c | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----|--------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|----|--------|---------------|-----------|
| | Sex | n | (%) | Odds ratio OR | 95% CI | Year | n | (%) | Odds ratio OR | 95% CI |
| Average type | M | 35 | (64.8) | 0.6 | (0.3,1.1) | year 2 | 3 | (2.3) | 0.3* | (0.1,1.0) |
| | F | 19 | (35.2) | 1.0 | | year 1 | 9 | (8.7) | --- | |
| Black-list type | M | 54 | (75.0) | 1.0 | (0.6,1.8) | year 4 | 18 | (12.3) | 2.8* | (1.0,7.8) |
| | F | 18 | (25.0) | 1.0 | | year 3 | 15 | (12.7) | 2.8* | (1.0,8.2) |
| Calm type | M | 380 | (74.8) | 1.0 | (0.7,1.4) | year 1 | 5 | (4.8) | --- | |
| | F | 128 | (25.2) | 1.0 | | --- | | | | |
| Director type | M | 320 | (77.9) | 1.5* | (1.1,2.1) | --- | | | | |
| | F | 91 | (22.1) | 1.0 | | | | | | |
| Eccentric type | M | 84 | (73.7) | 1.0 | (0.6,1.5) | --- | | | | |
| | F | 30 | (26.3) | 1.0 | | | | | | |

* $p < 0.05$.

^a Abbreviations: F, female; M, male; SD, standard deviation; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval.

^b Results are from the linear regression analysis after holding year effects constant.

^c Results are from the linear regression analysis after holding gender effects constant. Results with p values of less than 0.05 are reported in the Table.