

Supplementary Information for

Secular changes in body height predict global rates of cesarean section

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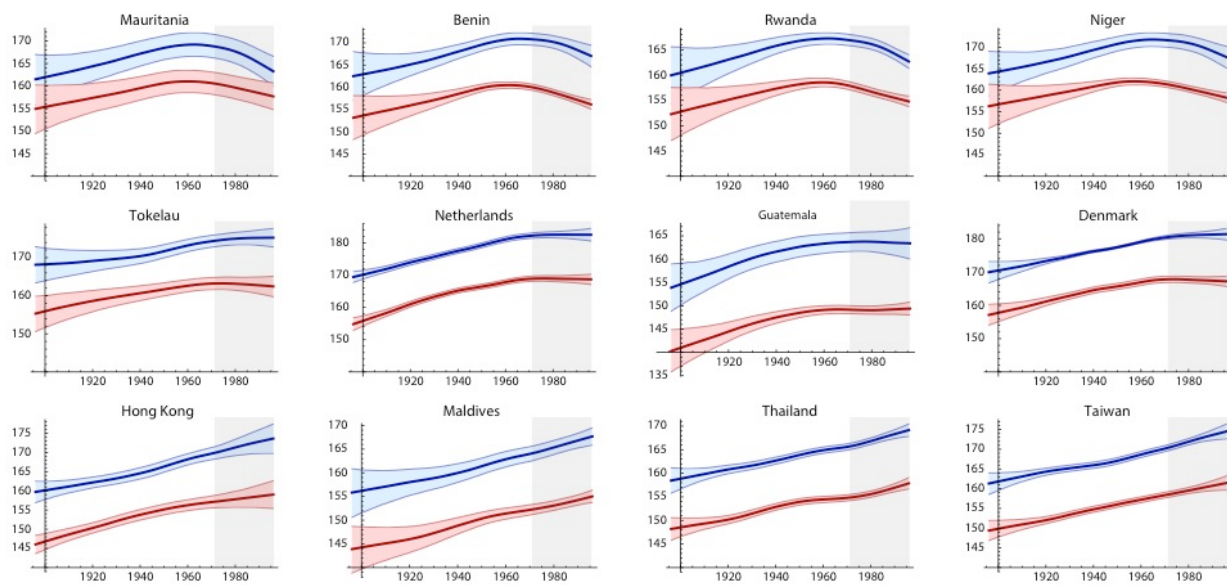


Figure S1. Secular trends in adult body height (birth years 1896 to 1996) for the four countries with highest decrease (upper row), least absolute trend (middle row), and highest increase (bottom row) during the birth year interval 1971-1996 (shaded area). Blue and red bold lines represent trends for male and female average height (in cm), respectively. Shaded areas are the corresponding 95% confidence bands, which differ considerably because of heterogeneity in sample size. Data from NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (1).

(1) NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC) (2016) A century of trends in adult human height. *Elife* 5. doi:10.7554/eLife.13410.

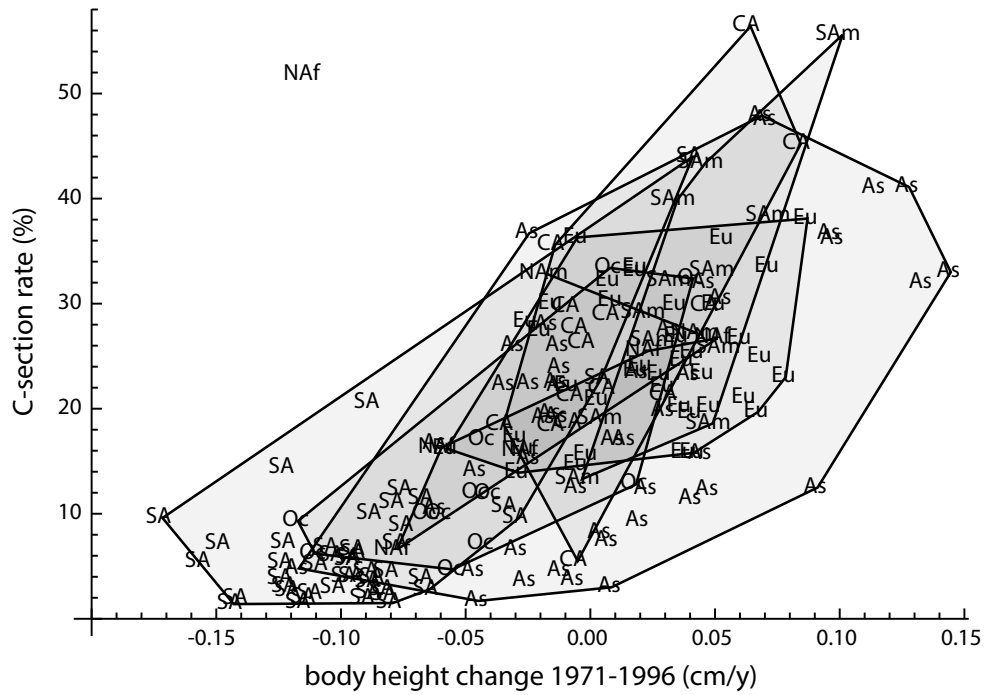


Figure S2. Scatter plot of cesarean section rate versus average annual body height change during the birth year interval 1971-1996. Each country is labeled by its geographic region, and all countries of one region are within one convex hull, showing that the association is not driven by particular regions. (As = Asia; CA = Central America; Eu = Europe; NAF = Northern Africa; NAm = Northern America; OC = Oceania; SA = Sub-Saharan Africa; SAm = South America)

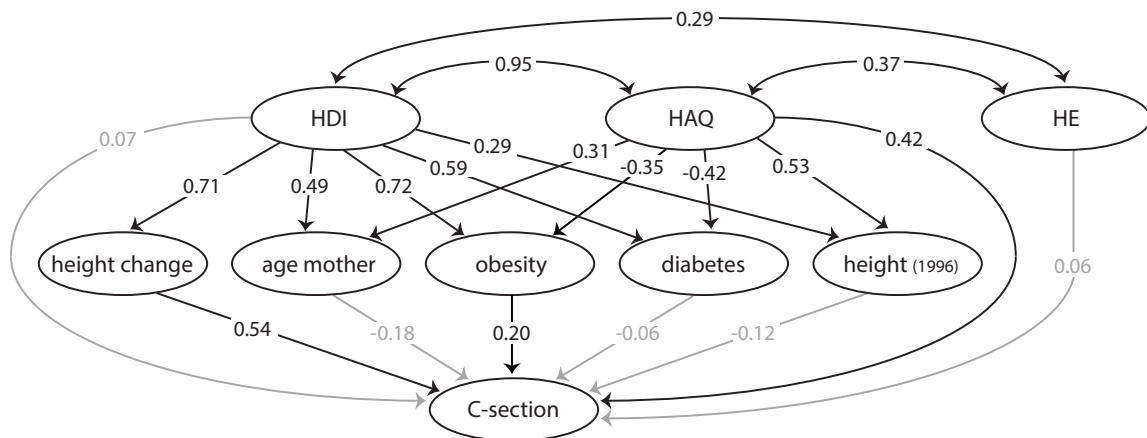


Figure S3. Full structural equation model with all nine variables (165 countries; RMSEA= 0.204, CFI=0.873, TLI=0.701). All effects on C-section rate are shown, with non-significant ones ($p>0.05$) indicated in gray. For the effects of HDI (Human Development Index), HAQ (Healthcare Access and Quality Index), and HE (health expenditure) on the five intervening variable, only the significant effects are shown. Effects sizes are standardized path coefficients, computed by maximum likelihood estimation (see Methods).

Table S1. Data on caesarean section rate and average age of the mother at first birth, along with their sources, used for the analyses.

Country	c-section rate	Age mother 1st child	Sources
Afghanistan	3.6	19.9	- Central Statistics Organisation (CSO) and UNICEF. Afghanistan Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2010-2011: Final Report. Kabul: Central Statistics Organisation (CSO) and UNICEF; 2012. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Albania	30	24.5	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Algeria	16.3		Ministère de la Santé, de la Population et de la Réforme Hospitalière, Office National des Statistiques. Algerie Enquête Nationale à Indicateurs Multiples. Rapport Principal. Algerie; 2013.
Angola	4	19.4	- IIMS (Inquérito de Indicadores Multiplos e de Saúde) 2015-2016 - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Argentina	29.1	30.6	Ariel Karolinski, Raúl Mercer, Pablo Salgado, Celina Ocampo y otros. Primer informe nacional de relevamiento epidemiológico del SIPGestión: desarrollo e implementación a escala nacional de un sistema de información en salud de la mujer y perinatal en Argentina. Buenos Aires: Organización Panamericana de la Salud; Ministerio de Salud de la Nación; 2013.
Armenia	22.5	24.4	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Australia	33	28.7	- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2017. Australia's mothers and babies 2015—in brief. Perinatal statistics series no. 33. Cat no. PER 91. Canberra: AIHW. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Austria	28.3	29	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Azerbaijan	16.7	23.2	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence

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Bahrain	27		Ministry of Health. Health Statistics of 2014. Bahrain
Bangladesh	19.1	18.5	- Maryland [USA]: National Institute of Population Research and Training, Mitra and Associates, and ORC Macro. Progotir Pathay Multiple Indicators Custer Survey 2012-2013, Key Findings. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and UNICEF Bangladesh. Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2014. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Barbados	21.3		MICS (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey) Unicef, 2012
Belarus	25.3	25.7	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Belgium	19.7	28.6	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Belize	28.9		Statistical Institute of Belize (SIB) and UNICEF. The Belize Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2011. SIB and UNICEF: Belize; 2012.
Benin	5.4	20.3	- Institut National de la Statistique et de l'Analyse économique (INSAE) et ICF International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé du Bénin 2011-2012. Calverton, Maryland, USA : INSAE et ICF International; 2013. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Bhutan	12.4		National Statistics Bureau. Bhutan Multiple Indicator Survey 2010. Thrimphu, Bhutan: National Statistics Bureau; 2011.
Bolivia	18.6	21.2	- Demographic Health and Surveys (DHS). Bolivia Encuesta Nacional de Demografía y Salud 2008. Calverton, Maryland, USA. Macro International Inc.; 2008. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13.9	27	- The Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Federal Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska and the Institute for Public Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia and Herzegovina Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2011–2012, Final Report. Sarajevo: UNICEF; 2013. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Botswana	62	19	- BPOMAS (Botswana Public Officers' Medical Aid Scheme), 2016-2017 - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Brazil	55.6	22	MS/SVS/DASIS - Sistema de Informações sobre Nacidos Vivos - SINASC, Brasil. (http://tabnet.datasus.gov.br/cgi/defctohtm.exe?sinasc/cnv/nvuf.def)
Bulgaria	33.1	26.7	European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014

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Burkina Faso	1.9	19.4	- Institut National de la Statistique et de la Démographie (INSD) et ICF International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé et à Indicateurs Multiples du Burkina Faso 2010. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html. Calverton, Maryland, USA: INSD et ICF International; 2012.
Burundi	4	21.3	- Institut de Statistiques et d'Études Économiques du Burundi (ISTEEBU), Ministère de la Santé Publique et de la Lutte contre le Sida [Burundi] (MSPLS), et ICF International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé Burundi 2010. Bujumbura, Burundi : ISTEEBU, MSPLS, et ICF International; 2012. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Cabo Verde	10.7	19.5	WHO World Health Report, 2010
Cambodia	3	22.9	- National Institute of Statistics, Directorate General for Health, and ICF Macro. Cambodia Demographic and Health Survey 2010. Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Calverton, Maryland, USA: National Institute of Statistics, Directorate General for Health, and ICF Macro; 2011. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Cameroon	3.8	19.7	- Institut National de la Statistique (INS) et ICF. International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé et à Indicateurs Multiples du Cameroun 2011. Calverton, Maryland, USA : INS et ICF International; 2012. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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Central African Republic	4.5	19.4	ICASEES. Enquête par grappes à indicateurs multiples MICS, RCA 2010 Rapport final. Bangui: RCA ICASEES; 2010.
Chad	1.5	17.9	- Ministère du Plan, de l'Economie et de la Coopération Internationale. Institut National de la Statistique, des études économiques et Démographiques (INSEED), United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Children's Fund. Enquête par grappes à indicateurs multiples- Rapport Final, Tchad; 2012. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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China	36.2	26.2	- Qian JC. Analysis on cesarean section rates in China from 2003 to 2011. <i>Population and Development</i>. 2012;18(5):39-42. - Sixth Nationwide Census, National Bureau of Statistic of China, 2010
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Congo	5.8	19.8	• Centre Nationale de la Statistique et des Études Économiques (CNSEE) [Congo] et ICF International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé du Congo (EDSC-II) 2011-2012. Calverton, Maryland, USA: CNSEE et ICF International; 2013. • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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Cote d'Ivoire	2.7	19.8	• Macro Institut National de la Statistique (INS) et ICF International. Enquête Démographique et de Santé et à Indicateurs Multiples de Côte d'Ivoire 2011-2012. Calverton, Maryland, USA : INS et ICF International; 2012. • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Croatia	20.16	28	• European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Cuba	35.6		• Villar J, Valladares E, Wojdyla D, et al. Caesarean delivery rates and pregnancy outcomes: the 2005 WHO global survey on maternal and perinatal health in Latin America. <i>Lancet</i> 2006; 367: 1819–29.
Cyprus	32.0	28.8	• European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). Macfarlane et al. (2015) Wide differences in mode of delivery within Europe: risk-stratified analyses of aggregated routine data from the Euro-Peristat study. <i>BJOG</i> • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Czech Republic	23.3	28.1	• European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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Finland	14.7	28.8	• European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). • The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence

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Georgia	36.7	24.5	- WHO World Health Report 2010 - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
Germany	30.3	29.4	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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Guatemala	26.3	20.3	- Ministerio de Salud Pública y Asistencia Social - MSPAS/Guatemala, Instituto Nacional de Estadística - INE/Guatemala, Secretaría de Planificación y Programación de la Presidencia - Segeplán/Guatemala and ICF International. 2017. Encuesta Nacional de Salud Materno Infantil 2014-2015: Informe Final. Rockville, Maryland, USA: MSPAS, INE, Segeplán and ICF International. - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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Guinea Bissau	2.3		Ministério da Economia, do Plano e Integração Regional – Direcção Geral do Plano. Inquérito aos Indicadores Múltiplos, Inquérito

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India	8.2	19.9	International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), 2010. District level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS-3), 2007-08: India. Mumbai: IIPS; 2010.
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Iraq	22.2		The Central Statistics Organization and the Kurdistan Regional Statistics Office. Iraq Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey 2011. Final Report. Baghdad, Iraq: The Central Statistics Organization and the Kurdistan Regional Statistics Office; 2012.
Ireland	26.6	30.7	- European Health for All Database (HFA-DB) [online database updated on April 2014]. WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2014 (http://data.euro.who.int/hfad/). - The <i>World Factbook</i> 2017. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2017. https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html.
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