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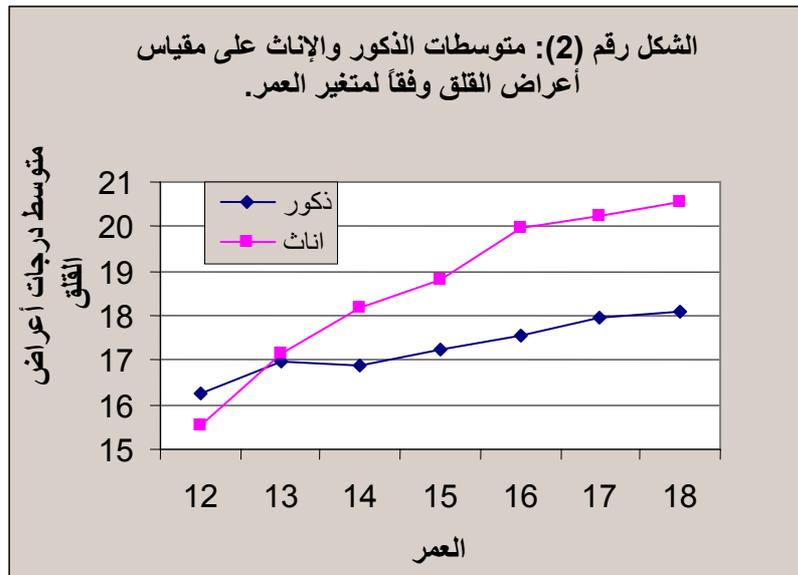
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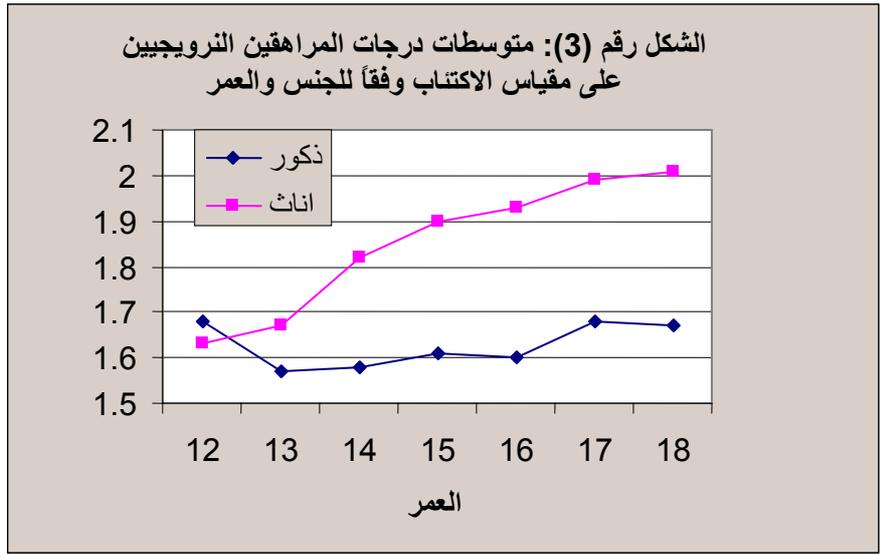
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**Symptoms of Depression and Anxiety in Saudi Arabian  
Male and Female  
Students: When Do Differences Begin?**

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**ABSTRACT**

The aim of this study was to determine the time at which gender differences in depressive and anxiety symptoms emerge. The sample included 12,246 boys and 11,987 girls (age 12-18), with a mean age of 15,5 for boys and 15,57 for girls. Significant gender differences in depressive and anxiety symptoms emerged at the age of 13 and 14, respectively and persisted through the age of 18.

The study findings suggest a need for longitudinal studies to replicate the present findings. Research is also needed to examine the possible role of psychosocial factors in the emergence of gender differences in depressive and anxiety symptoms in Arab adolescents.

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