Figure 1. Unstandardized path estimates for the multilevel moderated mediation model.

Covariates, including age, day of the week, wakeup time, smoking, and sport exercise were included as predictors of diurnal cortisol parameters, but not displayed for model simplification. Bold lines with arrow represent estimates that are significant, and dashed lines with arrow represent estimates that are nonsignificant. Significant conditional indirect effects of bullying victimization on cortisol at awakening through emotion regulation were found in girls, effect size = -0.011, SE = 0.004, p = .003, but not in boys, effect size = -0.001, SE = 0.002, p = .746. Significant conditional indirect effect was also found from bullying victimization to diurnal slopes through emotion regulation in girls, effect size = 0.001, SE = 0.000, p = .011, but not in boys, effect size = 0.000, SE = 0.000, p = .619.

* < .05, ** < .01, *** < .001.