

## Some congruences with $q$ -binomial sums

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**Abstract:** In this paper, using some combinatorial identities and congruences involving  $q$ -harmonic numbers, we establish congruences that for any odd prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $\alpha$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\text{mod } 2)} (-1)^{nk} q^{\frac{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+2k}{[k]_q}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha p - 1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2},$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\text{mod } 2)} (-1)^{nk} q^{\frac{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+k}{[k]_q}} \left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha p - 1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q \tilde{H}_k(q) \pmod{[p]_q^2},$$

where  $n$  is any integer.

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### 1. Introduction

The harmonic numbers are given by

$$H_0 = 0 \text{ and } H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

In [22], Wolstenholme discovered that for any prime number  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$H_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}.$$

The  $q$ -harmonic numbers and the  $q$ -alternating harmonic number are given by

$$H_n(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{[k]_q}, \quad \tilde{H}_n(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^k}{[k]_q}, \quad I_n(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{[k]_q},$$

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and the  $q$ -harmonic numbers of order 2 are given by

$$H_{n,2}(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{[k]_q^2}, \quad \tilde{H}_{n,2}(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^k}{[k]_q^2},$$

where for nonnegative integer  $n$ ,  $[n]_q = (1 - q^n)/(1 - q) = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{n-1}$ . It is seen that for any prime  $p$  such that  $0 < m < p$ ,

$$\frac{1}{[p - m]_q} \equiv -\frac{q^m}{[m]_q} \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{1.1}$$

The  $q$ -Pochhammer symbol is given by

$$(x; q)_0 = 1 \text{ and } (x; q)_n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 - xq^k).$$

For any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the  $q$ -binomial coefficients are defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q = \frac{(q; q)_n}{(q; q)_m (q; q)_{n-m}},$$

if  $n \geq m$ , and if  $n < m$ , then  $\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q = 0$ . It is clear that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q = \binom{n}{m},$$

where  $\binom{n}{m}$  is the usual binomial coefficient. The  $q$ -binomial coefficients satisfy the recurrence relation

$$\begin{bmatrix} n + 1 \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q = q^m \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}_q + \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m - 1 \end{bmatrix}_q.$$

In [16], Pan and Cao defined the  $q$ -Fermat quotient by for an odd prime  $p$ ,

$$Q_p(m, q) = \frac{(q^m; q^m)_{p-1} / (q; q)_{p-1} - 1}{[p]_q},$$

where  $m$  is nonnegative integer such that  $p \nmid m$ .

In [21], Tauraso gave that for any prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $\alpha$ ,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha p - 1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q \equiv (-1)^k q^{-\binom{k+1}{2}} \left(1 - \alpha [p]_q H_k(q)\right) \pmod{[p]_q^2},$$

where  $k$  is integer such that  $0 \leq k < p$ . Thus, it is clearly seen that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha p - 1 \\ k \end{bmatrix}_q \equiv (-1)^k q^{\alpha p k - \binom{k+1}{2}} \left(1 - \alpha [p]_q \tilde{H}_k(q)\right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \tag{1.2}$$

In [7], Elkhiri et al. gave that for an odd prime  $p$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \tilde{H}_k(q) \equiv \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{1.3}$$

In [2, 19], Shi et al. showed that for any prime  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$H_{p-1}(q) \equiv \frac{p-1}{2}(1-q) + \frac{p^2-1}{24}(1-q)^2 [p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}, \tag{1.4}$$

and

$$\tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) \equiv \frac{1-p}{2}(1-q) + \frac{p^2-1}{24}(1-q)^2 [p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \tag{1.5}$$

In [14], Ömür et al. investigated that for any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} = \tilde{H}_n(q) - q(1-q)[n]_q, \tag{1.6}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-q)^k}{[k]_q} = I_n(q) + (1-q) \frac{(-1)^{n+1} + 1}{2}. \tag{1.7}$$

In [10], Kızılateş and Tuğlu gave that for any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{0 \leq i \leq k \leq n-1} \frac{q^{i+k}}{[i]_q} = [n]_q (\tilde{H}_n(q) - q). \tag{1.8}$$

In [11], Koparal et al. showed that for any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq n} \frac{q^{i+k}}{[i]_q [k]_q} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{H}_{n,2}(q) - (1-q)\tilde{H}_n(q) + \tilde{H}_n(q)^2 \right),$$

and

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq n} \frac{q^{i+2k}}{[i]_q [k]_q} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}_{n,2}(q) + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}_n(q)^2 + \left( \frac{q-3}{2} + q^{n+1} \right) \tilde{H}_n(q) + q(1-q^n). \tag{1.9}$$

In [15], Pan established that for an odd prime  $p$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \equiv -Q_p(2, q) + \frac{[p]_q}{2} \left( Q_p^2(2, q) + Q_p(2, q)(1-q) + \frac{p^2-1}{8}(1-q)^2 \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}, \tag{1.10}$$

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{[i]_q [k]_q} \equiv Q_p^2(2, q) - (1-q)Q_p(2, q) - \frac{1}{24}(p^2-1)(1-q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}, \tag{1.11}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \equiv (1-q) \left( \frac{1-p^2}{24}(1-q) - Q_p(2, q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}, \tag{1.12}$$

and for any prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $k$ ,

$$q^{kp} \equiv 1 - k(1-q)[p]_q + \binom{k}{2}(1-q)^2 [p]_q^2 \pmod{[p]_q^3}. \tag{1.13}$$

In [9], He obtained that for any prime  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$H_{p-1,2}(q) \equiv -\frac{(p-1)(p-5)}{12}(1-q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}, \tag{1.14}$$

$$\tilde{H}_{p-1,2}(q) \equiv -\frac{p^2-1}{12}(1-q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}, \tag{1.15}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_{p-1}(q) &\equiv [p]_q \left( Q_p^2(2, q) + Q_p(2, q)(1-q) + \frac{(p^2-1)}{12}(1-q)^2 \right) \\ &\quad - 2Q_p(2, q) - \frac{(p-1)(1-q)}{2} \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.16}$$

In [20], combining (1.4) and (1.14), Straub deduced that for any prime  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{1}{[i]_q [k]_q} \equiv \frac{(p^2-1)(1-q)^2}{12} \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{1.17}$$

Recently, some authors have investigated combinatorial and arithmetical properties of the binomial sums and  $q$ -analogues of these sums([4–6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18]).

In [3], Cai and Granville gave the following congruences: For any prime  $p \geq 5$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (-1)^k \binom{p-1}{k} \equiv \begin{cases} \binom{np-2}{p-1} \pmod{p^4} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 2^{n(p-1)} \pmod{p^3} & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \tag{1.18}$$

In [17], Pan showed the generalization of Carlitz’s congruence that for an odd prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $n$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} (-1)^{(n-1)k} \binom{p-1}{k}^n \equiv 2^{n(p-1)} + \frac{n(n-1)(3n-4)}{48} p^2 B_{p-3} \pmod{p^4},$$

where  $B_n$  is the  $n$ th Bernoulli number.

In [12], Liu et al. established the generalization of (1.18) proved by Cai and Granville as follows: For any positive odd integer  $n$  and positive integer  $a$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{(a-1)k} q^{a\binom{k+1}{2}} \left[ \begin{matrix} n-1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q^a \equiv (-q; q)_{n-1}^{2a} + \frac{a(a-1)(n^2-1)}{24} (1-q)^2 [n]_q^2 \pmod{\Phi_n(q)^3},$$

where  $\Phi_n(q)$  is the  $n$ th cyclotomic polynomial.

In [4], Cai and Shen obtained that for any prime  $p \geq 7$  and nonnegative integer  $l$ ,

$$\sum_{k=lp}^{(l+1)p-1} \binom{\alpha p - 1}{k} \equiv \begin{cases} \binom{\alpha-1}{l}^n 2^{\alpha n(p-1)} \pmod{p^3} & \text{if } 2 \nmid n, \\ \binom{\alpha-1}{l}^n \binom{\alpha n p - 2}{p-1} \pmod{p^4} & \text{if } 2 \mid n, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $n$  are positive integers.

In [1], Abel's partial summation formula asserts that for every pair of families  $(a_k)_{k=1}^n$  and  $(b_k)_{k=1}^n$  of complex numbers, there is the relation

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (a_k - a_{k+1}) \sum_{j=1}^k b_j + a_n \sum_{j=1}^n b_j. \tag{1.19}$$

Motivated by the works mentioned, we mainly obtain the following results in this paper.

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\alpha$  be positive integer. For any integer  $n$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\text{mod } 2)} (-1)^{nk} \frac{q^{-\alpha n p k + n \binom{k+1}{2} + 2k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n}{[k]_q} \\ \equiv & Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1-q}{[2]_q} - \alpha n [p]_q \left( \frac{(\alpha n)^{-1} - 1}{2} Q_p^2(2, q) \right. \\ & - \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} + \frac{p - (\alpha n)^{-1}}{2} \right) Q_p(2, q)(1-q) - (1-q) \left( \frac{5p^2(1-q) + 17q + 19}{24} - \frac{p}{2} q - \frac{113q + 17}{48[2]_q^2} \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \frac{7p^2(1-q^2) - 24p(1+q^2) + 31q^2}{48[2]_q} - \frac{(\alpha n)^{-1}(p^2(1-q^2) + q^2 + 47)}{48[2]_q} \right) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\alpha$  be positive integer. For any integer  $n$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\text{mod } 2)} (-1)^{nk} q^{-\alpha n p k + n \binom{k+1}{2} + k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n \tilde{H}_k(q) \\ \equiv & 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{q}{[2]_q} + \frac{1-q}{[2]_q^2} \frac{(p(p(1-q) + 8)(q+1) + q(q-24) - 9)}{16} \right) [p]_q \\ & + \frac{1}{[2]_q} \left( Q_p(2, q) - 1 + \frac{1-q}{2[2]_q} (p[2]_q + 1 - q) \right. \\ & \left. + n\alpha [p]_q \left( -2q + 2 \left( \frac{1-q}{2[2]_q} (p[2]_q - 2q) - \frac{(n\alpha)^{-1}(1-q)}{4} \right) Q_p(2, q) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left( 1 - \frac{(n\alpha)^{-1}}{2} \right) Q_p^2(2, q) + \frac{1}{[2]_q} \left( 4q^2 \left( q^{-1} - [p]_q - \frac{q^2 + 2q - 1}{[2]_q} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{(q-1)(2p^2(q^2-1) - q^2(3p-25) + 9q(p+3) + 2)}{6} \right) \\
 & + [2]_q \left( \frac{p}{2} (1-q) + \frac{3q+1}{2} \right) \Big) \pmod{[p]_q^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**2. Proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2**

In this section, we will start with some lemmas and then derive our results about congruences.

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $\alpha$  and  $k$  be any positive integers. For any prime  $p$  and any integer  $n$ ,*

$$\left[ \begin{matrix} \alpha p - 1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right]_q^n \equiv (-1)^{nk} q^{\alpha n p k - n \binom{k+1}{2}} \left( 1 - \alpha n [p]_q \tilde{H}_k(q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}.$$

**Proof** By (1.2) and Binomial Theorem, the proof is clear. □

**Lemma 2.2** *For any positive integer  $n$ , we have*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} = (1-q) \left( 1 - n - [n+1]_{q^2} \right) + \frac{I_{2n}(q) + H_{2n}(q)}{2}.$$

**Proof** By equality  $\frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} = \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - (1-q)(q^{2k} + 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - (1-q) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n q^{2k} + n \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1 + (-1)^k}{[k]_q} - (1-q) \left( \frac{1 - q^{2n+2}}{1 - q^2} + n - 1 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{[k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{(-1)^k}{[k]_q} \right) - (1-q) \left( \frac{1 - q^{2n+2}}{1 - q^2} + n - 1 \right) \\
 &= \frac{I_{2n}(q) + H_{2n}(q)}{2} - (1-q) \left( [n+1]_{q^2} + n - 1 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have the proof. □

**Corollary 2.3** *For an odd prime  $p$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{q^{2k}}{\binom{p-1}{k}_q} &\equiv Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1-q}{[2]_q} - \frac{Q_p^2(2, q)}{2} [p]_q \\
 &+ [p]_q (1-q) \left( \frac{1}{48} (1-p^2)(1-q) - \frac{Q_p(2, q)}{2} - \frac{1}{[2]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Taking  $p - 1$  replace of  $n$  in (1.6) and  $(p - 1)/2$  replace of  $n$  in Lemma 2.2, by (1.4), (1.5), (1.13) and (1.16), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} \equiv (1 - q) \left( \frac{3 - p}{2} + \left( \frac{(1 - q)(p^2 - 1)}{24} - 1 \right) [p]_q \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}, \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} &\equiv -Q_p(2, q) - (1 - q) \left( \frac{1}{1 + q} + \frac{p - 3}{2} \right) + \frac{Q_p^2(2, q)}{2} [p]_q \\ &+ \frac{[p]_q}{2} (1 - q) \left( Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1}{8} (p^2 - 1) (1 - q) - \frac{2q}{q + 1} \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

respectively. From (1.4) and (1.16), we get the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^{2k+i}}{[i]_q [k]_q} \equiv \frac{(p^2 - 1)(1 - q)^2}{12} + q - 1 \pmod{[p]_q}.$$

**Proof** By using (1.5), (1.9), (1.13), and (1.15), the desired result is obtained.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q} &\equiv \frac{p - 1}{2} (1 - q) + Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1}{[p]_q} \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_p^2(2, q) + Q_p(2, q) (1 - q) + \frac{1}{24} (p^2 - 1) (1 - q)^2 \right) [p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q^2} \equiv Q_p(2, q) (1 - q) + \frac{1}{[p]_q^2} - \frac{(p - 1)(p - 11)}{24} (1 - q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}. \quad (2.4)$$

**Proof** Consider that

$$H_{p-1}(q) = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \frac{1}{[p]_q},$$

and

$$H_{p-1,2}(q) = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} - \frac{1}{[p]_q^2}.$$

From here, by (1.4), (1.10) and by (1.12), (1.14), respectively, we have the proofs of congruences.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6** For any prime  $p \geq 5$ , we have

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_p^2(2, q) - Q_p(2, q)(1 - q) - \frac{p^2 - 1}{24}(1 - q)^2 \right) \pmod{[p]_q}, \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q [2i]_q} &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} Q_p^2(2, q) \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{2} (2 - p)(1 - q) - \frac{1}{[p]_q} \right) Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1}{48} (p^2 - 1)(1 - q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof** By exchanging sums, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} &= \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

From here, we get

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \right).$$

By (1.10) and (1.12), the proof of the first congruence is finished.

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i + 1]_q} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \left( H_{2k+1}(q) - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{[2i]_q} - 1 \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2k + 1]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q [2i]_q} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i + 1]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2k + 1]_q}. \end{aligned}$$



By combining these equations, we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q [2i]_q} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Note that

$$2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} = \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{[k]_q} H_k(q) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{1}{[i]_q [k]_q}.$$

(1.11) and (1.17) yield that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_p^2(2, q) - (1-q)Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1}{24} (p^2 - 1) (1 - q)^2 \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{2.8}$$

Similarly, using (1.10), (2.5) and (2.8) in (2.7), the proof of (2.6) is obtained. Thus, we complete the proof of Lemma (2.6).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} \equiv -\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} (p-1)^2 (1-q) + pQ_p(2, q) + \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}, \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+1]_q} &\equiv \frac{1}{4} (p-2)Q_p(2, q) \\ &\quad - \frac{2-p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{4[p]_q} + \frac{1}{16} (1-q) (p^2 - 6p + 5) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+1]_q} + \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} - \frac{p}{[p]_q} \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} + 2 \left( \frac{(p-1)}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{(p-3)/2} \frac{1}{[p-2k]_q} - \sum_{k=0}^{(p-3)/2} \frac{k}{[p-2k]_q} \right) + \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} - \frac{p}{[p]_q} \\ &= 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[p-2k]_q} \right) + (p-1) \sum_{k=0}^{(p-3)/2} \frac{1}{[p-2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} - \frac{p}{[p]_q} + p. \end{aligned}$$

By using the congruence  $[p - 2k]_q \equiv -q^{-2k} [2k]_q \pmod{[p]_q}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq (p - 1) / 2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} &\equiv 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k} k}{[2k]_q} \right) - (p - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-3)/2} \frac{q^{2k}}{[2k]_q} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q} - \frac{1}{[p]_q} + p \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

With the help of  $\frac{q^{2k}}{[2k]_q} = \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - (1 - q)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} &\equiv 4 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} - p \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-3)/2} \frac{1}{[2k + 1]_q} + \frac{p - 1}{[p - 1]_q} + p + \frac{(p - 1)(p - 7)}{4} (1 - q) \\ &= 4 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} - p \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{[k]_q} \\ &\quad + \frac{p - 1}{[p - 1]_q} + p - 1 + \frac{(p - 1)(p - 7)}{4} (1 - q) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (1.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} &\equiv \frac{1}{4} \left( p \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} - \frac{p - 1}{[p - 1]_q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{4} (p - 1)(p + 5q - pq - 1) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Note that, using  $a_k = \frac{1}{[k]_q}$  and  $b_k = k$  in (1.19), by (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} \equiv -\frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} \pmod{[p]_q}. \tag{2.11}$$

From here, (2.10) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} &\equiv \frac{1}{4} \left( p \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} - \frac{p - 1}{[p - 1]_q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{4} (p - 1)(p + 5q - pq - 1) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by (1.1) and (1.10), the first congruence is obtained.

Similarly, for the last congruence, consider that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{k}{[k]_q} = 2 \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+1]_q} \right) - \frac{p}{[p]_q} + 1.$$

Then, by (2.9) and (2.11), the congruence is obtained. Thus, the proof of Lemma (2.7) is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p}{2} + 1 \right) Q_p(2, q) \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4} (p-1)^2 (1-q) + \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** By observing that

$$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} = \frac{p+1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q},$$

and by (1.10) and (2.9), the congruence is obtained.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} + \frac{1}{2} ((1-p)(1-q) - 2Q_p(2, q)) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}, \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} q^k \tilde{H}_k^2(q) \equiv -\frac{p}{2} (1-q) - \frac{1+3q}{2} \pmod{[p]_q}. \quad (2.13)$$

**Proof** Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} q^i \frac{1 + (-1)^k}{[i]_q} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} (-1)^k \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} + \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} (-1)^k \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} + \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k + 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} q^k \frac{1 - (-1)^k}{[k]_q} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{(-q)^k}{[k]_q} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (1.7), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq p-1} \frac{q^i}{[i]_q} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) + \frac{1}{2} I_{p-1}(q) \right).$$

Finally, using (1.3), (1.5) and (1.16), we have the proof of (2.12).

Similarly, by exchanging sums, using (1.8) and (2.1), the proof of (2.13) is obtained. Thus, we have the proof.

□

**Lemma 2.10** For an odd prime  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 \equiv &\frac{1}{[2]_q} \left( -Q_p(2, q) - \frac{2}{[2]_q} + 2 + \frac{1}{2} (1-p)(1-q) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{[p]_q}{2} Q_p^2(2, q) + \frac{[p]_q}{2} Q_p(2, q)(1-q) - \frac{q[p]_q}{2} (2+p(1-q)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{[p]_q}{16[2]_q} (p^2(q+1) - 9q - 1)(1-q)^2 \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** By taking with  $a^k = q^{2k}$  and  $b_k = \tilde{H}_{2k}(q)$  in (1.19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 = &\tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - \tilde{H}_{2k+2}(q) \right) \sum_{i=1}^k q^{2i} \\
 = &\tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - \tilde{H}_{2k+2}(q) \right) \left( \frac{1 - q^{2k+2}}{1 - q^2} - 1 \right) \\
 = &\tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} + \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} \right) \left( \frac{[2k+2]_q}{[2]_q} - 1 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, by some elementary operations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ = & \left( \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) + \frac{q^p}{[p]_q} + \frac{q^{p+1}}{[p+1]_q} \right) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} \\ & + \frac{q}{[2]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} - \frac{2q^2}{[2]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - \frac{1}{[2]_q} - \frac{2q+1}{2[2]_q} (1-q)(p-1) + \frac{1}{[p+1]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

By using (1.5), (1.13) and the congruence  $\frac{1}{[p+1]_q} \equiv 1 - q[p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ \equiv & \frac{q}{[2]_q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \frac{1}{2} (1-p)(1-q) + \frac{q^2 + 2q - 1}{[2]_q^2} \\ & - \frac{q}{[2]_q [p]_q} + \frac{1}{[2]_q} + \frac{q}{[2]_q} \left( (1-p) \frac{1-q}{2} - \frac{p^2-1}{24} (1-q)^2 - \frac{1-q}{[2]_q} \right) [p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by (1.10) and (2.3), the desired congruence is obtained. □

**Lemma 2.11** *For an odd prime  $p$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} & \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( -Q_p^2(2, q) + (1-p)(1-q)Q_p(2, q) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(p+13)}{24} (p-1)(1-q)^2 + (1-q) \frac{1 - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{[p]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} & \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( Q_p^2(2, q) - (4 + (1-p)(1-q)) Q_p(2, q) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{(1-p)(1-q)}{16} (3p(1-q) + q - 17) + (1-q) \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{2[p]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Observe that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{p-2k-1}(q)}{[p-2k]_q}.$$

Then, from the congruence  $\tilde{H}_{p-k}(q) \equiv \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) + H_{k-1}(q) \pmod{[p]_q}$  for  $1 \leq k \leq p$  and some elementary operations, (1.1) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} \\ \equiv & - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} + (1-q) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) + (1-q) \frac{p^2-1}{4} \right) + \frac{q^{p-1}}{[p-1]_q} H_{p-1}(q) \\ & + \tilde{H}_{p-1}(q) \left( (1-q) \frac{p^2-1}{4} + \frac{1}{[p]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + (1-q) \frac{p-1}{2} + \frac{q^{p-1}}{[p-1]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

By (1.1), (1.4) and (1.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} \\ \equiv & - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} + (1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - \frac{p-1}{2[p]_q} (1-q) \\ & + (p-1) \frac{1-q}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \frac{(p+13)(p-1)}{24} (1-q)^2 \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using (1.10), (2.12) and (2.8), the first congruence is obtained.

For the second congruence, observe that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} = \sum_{k=2}^{(p+1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k-2}(q)}{[2k]_q}.$$

From here, by some elementary operations, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} \\ = & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{H_{2k}(q)}{[2k]_q} - 2(1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \\ & + (2-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \frac{1}{[p+1]_q^2} + \frac{\tilde{H}_{p+1}(q)}{[p+1]_q} + \frac{2-q}{[p+1]_q} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and using (1.10), (1.12), (2.8) and (2.9),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} \\ \equiv & \frac{1}{2} Q_p(2, q) (Q_p(2, q) + p(1-q) + q - 3) + (1-q) \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{2[p]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} \\ & - \frac{1}{[p+1]_q^2} + \frac{\tilde{H}_{p+1}(q)}{[p+1]_q} + \frac{(2-q)}{[p+1]_q} - 1 + \frac{1}{16} (1-q)^2 (3p^2 - 4p + 1) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by (1.5), (1.13), (2.3) and the congruence  $\frac{1}{[p+1]_q} \equiv 1 - q[p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}$ , the proof of the second congruence is obtained. Thus, we have the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.12** *For an odd prime  $p$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \\ \equiv & \frac{1}{1-q^2} \left( Q_p(2, q) \left( \frac{-3q^3 + 5q^2 + 3q + 3}{[2]_q} + (p+1)(1-q)^2 - 4 \right) \right. \\ & + (1-q) Q_p^2(2, q) - 2q(1-q) - \frac{4q^2(1-q)}{[2]_q} \left( \frac{q^2 + 2q - 1}{[2]_q} - q^{-1} + [p]_q \right) \\ & \left. - (1-q)^2 \frac{(2p^2(q^2 - 1) - q^2(3p - 25) + 9q(p + 3) + 2)}{6[2]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) + q^{p+1} \tilde{H}_{p+1}^2(q) \\ = & \sum_{k=1}^{(p+1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) = \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \tilde{H}_{2k+2}^2(q) \\ = & \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \left( \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) + \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} + \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} \right)^2 \\ = & 2 \left( \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} + \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} \right) \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) + q^2 \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k+1]_q^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$+2 \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \frac{q^{4k+3}}{[2k+1]_q [2k+2]_q} + \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k+2} \frac{q^{4k+4}}{[2k+2]_q^2}.$$

Then, by some elementary operations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \\ = & \frac{1}{1-q^2} \left( 2q \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p+1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \right. \\ & - 4q^2(1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) + q^2(1-q)^2(3+q^{-2}) \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \\ & + q \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q^2} + (2q^2 - 3q(1-q)) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} + q(5q-3) \\ & - (5-3q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - 2(1-q^2) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - \frac{5-3q}{[p+1]_q} \\ & \left. + (q^{p+1} - 1)(1-q)^2 + 2(p+1)(1-q)^2(q+1) - q^{p+1} \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \right). \end{aligned}$$

(1.10), (1.12), (2.3) and the congruence  $\frac{1}{[p+1]_q} \equiv 1 - q[p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}$  yield that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \\ \equiv & \frac{1}{1-q^2} \left( 2q \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} - 4q^2(1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \right. \\ & + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} - 2(1-q^2) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) + q \sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q^2} \\ & + (5q^2 - 5q + 4) Q_p(2, q) + (2q^2 - 3q(1-q)) \frac{1}{[p]_q} \\ & + \frac{(1-q)^2}{[2]_q} (2p(1+q^2) + 4q(p+1) + 5q^2 + 3) \\ & + (q^{p+1} - 1)(1-q)^2 + 3q - 4 - q^{p+1} \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \\ & \left. + \frac{(p(1-q) + (35 - 60q)q + 1)}{24} (1-p)(1-q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}. \end{aligned}$$



By (2.4) and (2.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \\
 \equiv & \frac{1}{1-q^2} \left( -4q^2(1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - 2(1-q^2) \frac{p - (q^{1-p}; q)_{p-1}}{2[p]_q} \right. \\
 & + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+2]_q} + 2q \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{\tilde{H}_{2k}(q)}{[2k+1]_q} + (3q^2 - 4q + 5) Q(p) \\
 & + (q^{p+1} - 1)(1-q)^2 + \left( 2q^2 - 3q(1-q) + \frac{q}{[p]_q} \right) \frac{1}{[p]_q} \\
 & + (1-q)^2 \frac{2p(1+q^2) + 4q(p+1) + 5q^2 + 3}{[2]_q} - q^{p+1} \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \\
 & + \frac{(1-q)^2}{[2]_q} (2p(1+q^2) + 4q(p+1) + 5q^2 + 3) + 3q - 4 \\
 & \left. - \frac{(p(q^2 - 1) - (24 - 37q)q + 11)}{24} (1-p)(1-q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemmas 2.10 and 2.11, this completes the proof. □

**Lemma 2.13** For any prime  $p \geq 5$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 \equiv & \frac{Q_p^2(2, q)}{2} + (1-q) \left( \left( \frac{1}{[2]_q} + \frac{p}{2} \right) Q_p(2, q) + \frac{7(p^2 - 1)(1-q)}{24} \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{q(p-1)}{2} - \frac{113q + 17}{48[2]_q^2} - \frac{7p^2(1-q^2) - 24p(1+q^2) + 31q^2}{48[2]_q} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** By taking with  $a_k = \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q}$  and  $b_k = \tilde{H}_{2k}(q)$  in (1.19), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 = & \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left( \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - \tilde{H}_{2k+2}(q) \right) \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{q^{4i}}{[2i]_q} \\
 = & \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} \frac{q^{4i}}{[2i]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} \frac{q^{4i}}{[2i]_q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, with the help of Lemma 2.2, we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ &= \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} + (1-q) \left( \frac{q^2}{q+1} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} [2k]_q + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q} k \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+1}}{[2k+1]_q [2i]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q [2i]_q} \\ & \quad + (1-q) \left( \frac{q^2}{q+1} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} [2k]_q + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{2k+2}}{[2k+2]_q} k \right), \end{aligned}$$

and from the definition of  $[n]_q$ , equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q [2i]_q} \\ & \quad - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+2]_q [2i]_q} + 2(1-q) \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2i]_q} \\ & \quad + (1-q) \left( \frac{q^2}{[2]_q} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - \frac{(1-p)(1-q)}{2q^2} (2q+1) \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - q^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+2]_q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+1]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+2]_q} - 2(1-q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} k \right). \end{aligned}$$

By using some elementary operations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\ &= \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q [2i]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \\ & \quad - \left( \frac{1}{[p+1]_q} + (1-q)(1-p) \right) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k \leq (p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q [2i]_q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -(q-1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k+1]_q} - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{k}{[2k]_q} + \frac{p-3}{2[p+1]_q} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{q^2}{[2]_q} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - q^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2[2]_q} (p+1 + (p-1)q(1-2q)) + (1-q) \frac{1-p^2}{4} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

With the help of Lemmas 2.6 and 2.7, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 \equiv & \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} - Q_p(2, q) \left( (1-p)(1-q) - \frac{1}{[p]_q} \right) \\
 & - \left( \frac{1}{[p+1]_q} + (1-q)(1-p) \right) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q} + \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k]_q^2} \\
 & + (1-q) \left( \frac{q^2}{[2]_q} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - \frac{1}{q} \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{1}{[2k+1]_q} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{p-1}{2[p]_q} + \frac{1}{2[2]_q} (p+1 + q(p-1)(1-2q)) \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{8} (1-q) (p^2 + 4p - 5) + \frac{p-3}{2} \right) \pmod{[p]_q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(1.10), (1.12) and (2.3) yield that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \\
 \equiv & \tilde{H}_{p+1}(q) \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} + Q_p(2, q) \left( \frac{1}{[p]_q} + 2 \frac{q^2}{[2]_q} \right) \\
 & - (q-1) \left( \frac{q^2}{[2]_q} \left( 2 \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} - q^{-1} H_{p-1}(q) \right) + \left( \frac{p-1}{2} - \frac{q}{[2]_q} \right) \frac{1}{[p]_q} \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{q^2(p-1)}{[2]_q} + \frac{2(2q+1) - p(1-q)}{6} (p-1) \right) \pmod{[p]_q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by using (1.4), (1.5), (1.13) and (2.2), we complete the required congruence. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Observe that by Lemma 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} (-1)^{nk} \frac{q^{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+2k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n}{[k]_q} \\ \equiv & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} - \alpha n [p]_q \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} \tilde{H}_k(q) \\ = & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} - \alpha n [p]_q \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} \tilde{H}_k(q) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, Corollary 2.3 yields that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} (-1)^{nk} \frac{q^{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+2k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n}{[k]_q} \\ \equiv & Q_p(2, q) + \frac{1-q}{[2]_q} + [p]_q \left( -\frac{1}{2} (Q_p^2(2, q) + Q_p(2, q)(1-q)) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1-q}{[2]_q} - \frac{1}{48} (p^2 - 1)(1-q)^2 \right) - \alpha n [p]_q \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \frac{q^{2k}}{[k]_q} \tilde{H}_k(q) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} \frac{q^{4k}}{[2k]_q} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, by using Lemmas 2.4 and 2.13, the desired congruence is obtained.

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Observe that by Lemma 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} (-1)^{nk} q^{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n \tilde{H}_k(q) \\ \equiv & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} q^k \tilde{H}_k(q) - n\alpha [p]_q \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} q^k \tilde{H}_k^2(q) \\ = & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} q^k \tilde{H}_k(q) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}(q) - n\alpha [p]_q \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} q^k \tilde{H}_k^2(q) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by (1.5), (1.8) and Lemma 2.10, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \sum_{(\bmod 2)} (-1)^{nk} q^{-\alpha npk+n\binom{k+1}{2}+k} [\alpha p - 1]_q^n \tilde{H}_k(q) \\ \equiv & 1 + \frac{Q_p(2, q)}{[2]_q} - [p]_q \left( \frac{1}{2[2]_q} (Q_p^2(2, q) + Q_p(2, q)(1-q)) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1-q}{[2]_q^2} \frac{(1+9q-p^2)(q+1)(1-q)+8pq(q+1)}{16} + (p-1)\frac{1-q}{2} + 1 \right) \\ & - \frac{1}{[2]_q} \left( \frac{q^2+2q-1}{[2]_q} + \frac{1}{[p+1]_q} + \frac{1}{2} (1-3q-p(1-q)) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$-n\alpha[p]_q \left( \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} q^k \tilde{H}_k^2(q) - \sum_{k=1}^{(p-1)/2} q^{2k} \tilde{H}_{2k}^2(q) \right) \pmod{[p]_q^2},$$

and so, using (2.13), the congruence  $\frac{1}{[p+1]_q} \equiv 1 - q[p]_q \pmod{[p]_q^2}$  and Lemma 2.12, we have the proof.

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