

Supplementary File 1- Supplemental material for Spine-Related Malpractice Claims in China: A 2-year National Analysis

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Grade	Interpretation
Level 1	Causing death, severe disability or plant survival.
Level 2	Causing moderate disability, organ and tissue damage or serious dysfunction.
Level 3	Causing slight disability, organ and tissue damage or general dysfunction.
Level 4	Causing other consequences of obvious personal injury to the patient.

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Table 1. Grading of damage to patients in China

([http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2020-12/26/content\\_5575291.htm](http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2020-12/26/content_5575291.htm), in Chinese)

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Medical responsibility	Interpretation
Full responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is completely caused by medical negligence.
Main responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is mainly caused by medical negligence, and non-medical factors play a secondary role.
Reciprocal responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is caused by medical negligence and non-medical factors, which have the same effect.
Secondary responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is mainly caused by non-medical factors, and medical negligence plays a secondary role.
Minor responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is mainly caused by non-medical factors, and medical negligence plays a minor role.
Non-responsibility	The damage consequence of medical dispute is completely caused by other factors than medical negligence.

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Table 2. Grading of medical responsibility for medical disputes in China

([http://www.gov.cn/banshi/2005-08/02/content\\_19194.htm](http://www.gov.cn/banshi/2005-08/02/content_19194.htm), in Chinese)