

## Supplementary Information

### Using Baidu Search Index to Predict Dengue Outbreak in China

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**Table S1 Cross-correlations between the weekly DF incidence rates and the weekly BSI for DF in Guangzhou and Zhongshan from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2014.**

Guangzhou			Zhongshan		
Lag (weeks)	Cross Correlation	Std. Error	Lag (weeks)	Cross Correlation	Std. Error
0	0.924*	0.062	0	0.698*	0.062
1	0.904*	0.062	1	0.658*	0.062
2	0.717*	0.062	2	0.647*	0.062
3	0.505*	0.062	3	0.533*	0.062
4	0.332*	0.062	4	0.489*	0.062
5	0.227*	0.063	5	0.437*	0.063
6	0.151*	0.063	6	0.369*	0.063
7	0.093	0.063	7	0.385*	0.063
8	0.052	0.063	8	0.407*	0.063
9	0.025	0.063	9	0.417*	0.063
10	0.006	0.063	10	0.373*	0.063
11	-0.007	0.063	11	0.302*	0.063
12	-0.013	0.063	12	0.215*	0.063
13	-0.012	0.064	13	0.171*	0.064
14	-0.011	0.064	14	0.136*	0.064
15	-0.006	0.064	15	0.067	0.064
16	-0.006	0.064	16	0.030	0.064
17	-0.006	0.064	17	0.004	0.064
18	-0.006	0.064	18	-0.003	0.064
19	-0.007	0.064	19	-0.016	0.064
20	-0.007	0.064	20	-0.021	0.064

\*:  $P < 0.05$

**Table S2 DF incidence rate percentiles in Guangzhou and Zhongshan, China from 2010 to 2014.**

Percentiles (%)	Guangzhou (1/10 <sup>5</sup> )	Zhongshan (1/10 <sup>5</sup> )
25	0.000	0.000
50	0.000	0.000
75	0.031	0.000
80	0.056	0.000
85	0.121	0.063
90	0.476	0.442

**Table S3 Spearman's correlations between weekly DF incidence rates and weekly Baidu search query data in Guangzhou and Zhongshan, China from 1 January, 2010 to 31 December 2014.**

	DF incidence_GZ	DF incidence_ZS	BDI_GZ	BDI_ZS
ADF_GZ	1.000	0.763**	0.687**	0.729**
ADF_ZS	0.763**	1.000	0.607**	0.800**
BSI_GZ	0.687**	0.607**	1.000	0.064**
BSI_ZS	0.729**	0.800**	0.604**	1.000

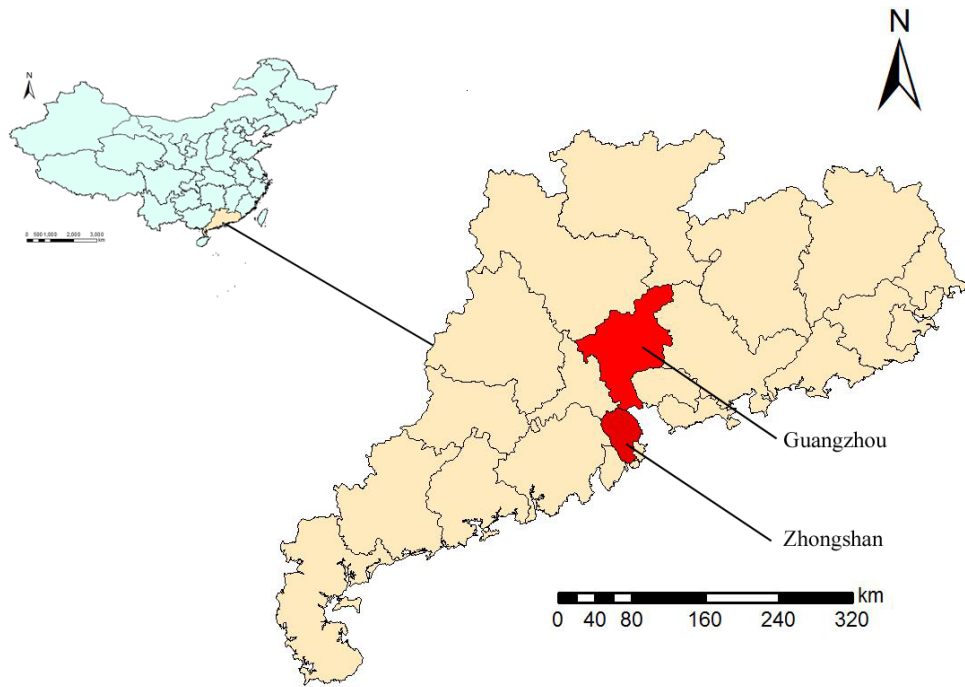
\*\* :  $P < 0.01$

ADF\_GZ: Autochthonous DF in Guangzhou;

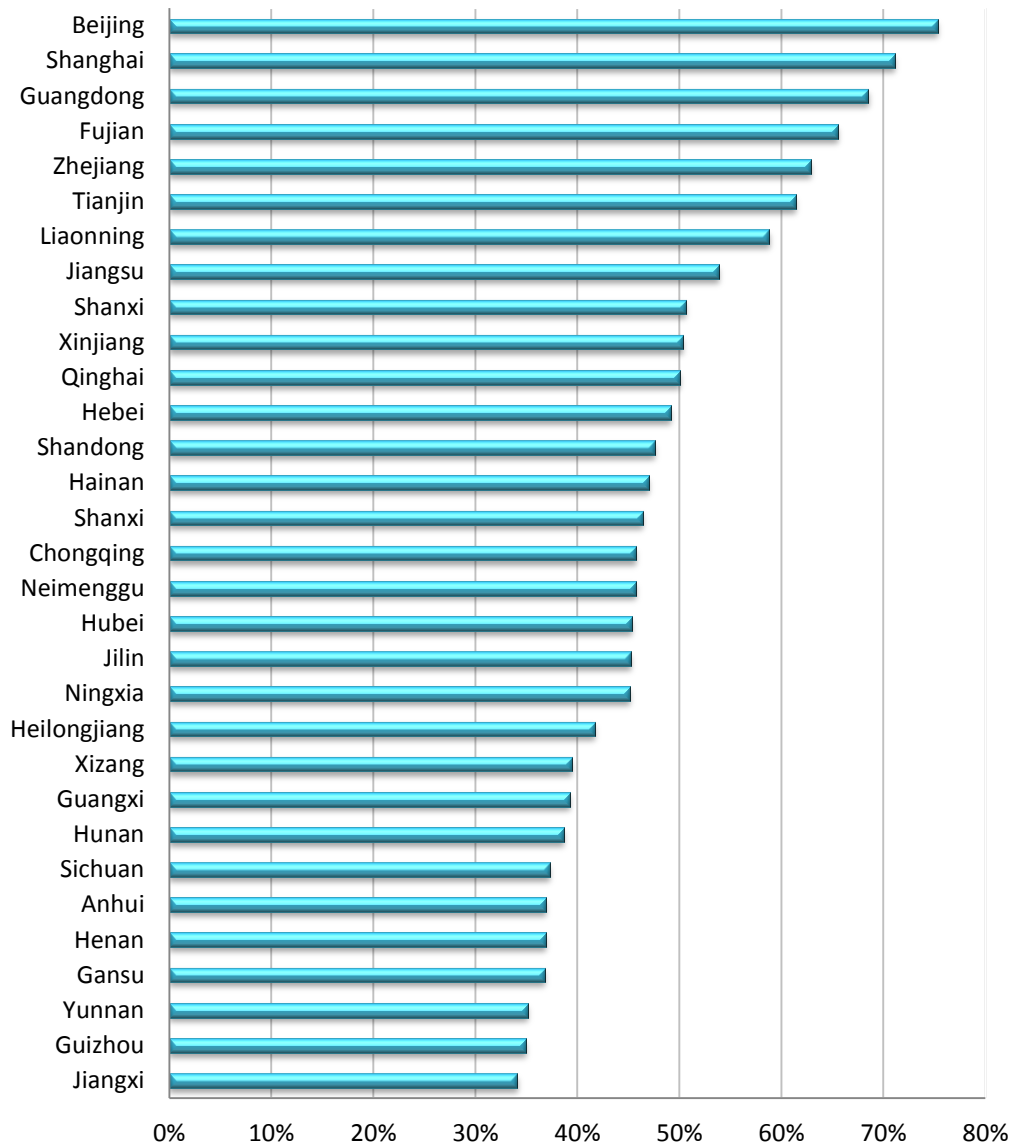
ADF\_ZS: Autochthonous DF in Zhongshan;

BSI\_GZ: Baidu DF search index in Guangzhou;

BSI\_ZS: Baidu DF search index in Zhongshan.



**Figure S1 Locations of Guangzhou and Zhongshan, Guangdong province, China.**  
(It was created with ArcGIS software version 10.3.1, <http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis>.)



**Figure S2 Internet penetration rates in different province of China in 2014.**