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### **Supplemental Material**

#### **Long-term Fine Particulate Matter Exposure and Nonaccidental and Cause-specific Mortality in a Large National Cohort of Chinese Men**

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**Table S1: Hazard ratio (95%CI) per 10ug/m<sup>3</sup> increase of PM<sub>2.5</sub><sup>a</sup> for models with and without hypertension**

| Cause of death | Main model <sup>b</sup> | Main model + hypertension |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non accidental | 1.09 (1.08-1.09)        | 1.08 (1.08, 1.09)         |
| Cardiovascular | 1.09 (1.08-1.10)        | 1.08 (1.07, 1.10)         |
| IHD            | 1.09 (1.06-1.12)        | 1.09 (1.06, 1.12)         |
| Stroke         | 1.14 (1.13-1.16)        | 1.14 (1.12, 1.15)         |
| COPD           | 1.12 (1.10-1.13)        | 1.12 (1.10-1.13)          |
| Lung cancer    | 1.12 (1.07-1.14)        | 1.12 (1.07-1.14)          |

<sup>a</sup>PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels were based on mean exposures during 2000–2005 at each participant’s baseline cohort site.

<sup>b</sup>Adjusted for age, individual-level covariates including marital status, educational level, smoking status, years of smoking, cigarettes per day, passive smoking, occupational exposure, alcohol drinking, units of alcohol per week, BMI, consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, and indoor air pollution, and area-level covariates including urban/rural, region and mean years of education. This model corresponds to “model 2” in Table 3 in the manuscript.

**Table S2: Hazard ratios (95%CI) of mortality associated with 10ug/m<sup>3</sup> increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels<sup>a</sup> by incremental adjustment for risk factors, -2LL and percent change in the -2LL relative to the age-adjusted basic model**

| Cause of death        | Age-adjusted basic model | Model 1         | Model 2         | Model 3         | Model 4         | Model 5         | Model 6         | Model 7         | Model 8         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Non-accidental</b> |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 1.03(1.02-1.03)          | 1.04(1.03-1.04) | 1.03(1.02-1.03) | 1.05(1.05-1.06) | 1.03(1.03-1.04) | 1.07(1.07-1.08) | 1.03(1.03-1.04) | 1.05(1.05-1.06) | 1.09(1.08-1.09) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 813238(0)                | 761946(-6.3)    | 712884(-12.3)   | 601543(-26.0)   | 761916(-6.3)    | 554665(-31.8)   | 712864(-12.3)   | 601542(-26.0)   | 554590(-31.8)   |
| <b>Cardiovascular</b> |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 1.07(1.06-1.07)          | 1.06(1.05-1.07) | 1.06(1.05-1.07) | 1.08(1.07-1.09) | 1.04(1.03-1.05) | 1.09(1.08-1.10) | 1.04(1.03-1.05) | 1.07(1.06-1.09) | 1.09(1.08-1.10) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 287716(0)                | 285040(-0.9)    | 266691(-7.3)    | 224310(-22.0)   | 284962(-1.0)    | 206935(-28.1)   | 266587(-7.3)    | 224310(-22.0)   | 206934(-28.1)   |
| <b>IHD</b>            |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 1.14(1.12-1.15)          | 1.11(1.09-1.13) | 1.09(1.07-1.11) | 1.14(1.11-1.16) | 1.05(1.03-1.07) | 1.11(1.08-1.13) | 1.05(1.03-1.07) | 1.09(1.07-1.12) | 1.09(1.06-1.12) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 56530(0)                 | 55849(-1.2)     | 51416(-9.0)     | 43491(-23.1)    | 55662(-1.5)     | 39457(-30.2)    | 51266(-9.3)     | 43451(-23.1)    | 39451(-30.2)    |
| <b>Stroke</b>         |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 1.08(1.07-1.09)          | 1.07(1.06-1.08) | 1.07(1.06-1.08) | 1.09(1.08-1.11) | 1.06(1.05-1.07) | 1.13(1.11-1.14) | 1.06(1.04-1.07) | 1.11(1.10-1.13) | 1.14(1.13-1.16) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 173814(0)                | 171875(-1.1)    | 161299(-7.2)    | 134790(-22.5)   | 171853(-1.1)    | 124435(-28.4)   | 161252(-7.2)    | 134761(-22.5)   | 124408(-28.4)   |
| <b>COPD</b>           |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 0.98(0.97-0.98)          | 1.00(0.99-1.01) | 1.00(0.99-1.01) | 1.01(1.00-1.02) | 1.05(1.04-1.06) | 1.05(1.04-1.07) | 1.07(1.06-1.08) | 1.06(1.05-1.08) | 1.12(1.10-1.13) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 180580(0)                | 177215(-1.9)    | 167847(-7.1)    | 139296(-22.9)   | 176712(-2.1)    | 130292(-27.8)   | 166999(-7.5)    | 139005(-23.0)   | 129895(-28.1)   |
| <b>Lung cancer</b>    |                          |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| HR (95%CI)            | 1.03(1.01-1.05)          | 1.04(1.02-1.07) | 1.01(0.99-1.03) | 1.12(1.10-1.15) | 0.98(0.96-1.00) | 1.13(1.10-1.16) | 0.98(0.96-1.00) | 1.11(1.10-1.14) | 1.10(1.07-1.14) |
| -2LL(% change)        | 40049(0)                 | 39625(-1.1)     | 36395(-9.1)     | 30944(-22.7)    | 39419(-1.6)     | 27968(-30.2)    | 36336(-9.3)     | 30868(-22.9)    | 27957(-30.2)    |

<sup>a</sup>PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels were based on mean exposures during 2000–2005 at each participant’s baseline cohort site.

Model 1: age-adjusted basic model + individual-level covariates including marital status, educational level, smoking status, years of smoking, cigarettes per day, passive smoking, occupational exposure, alcohol drinking, units of alcohol per week, BMI, consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables, and indoor air pollution.

Model 1 corresponds to “model 1” in Table 3 in the manuscript.

Model 2: model 1 + urban/rural

Model 3: model 1 + region

Model 4: model 1 + area-level mean years of education

Model 5: model 1 + urban/rural + region

Model 6: model 1 + urban/rural + area-level mean years of education

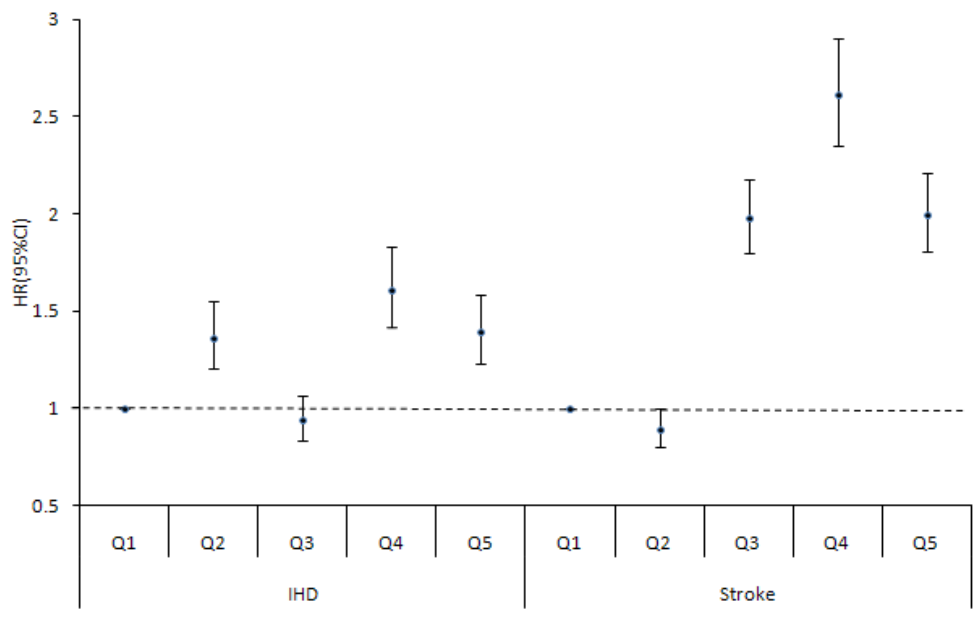
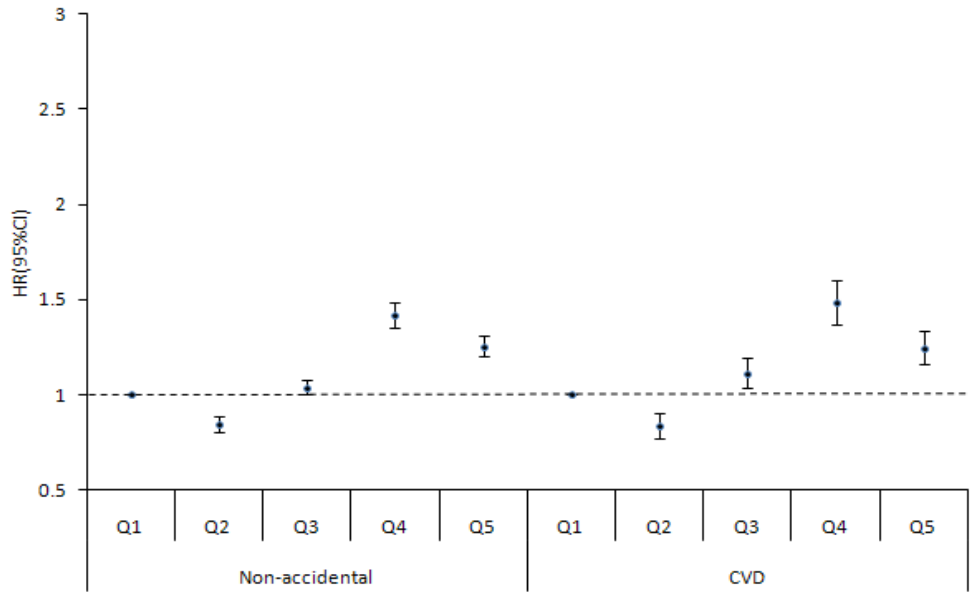
Model 7: model 1 + region + area-level mean years of education

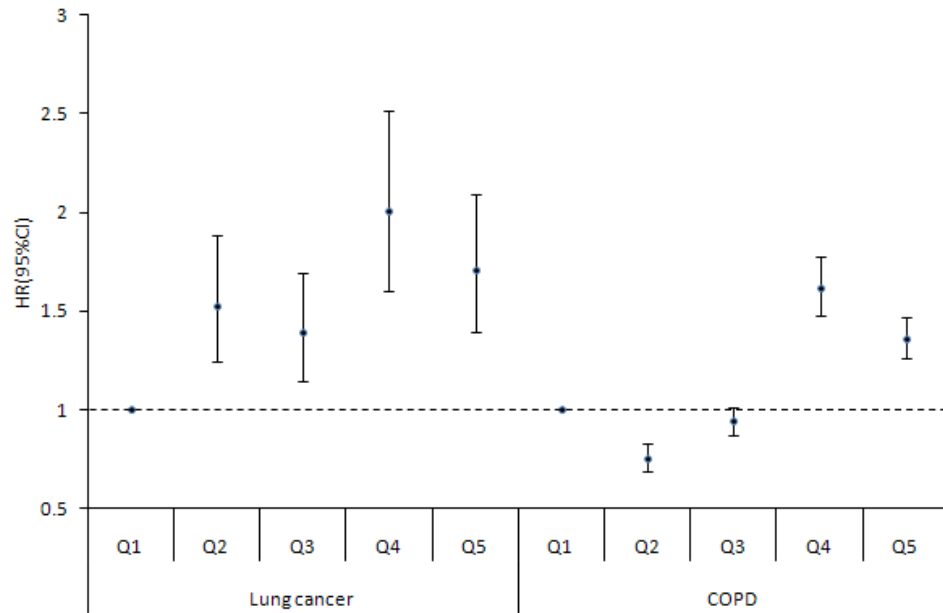
Model 8: model 1 + region + urban/rural + area-level mean years of education. Model 8 corresponds to “model 2” in Table 3 in the manuscript.

**Table S3: Characteristics of cohort participants according to region and urban/rural**

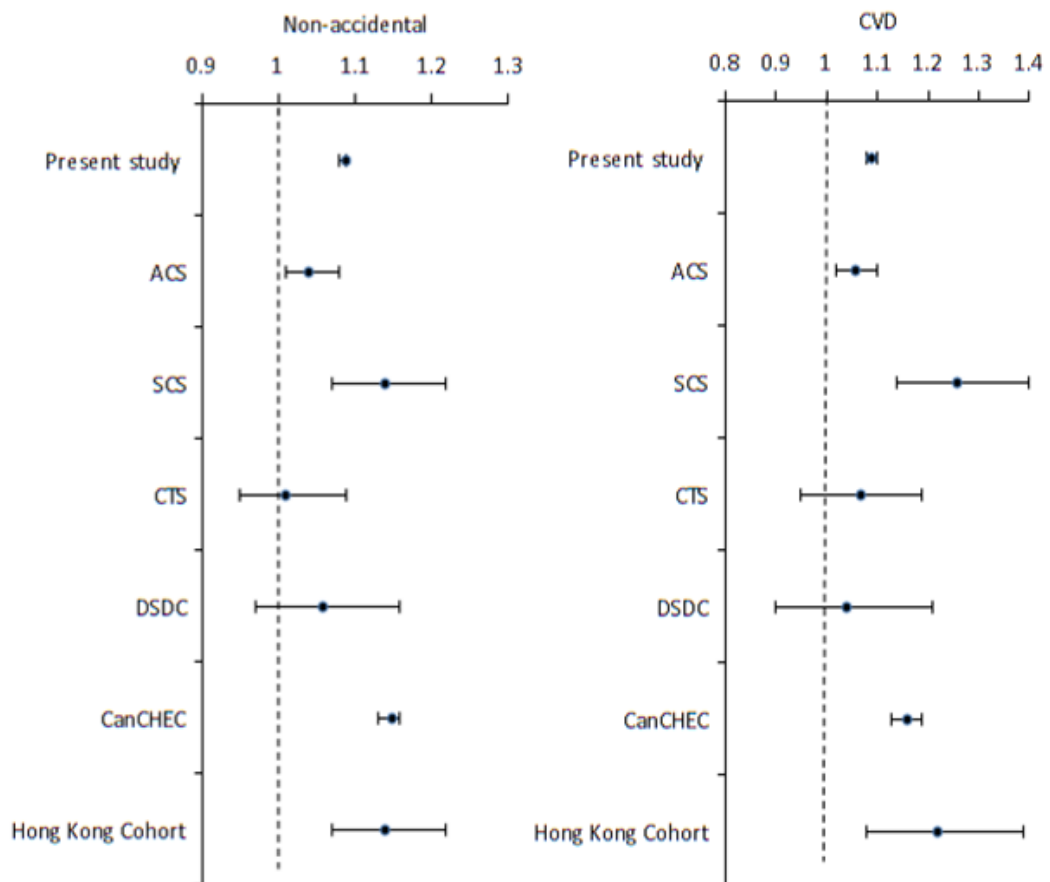
|               | No. of participants | Mean PM <sub>2.5</sub> (range) | Non-accidental |                 | CVD           |                 | COPD          |                 | Lung cancer   |                 |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|               |                     |                                | No. of deaths  | Mortality rate* | No. of deaths | Mortality rate* | No. of deaths | Mortality rate* | No. of deaths | Mortality rate* |
| Northeast     | 19413               | 22.7(16.5-33.2)                | 5065           | 2543            | 2103          | 1074            | 640           | 351             | 430           | 202             |
| Urban         | 4424                | 27.1(18.7-33.2)                | 1297           | 2539            | 589           | 1159            | 155           | 310             | 102           | 197             |
| Rural         | 14989               | 20.8(16.5-25.1)                | 3768           | 2567            | 1514          | 1048            | 485           | 372             | 328           | 205             |
| North         | 16577               | 45.5(20.7-56.5)                | 4579           | 2837            | 2104          | 1295            | 783           | 530             | 270           | 155             |
| Urban         | 6523                | 39.8(30.1-52.1)                | 1468           | 2052            | 669           | 948             | 139           | 202             | 171           | 220             |
| Rural         | 10054               | 48.0(20.7-56.5)                | 3111           | 3517            | 1435          | 1592            | 644           | 828             | 99            | 101             |
| Northwest     | 21363               | 44.8(25.9-55.0)                | 6466           | 3181            | 2630          | 1318            | 1652          | 858             | 223           | 100             |
| Urban         | 4930                | 33.0(25.9-43.9)                | 1513           | 3216            | 415           | 894             | 507           | 1100            | 56            | 111             |
| Rural         | 16433               | 48.7(39.1-55.0)                | 4953           | 3168            | 2215          | 1436            | 1145          | 785             | 167           | 97              |
| Southwest     | 39267               | 39.5(15.5-71.1)                | 11811          | 2770            | 3488          | 818             | 4190          | 996             | 466           | 102             |
| Urban         | 4527                | 38.8(24.3-63.8)                | 2078           | 4121            | 624           | 1241            | 378           | 728             | 157           | 324             |
| Rural         | 34740               | 39.6(15.5-71.1)                | 9733           | 2584            | 2864          | 763             | 3812          | 1031            | 309           | 75              |
| South-central | 78103               | 46.2(28.3-69.6)                | 18340          | 2240            | 7315          | 898             | 3680          | 474             | 834           | 94              |
| Urban         | 10805               | 43.1(34.5-60.1)                | 2083           | 2063            | 863           | 867             | 272           | 302             | 157           | 132             |
| Rural         | 67298               | 46.4(28.3-69.6)                | 16257          | 2275            | 6452          | 907             | 3408          | 500             | 677           | 89              |
| East          | 15070               | 43.8(27.3-75.1)                | 3761           | 2186            | 1219          | 712             | 1044          | 629             | 300           | 164             |
| Urban         | 7054                | 62.6(46.1-75.1)                | 1490           | 1636            | 578           | 637             | 186           | 208             | 151           | 155             |
| Rural         | 8016                | 27.3(27.3-27.3)                | 2271           | 2795            | 641           | 788             | 858           | 1132            | 149           | 163             |

\*age-adjusted mortality rate (per 100,000 person years)

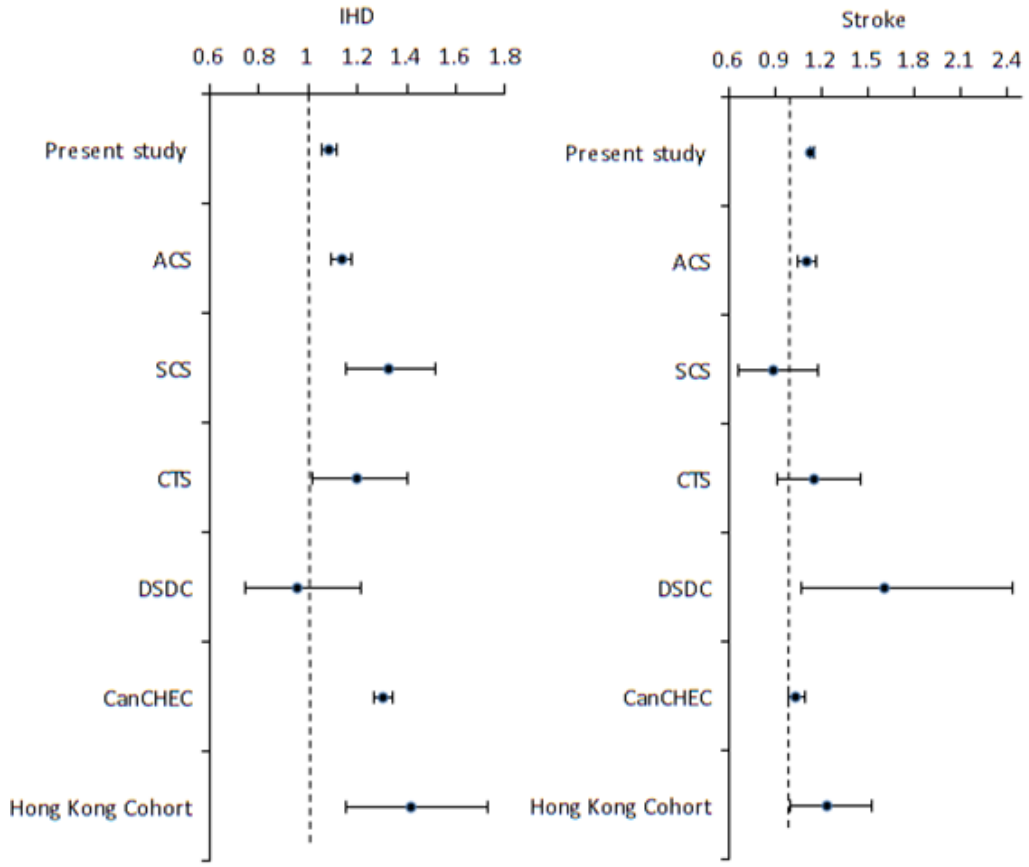




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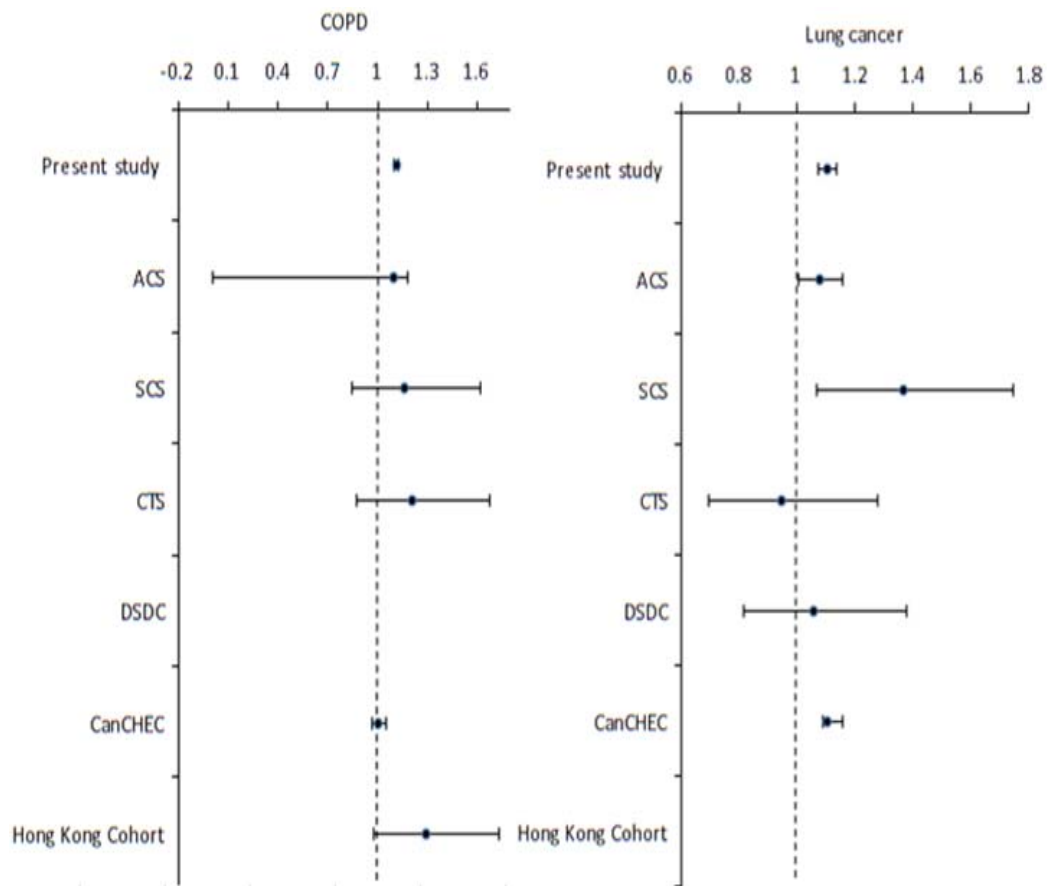


Figure S2. Comparison of hazard ratios associated with  $10\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  increase of  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  between our study and major cohort studies.

ACS: American Cancer Society Cancer Prevention Study II (Krewski et al, 2009);

SCS: Six City Study (Lepeule et al, 2012);

CTS: California Teachers Study (Lispett et al, 2011);

DSDC: Dutch Study of Diet and Cancer (Beelen et al, 2008);

CanCHEC: Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort (Crouse et al, 2012);

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