

Supplementary Data

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. PREVALENCE OF CULTURAL/FOLK BELIEFS CHARACTERISTICS (PERCENTAGE AGREEMENT WITH STATEMENT) BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

<i>Cultural and folk beliefs</i>	<i>Age (years)</i>			<i>Educational level</i>				<i>Income</i>			<i>p</i>	
	<i><40</i>	<i>40 to <60</i>	<i>≥60</i>	<i><HS</i>	<i>HS graduate</i>	<i>College graduate</i>	<i><US\$25K</i>	<i>US\$25K to <50K</i>	<i>≥US\$50K</i>			
	<i>n=142 (%)</i>	<i>n=206 (%)</i>	<i>n=251</i>	<i>n=90 (%)</i>	<i>n=327 (%)</i>	<i>n=182 (%)</i>	<i>n=271 (%)</i>	<i>n=149 (%)</i>	<i>n=167 (%)</i>			
“Air causes a cancer to grow faster”	18.4	29.6	21.2	0.03	30.7	21.7	23.1	0.21	27.5	24.8	16.8	0.04
“Surgery causes a cancer to grow faster”	12.1	18.5	17.7	0.24	25.0	16.6	12.6	0.04	23.1	14.1	9.0	0.0004
“People with high blood pressure are more likely to get cancer”	7.1	5.3	5.7	0.78	10.2	5.2	5.0	0.17	8.6	1.3	5.4	0.01
“Someone can give you cancer by putting a root or spell on you”	1.4	1.9	0.8	0.57	0.0	1.2	2.2	0.33	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.97
“If a person worries about their cancer, it will get worse”	52.5	45.4	43.4	0.21	49.4	44.2	48.4	0.53	46.6	47.7	46.7	0.98
“If a person prays about cancer, God will heal it without medical treatments”	41.4	39.0	39.5	0.90	48.3	42.3	31.1	0.01	47.6	37.8	28.1	0.0003
“The devil can cause a person to get cancer”	5.7	10.2	6.8	0.24	9.1	7.7	7.1	0.85	9.3	6.7	6.6	0.49
“When I get sick, I am to blame”	6.4	3.9	7.2	0.31	4.6	7.0	4.4	0.41	6.3	8.1	3.0	0.14
“If it’s meant to be, I will stay healthy”	41.8	38.1	40.0	0.77	50.6	40.1	34.1	0.03	42.9	42.3	31.1	0.04
“Health professionals control my health”	22.0	21.5	23.2	0.90	35.2	23.9	13.2	0.0001	32.0	15.4	13.9	<0.001

<i>Cultural and folk beliefs</i>	<i>Region</i>			<i>Family history of ovarian or breast cancer</i>		
	<i>North</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>p</i>
	<i>n=136 (%)</i>	<i>n=463 (%)</i>		<i>n=164 (%)</i>	<i>n=420 (%)</i>	
“Air causes a cancer to grow faster”	21.3	24.1	0.51	24.4	23.2	0.76
“Surgery causes a cancer to grow faster”	11.9	18.0	0.09	14.6	17.5	0.40
“People with high blood pressure are more likely to get cancer”	5.2	6.1	0.71	5.5	6.0	0.81
“Someone can give you cancer by putting a root or spell on you”	1.5	1.3	0.88	1.8	1.2	0.55
“If a person worries about their cancer, it will get worse”	38.2	48.6	0.03	53.1	44.0	0.05
“If a person prays about cancer, God will heal it without medical treatments”	31.1	42.4	0.02	37.4	40.4	0.51
“The devil can cause a person to get cancer”	5.9	8.2	0.38	12.2	6.2	0.02
“When I get sick, I am to blame”	6.6	5.6	0.67	7.3	5.5	0.41
“If it’s meant to be, I will stay healthy”	44.1	38.5	0.24	32.3	42.9	0.02
“Health professionals control my health”	14.7	24.6	0.15	17.7	24.5	0.08

HS, high school.