

**S1 Table. Brief hospital information of included hospitals.**

Religion	Cities	Hospital description
East area	Shanghai	11 tertiary hospitals, 5 secondary hospitals, all state owned
	Hangzhou	9 tertiary hospitals, all state owned
North area	Beijing	9 tertiary hospitals, 2 secondary hospitals, all state owned
	Tianjing	6 tertiary hospitals, 1 secondary hospital, all state owned
West area	Chengdu	6 tertiary hospitals, all state owned
South area	Guangzhou	7 tertiary hospitals, all state owned