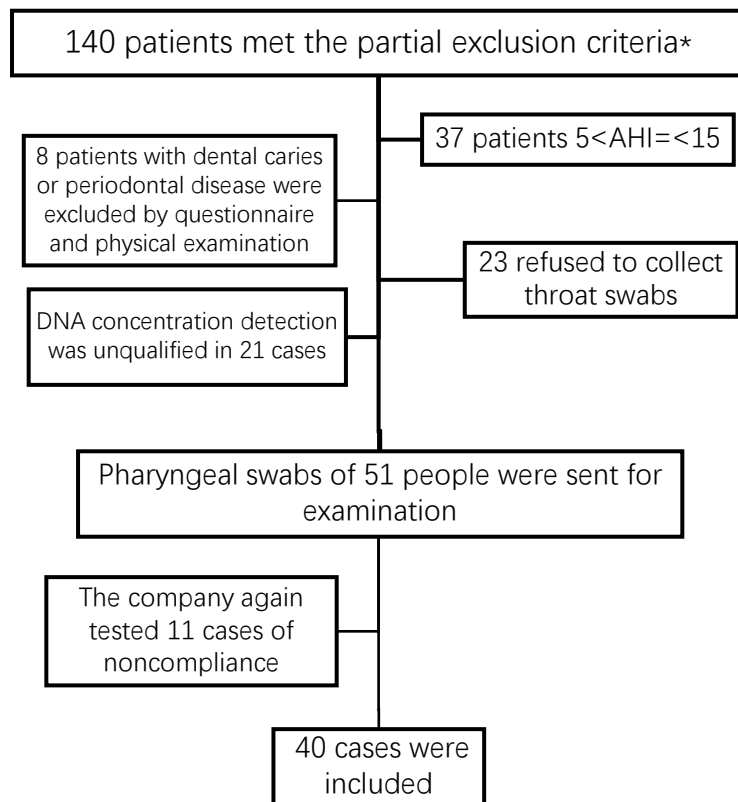


Figure S1—Flow chart.



*partial exclusion criteria: history of atherosclerotic disease (myocardial infarction or stroke < 6 months), congestive heart failure, diabetes, thyroid disease, acute and chronic respiratory diseases, systemic infections, and with a therapy for 4 weeks prior to study entry with inhaled, oral, or nasal steroids or usage of other anti-inflammatory drugs and central sleep apnea. Subjects who contacted productive dust, poisonous gas, and substance abuse were also excluded by personal history.