

Data supplement

Table DS1 Province characteristics (economic and population)

Characteristic	Shandong province	Zhejiang province	Qinghai province	Tianshui (Gansu province)
Population, millions (ranking) ^a	92.5 (2nd)	49 (10th)	5.4 (30th)	3.1
Gross domestic product, per person per year in 2005, US\$ (ranking) ^a	2430 (7th)	3350 (4th)	1215 (22nd)	506
Additional information	Densely populated coastal province of China		Sparsely populated, poor province on the Qinghai–Tibet plateau (mean elevation 3000 m). 44% of individuals belong to non-Han minority groups	One of 12 prefectures in Gansu, which is a poor province in northwest China
Sampling frame ≥ 18 years, millions	68.7	38.0	3.7	2.3
a. Ranked out of 31 provinces and independent municipalities in mainland China.				