

Supplementary Material A. Text of health vignettes in CFPS.

Introductory text [Prompt] Interviewer's Note: Please read the following paragraph, "Now I will describe several people who have different health problems. I want to know how you rate their health status just as how you rated your health right now. Please imagine that these people have the same age and background as you."

If *CFPS2012_gender*=1, use the wording "he" in the questions; otherwise, use the wording "she".

Disease severity low Sun Jun/Li Mei has no problem with walking, running, or moving the limbs. He/she jogs 5 km twice a week. He/she does not remember the when was the last time he/she felt ache because he/she has never felt so in the past year. He/she never feels ache after physical labor or exercises. How would you rate his/her health status?

Disease severity high Zhao Gang/Wang Li has no problem with walking 200 meters. But he/she feels tired after walking 1 km or climbing stairs up to several floors. He/she has no problem with daily activities such as bringing the vegetables bought in a market home. He/she feels headache once every month, but gets better after taking some medicine. When feeling headache, he/she can still do the daily work. How would you rate his/her health status?

Self rated health scale 1. Excellent 2. Very good 3. Good 4. Fair [Don't read out] 5. Poor