

Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of the comorbidities and medication use at baseline

Variable	With incident diabetes	Without incident diabetes	<i>p</i> value
No. of participants	177	1,638	
Comorbidities			
Hypertension	95	740	0.03
Dyslipidemia	82	648	0.08
Chronic lung disease	26	212	0.51
Cardiovascular disease	28	209	0.23
Kidney disease	12	99	0.69
Arthritis	69	634	0.91
Medication use for the following comorbidities^a			
Hypertension ^b	50	329	0.01
Dyslipidemia ^b	11	74	0.31
Chronic lung disease ^b	15	150	0.76
Cardiovascular disease ^b	19	142	0.36
Kidney disease ^b	5	55	0.71
Arthritis ^b	35	297	0.59

^aThe information was collected by using the questionnaire of "Do you take Chinese traditional medicine or Western modern medicine to treat or control the disease of ...?"

^bCategories of the drugs used were not specified in the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study.