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Supplementary file 3. Descriptive Analysis



Figure S1. Radar Chart of Twenty Management Practice Scores



Figure S2. Hospital Management Scores across Countries

Notes: The figure illustrates the average management score on a scale of 1 to 5 across different countries. The average score is calculated by averaging the responses to twenty individual questions within each hospital, and then taking the unweighted average across all hospitals within each country. The dark bar represents the average score without any control. The data for all countries, except China, is sourced from Bloom et al (2020)<sup>28</sup>, while the hospital management data for China is obtained from GHMS-China. The number of hospital observations for each country are as follows: Brazil (286), from Canada (174), China (510), France (147), Germany (124), India (490), Italy (154), Sweden (43), United Kingdom (235), and United States (307).

| Variable  | Mean         | SD      | Min   | Max  | N   |
|---|--------------|---------|-------|------|-----|
| Hospital characteristics                                  |              |         |       |      |     |
| Building age (years)                                      | 70.78        | 27.86   | 1     | 154  | 509 |
| Number of beds  | 1809.30      | 1113.78 | 0     | 6750 | 509 |
| The percentage of managers receiving clinical degrees (%) | 82.92        | 24.25   | 0     | 100  | 509 |
| The percentage of managers receiving MBA degrees (%)      | 6.60         | 17.02   | 0     | 100  | 509 |
| Whether the hospital is managed by a third-party company  | No. (%)      |         |       |      |     |
| No  | 498 (98.42%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Yes   | 8 (1.58%)    |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Whether the hospital is part of a medical alliance        | No. (%)      |         |       |      |     |
| No  | 471 (92.90%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Yes   | 36 (7.10%)   |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Number of competitors                                     | No. (%)      |         |       |      |     |
| 0 for none  | 66 (12.97%)  |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 1 for less than five                                      | 318 (62.48%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 2 for five or more  | 125 (24.56%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Hospital autonomy   | No. (%)      |         |       |      |     |
| 1 (Very limited autonomy)                                 | 162 (31.83%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 2 (Lower than half autonomy)                              | 14 (2.75%)   |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 3 (Half autonomy)   | 309 (60.71%) |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 4 (More than half autonomy)                               | 3 (0.59%)    |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| 5 (Full autonomy)   | 13 (2.55%)   |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Missing   | 8 (1.57%)    |         | 0     | 1    | 509 |
| Geographic characteristics                                |              |         |       |      |     |
| Population size (thousand)                                | 728.21       | 523.10  | 10.51 | 3392 | 509 |

## Table S1. Descriptive Statistics of Hospital and Geographic Characteristics

| Gross domestic product per capita<br>(RMB) | 103574.47 | 86995.32 | 18437 | 506301 | 509 |
|--|-----------|----------|-------|--------|-----|
| Share of the primary industry in GDP (%)   | 6.24      | 5.60     | .04   | 25.28  | 509 |
| Share of the tertiary industry in GDP (%)  | 51.73     | 13.56    | 27.09 | 80.23  | 509 |
| Number of beds                             | 47727.42  | 35165.66 | 1178  | 177410 | 509 |

Notes: These are descriptive statistics of hospital and geographic characteristics variables. The data used in the analysis is 235 public tertiary hospitals from the GHMS-China from 2014 to 2016.

Abbreviations: AMI, Acute Myocardial Infarction; HF, Heart Failure; PC, Pneumonia in Children; CABG, Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting, LoS, Length of stay in the hospital.

| Characteristics   | Categorical Variables, No. (%) |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Gender of the interviewee   |                                |  |
| Female  | 373 (73.28%)                   |  |
| Male  | 136 (26.72%)                   |  |
| Education of the interviewee  |                                |  |
| Technical secondary school  | 4 (0.79%)                      |  |
| Junior college  | 27 (5.30%)                     |  |
| Bachelor's degree   | 327 (64.24%)                   |  |
| Master degree   | 102 (20.04%)                   |  |
| Doctor degree   | 49 (9.63%)                     |  |
| Position of the interviewee   |                                |  |
| Director of the department  | 185 (36.35%)                   |  |
| Deputy director of the department   | 12 (2.36%)                     |  |
| Head Nurse of the department  | 287 (56.39%)                   |  |
| Director of Nursing department  | 11 (2.16%)                     |  |
| Nurse   | 14 (2.75%)                     |  |
| Department of the interviewee   |                                |  |
| Cardiology department   | 222 (43.61%)                   |  |
| Orthopedic department   | 227 (44.60%)                   |  |
| Nursing department  | 30 (5.89%)                     |  |
| Medical Services Section  | 28 (5.50%)                     |  |
| Other   | 2 (0.39%)                      |  |
| Interviewee's proficiency in management practices   |                                |  |
| 1 (Have limited knowledge of their<br>department, but nothing else about the<br>hospital) | 2 (0.39%)                      |  |

 Table S2. Descriptive Statistics of Noise Controls

| 2 (Lower than full knowledge and<br>more than limited knowledge of their<br>department)            | 8 (1.57%)                       |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 3 (Full knowledge of their<br>department, but limited knowledge of<br>the rest of the hospital)    | 112 (22.00%)                    |
| 4 (Lower than full knowledge and<br>more than limited knowledge about the<br>rest of the hospital) | 268 (52.65%)                    |
| 5 (Full knowledge about their department and the rest of the hospital)                             | 119 (23.38%)                    |
| Wave of the survey   |                                 |
| Wave 1   | 165 (32.42%)                    |
| Wave 2   | 100 (19.65%)                    |
| Wave 3   | 167 (32.81%)                    |
| Wave 4   | 77 (15.13%)                     |
|  | Continuous Variables, Mean (SD) |
| Age of the interviewee (years)   | 44.00 (6.16)                    |
| Tenure of the interviewee (years)  | 8.33 (5.62)                     |
| Duration of the interview (minutes)  | 43.86 (13.74)                   |
| Number of the interviewee in each hospital   | 2.26 (1.00)                     |

Notes: These are descriptive statistics of the noise controls variables. The data used in the analysis is 235 public tertiary hospitals from the GHMS-China from 2014 to 2016.