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Title: Subhealth: Definition, Criteria for Diagnosis and Potential Prevalence in the Central Region of China

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a manuscript entitled “Subhealth: Definition, Criteria for Diagnosis and Potential Prevalence in the Central Region of China”, which we are submitting for publication in the journal of “BMC Public Health”. The work described has not been submitted elsewhere for publication, in whole or in part, and all the authors listed have approved the manuscript that is enclosed.

This paper provides the first definition and criteria for the diagnosis of subhealth that fills the terminology gap between health and disease, which might be of particular interest to the readers of your distinguished journal. Results showed that a high prevalence of subhealth in the central region of China, and the prevalence of subhealth increased in association with enhancement of lifestyle risk scores. These findings may serve prompt a major health care initiative aimed at treating subhealth, which has previously been ignored.

We appreciate your consideration of our manuscript, and we look forward to receiving comments from you.

Best Regards!

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