### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

## **Supplementary Materials**

### The grading criteria for the severity of COVID-19:

- (1) mild type: patients with mild clinical symptoms and no pulmonary changes on CT imaging;
- (2) common type: patients with symptoms of fever and signs of respiratory infection, and having pneumonia changes on CT imaging;
- (3) severe type: patients presenting with any one of the following conditions: a. respiratory distress, respiratory rate  $\geq$  30/min; b. oxygen saturation of finger  $\leq$  93% in resting condition; c. arterial partial pressure of oxygen (PaO2) /oxygen concentration (FiO2)  $\leq$  300 mmHg (1 mmHg = 0.133 kPa); d. The clinical symptoms are progressively worsening, and lung imaging shows that the lesion has progressed significantly> 50% within 24 to 48 hours:
- (4) critical type: patients meeting any one of the following criteria: a. respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation; b. shock; c. concomitant failure of other organs and requirement for intensive care unit (ICU) monitoring and treatment.

#### The relevant ethical review materials

**Proposal Title:** Epidemiological features, clinical characteristics and prognosis of patients with novel coronavirus pneumonia

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Study design: observational study

# **Key requirements:**

- 1. Subjects have the right to be informed about the health effects of the research and the results that can be obtained, and sign informed consent.
- 2. Each participant's demographic form and consent form will be stored separately in a secure location.
- 3. Transcription will be carried out in a private space. All personal identification information will be removed or changed during transcription.
- 4. Digital copies of the files will be encrypted, password protected and stored securely.
- 5. Research should comply with the Declaration of Helsinki.