

Quality and cultural sensitivity of linguistically appropriate CVD information for Chinese immigrants: a review of online resources from heart foundations

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1 **ABSTRACT (245 words - max 250)**

2 Background: Chinese immigrants are at increased risk for cardiovascular diseases (CVD)
3 compared to Chinese nationals, partly due to lifestyle changes and knowledge deficits.

4 Translated patient resources are available on the Internet and are often provided by health
5 professionals, however the quality and cultural sensitivity of these resources has not been
6 reported.

7 Objective: Assessment of availability, quality, and cultural sensitivity of Chinese-language
8 information available from National “Heart Foundations” (cardiac research bodies) of the five
9 most popular destinations of Chinese immigration.

10 Methods: Descriptive research in which National “Heart Foundation” Websites were
11 systematically searched for Chinese-language CVD patient education resources. Quality
12 (content, identification, structure) was assessed using Ensuring Quality Information for
13 Patients (EQIP) tool. Cultural sensitivity was evaluated using Cultural Sensitivity Assessment
14 Tool (CSAT).

15 Results: From 107 identified resources, 33 were CVD specific: coronary heart disease
16 (n=20), arrhythmias (n=7), heart failure (n=6). Quality of resources was adequate (mean
17 EQIP score = 69%), but scores varied significantly (min=60%, max=85%). While all
18 resources were classified as culturally sensitive (CSAT score ≥ 2.5), 2 resources scored low
19 (≤ 2.5) for visual impact, and across all resources written and visual domains were assessed
20 as least culturally sensitive. Most resources lacked culturally-specific references.

21 Conclusions: Chinese-language CVD resources were inconsistent in the supply of key
22 information. Quality and level of cultural sensitivity were adequate, but most resources
23 lacked culturally-specific references. Comprehensive, high-quality CVD resources tailored
24 for Chinese immigrant are urgently needed for healthcare providers to support CVD
25 education and care of patients belonging to this population.

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29 INTRODUCTION

30 Chinese immigrants, mostly from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, make up
31 one of the largest and fastest-growing migrant populations in Western countries; reaching 50
32 million in the past three decades.^{1,2} The United States (US), Canada, Australia, New
33 Zealand, and the United Kingdom (UK) are the most popular destinations for Chinese
34 immigrants, and this migratory trend is predicted to continue.¹ Migration has several health
35 implications for Chinese immigrants, including a deterioration in cardiovascular health
36 profile.³

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38 The more acculturated Chinese immigrants become, the more susceptible they are to
39 cardiovascular diseases (CVD) due mainly to worse dietary habits, stress, and increased
40 BMI and diabetes.⁴⁻⁶ The impact of migration compared to those living in China is reflected in
41 higher rates of coronary heart disease (CHD) (3.2%⁷ vs. 0.77%⁷), valvular heart disease
42 (17.6%⁸ vs. 2.05%⁹) and atrial fibrillation (0.75%¹⁰ vs. 0.65%¹¹). Rising CVD risk factors and
43 prevalence signal an urgent need to equip this rapidly expanding population with necessary
44 health knowledge to reduce CVD risk factors, and engage in disease prevention and
45 management.

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47 CVD knowledge deficit is common among Chinese immigrants due to complex linguistic and
48 cultural communication barriers.¹² In fact, one-third of Chinese immigrants cannot name any
49 signs or symptoms of a heart attack.¹³ Research across the UK, US, Canada and Australia
50 have reported language barriers as the most common reasons for health knowledge deficits
51 in Chinese immigrants¹³⁻¹⁶ and those with low English proficiency are particularly likely to
52 have poorer CVD knowledge.¹³ More than 25% of Chinese immigrants in Western countries
53 have limited English proficiency,¹⁵ but most health information produced by host countries is
54 in English at an advanced reading level.^{13,17} More worryingly, translated resources written
55 based on Western medical norms may not be culturally sensitive for Chinese immigrants due

56 to the lack of cultural references.^{12,18,19} On a surface-level cultural references are observable
57 characteristics of the intended population (e.g. images and dialects) and on a deep-level
58 cultural references address key concepts and assumptions.²⁰ For healthcare, Chinese
59 culture centres on balancing yin/yang energies and heat/cold elements, healing through
60 traditional food, and the use of traditional medicine.²¹ In the context of health education,
61 cultural sensitivity is matching intervention materials and messages to the observable
62 characteristics and health practices of an ethnic population.²²

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64 To obtain culturally and linguistically appropriate CVD information, Chinese immigrants
65 commonly browse websites developed in their home origins.²³ Heart disease is of the most
66 searched medical condition, which closely reflects growing CVD burden in this population.²⁴
67 However, the knowledge and recommendations received from these websites are often not
68 applicable to host countries,^{23,24} and the quality of CVD information is often questionable as
69 commercial websites are generally unregulated.^{25,26}

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71 With increased internet utilisation, Heart Foundations are now providing electronic
72 information for online access. Historically, they are major outlets of evidence-based CVD
73 resources for healthcare providers.²⁷ In response to changes in patient demographics, Heart
74 Foundations recommended, that healthcare providers should provide tailored information for
75 culturally and linguistically diverse groups.²⁸ High-quality and cultural specific information is a
76 valuable tool for healthcare professionals caring for immigrant populations. However, to our
77 knowledge there is no published research evaluating the quality and cultural sensitivity of
78 patient resources on CVD that are available in Chinese-language.

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80 **STUDY AIMS**

81 The aims of this study were to:

- 82 1. Identify online Chinese-language resources on adult onset cardiac diseases from the
83 National Heart Foundations of the five most popular destinations for Chinese immigration,
84 and
85 2. Assess the quality and cultural sensitivity of identified patient education resources.
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87 **METHODOLOGY**

88 **Search and review strategy**

89 The British Heart Foundation (BHF), American Heart Association (AHA), National Heart
90 Foundation of Australia (NHFA), Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC), and
91 National Heart Foundation of New Zealand (NHFNZ) were selected because they are the
92 National Heart Foundations for the five most popular destinations for Chinese immigrants.
93 Heart Foundation websites were searched for Chinese-language patient education
94 information on adult-onset CVD. These included written information in traditional or simplified
95 texts, graphics and images, and audio-visual resources spoken in any Chinese dialects. The
96 Heart Foundation websites were found via Google Search Engine using Google Chrome
97 browser. On the American and Canadian websites, a “Chinese-language” link was available
98 to filter resources; a keyword search using “Chinese” was used for all other websites. On
99 each Heart Foundation website, all resources were manually reviewed by title and content to
100 determine eligibility. The search was performed between 15 June 2016 and 15 March 2017,
101 the process is displayed in figure 1.
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103 **Eligibility**

104 *Inclusion criteria*

- 105 • Patient education resources
- 106 • Focused on adult-onset CVD
- 107 • Written resources in either traditional or simplified texts. These are identical in
108 meanings and differ only in the number of strokes per character

- 109 • Graphics and images resources
- 110 • Audio-visual resources in Mandarin or Cantonese dialects. They differ in
- 111 pronunciations but convey identical meanings and therefore unlikely to influence
- 112 cultural sensitivity.

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114 *Exclusion criteria*

- 115 • Focused on childhood onset heart diseases (rheumatic heart disease and congenital
- 116 heart disease)
- 117 • Non-cardiac specific and general information on medication management and
- 118 lifestyle
- 119 • Health conditions other than heart disease (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, and stroke),
- 120 or were designed primarily for healthcare professionals.

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122 **Assessment**

123 Eligible resources were assessed by three independent reviewers (J.L.L, K.J, and L.Z) fluent

124 in Chinese, with an expert healthcare background. The resources were summarised based

125 on topics, source, title, language (written and spoken), format, and length by J.L.L. All

126 reviewers assessed each resource using two appraisal tools; Ensuring Quality Information

127 for Patients (EQIP) and the Cultural Sensitivity Assessment Tool (CSAT).^{29,30} Results

128 produced by the reviewers were compared to identify discrepancies. In the event of

129 significant differences, a mediator with healthcare background was available to re-evaluate

130 the disputed score. If an audio-visual file was presented in both Mandarin and Cantonese

131 dialects, it was reviewed as a single resource to avoid duplication because the meanings are

132 the same, therefore are treated the same. The same rule applied to written information

133 available in both traditional and simplified texts.

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135 *Ensuring Quality Information for Patients (EQIP)*

136 The EQIP tool is a validated 20-item questionnaire developed in 2004 by health informatics
137 and nursing professionals for assessing the quality of written texts and images on a range of
138 health topics.²⁹ Moulton et al. rated health information using EQIP and the validated
139 assessment tool DISCERN.³¹ EQIP demonstrated good preliminary validity and reliability,
140 Kendall's τ B rank correlation between EQIP and DISCERN was 0.56 (P = 0.001). EQIP was
141 initially used to assess paper-based written health information but has since been used to
142 assess various forms of online health information including dermatology³² and diabetes³³.
143 EQIP questions assess three domains: content (questions 1, 10, 15-20), identification
144 (questions 11-13), and structure (questions 2-9, 14).²⁹ Responses to EQIP questions occur
145 in a 4-tier scoring system: "yes" (fulfills criteria, 1 point), "partly" (somewhat fulfills criteria, 0.5
146 points), "no" (criteria unmet, 0 points), and "not applicable" (not counted in final scoring). A
147 specific formula is used to calculate an overall percentage score, which then provides
148 direction for action as detailed in Box 1.

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Box1: EQIP scores and associated recommendations

76% or above:	continue to stock the resource and review in two to three years
51% to 75%:	review in one to two years
26% to 50%:	immediate review and replace within 12 months
0 to 25%:	immediate removal from circulation

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151 *Cultural Sensitivity Assessment Tool (CSAT)*

152 CSAT is a 31-item questionnaire designed to assess the level of cultural sensitivity of cancer
153 information material for African-Americans.^{30,34} While CSAT was intended for assessing
154 cancer material, the main assessment domains are not cancer-specific. CSAT is used
155 because it is the only published numeric instrument for assessing the cultural sensitivity of
156 health information. It has been adopted by research literature to assess health information
157 for Jewish, First Nations, Black/Caribbean, and East Indian minority populations.^{35,36}

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Box 2: CSAT assessment domains and minimum index score

Assessment domains	Format (3 items) Written message (11 items) Visual presentation (16 items)
Overall evaluation	Calculated based on mean score of assessment domains
Minimum index score	>2.5 (min=0, max=4)

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160 CSAT has three assessment domains and an overall evaluation, as shown in Box 2.³⁰ A
161 Likert scale is used to indicate acceptability by intended audience (4 = very acceptable, 3 =
162 acceptable, 2 = unacceptable, 1 = very unacceptable, 0 = not applicable). Scores calculated
163 for each domain are averaged to obtain the overall score (range 0-4). To qualify as
164 acceptable for use in an ethnic community, a resource must score >2.5; higher scores are
165 regarded as more culturally sensitive.

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167 **Synthesis**

168 Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) (Version 21.0) was used to analyse the
169 data. Descriptive statistics, including frequencies, percentages, and means, were tabulated
170 for questionnaire items measuring quality and cultural sensitivity. EQIP and CSAT scores
171 presented were mean scores calculated from 3 assessors. Inter-rater reliability was not
172 calculated due to statistical constraints arising from the small sample size.

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174 **RESULTS**

175 From a total of 107 resources, 33 eligible resources were identified from the American,
176 Australian, and Canadian Heart Foundation websites and the links to these materials are
177 provided in the references (Tables 1-3). The British Heart Foundation and the National Heart
178 Foundation of New Zealand did not feature Chinese-language information at the time of the
179 review, which is a potential limitation to information access as there are sizeable Chinese
180 populations in the UK and New Zealand. Areas of CVD addressed were CHD (n=20),

181 arrhythmias (n=7), and heart failure (n=6). Nil resources on valvular heart disease (n=0). The
182 surface-level cultural references used included images of Chinese persons (pamphlets,
183 n=2^{37,38}; videos, n=4³⁹⁻⁴²), characters speaking Chinese dialects (audio files, n=3⁴³⁻⁴⁵; videos,
184 n=4³⁹⁻⁴²), images of Chinese foods (pamphlet, n=1³⁷, video, n=1⁴⁰). The deep-level cultural
185 references used included balancing the elements of “yin/yang”, “heat/cold” (n=0), healing
186 through traditional foods and exercise (video, n=1⁴⁰), traditional medicine (n=0).

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188 **CHD**

189 There were 20 resources on CHD covering heart attack (n=9), interventions (n=3), women
190 and heart disease (n=2), medication (n=2), recovery (n=2), medical tests and imaging (n=1),
191 and angina (n=1) (Table 1). Information on CHD was offered in a variety of formats, which
192 included written text, graphics and images, and audio-visual. Of the 5 audio-visual
193 resources, 4 were in both Cantonese and Mandarin, and the remaining resource was only
194 available in Mandarin. Most resources on CHD were in pamphlet-type printable format
195 (n=15), and contained written and/or visual information. There were significant variations
196 between length and comprehensiveness of the resources, for instance, the audio files were
197 <5 minutes, whereas the video files were between 18-22:22 minutes.

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199 The quality of the information on CHD was satisfactory, with a mean EQIP score of 68%
200 (Table 1). The highest EQIP score (85%) was received by a lifestyle intervention resource
201 related to heart attack.⁴⁰

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203 All resources met the minimal score for cultural sensitivity in each domain: mean scores for
204 format, written message and visual message domains were 3.33, 3.10 and 3.20 respectively
205 and the overall mean was 3.19. Only one resource, on CHD tests and imaging, scored <2.5
206 for cultural sensitivity in the visual message domain.³⁹ Audio resources (n=3)⁴³⁻⁴⁵ could not
207 be assessed for cultural sensitivity because CSAT is not applicable to audio format.

208 Resources containing only written text (n=11),⁴⁶⁻⁵⁶ could not be reviewed for visual message.

209 The written message was the least culturally sensitive component of CHD resources (mean
210 3.10). The resource on lifestyle intervention for heart attack was the only exception that
211 made multiple culturally specific references and had the highest CSAT score (3.71).⁴⁰

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213 **Arrhythmias**

214 There were 7 resources on arrhythmias with topics ranging from definitions of atrial
215 fibrillation (n=2), devices (n=2), arrhythmia (n=2), to medication (n=1) (Table 2). Information
216 on arrhythmias was offered in text, graphics and images, and video formats. The video
217 resources were in both Cantonese and Mandarin but accompanying written content was only
218 available in traditional text. Most of the resources on arrhythmias were pamphlet-type
219 printable format (n=6), using written text and graphic/images. Printable resources had
220 consistent word lengths (718-1000 words). Information quality was also satisfactory, with a
221 mean EQIP score of 68% (Table 2). The highest EQIP score (81%) was for a video resource
222 on arrhythmia among Chinese patients.⁴¹

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224 All resources were assessed as culturally sensitive for format (mean 3.37), written message
225 (mean 3.06) visual message (mean 3.05) and overall score (mean 3.18). Purely text-based
226 resources (n=5) could not be assessed for cultural sensitivity of visual message.⁵⁷⁻⁶¹ For
227 arrhythmia resources, the visual message was the least culturally sensitive component.⁴¹

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229 The resource titled “arrhythmia among Chinese patients” was the only arrhythmia resource
230 to make specific cultural reference to Chinese communities.⁴¹ The most culturally sensitive
231 resource with the highest CSAT score (3.51) was on atrial fibrillation.⁶²

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233 **Heart Failure**

234 There were 6 resources on heart failure addressing living with heart failure (n=3), heart
235 failure definition (n=2), and interventions (n=1) (Table 3). Information on heart failure
236 interventions covered both primary and secondary preventions.⁶³ Resources were offered in

237 text, graphics and images, and video formats. The video resource on heart failure
238 intervention was presented in both Cantonese and Mandarin, but the accompanying written
239 content was simplified text.⁶³ Most resources on heart failure were pamphlet-type and
240 printable (n=5) and presented in written and/or graphics formats. Length and
241 comprehensiveness varied from short infograms (~708 words) to longer pamphlets (~2,500
242 words).

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244 Quality of information was satisfactory, with a mean EQIP score of 70% (Table 3). The
245 highest EQIP score (84%) was received by the heart failure intervention video.⁶³

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247 Mean CSAT scores all achieved culturally sensitivity for format (3.72), written message
248 (3.29), visual message (2.77) and overall score (3.26). Visual message was the least
249 culturally sensitive component of heart failure resources. Text-based resources without any
250 graphs/images (n = 2) could not be assessed for cultural sensitivity in the visual message
251 domain.^{64,65}

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253 There were no specific cultural references to Chinese communities in any resource. The
254 most culturally sensitive resource (CSAT score of 3.61) was on heart failure action plan.⁶⁶

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256 **DISCUSSION**

257 Heart Foundations are among the key sources of tailored education resources for diverse
258 patient populations.²⁷ We found multiple Chinese-language web-based resources on CHD,
259 arrhythmias and heart failure for Chinese immigrants who live in predominantly English-
260 speaking countries. The quality of these resources is adequate and they are largely culturally
261 sensitive. However, resources are not available for certain key topics including CVD
262 complications, and valvular heart disease even though it is disproportionately higher in
263 Chinese immigrants (17.6%)⁸ than those living in China (2.05%).⁹ Also, for arrhythmia and

264 heart failure there are significantly fewer resources, and a notable lack of information related
265 to risk factors, medical investigations, lifestyle interventions, and recovery/rehabilitation.

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267 Information gaps are one of the most commonly reported pitfalls of online health
268 information^{26,33,67}, and contribute to persistent knowledge deficits in immigrants/ethnic
269 minorities.⁵⁸ For instance, similar quality assessment study by Bastos et al. on Portuguese-
270 language online myocardial infarction (MI) and stroke information, found large variations in
271 the coverage of disease definition, pathophysiology, and complications specific knowledge
272 areas.²⁶ Our study also found CVD complications to be absent from current resources, which
273 is particularly disadvantageous for Chinese immigrants given their low baseline CVD
274 knowledge.¹³ Our study adds to existing quality assessment research by focusing on
275 minority-language resources in a predominantly English-speaking environment. Similar study
276 was conducted by Liu et al. on online cardiopulmonary resuscitation information for US-
277 based Spanish-speakers.⁶⁸ Importantly, Liu et al. and our study both assessed resources
278 from leading providers such as the AHA and identified information gaps.⁶⁸ As both Bastos et
279 al. and Liu et al. pointed out, information gaps can undermine information quality and leads
280 to differences in health outcomes.^{26,68}

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282 Literature that reviewed quality such as studies on Spanish-language health resources did
283 not assess cultural sensitivity.⁶⁸ Cultural assessment studies have not been done in Chinese
284 immigrants, therefore our study is the first one to examine evidence-based CVD resources
285 for both quality and cultural sensitivity in relations to Chinese immigrants. Few of the
286 resources featured surface-level Chinese cultural references, and deep-level cultural
287 references were rarely used. Surface-level references are important for helping a population
288 to identify with the health information and deep-level references are important for engaging
289 the users and more likely to lead to behaviour changes.²⁰ Resources without cultural
290 references are essentially direct translations of Western medical norms, that Chinese
291 immigrants tend to disassociate from because of cultural misalignment.^{19,69} In contrast,

292 resources with familiar visual, linguistic, and conceptual references are more acceptable and
293 more likely to influence health behaviors and health perceptions in the targeted population²².
294 Providing Chinese-language CVD information is important for those with low English
295 proficiency, but not enough to support learning. Thus, knowledge deficits and
296 misconceptions will continue to exist, despite the availability of translated CVD
297 information.^{69,70}

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299 **Study limitation**

300 Online health information is frequently amended; there may have been changes made to
301 these resources since the final review that would result in different EQIP and CSAT scores.
302 Also, our study did not use professional translators to examine the resources in full linguistic
303 detail. The strength of EQIP in this regard is that it provides recommendations on the
304 appropriate timeframe for content update/replacement based on the quality scores. The
305 pitfall is that EQIP does not actually prescribe a cut-off or “failing grade” index. Thus, it is
306 difficult to judge available resources for quality given the lack of a standardised cut-off point.

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308 **Implications**

309 Diversity in patient population contributes to complexity in healthcare communications and
310 affects, in particular, healthcare providers’ ability to provide appropriate patient education.⁷¹
311 Due to the gaps in resources, healthcare providers may have difficulty finding
312 comprehensive, evidence-based and culturally appropriate CVD information even if they
313 seek well-trusted sources such as Heart Foundations. Depending on country setting, they
314 may need to use a range of methods and sources such as professional translators for
315 knowledge transference. Future research is needed for a systematic and collaborative
316 approach to designing tailored education resources for Chinese immigrants to break down
317 communication barriers and improve CVD knowledge.⁷² In addition, to our knowledge there
318 is yet to be systematic analysis of the cultural sensitivity of CVD resources even though

319 health beliefs and practices are strongly culturally mediated. Researchers also struggle to
320 assess cultural sensitivity in health information as there are no validated numeric
321 assessment tools and no agreed tools considered ideal for this purpose.³⁶

322 **CONCLUSION**

323 Although Chinese-language CVD patient resources are available, there is no information on
324 valvular heart disease. And there is inconsistent supply in key knowledge areas including
325 information on risk factors, medical investigations, lifestyle interventions and
326 recovery/rehabilitation of arrhythmias and heart failure. The British and New Zealand Heart
327 Foundations do not have Chinese-language resources although they are popular
328 destinations for Chinese migration. Quality and level of cultural sensitivity are adequate, but
329 few resources used surface-level culturally references and deep-level references are rarely
330 used. Comprehensive, high-quality CVD resources tailored for Chinese immigrants, and their
331 cultural needs, are urgently needed across the spectrum of CVD.

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Figure1: Chinese language information from national heart foundations search flowchart

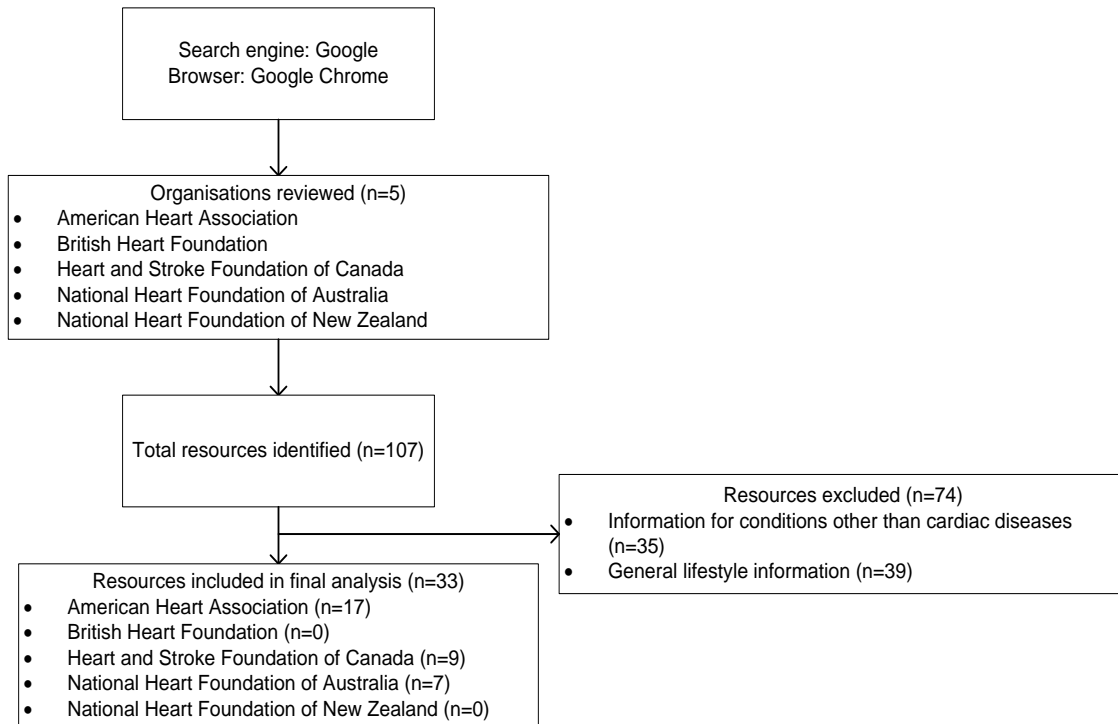


Table 1: Quality and cultural sensitivity of Chinese-language resources for coronary heart disease

Topics and Title	Language		Format		Length*	EQIP scores	CSAT scores**			Overall				
	Cantonese	Mandarin	Traditional	Simplified			Written	Graphs and images	Audio		Video	%	Format	Written message
Angina														
What is angina? ⁴⁶			✓	✓	✓				906 words	60	3.22	2.95	N/A	3.09
Women and Heart Disease														
Women and heart disease ³⁷			✓	✓	✓	✓			800 words	66	3.39	2.87	3.12	3.13
CVD and women ⁴³	✓	✓						✓	1:55-2:44 mins	67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heart Attack Definition														
What is heart attack and stroke? ⁴⁷			✓	✓	✓				1,066 words	64	3.22	2.95	N/A	3.09
Heart Attack Action plan														
Heart attack and action plan ⁴⁴	✓	✓						✓	1:52-2:28 mins	67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heart attack action plan ⁴⁸			✓	✓	✓				70 words	72	3.56	3.50	3.42	3.49
Intervention prevention and risk factors ⁴⁵	✓	✓						✓	2:22-2:45 mins	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heart Attack Signs and symptoms														
Will you recognise your heart attack? ⁷³			✓	✓	✓	✓			1,600 words	68	3.67	3.37	3.33	3.46
Signs of heart attack ⁷⁴			✓	✓	✓	✓			70 words	65	3.56	3.19	3.10	3.28
What are the signs and symptoms of heart attack ⁴⁹			✓	✓	✓				835 Words	67	3.11	3.17	N/A	3.14
Heart Attack and Lifestyle interventions														
Taking control (video) ⁴⁰	✓	✓	✓					✓	18 mins	85	3.66	3.68	3.80	3.71
Taking control (text) ³⁸			✓		✓	✓			9,000 words	74	3.61	3.06	3.18	3.28
Tests and imaging														
Common tests and imaging for heart disease and stroke ³⁹		✓		✓				✓	22:22mins	68	3.00	3.14	(2.46)	2.87
Intervention														

What is coronary artery bypass surgery? ⁵⁰	✓	✓	✓	705 words	60	3.22	2.91	N/A	3.07
What is coronary angioplasty? ⁵¹	✓	✓	✓	1,035 words	66	3.22	2.98	N/A	3.1
What is stenting? ⁵²	✓	✓	✓	1,048 words	66	3.22	2.98	N/A	3.1
Medication									
What is cholesterol-lowering medication? ⁵³	✓	✓	✓	1,008 words	69	3.22	2.92	N/A	3.07
What is blood pressure lowering medication? ⁵⁴	✓	✓	✓	692 words	67	3.22	2.90	N/A	3.06
Recovery									
How to recover from heart attack? ⁵⁵	✓	✓	✓	678 Words	73	3.22	3.09	N/A	3.16
How to recover from heart surgery? ⁵⁶	✓	✓	✓	1,080 words	69	3.22	3.04	N/A	3.13
EQIP Overall mean: 68%									

Table 2: Quality and cultural sensitivity of Chinese-language resources for arrhythmias

Topics and Title	Language			Format				Length*	EQIP scores		CSAT scores**			
	Cantonese	Mandarin	Traditional	Simplified	Written	Graphs and images	Audio		Video	%	Format	Written message	Visual Message	Overall
Atrial Fibrillation Definition														
What is atrial fibrillation? ⁵⁷			✓	✓	✓				724 words	66	3.39	2.92	N/A	3.16
Afib ⁶²			✓		✓	✓			1,000 words	69	4.00	3.25	3.28	3.51
Medication														
What is anti-coagulant and anti-platelets medication? ⁶⁰			✓	✓	✓				917 words	71	3.22	3.02	N/A	3.12
Arrhythmia Definition														
What is arrhythmia? ⁵⁹			✓	✓	✓				846 words	65	3.22	2.99	N/A	3.11
Implanted Devices														
What is implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)? ⁶⁴			✓	✓	✓				718 words	66	3.22	3.08	N/A	3.15
What is pacemaker? ⁶¹			✓	✓	✓				966 words	65	3.22	3.08	N/A	3.15
Chinese arrhythmia patients-overview????														
Arrhythmia among Chinese patients ⁴¹	✓	✓	✓					✓	17:19-27:54 mins	81	3.32	3.10	2.81	3.08
EQIP Overall mean: 68%														

Table 3: Quality and cultural sensitivity of Chinese-language resources for heart failure

Topics and Title	Language		Format			Length*	EQIP scores		CSAT scores**					
	Cantonese	Mandarin	Traditional	Simplified	Written		Graphs and images	Audio	Video	%	Format	Written message	Visual Message	Overall
Definition														
What is heart failure ⁶⁴			✓	✓	✓				955 words	70	3.22	3.31	N/A	3.27
Understanding heart failure ⁷⁵			✓		✓	✓			2,500 words	65	4.00	3.29	(2.33)	3.21
Living with Heart Failure														
Signs and symptoms														
Living with heart failure ⁶⁵			✓	✓	✓				708 words	70	3.22	3.31	N/A	3.27
Action plan														
Living well with chronic heart failure ⁶⁶				✓	✓	✓			1,557 words	79	3.89	3.32	N/A	3.61
Heart failure zones ³⁸			✓		✓	✓			800 words	77	4.00	3.46	3.25	3.57
Intervention														
Primary & secondary prevention														
Medication														
Surgery														
Ground breaking paradigm on heart failure ³⁸	✓	✓	✓					✓	26:33-36:28 mins	84	4.00	3.04	2.73	3.26
EQIP Overall mean: 70%														

*word counts of written resources are approximations

EQIP: Ensuring Quality Information for Patient questionnaire [0-25%=immediate removal from circulation; 26-50%=review immediately and replace in 12 months; 51-75%= review in 12 to 24 months; ≥76%=high quality, keep and review in 24 to 72 months]; CSAT: Cultural Sensitivity Assessment questionnaire [minimum index score=2.5; <2.5=culturally insensitive; >2.5=culturally acceptable]

**CSAT tool is not applicable to audio-based information