

Supplement 3-1. Reliability analysis of knowledge

Knowledge	Test-retest reliability (<i>n</i> = 20)	Internal consistency reliability (<i>n</i> = 89)	
	Intraclass correlation coefficient	Alpha if item deleted	Cronbach's alpha
1 The World Health Organization announced 64 indications for acupuncture in 1996.	0.838 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.923	
2 Epidemic-scale diseases in TCM are somewhat equivalent to large scale infectious diseases in Western medicine.	0.919 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.922	
3 Wei-defensive qi in TCM theory is somewhat equivalent to immune function in Western medicine.	0.614 (<i>p</i> = 0.025)	.918	
4 Ying-nutrient qi in TCM theory is somewhat equivalent to proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids in Western medicine.	0.602 (<i>p</i> = 0.028)	.914	
5 Spleen Zang–Xiang (i.e., visceral manifestations) in TCM is somewhat equivalent to the function of the digestive system in Western medicine.	0.755 (<i>p</i> = 0.002)	.920	0.934
6 Bodily fluid in TCM theory is somewhat equivalent to sweat, saliva, joint cavity fluid, and cerebrospinal fluid in Western medicine.	0.689 (<i>p</i> = 0.005)	.917	
7 TCM theory divides the body of spiritual operation into ethereal soul (Hun), spirit, sense, corporeal soul (Po), and will.	0.430 (<i>p</i> = 0.116)	.921	
8 TCM theory believes that shape, essence, qi, and spirit constitute and determine the physical characteristics of each individual.	0.616 (<i>p</i> = 0.023)	.921	
9 The meridian system includes 12 meridians and 8 extraordinary meridians.	0.558 (<i>p</i> = 0.047)	.919	
10 The Governor and Ren vessels belong to the eight extraordinary meridians.	0.810 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.925	

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Supplement 3-2. Reliability analysis of attitude

Attitude		Test-retest reliability (<i>n</i> = 20)	Internal consistency reliability (<i>n</i> = 89)	
		Intraclass correlation coefficient	Alpha if item deleted	Cronbach's alpha
1	TCM is beneficial to individuals' daily health care.	0.546 (<i>p</i> = 0.045)	.759	
2	TCM emphasizes holistic considerations and whole person health to a greater extent than Western medicine does.	0.457 (<i>p</i> = 0.103)	.760	
3	TCM treatment is gentler and has fewer side effects than Western medicine.	0.783 (<i>p</i> = 0.001)	.769	
4	Patients should consult a Western medicine physician before receiving concomitant TCM and Western medicine.	0.944 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.779	
5	Western medicine physicians should be able to recognize commonly used TCM remedies for their patients.	0.627 (<i>p</i> = 0.019)	.743	
6	Most TCM doctors in Taiwan have undergone structured educational courses and examinations during the development process.	0.832 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.766	0.808
7	Having TCM knowledge will benefit Western medicine physicians during patient care.	0.612 (<i>p</i> = 0.024)	.754	
8	Governmental policies should support the development of TCM.	0.529 (<i>p</i> = 0.060)	.748	
9	TCM practice is unreliable because it lacks large-scale randomized controlled trials for evidence-based medicine (negative).	0.735 (<i>p</i> = 0.003)	.783	
10	Taking Chinese herbal medications is associated with a higher risk of liver and kidney toxicity compared with Western medicine (negative).	0.831 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.803	

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Supplement 3-3. Reliability analysis of behavior

Behavior		Test-retest reliability (<i>n</i> = 20)	Internal consistency reliability (<i>n</i> = 89)	
		Intraclass correlation coefficient	Alpha if item deleted	Cronbach's alpha
1	I would proactively learn TCM knowledge.	0.808 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.914	0.923
2	I would pay attention to TCM news.	0.707 (<i>p</i> = 0.006)	.911	
3	If I am not feeling well, I would seek TCM treatment.	0.848 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.915	
4	If my relatives or friends are not feeling well, I would advise them to seek TCM treatment.	0.611 (<i>p</i> = 0.020)	.908	
5	I would include TCM therapy history as a necessary item in medical records.	0.851 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.912	
6	I would proactively inquire about my patients' use of TCM and Western medications.	0.864 (<i>p</i> < 0.001)	.915	
7	I would agree for my patients to take TCM prescribed by a qualified Chinese Medicine physician.	0.670 (<i>p</i> = 0.010)	.912	
8	I would prioritize TCM therapy as an alternative when Western medicine treatment is not effective	0.774 (<i>p</i> = 0.001)	.915	
9	If necessary, I would consult with a Chinese Medicine physician to discuss the appropriate treatment for my patients.	0.725 (<i>p</i> = 0.004)	.913	
10	I would engage in academic exchanges with Chinese Medicine physicians.	0.636 (<i>p</i> = 0.015)	.918	
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