

**Supplementary Table S1. Factors of hearing loss by using Cox regression**

| Variables (with/without)          | Adjusted HR | 95% CI | 95% CI | P      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>DXM use</b>                    | 0.725       | 0.624  | 0.803  | <0.001 |
| <b>Gender (Male/Female)</b>       | 1.264       | 0.896  | 1.594  | 0.298  |
| <b>Age (yrs)</b>                  | 1.801       | 1.277  | 2.980  | <0.001 |
| <b>Catastrophic illness</b>       | 1.989       | 1.556  | 2.870  | <0.001 |
| <b>DM</b>                         | 2.659       | 1.896  | 3.454  | <0.001 |
| <b>HTN</b>                        | 1.852       | 1.113  | 2.454  | <0.001 |
| <b>Depression</b>                 | 1.254       | 0.897  | 1.488  | 0.074  |
| <b>Insomnia</b>                   | 1.246       | 0.456  | 2.706  | 0.298  |
| <b>Stroke</b>                     | 2.105       | 1.124  | 2.886  | <0.001 |
| <b>CKD</b>                        | 2.785       | 1.865  | 3.798  | <0.001 |
| <b>Hyperlipidaemia</b>            | 1.402       | 0.795  | 1.986  | 0.270  |
| <b>Epilepsy</b>                   | 0.986       | 0.412  | 1.596  | 0.712  |
| <b>AID</b>                        | 2.121       | 1.425  | 2.986  | <0.001 |
| <b>IHD</b>                        | 1.597       | 1.124  | 1.986  | <0.001 |
| <b>COPD</b>                       | 0.896       | 0.442  | 1.886  | 0.245  |
| <b>Pneumonia</b>                  | 1.896       | 1.111  | 2.565  | <0.001 |
| <b>Head injury</b>                | 3.154       | 1.298  | 5.010  | <0.001 |
| <b>Asthma</b>                     | 0.896       | 0.225  | 1.898  | 0.344  |
| <b>Alcohol abuse / dependence</b> | 1.382       | 0.752  | 1.866  | 0.288  |
| <b>Tobacco abuse / dependence</b> | 1.124       | 0.652  | 1.782  | 0.372  |
| <b>CLD</b>                        | 1.896       | 1.562  | 2.453  | <0.001 |
| <b>Parkinson's disease</b>        | 1.265       | 0.796  | 1.588  | 0.521  |
| <b>Level of care</b>              |             |        |        |        |
| Hospital center                   | 1.782       | 1.335  | 1.972  | <0.001 |
| Regional hospital                 | 1.486       | 1.254  | 1.653  | <0.001 |
| Local hospital                    | Reference   |        |        |        |

Adjusted HR = Adjusted hazard ratio: Adjusted variables listed in the Table 1;

CI = confidence interval