Supplementary Table 1. Severity of COPD according to GOLD grades.

	Overall $(n = 667)$		Men (n = 236)		Women $(n = 431)$	
	Cases (n)	Propor tion	Cases (n)	Proportion	Cases (n)	Proportion
GOLD stage I(mild)	273	40.9%	94	39.8%	179	41.5%
GOLD stage II (moderate)	326	48.9%	105	44.5%	221	51.3%
GOLD stage III- IV (severe-very severe)	68	10.2%	37	15.7%	31	7.2%

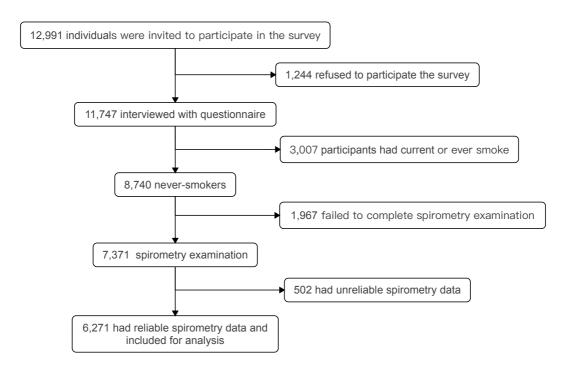
COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; GOLD, Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Supplementary Table 2. Distributions of typical symptoms in the normal population and COPD patients by GOLD grades.

Symptoms	Status	Normal	GOLD I	GOLD II	GOLD III-	Overall
		n=5604	n=273	n=326	IV	COPD
					n=68	n=667
Chronic	with	451(8.05)	34(12.45)	38(11.66)	10(14.71)	82(12.29)
cough	without	5079(90.63)	237(86.81)	287(88.04)	58(85.29)	582(87.26)
Chronic	with	373(6.66)	31(11.36)	31(9.51)	12(17.65)	74(11.09)
phlegm	without	5155(91.99)	240(87.91)	294(90.18)	56(82.35)	590(88.46)
Recurrent	with	211(3.77)	15(5.49)	22(6.75)	8(11.76)	45(6.75)
wheezing	without	5316(94.86)	256(93.77)	303(92.94)	60(88.24)	619(92.80)
Dyspnea in	with	1078(19.24)	89(32.60)	68(20.86)	20(29.41)	177(26.54)
daily life	without	4453(79.46)	182(66.67)	275(84.36)	48(70.59)	487(73.01)
At least one	with	1456(25.98)	112(41.03)	93(28.53)	25(36.76)	230(34.48)
of the above	without	4148(74.02)	161(58.97)	233(71.47)	43(63.24)	437(65.52)
symptoms						

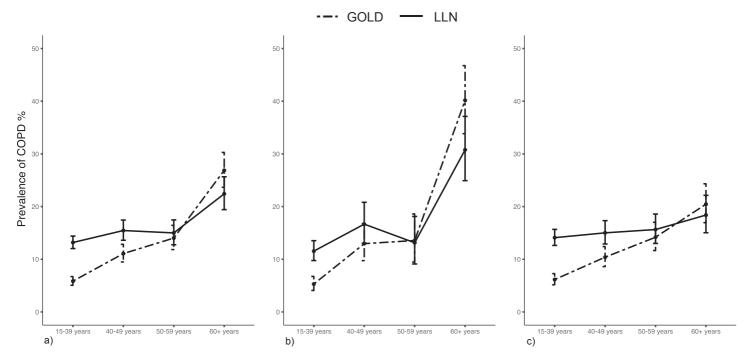
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Supplementary Figure 1. Flow of participants through the study.



Supplementary Figure 2. Prevalence and corresponding 95%CI of COPD by agestratified.

a) overall; b) men; c) women



COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CI, confidence interval. Bars represent the prevalence and error bars the 95%CI.