tics of blood pressure distribution among rural residents in Tianjin of China
Methods A cross-sectional survey was conducted between September and October 2011. Of 1937 individuals aged 35-74 years
were recruited from 6 villages in Tianjin, China. We compared the differences of blood pressure distribution by age and gender.
Results Overall, the mean SBP was $140.97 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}, 141.23 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ of men, 140.95 mm Hg of women, and there was not significant difference ( $p=0.781$ ). The total mean DBP was 86.63 mm Hg , 87.85 mm Hg of men, 85.87 mm Hg of women, DBP in men was more than in women, $\mathrm{p}=0.001$. The results indicated that the mean of SBP increased with age ( $p<0.001$ ), 131.40 mm Hg in aged $35-$ 44 years, 138.41 mm Hg in aged $45-54$ years, 144.49 mm Hg in aged $55-64$ years, and 150.16 mm Hg in aged $65-74$ years, respectively. However, the mean of DBP, 85.26 mm Hg in aged $35-44$ years, 87.76 mm Hg in aged $45-54$ years, 87.17 mm Hg in aged $55-64$ years, and 84.66 mm Hg in aged $65-74$ years, respectively, greater occurring in aged 45-54 years and 55-64 years. Both SBP and DBP, the means in men were greater than in women, $\mathrm{p}<0.05$. The categories of blood pressure distribution presented that $8.93 \%$ individuals with optical BP ( $\mathrm{SBp}<120 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and $\mathrm{DBp}<80 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ ), $23.60 \%$ with normal BP ( $120 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \leq \mathrm{SBp}<130 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and $80 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \leq \mathrm{DBp}<85 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ ), $16.66 \%$ with prehypertensive ( $130 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \leq \mathrm{SBp}<140 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and $85 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \leq \mathrm{DBp}<90 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}), 25.75 \%$ with stage I hypertensive $(140 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \quad \leq \mathrm{SBp}<160 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and/or $\quad 90 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ $\leq \mathrm{DBp}<100 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ ), $16.65 \%$ with stage II hypertensive ( 160 mm Hg $\leq \mathrm{SBp}<180 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and/or $100 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} \leq \mathrm{DBp}<110 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ ), $8.41 \%$ with stage III hypertensive ( $\mathrm{SBP} \geq 180 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$, and/or $\mathrm{DBP} \geq 110 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ ). All categories were $5.94 \%, 20.62 \%, 17.91 \%$, $25.22 \%, 17.98 \%$, and $9.70 \%$ in men, respectively; $10.88 \%, 24.08 \%$, $15.77 \%, 25.92 \%, 15.67 \%$, and $7.72 \%$ in women, respectively. The proportion of individuals with optical and normal in men and aged 6574 years were lower than in women and aged 35-44 years, $\mathrm{p}<0.05$. The individuals with stage I, II, and III hypertensive appeared rising with age. The characteristics of BP distribution in men aged 6574 years were different from women with same age group, had lower percentage of normal BP ( $6.2 \%$ ), and higher percentage of stage I, II hypertensive ( $31.78 \%$, and $25.58 \%$ respectively) than women.
Conclusions The mean BP among rural residents aged $35-74$ years are the highest in Tianjin, China, 141 mm Hg of SBP, and 87 mm Hg of DBP. Especially, the mean SBP and DBP in men aged $35-44$ years are greater than in women aged $35-44$ years. More than half of the residents appear hypertensive. Thus, we predict that the incidence of stroke and cardiovascular diseases would increase in future, China. The top priority is to shift improvement of hypertension to young men in rural. It is important to prevent cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases in China.

