

Supplementary Materials 3

Type	Singapore News Items	UK News Items
Fake	Foreign workers who have been quarantined are currently not being paid their salaries.	Police responds to lockdown street party in the UK
	Contact tracing is now out of control: Singapore government can no longer trace the source of infection.	The first volunteer to take part in a UK vaccine trial had died.
	Ministry of Manpower says employers are at fault for dirty foreign dormitories.	Changes introduced in UK law give the government the power to enforce vaccinations as a result of the coronavirus outbreak
	Student returned from overseas placed on SHN, but sneaked out clubbing before testing positive.	Coronavirus is caused by radiation emitted from 5G towers
	The coronavirus was intentionally developed in a laboratory.	
	The consumption of exotic wild animals led to the coronavirus outbreak.	
	Parcels from China can spread the coronavirus.	
	It has been confirmed that pets can spread the coronavirus.	
	COVID-19 hidden danger: Reinfection after having recovered proved to be even deadlier.	Reinfection after having recovered proved to be even deadlier.
	Drinking warm water helps prevent COVID-19 as stomach acid kills virus.	
Real	The cure for virus is already known but not produced on a large scale.	
	COVID-19 collapse exceeds any recession in the last 150 years.	
	Tourists in India forced to write 'sorry' 500 times over coronavirus lockdown breach.	
	World Health Organization calls for honest leadership from US and China regarding COVID-19.	
	Beijing tightens grip over research on the origins of the novel coronavirus.	
	Many seniors still shop for groceries at markets despite PM Lee urging them to stay home.	Ibuprofen is tested as a treatment
	Jail terms, fines for those who breach COVID-19 measures in Singapore.	UK arrivals could face £1,000 fines if they break quarantine
	The coronavirus can spread beyond 1.5m if a carrier is exercising outdoors.	
	N95 masks are more effective than surgical masks at protecting healthy individuals from being infected.	
	Recovered COVID-19 patients in Singapore to donate blood for plasma therapy treatment.	A UK hospital plans on testing a potential coronavirus treatment by using plasma from recovered patients
	Being young and healthy does not protect you from developing a serious COVID-19 infection.	
	The virus can potentially infect anybody, regardless of age, sex or race	

Item Creation Procedure: The news headlines used by in the Singapore and UK samples consisted of some that were specific to the country of interest, and some that were globally relevant. These items were initially piloted in the respective countries to assess their likelihood of being classified as true or fake, and items. Items were excluded if they were singularly judged as true or fake at the piloting stage so as to ensure maximal variability in the accuracy perceptions that they invoke.