**Supplementary 2**

**Table 4.** Classification of Funded Projects

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| Category | Example | Project grade |
| National | National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) | Major Research Plan of NSFC  Youth Program  General Program  Regional Program  Major Program  Key Program  Projects of International Cooperation and Exchanges  Science Fund for Creative Research Groups  Special Funds  Emergency and Management Fund |
| National Social Science Foundation of China (NSSFC) | General Program  Key Program  Youth Program  Major Program  Optional Program  Military Program  Western Program  Post-funded Program  Commission Program  Special Major Program  Unusual Research Program  Cultivation Program |
| Major State Basic Research Development Program of China | |
| Central government | Humanities and Social Science Research Project of the Ministry of Education of China (HSSMEC) | Major Program  Youth Program  Special Program  Western Program  Planning Program  Major Program of Key Research Base  Self-financing Program  Post-funded Program  Emergency Program  Open Program of Key Research Base  Self-program of Key Research Base |
| Doctoral Fund of Ministry of Education of China | |
| Provincial | 1. Social Science Foundation Project of Jiangsu Province 2. Foundation of He’nan Educational Committee | |
| City | 1. Shenzhen Social Science Fund Planning Project 2. Beijing Municipal Natural Science Foundation | |
| Institutional | 1. Nanjing University Research Start-up Project 2. Science Foundation of The Chinese Academy of Sciences | |