**Additional File 3. Reasons for exclusion of full-text articles**

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| **Reasons for exclusion** | **Number** |
| **Population** |
| Population age group unsuitable | 9 |
| **Exposure** |
| Did not report elderly rural and urban data or differences between these areas | 17 |
| **Context** |
| Not about Mainland China | 7 |
| **Outcome** |
| Not completed suicide(e.g. Attempted suicide, self-harm, injury, mortality, death) | 23 |
| Reasons or risk factors for suicide only | 17 |
| **Article unobtainable** | 4 |
| **Total number** | 77 |