Awakened at night with shortness of breath
Awakened at night with coughing or wheezing

Coughing during the day
Shortness of breath during the day

Coughing up phlegm
Wheezing or whistling in the chest

Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath or chest tightness during exercise, physical exertion or play

Supporting Figure S1
Coughing up phlegm or sputum
Coughing during the day
Chest tightness
Shortness of breath during the day
Awakened at night by shortness of breath
Awakened at night by coughing or wheezing
Wheezing or whistling in the chest
Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath or chest tightness during exercise, physical exertion or play

Proportion of subjects (%)
Supporting Figure S3

A

Proportion of subjects (%)

Sports and recreation | Normal physical activities such as walking

B

Proportion of subjects (%)

Social activities | Sleeping

C

Proportion of subjects (%)

Housekeeping chores | Sex life

EPIC Asia n=1841
China n=215
Hong Kong n=205
Taiwan n=207
Indonesia n=200
Malaysia n=200
Philippines n=200
Singapore n=200
Thailand n=214
Vietnam n=200
Supporting Figure S4

A

There are no truly effective treatments for my (CONDITION).

Subjects (%)

B

Smoking is the cause of my (CONDITION). (CONDITION) tends to get worse as you get older, regardless of treatment.

Subjects (%)

C

With proper treatment of (CONDITION), progressive increase in breathlessness can be slowed. With proper treatment, most people with (CONDITION) can lead a full and active life.

Subjects (%)

EPIC Asia n=1841

China n=215

Hong Kong n=205

Taiwan n=207

Indonesia n=200

Malaysia n=200

Philippines n=200

Singapore n=200

Thailand n=214

Vietnam n=200
Supporting Figure S5

A

Proportion of subjects (%)

Not at all
Only a little
Some
A lot

EPIC Asia n=1841
China n=215
Hong Kong n=205
Taiwan n=207
Indonesia n=200
Malaysia n=200
Philippines n=200
Singapore n=200
Thailand n=214
Vietnam n=200

B

Proportion of subjects (%)

Some
A lot

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China n=215
Hong Kong n=205
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Supporting Figure legends

**Supporting Figure S1 – Frequency of COPD symptoms experienced over the previous 12 months.**
Proportion of subjects who experienced the following COPD symptoms at least twice per week in their worst month over this period: (A) being awakened at night either by coughing or shortness of breath, (B) coughing or shortness of breath during the day, (C) coughing up phlegm or wheezing, or (D) tightness of the chest or coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, or chest tightness due to physical exertion.

**Supporting Figure S2 – Exacerbation symptoms.**
The types of symptoms reported to be elevated during exacerbation episodes, as reported by subjects who experienced exacerbations in the 12 months prior to the survey.

**Supporting Figure S3 – Restriction of daily activities by COPD symptoms.**
The proportion of subjects who reported that their symptoms impose ‘some’ limitation or limit their activities ‘a lot’ with respect to: (A) sports and recreation and normal activities such as walking, (B) social activities or sleeping, and (C) housekeeping chores or their sex life.

**Supporting Figure S4 – Subjects’ attitudes to COPD.**
The proportion of subjects who ‘agreed’ or ‘agreed strongly’ that: (A) there are no truly effective treatments for their condition; (B) smoking is the cause of their condition, and that their condition tends to get worse as they get older; (C) with proper treatment, a progressive increase in breathlessness can be slowed, and that most people with the condition can live a full and active life.
Supporting Figure S5 – Subjects’ attitudes to their physician’s advice.
The proportion of subjects who reported that their physician’s advice on (A) management and treatment, or (B) modification of lifestyle and habits, improved their ability to manage their respiratory symptoms to the following degrees: ‘Not at all’, ‘Only a little’, ‘Some’, or ‘A lot’. Results are shown only for subjects who provided valid answers to the questions.