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1 Comparison of Subjective Dizziness, Tinnitus, Headache, Taste,
2 and Smell Results by Age Group in Yakumo Town Residents
3 Health Checkup Conducted in 2019 with Measured Taste and
4 Smell Test Results

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8 **Abstract**

9 A self-administered questionnaire survey is conducted on various items related to health at the
10 residents' examination conducted in Yakumo Town, Nikai-gun, Hokkaido, where population
11 migration is small. We will report on the results of the otolaryngology questionnaire survey
12 conducted in 2019. The target population is 128 males and 169 females who are residents of
13 Yakumo Town over 40 years old, for a total of 297 people. Self-administered questionnaire
14 survey (feeling conscious: vertigo, tinnitus, headache, hearing, taste, smell), taste test (Salt
15 taste: Salseve; manufactured by Advantech), and smell test (12 kinds of odors: Smell sticks;
16 Daiichi Factory Co., Ltd.).

19 **Index terms**— yakumo study, olfactory function test, taste test, the prevalence of vertigo, the prevalence of
20 tinnitus.

21 **1 Introduction**

22 Based on the Health Promotion Law, health Japan 21 was issued as Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare No.430
23 in 2012. Public health centers of local governments are conducting Health Japan 21 according to local conditions
24 in accordance with the policy set out by the Japanese government. Currently, Health Japan 21 2 nd plan is being
25 carried out.

26 The Healthy Japan 21 2 nd plan includes nine different types of content (nutrition and diet, physical activity
27 and exercise, rest and mental health, tobacco, health care, dental health, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and
28 cancer). In addition, each basic plan and goals are shown in it.

29 Currently, health management aimed at improving productivity has begun to be implemented with the goal
30 to maintain the health of workers in Japan. This is because it is essential to raise the health condition of each
31 employee and improve productivity due to the social background of a declining working population, an aging
32 workforce, and an increase in national medical expenses in Japan. A feeling of dizziness, a headache, or a
33 minor discomfort can significantly affect productivity. Therefore, in this study, we report the results of a self-
34 administered questionnaire survey conducted in 2019 on subjective dizziness, tinnitus, and headache at resident
35 health checkups in Yakumo Town, Hokkaido, Japan, where there is little population movement. From 2027 to
36 2019, we have continuously conducted taste and smell test results at the time of the Yakumo town resident health
37 checkups. Using these results, we will report a comparison by age group. Although many sensory organs have
38 been reported to deteriorate with age, there have been few reports on the interrelationships among taste, smell,
39 hearing and vision.

40 In recent years, many reports have revealed that reduced sense of smell and decreased sense of taste occur as
41 precursors of cognitive decline.

42 In recent years, there have been many reports that cognitive function declines when hearing declines. Therefore,
43 this study also reports on the relationship between taste and smell test results and other test results in residents
44 aged 40 and over in Yakumo Town, Hokkaido, Japan resident health checkups.

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46 **3 Material and Method**

47 A total of 297 participants, 128 male and 169 female aged 40 and over, participated in the health checkup for
48 residents of Yakumo Town, Hokkaido, Japan, in August 2019. The subjects of the self-reported questionnaire
49 survey were subjective dizziness, subjective tinnitus, subjective headache, subjective taste, and subjective sense
50 of smell.

51 A simple salty taste test kit (salsave: manufactured by Advantech) was used for the taste test. A simple
52 olfactory test kit (smell stick: manufactured by Daiichi Kogyo Co., Ltd.) was used for the olfactory test.

53 The obtained data were compared using statistical methods. A binomial logistic regression analysis was used.
54 The objective variable was subjective dizziness, and the explanatory variables were subjective tinnitus, headache,
55 taste, smell, taste test results, and smell test results. The statistical software used was Excel Statistics 2020
56 (SSRI Co.,).

57 A quick saltiness test recorded perceptible concentrations within six concentrations (0.6%, 0.8%, 1.0%, 1.2%,
58 1.4%, 1.6%). The salty taste was categorized into three categories: 0.6% to 1.0% salty taste is the normal range,
59 1.2% to 1.6% requires observation, and 1.6% or more requires consultation.

60 A simple olfactory test using 12 different odors (Japanese ink, wood, perfume, menthol, mandarin orange,
61 curry, household gas, rose, cypress, stuffy socks, condensed milk, and fried garlic) and recorded the number of
62 smells. Of the 12 types of odors, if six or more classes were recognized, they were classified as normal range; if 5
63 to 3 classes observation was required; and if two classes or less, consultation was required.

64 **4 III.**

65 **5 Results**

66 As shown in Table ??, the participants were 33 in their 40s, 63 in their 50s, 116 in their 60s, 76 in their 70s, and
67 eight in their 80s.

68 Table ?? shows subjective dizziness by age group. Among participants in their 50s, 60s, and 60s, more male
69 participants than female participants answered that they did not feel subjective dizziness. In addition, it was
70 found that many females in their 50s have a personal feeling of dizziness. Table ?? shows subjective tinnitus for
71 each age group. The proportion of males and females in their 40s, 50s, and 60s who did not experience subjective
72 tinnitus was about the same (60-66%).

73 **6 None**

74 Somtimes Table 4 shows the results of the dizziness questionnaire. It is found that female participants were feeling
75 headaches more than males in each age group.

76 Table 5 shows a subjective sense of smell. Both males and females showed a marked decline in olfaction with
77 age. In particular, males in their 60s and 70s felt that their subjective sense of smell was inferior to that of
78 females. Table 6 shows the subjective sense of taste for each age group. Compared to males, females answered
79 that they could appreciate the taste of each age group. However, the effect of aging was small in both males and
80 females.

81 **7 None**

82 Table ?? shows the results of the 12 odor tests on the odor sticks. It has been found that the sense of smell
83 declines with aging. It was found that there was more males in their 50s to 80s who had less recognition of odor
84 than females.

85 **8 None**

86 Hard to understand Somewhat confusing understand 40s(n=10) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%)

87 **9 Female**

88 **10 Female (n=169)**

89 Table ?? shows the salty taste test results by Salsave. There was no difference in the results of the salty taste
90 test between males and females. However, there were more males than females who required consultation.

91 Table 9 shows the olfactory test results. The number of recognizable odors among 12 types of odors was
92 recorded. It was shown that the number of perceived odors decreased as the age of the participants increased.
93 40s(n=10) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (10.0 %) 2 (20.0 %) 1 (10.0 %) 2 (20.0 %)

94 %) 1 (10.0 %) 2 (20.0 %) 1 (10.0 %) 50s(n=24) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (4. 40s(n=23) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (4.3 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 7 (30.4 %) 4 (17.4 %) 5 (21.7 %) 4 (17.4%) % 2
 95 (8.7 %) 50s(n=39) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 2 (5.1 %) 1 (2.6 %) 1 (2.6 %) 6 (15.4 %) 7
 96 (17.9 %) 7 (17.9 %) 11 (47.8 %) 4 (17.4 %) 60s (n=67) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (1.5 %) 0 (0.0 %) 4 6.0%) 0 (0.0 %)
 97 6 (9.0 %) 5 (7.5 %) 10 (14.8 %) 8 (11.9 %) 9 (13.4 %) 18 (26.9 %) 6 (9.0 %) 70s (n=37) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1
 98 (2.7 %) 1 (2.7%) 6 (16.2 %) 4 (10.8 %) 2 (5.4%) 8 (21.6 %) 7 (18.9 %) 6 (16.2 %) 1 (2.7 %) 0 (0.0 %)
 99 80s (n=3) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (33.3 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (33.3 %) 1 (33.3 %) 0 (0.0 %)
 100 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) Total 169 0 (0.0 %) 0 (0.0 %) 2 (1.2%) 2 (1.2%) 6 (3.6%) 8 (4.7%) 11 (6.5%) 9
 101 (5.3%) 32 (18.9%) 26 (15.4%) 27 (16.0%) 34 (20.1%) 12 (7.1%) A binomial logistic regression analysis was used.
 102 The objective variable was subjective dizziness, and the explanatory variables were subjective tinnitus, headache,
 103 taste, smell, taste test results, and smell test results.
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Table 11 shows the relationship with diseases that can be understood from the questionnaire results.

As for items related to dizziness, the results of obesity, urinalysis, fundus examination, lipid examination, and inflammation examination were shown.

It was shown that subjective dizziness is related to the obesity, dermatitis, swollen eyes, and coughing.

In addition, Table ??2 shows the results of the comparison with the questionnaire results in the field of otolaryngology. A subjective feeling of dizziness was shown to be associated with tinnitus, headache, and measured olfactory test results. There was a statistically significant difference between subjective dizziness and odor test results.

11 Discussion

From the results of this study, the degree of obesity, urine test results, fundus test results, lipid test results, and inflammation test results were shown as items related to subjective dizziness. In particular, it was revealed that the relationship with inflammatory reaction is substantial. In otolaryngology, there was a relationship between tinnitus, headache, olfactory perception tests results, and subjective dizziness.

Since participants with a higher olfactory recognition rate feel subjective dizziness, it may be that the dizziness is caused by being sensitive to odors. No relationship was found with the results of the questionnaire on food intake. This finding follows the previous report on questionnaire responses (the subjective evaluation of sensory functions) which differed from the sensory test result1-6). In the future, it will be necessary to investigate in detail the relationship between subjective dizziness and olfactory test results. Moreover, we need to investigate in detail the relationship between subjective dizziness and inflammation test results.

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Occasionally	Sometimes	Always
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Figure 1: Table 4

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Male	Male (n=128)
Female	Female (n=169)

Figure 2: Table 5

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1 (10.0%)	9 (90.0%)
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Figure 3: Table 6

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11 DISCUSSION

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Table 8 Taste test results in each age group numbetr(?)

	Male	Normal range	Observation required	Consultation required	Male (n=128)	No answer
40s(n=10)	9 (90.0 %)			1 (10.0 %)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
50s(n=24)	18 (75.0 %)			3 (12.5 %)	3 (12.5%)	0 (0.0 %)
60s (n=49)	487.89 (%)			1 (2.4%)	5 (10.2%)	0 (0.0 %)
70s (n=39)	30 (76.9 %)			2 (5.1%)	7 (17.9%)	0 (0.0 %)
80s (n=6)	6 (100.0%)			0 (0.0 %)	0 (0.0 %)	0 (0.0 %)
Total 128	106 (82.8%)			7 (5.5%)	15 (11.7%)	0 (0.0%)
Female		Normal range	Observation required	Consultation required	Female (n=169)	No answer
40s(n=23)	19 (82.6 %)			3 (13.0%)	1 (4.3 %)	0 (0.0%)
50s(n=39)	32 (82.1 %)			5 (12.8%)	2 (5.1%)	0 (0.0 %)
60s (n=67)	56 (83.6%)			8 (11.9%)	3 (4.5%)	0 (0.0 %)
70s (n=37)	31 (83.8%)			3 (8.1%)	3 (8.1%)	0 (0.0 %)
80s (n=3)	2 (66.7%)			0 (0.0 %)	1 (33.1 %)	0 (0.0 %)
Total 169	140 (82.8%)			19 (11.2%)	10 (5.9%)	0 (0.0%)
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Figure 4: Table 10

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Male	Male (n=128)
Female	Female (n=169)

Figure 5: Table 9

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Table 10 Cognitive resultsof salt concentrteion in a salty taste test(number??)

Male	0.60%	0.80%	1.00%	1.20%	Male (n=128)
40s(n=10)	3 (30.0%)	4 (40.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (20.0%)	
50s(n=24)	11 (45.6%)	2 (8.2%)	3 (12.5%)	2 (8.2 %)	
60s (n=49)	23 (46.9%)	8 (16.3%)	8 (16.3%)	4 (8.2%)	
70s (n=39)	18 (46.2%)	9 (23.1%)	4 (10.3%)	0 (0.0%)	
80s (n=6)	1 (16.7%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3 %)	1 (16.7 %)	
Total 128	56 (43.8%)	25 (19.5%)	17 (13.3%)	9 (7.0%)	
Female	0.60%	0.80%	1.00%	1.20%	Female (n=169)
40s(n=23)	12 (52.2 %)	2 (8.7 %)	4 (17.4 %)	1 (4.3 %)	
50s(n=39)	19 (48.7 %)	11 (28.2 %)	2 (5.1 %)	0 (0.0 %)	
60s (n=67)	32 (47.8 %)	17 (25.4 %)	5 (7.5 %)	2 (3.0 %)	
70s (n=37)	16 (43.8 %)	9 (24.3%)	4 (10.8 %)	1 (2.7 %)	
80s (n=3)	1 (33.3 %)	1 (33.3 %)	0 (0.0 %)	0 (0.0%)	
Total 169	80 (47.3%)	40 (23.7%)	15 (8.9%)	4 (2.4%)	

confidence interval)

Variable	egression co	standard err	partial regression	lower limit	Upper limit	Odds r
Gender	0.2358	0.4563	0.11680.5686	1.1301	1.2569	0.5176
Age	-0.0281	0.0223	-	-0.0718 0.0156	0.9723	0.9307
				0.2786		
Urology comperhensive judgment	0.1206	0.3392	0.08720.5441	97,854	1.1282	0.5803
Summary	0.9144	0.4202	0.51450.0908		1.738	2.9453
Obesity						1.095
Summary	-1.3025	0.4709	-	-2.2254 -0.3796	0.2719	0.108
Urinalysis				0.8078		
Summary	0.0665	0.1689	0.08620.2645	0.3975	1.0687	0.7676
blood						
pressure						
Summary electrocardiogram	-0.6185	5	0.3584	-	-1.3209 0.0838	0.5387
				0.4027		0.2669
Summary fundus examination	-0.8972	0.3451	-	-1.5736 -0.2208	0.4077	0.2073
				0.7467		
Summary						

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