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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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9 **Abstract**

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

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

21 **1 Introduction**

22 ased 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.

45 2 II.

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, 50s, 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 has 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 Somtmes 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 Somwhat 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 %) 0 (0.0 %) 1 (10.0 %) 2 (20.0 %) 1 (10.0 %) 2 (20.0

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

	Normal range	Observation required	Consultation required	Male (n=128)	No answer
Male					
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					
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

Table 10 Cognitive results of salt concentration in a salty taste test(number??)

	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 (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%)

Variable	Regression coefficient	Standard error	Partial regression coefficient	Lower limit confidence interval	Upper limit confidence interval	Odds ratio	
Gender	0.2358	0.4563	0.1168	0.5686	1.1301	1.2569	0.5176
Age	-0.0281	0.0223	-0.0718	0.0156	0.2786	0.9723	0.9307
Urology comprehensive judgment Summary	0.1206	0.3392	0.0872	0.5441	0.9785	1.1282	0.5803
Obesity Summary	0.9144	0.4202	0.5145	0.0908	1.738	2.9453	1.095
Urinalysis Summary	-1.3025	0.4709	-2.2254	-0.3796	0.2719		0.108
blood pressure Summary	0.0665	0.1689	0.0862	0.2645	0.3975	1.0687	0.7676
electrocardiogram Summary	-0.6185	0.3584	-1.3209	0.0838	0.4027	0.5387	0.2669
fundus examination Summary	-0.8972	0.3451	-1.5736	-0.2208	0.4077		0.2073

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