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VIII. Visual and Auditory Examinations

1) Visual system

1. Refraction

Autorefraction was obtained with the NIDEK-ARK700A. Refractive errors, in spherical equivalent, were assessed.

2. Visual acuity (5 m)

Distant visual acuity was measured for each eye with a Landolt C letter at 5m. Presenting visual acuity was measured with the participant's current distance correction; when distance correction was not used, the unaided distant visual acuity was measured. Subsequently, best-corrected visual acuity for each eye was determined after objective autorefraction and subjective refinement.

3. Contrast sensitivity

Contrast sensitivity was measured at 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 18 cycles per degree with Vistech VCTS-6500.

4. Intraocular pressure (mmHg)

5. Retinal fundus camera

Fundus photographs were taken with Topcon non-mydriatic retinal camera (TRC-NW6S) at 30 and 45 degree angles for each eye without pupil dilatation. Diabetic retinopathy, arteriosclerosis, and macular degeneration were assessed on the photograph at 45 degree angles. Vertical cup to disc ratio was measured on the photograph at 30 degree angles.

6. Specular microscope

Corneal thickness was obtained with the Topcon SP-2000 specular microscope.

2) Auditory system

1.Pure-tone audiometry

Air conduction thresholds at 125,250,500,1000,2000,4000,8000Hz(dBHL)

Bone conduction thresholds at 250,500,1000,2000,4000Hz(dBHL)

Pure-tone audiometry (Audiometer RION AA-78)

*If no response occurs at the maximum output level of this audiometer, the threshold is treated as following.

	Air conduction		Bone conduction	
	Maximum output level	Inputed level	Maximum output level	Inputed level
125Hz	70	75	-	-
250Hz	85	90	55	60
500Hz	100	105	65	70
1000Hz	100	105	70	75
2000Hz	100	105	70	75
4000Hz	100	105	60	65
8000Hz	95	100	-	-

2.Impedance audiometry

(1) Single frequency tympanometry

Tympanometric peak pressure in the single frequency tympanogram at 226Hz(daPa)

Static compliance in the single frequency tympanogram at 226Hz(ml)

(2) Multifrequency tympanometry

Middle ear resonance frequency(Hz)

[3. Video otoscopy](#)

Status of one's ear canals and eardrums MP-5(RF SYSTEM lab.)

1) Visual system

1. Refraction

Autorefraction was obtained with the NIDEK-ARK700A. Refractive errors, in spherical equivalent, were assessed.

Spherical Equivalent of Refractive Error – Right Eye (Diopters)

	40–49yr			50–59yr			60–69yr			70–79yr			80 – yr			Total		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N												
Male	0.19	6.26	277	-0.72	4.61	287	0.15	6.36	272	0.25	5.13	270	1.06	8.73	65	0.02	5.86	1171
Female	-0.08	5.40	294	-0.99	2.47	274	0.50	5.92	278	0.70	5.47	265	0.76	7.60	77	0.07	5.25	1188
Total	0.05	5.83	571	-0.85	3.72	561	0.32	6.14	550	0.48	5.30	535	0.89	8.11	142	0.05	5.56	2359

Spherical Equivalent of Refractive Error – Left Eye (Diopters)

	40–49yr			50–59yr			60–69yr			70–79yr			80 – yr			Total		
	Mean	SD	N	Mean	SD	N												
Male	0.08	5.03	277	-0.52	3.48	287	-0.04	4.41	263	0.45	4.18	262	1.03	7.02	61	0.04	4.50	1150
Female	-0.07	4.15	294	-0.92	2.08	272	0.37	4.30	270	0.78	4.00	259	1.28	4.99	79	0.11	3.90	1174
Total	0.00	4.60	571	-0.71	2.89	559	0.17	4.35	533	0.62	4.09	521	1.17	5.94	140	0.08	4.20	2324

2. Visual acuity: distant vision (5 m)

Distant visual acuity was measured for each eye with a Landolt C letter at 5m. Presenting visual acuity was measured with the participant's current distance correction; when distance correction was not used, the unaided distant visual acuity was measured. Subsequently, best-corrected visual acuity for each eye was determined after objective autorefraction and subjective refinement.

Presenting Visual Acuity – Right Eye

		40–49yr		50–59yr		60–69yr		70–79yr		80 – yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	14	5.0	16	5.5	7	2.6	13	4.6	5	6.8	55	4.6
	Female	21	7.1	5	1.8	7	2.5	14	5.0	14	15.9	61	5.0
	Total	35	6.1	21	3.7	14	2.5	27	4.8	19	11.7	116	4.8
0.3 or worse	Male	3	1.1	8	2.8	4	1.5	18	6.3	4	5.4	37	3.1
	Female	3	1.0	5	1.8	9	3.2	13	4.7	7	8.0	37	3.0
	Total	6	1.0	13	2.3	13	2.3	31	5.5	11	6.8	74	3.1
0.3–0.6	Male	10	3.6	25	8.7	34	12.4	67	23.6	33	44.6	169	14.1
	Female	15	5.1	30	10.8	38	13.5	61	21.9	25	28.4	169	13.9
	Total	25	4.4	55	9.7	72	13.0	128	22.8	58	35.8	338	14.0
0.7 or better	Male	252	90.3	240	83.0	229	83.6	186	65.5	32	43.2	939	78.3
	Female	256	86.8	237	85.6	227	80.8	190	68.3	42	47.7	952	78.1
	Total	508	88.5	477	84.3	456	82.2	376	66.9	74	45.7	1891	78.2

Presenting Visual Acuity – Left Eye

		40-49yr		50-59yr		60-69yr		70-79yr		80 - yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	15	5.4	17	5.9	6	2.2	11	3.9	2	2.7	51	4.3
	Female	22	7.5	4	1.4	6	2.1	9	3.2	12	13.6	53	4.3
	Total	37	6.4	21	3.7	12	2.2	20	3.6	14	8.6	104	4.3
0.3 or worse	Male	3	1.1	5	1.7	4	1.5	18	6.3	6	8.1	36	3.0
	Female	1	0.3	8	2.9	11	3.9	14	5.0	6	6.8	40	3.3
	Total	4	0.7	13	2.3	15	2.7	32	5.7	12	7.4	76	3.1
0.3-0.6	Male	14	5.0	22	7.6	36	13.1	59	20.8	21	28.4	152	12.7
	Female	13	4.4	24	8.7	32	11.4	74	26.6	32	36.4	175	14.4
	Total	27	4.7	46	8.1	68	12.3	133	23.7	53	32.7	327	13.5
0.7 or better	Male	247	88.5	245	84.8	228	83.2	196	69.0	45	60.8	961	80.1
	Female	259	87.8	241	87.0	232	82.6	181	65.1	38	43.2	951	78.0
	Total	506	88.2	486	85.9	460	82.9	377	67.1	83	51.2	1912	79.0

Best-corrected Visual Acuity – Right Eye

		40-49yr		50-59yr		60-69yr		70-79yr		80 - yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	14	5.0	16	5.5	7	2.6	13	4.6	5	6.8	55	4.6
	Female	21	7.1	5	1.8	7	2.5	14	5.0	14	15.9	61	5.0
	Total	35	6.1	21	3.7	14	2.5	27	4.8	19	11.7	116	4.8
0.3 or worse	Male	1	0.4	3	1.0	1	0.4	4	1.4	2	2.7	11	0.9
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.1	7	2.5	4	4.5	14	1.1
	Total	1	0.2	3	0.5	4	0.7	11	2.0	6	3.7	25	1.0
0.3-0.6	Male	2	0.7	4	1.4	12	4.4	41	14.4	26	35.1	85	7.1
	Female	1	0.3	9	3.2	13	4.6	28	10.1	15	17.0	66	5.4
	Total	3	0.5	13	2.3	25	4.5	69	12.3	41	25.3	151	6.2
0.7 or better	Male	262	93.9	266	92.0	254	92.7	226	79.6	41	55.4	1049	87.4
	Female	273	92.5	263	94.9	258	91.8	229	82.4	55	62.5	1078	88.4
	Total	535	93.2	529	93.5	512	92.3	455	81.0	96	59.3	2127	87.9

Best-corrected Visual Acuity – Left Eye

		40-49yr		50-59yr		60-69yr		70-79yr		80 - yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	15	5.4	17	5.9	6	2.2	11	3.9	2	2.7	51	4.3
	Female	21	7.1	4	1.4	6	2.1	9	3.2	12	13.6	52	4.3
	Total	36	6.3	21	3.7	12	2.2	20	3.6	14	8.6	103	4.3
0.3 or worse	Male	1	0.4	0	0.0	3	1.1	10	3.5	5	6.8	19	1.6
	Female	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.7	5	1.8	5	5.7	14	1.1
	Total	1	0.2	2	0.4	5	0.9	15	2.7	10	6.2	33	1.4
0.3-0.6	Male	1	0.4	3	1.0	15	5.5	30	10.6	11	14.9	60	5.0
	Female	1	0.3	6	2.2	16	5.7	41	14.7	20	22.7	84	6.9
	Total	2	0.3	9	1.6	31	5.6	71	12.6	31	19.1	144	6.0
0.7 or better	Male	262	93.9	269	93.1	250	91.2	233	82.0	56	75.7	1070	89.2
	Female	273	92.5	265	95.7	257	91.5	223	80.2	51	58.0	1069	87.7
	Total	535	93.2	534	94.3	507	91.4	456	81.1	107	66.0	2139	88.4

3. Contrast sensitivity

Contrast sensitivity was measured at 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 18 cycles per degree with Vistech VCTS-6500.

	Female	1	0.3	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.5	6	0.5
	Total	2	0.3	2	0.4	1	0.2	1	0.2	6	3.7	12	0.5
nothing	Male	277	99.3	285	98.6	258	94.2	263	92.6	66	89.2	1149	95.8
	Female	289	98.0	272	98.2	274	97.5	253	91.0	74	84.1	1162	95.3
	Total	566	98.6	557	98.4	532	95.9	516	91.8	140	86.4	2311	95.5
simple	Male	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
	Female	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.2
	Total	1	0.2	2	0.4	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.2
proliferative	Male	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.2
	Female	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1
	Total	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1
imvisible	Male	0	0.0	2	0.7	14	5.1	20	7.0	6	8.1	42	3.5
	Female	3	1.0	3	1.1	6	2.1	25	9.0	10	11.4	47	3.9
	Total	3	0.5	5	0.9	20	3.6	45	8.0	16	9.9	89	3.7

Arteriosclerosis (Keith-Wagener) – Right Eye

		40–49yr		50–59yr		60–69yr		70–79yr		80 – yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.7	1	1.4	4	0.3
	Female	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	3	3.4	5	0.4
	Total	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0	3	0.5	4	2.5	9	0.4
nothing	Male	273	97.8	269	93.1	238	86.9	225	79.2	46	62.2	1051	87.6
	Female	292	99.0	265	95.7	247	87.9	208	74.8	64	72.7	1076	88.3
	Total	565	98.4	534	94.3	485	87.4	433	77.0	110	67.9	2127	87.9
K-W I	Male	4	1.4	13	4.5	23	8.4	34	12.0	25	33.8	99	8.3
	Female	1	0.3	11	4.0	28	10.0	45	16.2	8	9.1	93	7.6
	Total	5	0.9	24	4.2	51	9.2	79	14.1	33	20.4	192	7.9
K-W IIa	Male	1	0.4	5	1.7	4	1.5	4	1.4	1	1.4	15	1.3
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	1	0.4	1	1.1	3	0.2
	Total	1	0.2	5	0.9	5	0.9	5	0.9	2	1.2	18	0.7
K-W IIb	Male	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.1	1	0.4	0	0.0	4	0.3
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	3	1.1	0	0.0	4	0.3
	Total	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.7	4	0.7	0	0.0	8	0.3
K-W III	Male	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.3
	Total	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	2	0.4	0	0.0	4	0.2
imvisible	Male	1	0.4	1	0.3	6	2.2	18	6.3	1	1.4	27	2.3
	Female	1	0.3	1	0.4	2	0.7	18	6.5	12	13.6	34	2.8
	Total	2	0.3	2	0.4	8	1.4	36	6.4	13	8.0	61	2.5

Arteriosclerosis (Keith-Wagener) – Left Eye

		40–49yr		50–59yr		60–69yr		70–79yr		80 – yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	1	0.4	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	0.4	2	2.7	6	0.5
	Female	1	0.3	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.5	6	0.5
	Total	2	0.3	2	0.4	1	0.2	1	0.2	6	3.7	12	0.5
nothing	Male	269	96.4	270	93.4	232	84.7	214	75.4	47	63.5	1032	86.0
	Female	286	96.9	260	93.9	248	88.3	209	75.2	63	71.6	1066	87.4
	Total	555	96.7	530	93.6	480	86.5	423	75.3	110	67.9	2098	86.7
K-W I	Male	8	2.9	15	5.2	24	8.8	42	14.8	16	21.6	105	8.8
	Female	4	1.4	12	4.3	24	8.5	40	14.4	10	11.4	90	7.4

	Total	12	2.1	27	4.8	48	8.6	82	14.6	26	16.0	195	8.1
K-W IIa	Male	0	0.0	1	0.3	3	1.1	5	1.8	2	2.7	11	0.9
	Female	1	0.3	0	0.0	4	1.4	2	0.7	1	1.1	8	0.7
	Total	1	0.2	1	0.2	7	1.3	7	1.2	3	1.9	19	0.8
K-W IIb	Male	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	1	1.4	2	0.2
	Female	0	0.0	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2
	Total	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	2	0.4	1	0.6	4	0.2
K-W III	Male	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.1
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Total	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.0
imvisible	Male	1	0.4	2	0.7	14	5.1	20	7.0	6	8.1	43	3.6
	Female	3	1.0	3	1.1	5	1.8	26	9.4	10	11.4	47	3.9
	Total	4	0.7	5	0.9	19	3.4	46	8.2	16	9.9	90	3.7

Macular Degeneration – Right Eye

		40-49yr		50-59yr		60-69yr		70-79yr		80 - yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.7	1	1.4	4	0.3
	Female	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	3	3.4	5	0.4
	Total	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0	3	0.5	4	2.5	9	0.4
nothing	Male	274	98.2	274	94.8	241	88.0	214	75.4	60	81.1	1063	88.6
	Female	289	98.0	263	94.9	257	91.5	201	72.3	51	58.0	1061	87.0
	Total	563	98.1	537	94.9	498	89.7	415	73.8	111	68.5	2124	87.8
drusen	Male	0	0.0	2	0.7	10	3.6	11	3.9	3	4.1	26	2.2
	Female	1	0.3	3	1.1	6	2.1	23	8.3	11	12.5	44	3.6
	Total	1	0.2	5	0.9	16	2.9	34	6.0	14	8.6	70	2.9
atrophic change	Male	0	0.0	2	0.7	1	0.4	3	1.1	1	1.4	7	0.6
	Female	0	0.0	1	0.4	1	0.4	2	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.3
	Total	0	0.0	3	0.5	2	0.4	5	0.9	1	0.6	11	0.5
exudative change	Male	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.7	0	0.0	2	0.2
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Total	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.1
epiretinal membrane	Male	2	0.7	1	0.3	4	1.5	7	2.5	0	0.0	14	1.2
	Female	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.7	1	1.1	6	0.5
	Total	3	0.5	1	0.2	6	1.1	9	1.6	1	0.6	20	0.8
others	Male	1	0.4	1	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.7	1	1.4	5	0.4
	Female	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.4	2	0.7	0	0.0	3	0.2
	Total	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	4	0.7	1	0.6	8	0.3
imvisible	Male	2	0.7	8	2.8	18	6.6	43	15.1	8	10.8	79	6.6
	Female	3	1.0	10	3.6	14	5.0	47	16.9	22	25.0	96	7.9
	Total	5	0.9	18	3.2	32	5.8	90	16.0	30	18.5	175	7.2

Macular Degeneration – Left Eye

		40-49yr		50-59yr		60-69yr		70-79yr		80 - yr		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
not recorded	Male	1	0.4	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	0.4	2	2.7	6	0.5
	Female	1	0.3	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.5	6	0.5
	Total	2	0.3	2	0.4	1	0.2	1	0.2	6	3.7	12	0.5
nothing	Male	272	97.5	272	94.1	227	82.8	218	76.8	51	68.9	1040	86.7
	Female	286	96.9	262	94.6	254	90.4	193	69.4	54	61.4	1049	86.1
	Total	558	97.2	534	94.3	481	86.7	411	73.1	105	64.8	2089	86.4
drusen	Male	0	0.0	2	0.7	9	3.3	9	3.2	3	4.1	23	1.9

Video otoscopy
Finding of left ear

		40–49yr		50–59yr		60–69yr		70–79yr		80yr–		Total	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
normal (L)	Male	249	89.6	235	81.3	207	75.5	190	67.1	46	63.0	927	77.4
	Female	266	90.2	226	81.6	215	76.5	198	71.2	59	67.0	964	79.1
	Total	515	89.9	461	81.4	422	76.0	388	69.2	105	65.2	1891	78.3
A–B gap susp (L)	Male	4	1.4	12	4.2	32	11.7	38	13.4	6	8.2	92	7.7
	Female	5	1.7	20	7.2	32	11.4	27	9.7	8	9.1	92	7.5
	Total	9	1.6	32	5.7	64	11.5	65	11.6	14	8.7	184	7.6
wax (L)	Male	14	5.0	12	4.2	12	4.4	27	9.5	11	15.1	76	6.3
	Female	7	2.4	8	2.9	14	5.0	23	8.3	10	11.4	62	5.1
	Total	21	3.7	20	3.5	26	4.7	50	8.9	21	13.0	138	5.7
not recorded (L)	Male	11	4.0	30	10.4	23	8.4	28	9.9	10	13.7	102	8.5
	Female	17	5.8	23	8.3	20	7.1	30	10.8	11	12.5	101	8.3
	Total	28	4.9	53	9.4	43	7.7	58	10.3	21	13.0	203	8.4