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A cross-cultural study on health-related traffic accidents in Asian countries

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Health-related accident

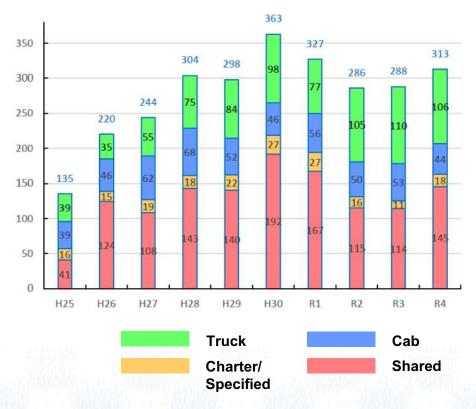
 Definition of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism:

"The driver is unable to continue to operate the commercial motor vehicle due to illness."

(Article 2 of the Automobile Accident Reporting Regulations)

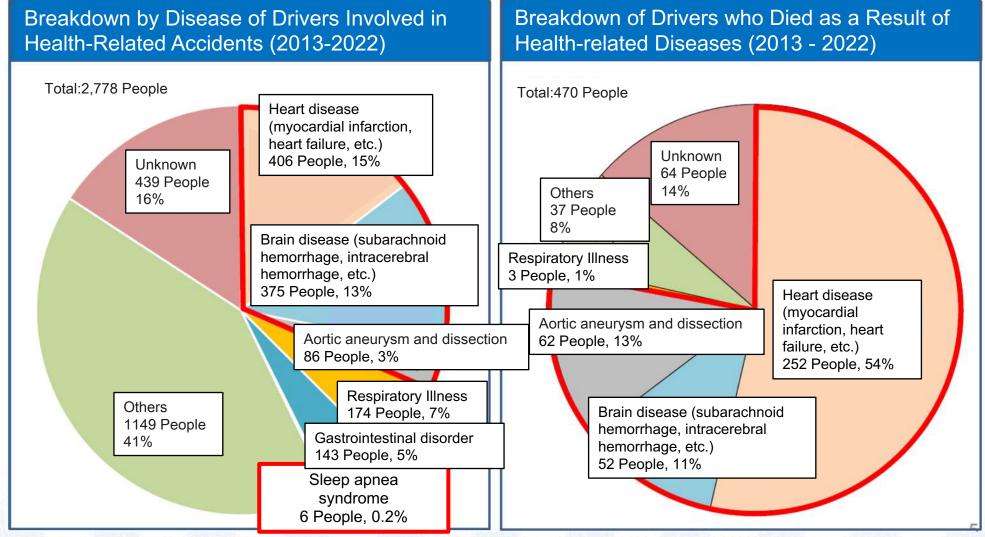
- The number of reported health-related accidents has been on the rise since 2013, and although it has remained high in recent years, further reduction is needed.
- Prevention of health-related accidents is an important issue in traffic accident prevention.

Number of accidents reported due to health conditions (Number of cases per business category)





Causes of health-related accidents





Heart disease

Brain disease

Aortic aneurysm and dissection

Sleep apnea syndrome

Glaucoma

Side Effects of Medication

Hypoglycemia

Respiratory illness

Dementia

Dizziness

anaemia

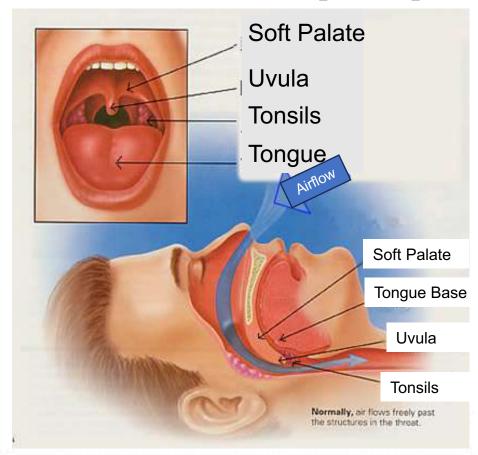
Gastrointestinal disorder

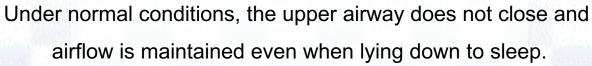
Heatstroke

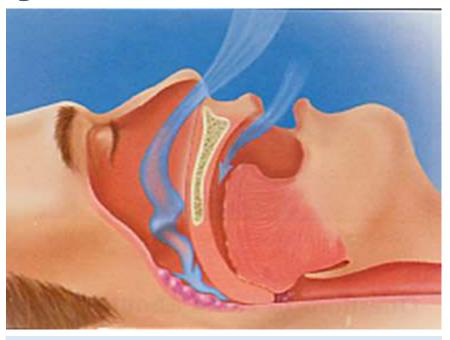
Epilepsy

Aging drivers

Sleep Apnea Syndrome SAS: Sleep Apnea Syndrome







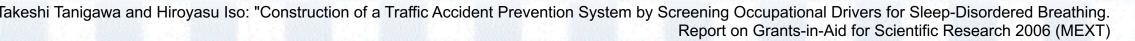
The upper airway is obstructed and airflow is disrupted.

- frequent oxygen deprivation
- Arousals to open the airway, resulting in fragmented sleep and poor sleep quality increases drowsiness the next day.



Relationship between perceived sleepiness and prevalence of sleep-disordered breathing

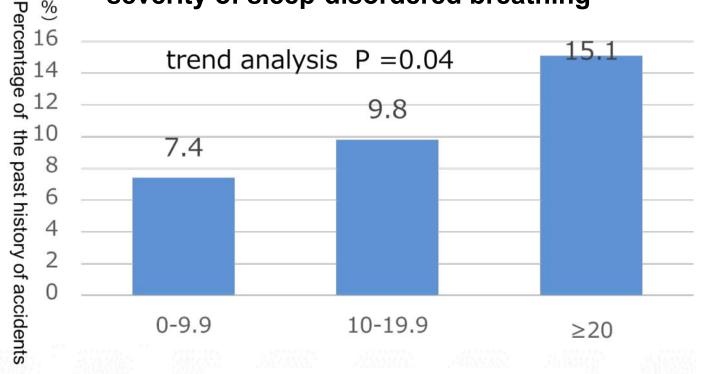
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|---|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | Normal range (RDI less than 5) | Slight degree (RDI 5 to 19.9) | Moderate (RDI 20-39.9) | severe (RDI 40 or hi | Total | |
| Weak ↑ Awarenes s of drowsine | ESS 0 to 5 | 1,457 (60%) | 1,391 (60%) | 201 (53%) | 46 (36%) | 3,095 (100%) | |
| | ESS 6-10 | 774 (32%) | 725 (31%) | 138 (37%) | 52 (40%) | 1,689 (100%) | |
| | F00 11 1F | 142 | 170 | 34 | 23 | 369 | |
| NOSSA: non sleepy sleep apnea | | | | | | | |
| Sleep apnea without subjective sleepiness | | | | | | | |
| | Total | 2,410 (100%) | 2,330 (100%) | 378 (100%) | 129 (100%) | 5,247 (100%) | |



Sleep-disordered breathing and traffic accidents



Percentage of accidents experienced by severity of sleep-disordered breathing

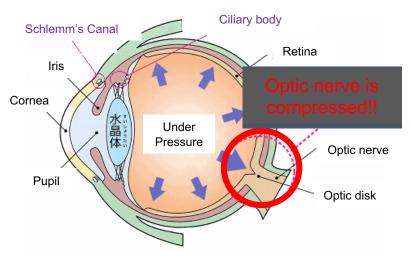


Respiratory disturbance index (RDI)



Glaucoma

- Glaucoma: A disease in which the optic nerve is damaged for some reason, resulting in a narrowing of the visual field (range of vision)
- The prevalence rate among Japanese over 40 is 5.0% (1 in 20).
- Estimated 4.6 million patients in Japan (2015).
- Early detection and appropriate treatment of glaucoma can slow its progression.



90% of glaucoma patients are untreated and unaware





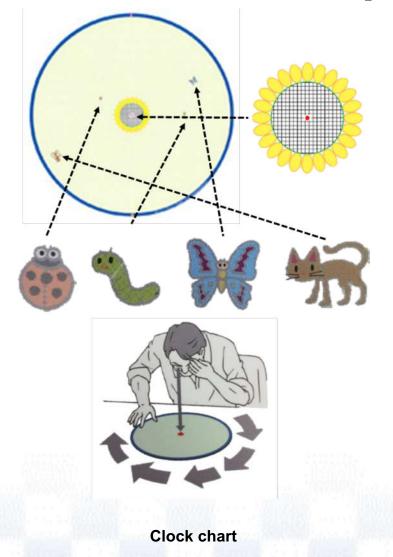




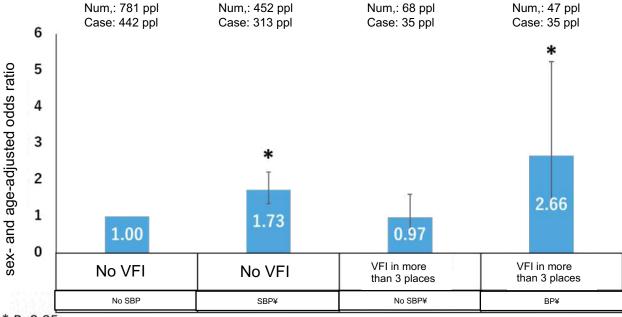
Percentage of glaucoma unaware or untreated patients by stage of glaucoma in 250 patients with glaucoma who visited the Department of Ophthalmology, Tajimi City Hospital

| | Unaware (Untreated) | Diagnosed with glaucoma and undergoing treatment | Diagnosed with glaucoma but untreated | Total |
|--|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Initial ∼-6dB | 140/149 (94.0%) | 3/149 (2.0%) | 6/149 (4.0%) | 149 |
| Glaucoma has no symptoms in the early, middle, or late sta | | | | |
| term -12dB~ -6dB | 51/56 (91.1%) | 4/56 (7.1%) | 1/56 (1.8%) | 56 |
| final -12dB~ | 41/45 (91.1%) | 3/45 (6.7%) | 1/45 (2.2%) | 45 |

Visual Field Impairment and Traffic Accidents



Combination of visual field impairment(VFI) in three or more places and surprise box phenomenon(SBP) associated with traffic



^{*} P<0.05 Combination of visual field impairment in three or more places and surprise box phenomenon

Accidents logistic regression analysis



^{*}Excluded those with one or two visual field impairment

Fiscal 2020 Social Contribution Projects

- An online international symposium was held with experts from Japan, China, and Thailand.
- During the exchange of opinions, it was found that in the Asian region, measures for health-related accidents have not yet been fully implemented, and people's awareness has not yet been raised.

International Symposium of Social Contribution Project, International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences

A disease may be the cause of that accident...

Toward the Prevention of Health-Related Accidents





Public Awareness Video



Sleep apnea driving picture scroll



Sleep apnea and traffic accidents



Glaucoma Driving Picture Scroll



Glaucoma and traffic accidents



Proposed Implementation Details and Schedule







- Create foreign languageversions of public awarenessvideos
- Questionnaire survey after viewing educational videos

- Further promotion in Japan
- Holding an international symposium in Thailand and conducting a questionnaire survey after viewing an educational video

- Further promotion in Japan
- ► An international comparison of post-viewing awareness-raising video questionnaires in Japan, China, and Thailand



Creation of foreign language versions of educational videos (English, Chinese, Thai)

Available on the IATSS website, "Video **Archive"!**











































Foreign language versions of public awareness videos





Sleep apnea driving picture scroll (Thai version)

Glaucoma Driving Picture Scroll (Chinese version)



International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences International Symposium

Prevention e Alegican

Cobstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome and Glaucoma∼

Monday,

January 9th, 2023

10:00-12:00 (THA)

- On-site Symposium
- Participation is Free of Charge

Venue

King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand Bhumisiri Mangkhalanusorn Building, 12fl, room 1201

Registration

For registration, please visit following URL



https://www.iatss.or.jp/en/thai_symposium/

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11:55-12:00 Closing Remarks

PROGRAM

10:00-10:05 Opening Remarks

Takeshi Tanigawa

Professor & Chairman, Department of Public Health, Juntendo University Graduate School of Medicine Chair: Tayard Desudchit

Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University

10:05-10:25

Symposium



Professor, Department of Global Architecture, Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University "Types and assumed causes of traffic accidents in

Thailand and ASEAN" 10:25-10:45



Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University

"Sleep apnea and road safety in Thailand: current status and issues"

10:45-11:05



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Secretariat Office

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English and Thai

Closing Remarks 11:55-12:00 Secretariat Office







Purpose of this project

In FY2023, we conducted a questionnaire survey in Japan, China, and Thailand using the public awareness videos in foreign languages (English, Chinese, and Thai). The purpose of the survey was to verify the usefulness of the videos and to compare the awareness of health-related accidents internationally.



Details of this project

 Spreading awareness of health-related accident prevention in Japan

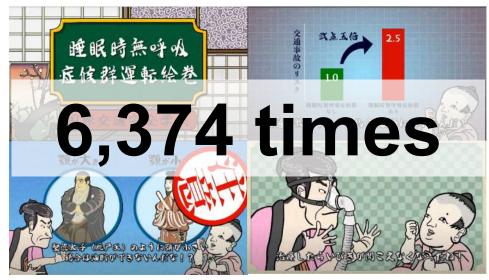
 Post-viewing questionnaire for educational videos in Japan, China, and Thailand and international comparison





Views of public awareness videos

As of March 18, 2024



Sleep Apnea Driving Picture Scroll



Sleep apnea and traffic accidents



Glaucoma Driving Picture Scroll



Glaucoma and traffic accidents



FY2021 Utilization of Awareness Video

(Questionnaires were also conducted after viewing the awareness-raising videos)

- Kokusai Jidosha Co., Ltd.
- Kuroi Industry Co., LTD.
- Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.
- SOMPO Risk Management Inc.
- Honda Kaihatsu Co.,Ltd.
- Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
- Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co.
- National Car Rental Association
- Other (e.g., organizations affiliated with project members)

Approximately 450 people participated in the event!

Approximately 2,700 people participated

Approximately 200 people participated in the event!



Utilization at Driver's License Examination Center

- Distributed DVDs to 51 prefectural police departments nationwide.
- Distributed by each prefecture to Driver's License Examination Offices.



Monitor in the lobby of Saitama Prefectural Police Driver's License Center



During a senior citizen training course conducted by the prefectural police.



Clear files were created!









FY2022 Utilization of Awareness Video

- Glaucoma Driving Picture Scrolls was published in "A Practitioner 's Guide to Teaching Older License Holders".
- A public awareness video is posted on the Kanto Traffic Mutual Aid Cooperative Association's website (https://www.kankokyo.or.jp/anzen/action .htm).

健康起因事故防止支援リンク集

事業者が取り組む安全対策:運転者の健康管理にご利用いただけます。

| 健康起因事故防止支援リンク集 | | | | |
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| 自動車運送事業者における 心臓疾患・大血管疾患対策ガイドライン (PDF) | | | | |
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| e-ヘルスネット | | | | |
| 標準的な運動プログラム | - 厚生労働省関連 | | | |
| 健康寿命をのばそう!Smart Life Project | | | | |
| 独立行政法人 労働者健康福祉機構 | | | | |
| 緑内障運転絵巻 (アンケート有) | | | | |
| 緑内障と交通事故(アンケート有) | 国際交通安全学会 | | | |
| 睡眠時無呼吸症候群運転絵巻(アンケート有) | | | | |
| 睡眠時無呼吸症候群と交通事故(アンケート有) | | | | |



Spreading awareness of video through the National Police Agency













Manual on Measures to Prevent Visual Field Failure in Motor Carriers

- The "Comprehensive Safety Plan 2025 for Commercial Vehicles" released in March 2021 states that "As a measure for elderly drivers, elderly will be informed of driving risks related to visual field disorder and recommend that they undergo screening tests and visual field examinations at ophthalmology clinics, etc."
- A working group was established at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), with participation by this project member Mr. Ueda (MLIT) and Dr. Kunimatsu (Inoue Eye Hospital, Nishi-Kasai).
- In March 2022, the "Manual on Measures to Prevent Visual Failure in Motor Carriers" was formulated.

Manual on countermeasures against visual field pollution in motor carriers







March 29, 2022

Automobile Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism



FY2023 Actual use of educational videos

- Shinki Bus Co., Ltd: Himeji City, Hyogo
- National Agency for Automotive Safety & Victims' Aid (NASVA): Sumida-ku, Tokyo
- Toyota Mobility Foundation: Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo
- Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Association: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
- Odakyu Bus Co., Ltd: Chofu City, Tokyo
- Kanto Traffic Mutual Aid Cooperative Society:
 Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
- Hatsukaichi Kotsu : Hatsukaichi City, Hiroshima
- Chiba City Bus: Chiba City, Chiba







Toyota Mobility Fund

Can glaucoma cause you to not see traffic lights? A Story of Visual Field Impairment

(Interview with Dr. Shiho Kunimatsu, Inoue Hospital , ophthalmology, Nishi-Kasai)

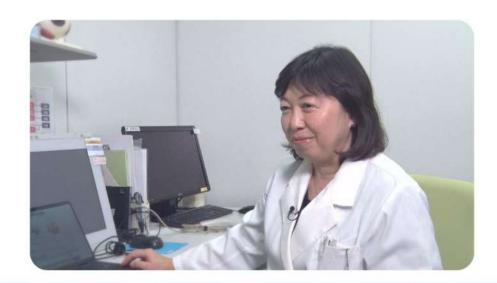
Has this ever happened to you all?

A passenger pointed out to you saying, "You almost ran a red light."

Or You have been walking and suddenly almost hit someone.

Maybe it was not "carelessness" but a symptom caused by an illness. In this issue, we asked Dr. Shiho of Inoue Hospital ophthalmology in Nishi-Kasai about visual field impairment and the outpatient driving clinic established by Dr.

to reduce traffic accidents caused by visual field impairment.



Introduction of Glaucoma Driving Picture Scroll

- About the glaucoma awareness video created by Dr. Kunimatsu



Dr. Kunimatsu: I made this video in the style of Ukiyoe, especially for elderly to learn about glaucoma in a fun way. I hope people will enjoy watching it. Patients with visual field impairment may think that their vision is exactly the same as that of healthy people, and they have no subjective symptoms. For this reason, I would like to encourage people to visit an ophthalmologist to learn more about your own vision and whether or not you have a disease.

Glaucoma cause you to miss traffic lights? A Story of Visual Field Disorder | OlderDrivers.com/https://koureidriver.com/interview-anopsia/?padid=from_top_mv_interview-anopsia

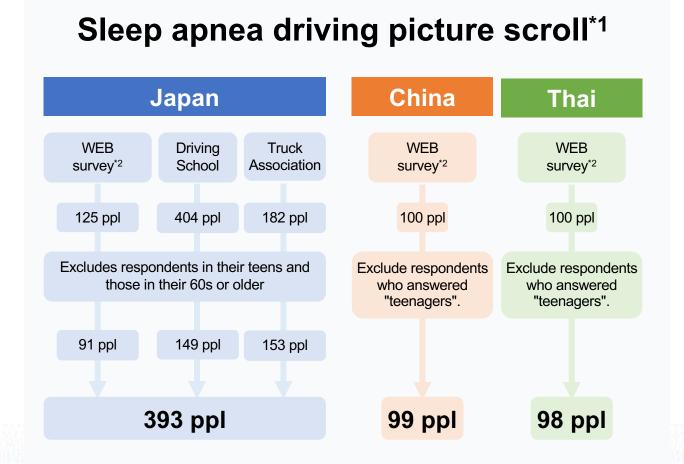


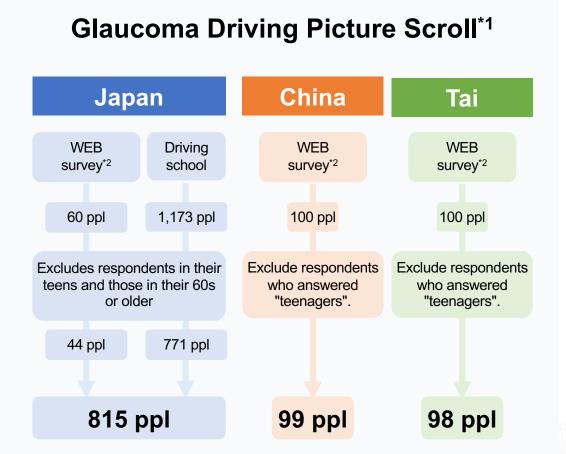
Post-viewing questionnaire for educational videos in Japan, China, and Thailand

International Comparison

Sleep apnea driving picture scroll Glaucoma Driving Picture Scroll

Subjects of the survey





^{*1} In Japan, the subjects of the sleep apnea driving picture scroll and the glaucoma driving picture scroll were different, but the same subjects were included in China and Thailand. *2 In Japan, Google Form was used. In China and Thailand, the survey was outsourced to a web-based survey company.



Subject Attributes

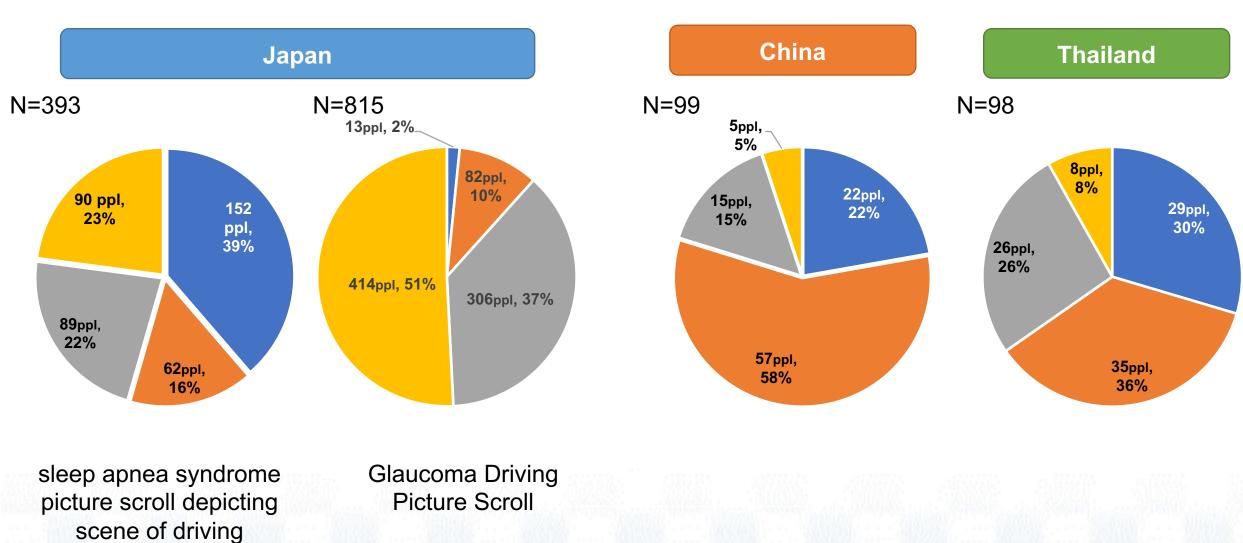
| | Japan 393/815 people | China 99/99 people | | Thai 98/98 people | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Main occupation, persons (%) | Trucking associations | Company employee Company owner, etc. Public servant | 58 (59) 33 (33) 5 (5) | Company employee Self-employed, etc. Public servant | 69 (69) 15 (16) 13 (13) |
| Major industries, persons (%) | and driving school students | Construction, building, IT and Telecommunications Other manufacturing | 14 (14) 9 (9) 7 (7) | Government Administration office Other services Manufacture of daily necessities, etc. | 13 (13) 12 (12) 6 (6) |
| Main business, persons (%) | Students | Sales Delivery Cab | 49 (49) 17 (17) 7 (7) | Sales Cab Delivery | 33 (34) 11 (11) 9 (9) |

Questionnaire items (21 questions in total)

- 1 Age
- 2 Gender
- **3 Current Residence**
- 4 Please check (☑) the applicable box for frequency of driving.
- 5 Have you ever been diagnosed with sleep apnea/glaucoma?
- 6 Are you aware of the disease sleep apnea/glaucoma?
- 7 Before watching the video, did you know that sleep apnea/glaucoma can cause car accidents?
- 8 After watching the video, do you have a better understanding of sleep apnea/glaucoma and car accidents?
- 9 Was this video useful to you?
- 10 Please rate your overall impression of this video on a scale of 1 to 10.
- 11 Was the duration (length) of the video appropriate?
- 12 Was the video easy to understand?
- 13 Please indicate the reason for your answer to 12.

- 14 Please describe any memorable aspects of the video.
- 15 Do you think this video is useful as an initiative to prevent traffic accidents caused by illness?
- 16 Please indicate the reason for your answer to 15.
- 17 Please answer the following questions about the symptoms of sleep apnea and glaucoma shown in the video.
 - 1) Please check **☑** for all that apply to you.
 - 2) Is there anyone in your family, close people at work, etc. who fits this description?
- 18 After watching this video, if you or someone close to you in your family or workplace is suspected of having sleep apnea/glaucoma, would you personally see a health care provider or recommend that person see a health care provider?
- 19 Please provide the reason for your answer to 18.
- 20 What efforts do you think are needed to prevent traffic accidents caused by illness?
- 21 We would love to hear your comments and feedback on this initiative.

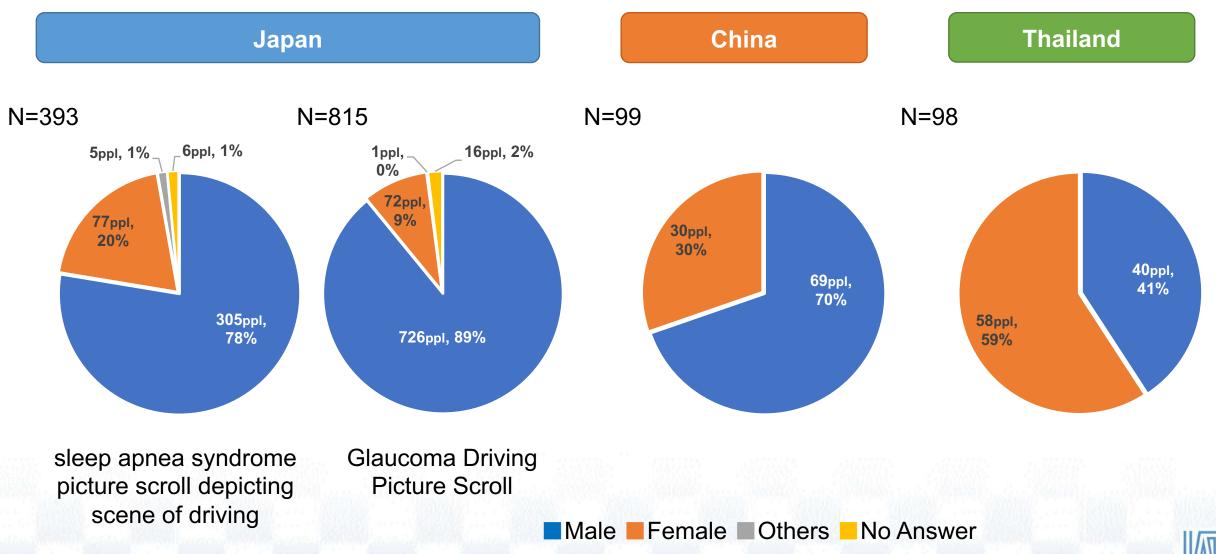
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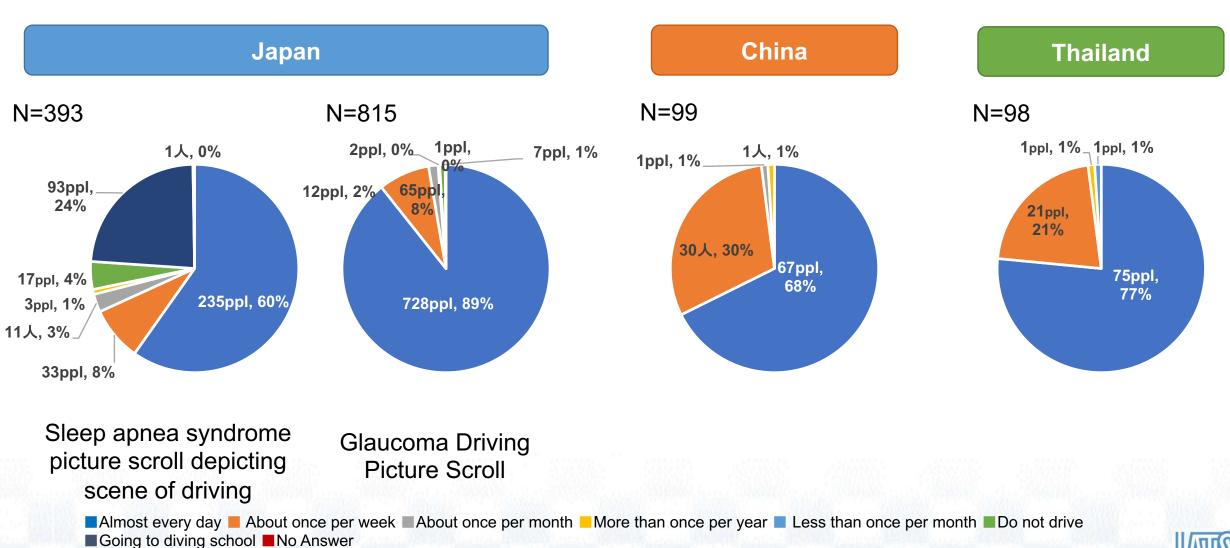


2. Gender



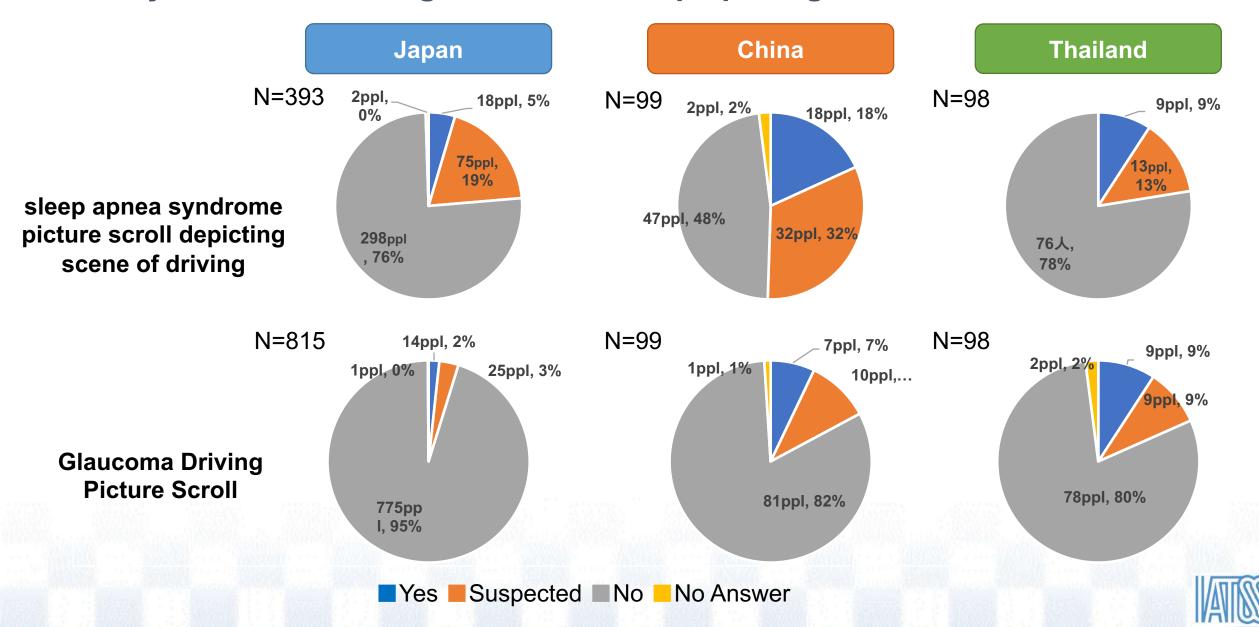


4. Driving frequency

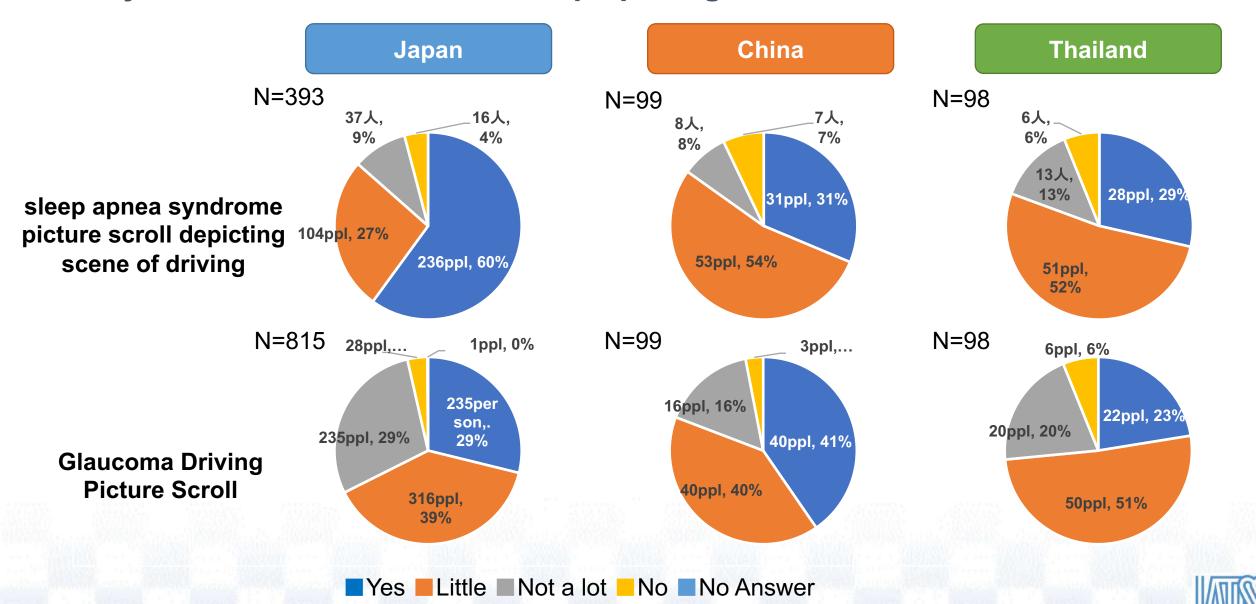




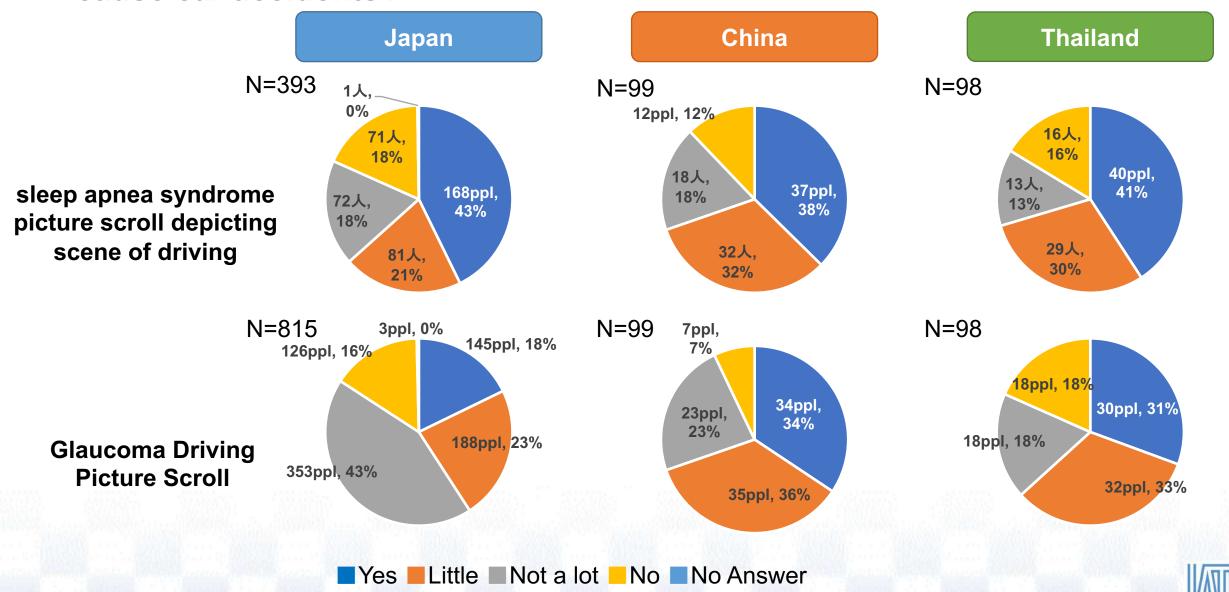
5. Have you ever been diagnosed with sleep apnea/glaucoma?



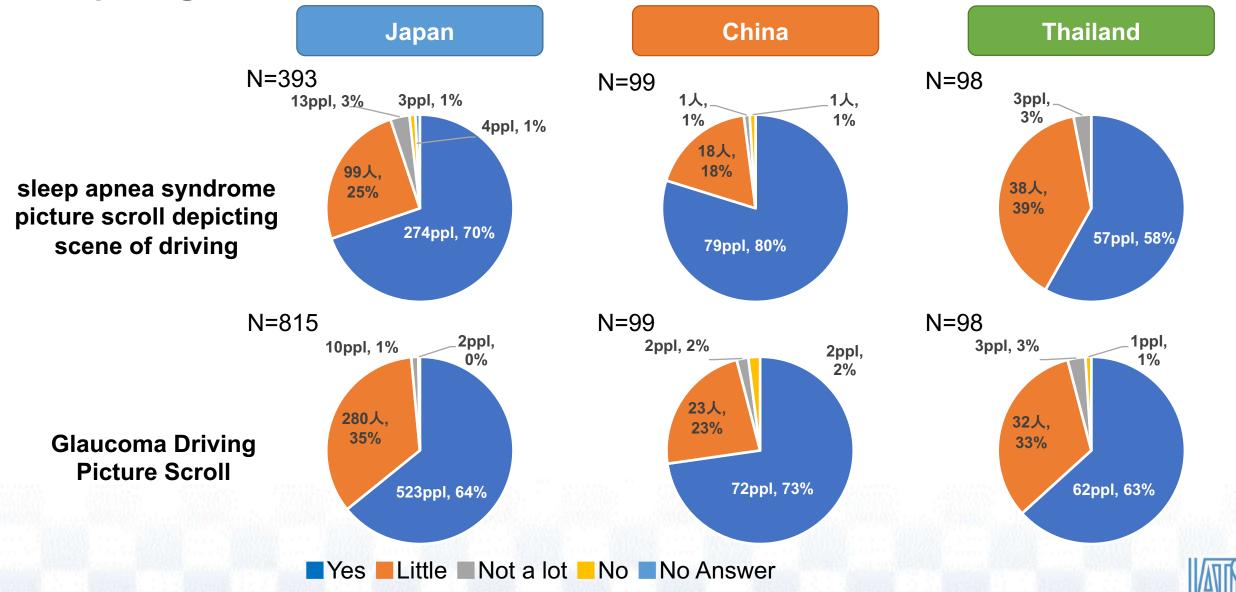
6. Are you aware of the disease sleep apnea/glaucoma?



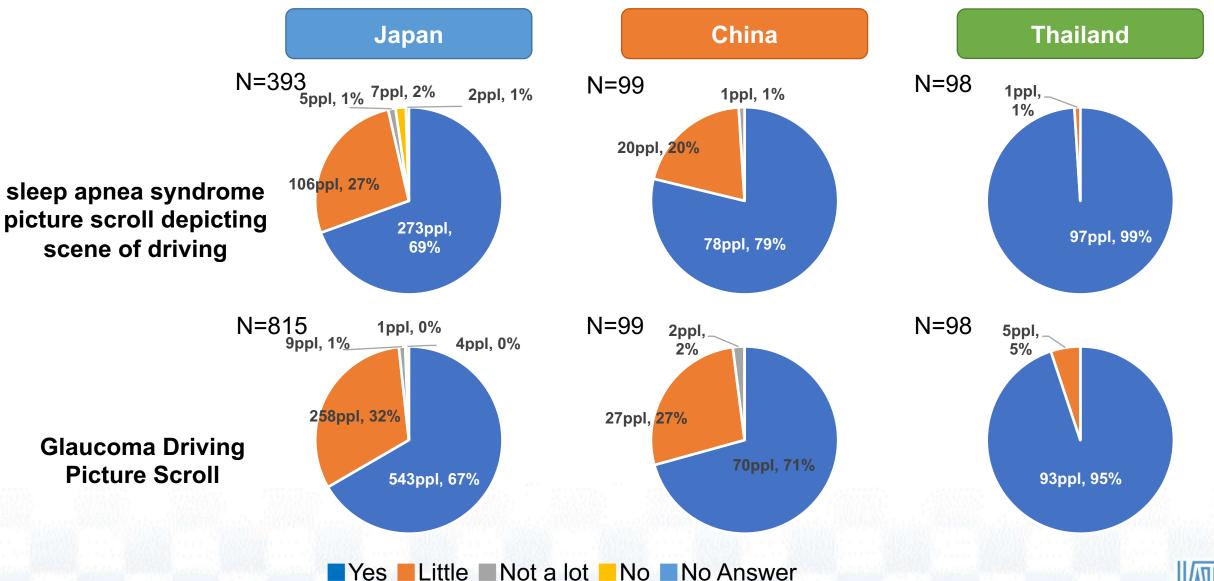
7. Before watching the video, did you know that sleep apnea/glaucoma can cause car accidents?



8. After watching the video, do you have a better understanding of sleep apnea/glaucoma and car accidents?

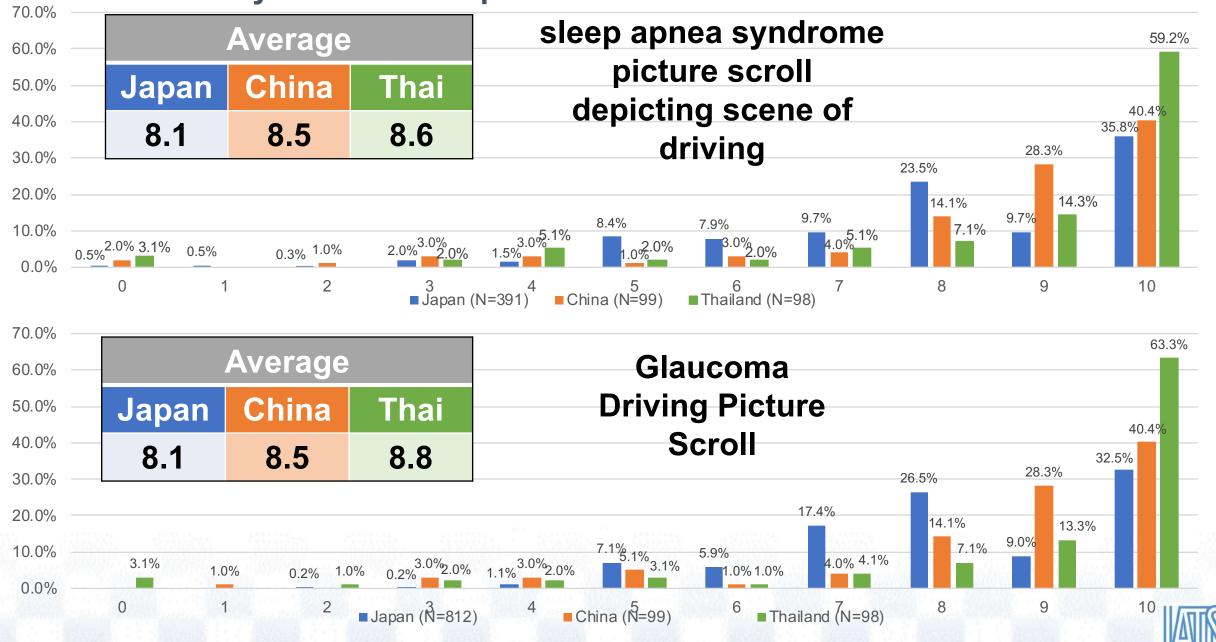


9. Was this video useful to you?

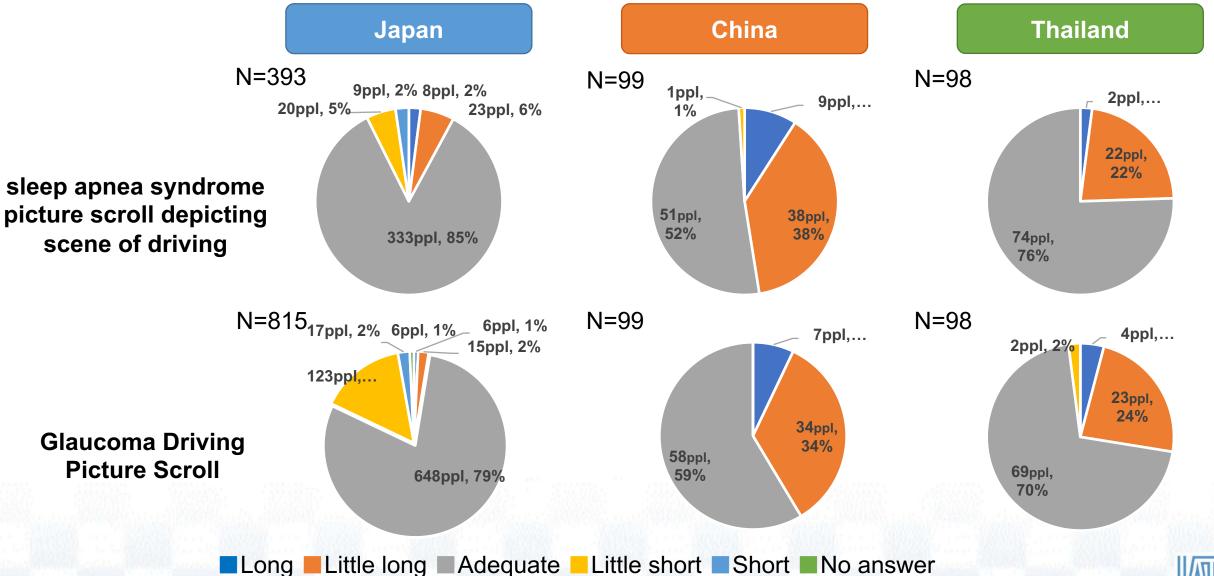




10. Please rate your overall impression of this video on a scale of 1 to 10.

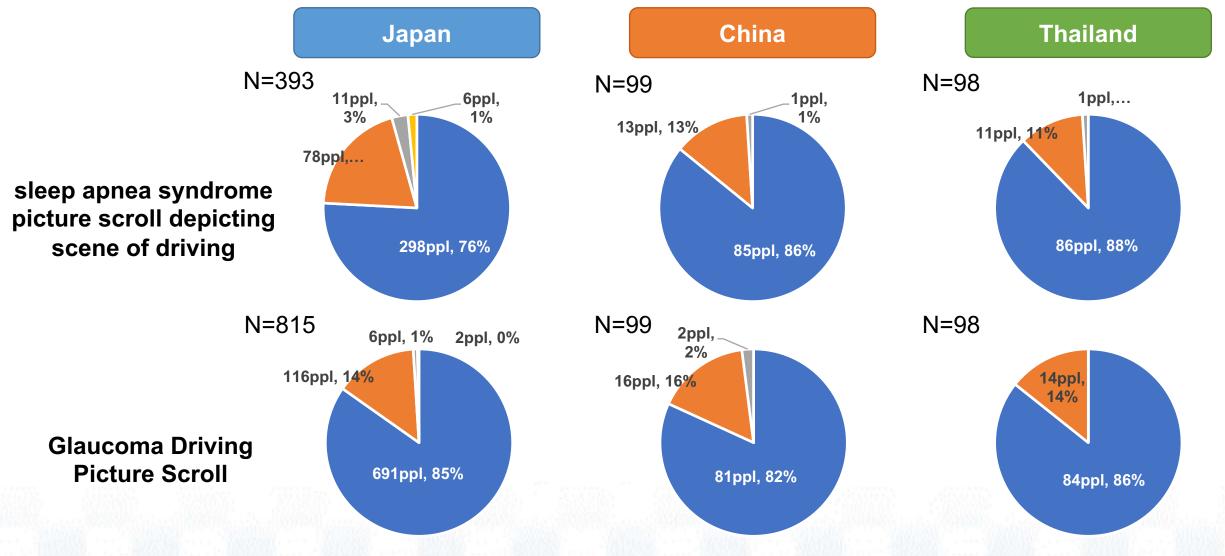


11. Was the duration (length) of the video appropriate?





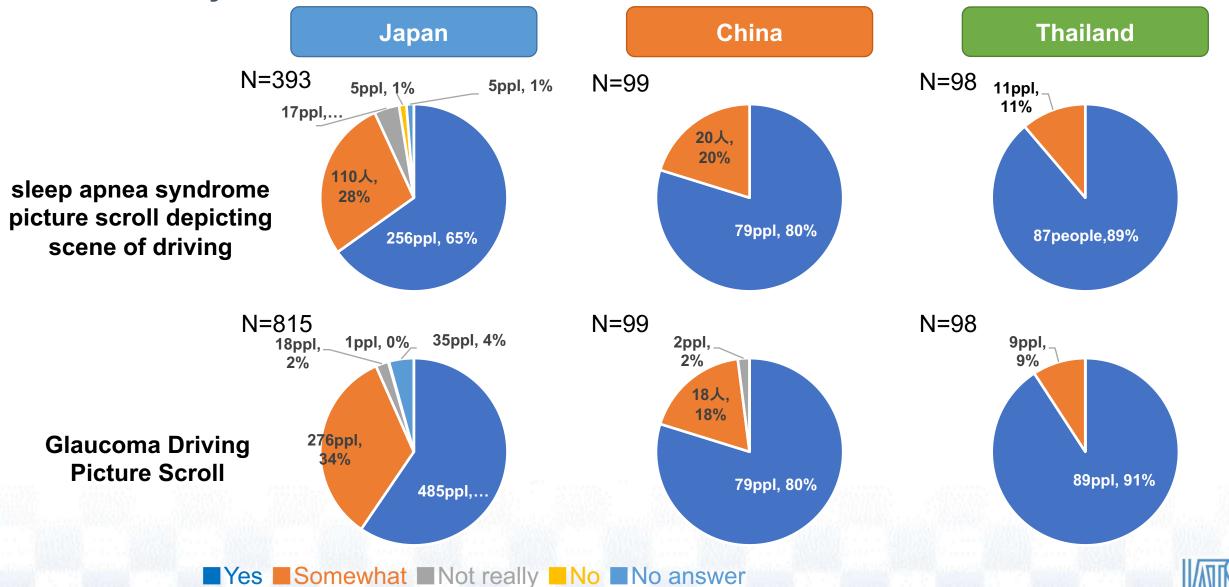
12. Was the content of the video easy to understand?



■ Easy to understand ■ Somewhat easy to understand ■ Somewhat hard to understand ■ Hard to understand ■ No answer

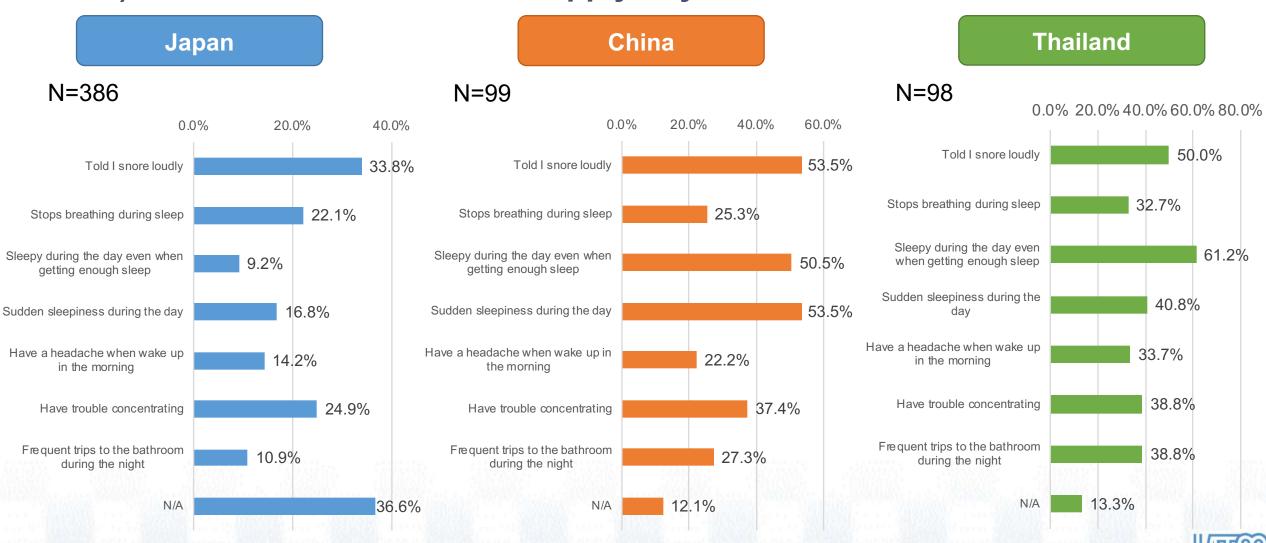


15. Do you think this video is useful as an effort to prevent traffic accidents caused by illness?



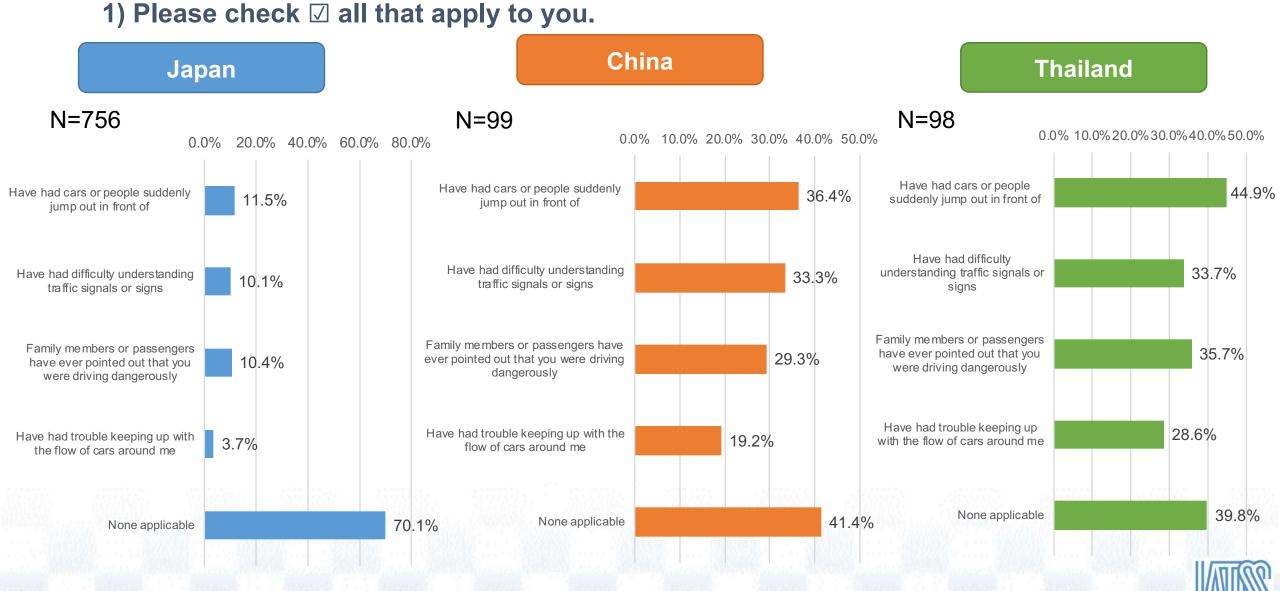
17. Please answer the following questions about the symptoms of sleep apnea presented in the video.

1) Please check 🗹 for all that apply to you.



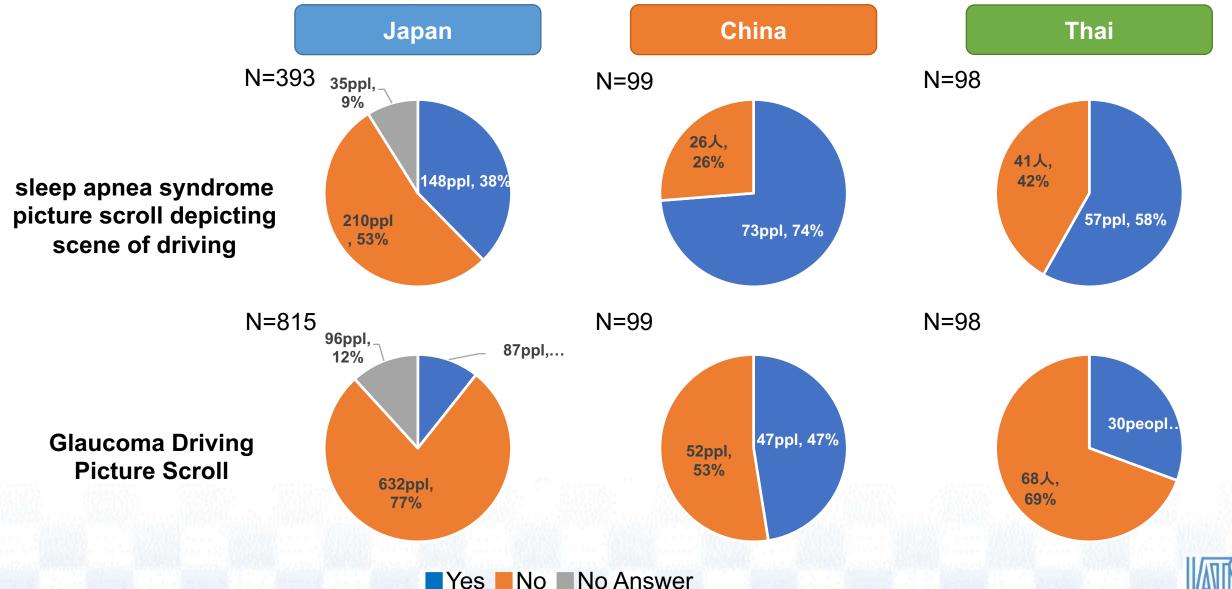
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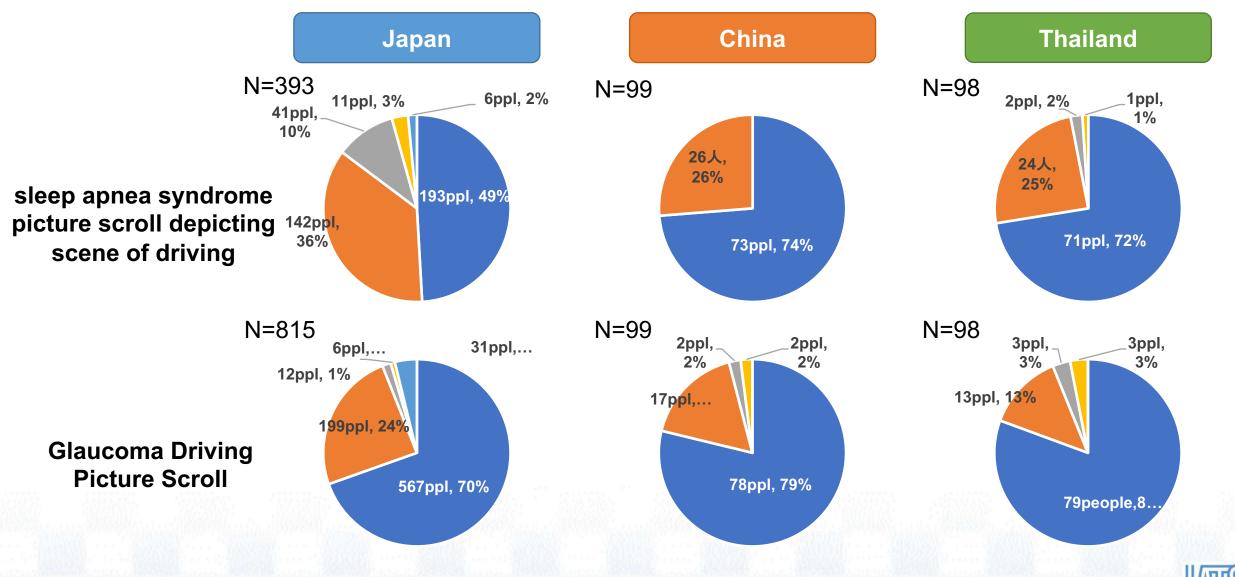
17. Please answer the following questions about driving situations often experienced by sleep apnea/glaucoma sufferers presented in the video.

2) Does anyone in your family, close people at work, etc. apply to you?



18. after watching this video, do you suspect that you or someone close to you in your family, workplace, etc. has sleep apnea?

After watching this video, if you suspect that you or someone close to you in your family or workplace has sleep apnea, would you personally seek medical attention or recommend that he/she seek medical attention?



Yes Partially yes Not really No No answer





Prevalence of sleep apnea and glaucoma

| | Sleep apnea syndrome | | | Glaucoma | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|------------|-------|------------------------|--|
| | Japan | China | Thai | Japan | China | Thai | |
| Percenta | ge of thos | se who ha | ve ever bee | en diagnos | ed | | |
| This study | 5% | 18% | 9% | 2% | 7% | 9%. | |
| | 14.8% | 8.8 | 14.7% | 4.0% | 3.1% | 3.8% | |
| Preceding research | | ce of obstruct >15 breaths year olds*1 | • | Over 40 y | 7% | Over 50 years old*3 | |

^{*1} Benjafield et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2019; *2 Quigley & Broman. Br J Ophthalmol. 2006; *3 Bourne et al. Br J Ophthalmol. 2003.

 Rates of diagnosed sleep apnea and glaucoma are higher in China and Thailand than in Japan (deviating from previous studies).



Awareness of sleep apnea and glaucoma

| | sleep apnea syndrome | | | glaucoma | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|
| | Japan | China | Thai | Japan | China | Thai |
| Percenta | age of thos | se who kn | ow of the d | isease. | | |
| | 60% | 31% | 29% | 29% | 41% | 23% |
| Percenta accident | | se who kn | ow that illn | ess can ca | use traffic | |
| | 43% | 38% | 41% | 18% | 34% | 31% |

• In contrast to the expectation that sleep apnea and glaucoma are not well recognized in China and Thailand (opinion exchange with experts [2020] and hearing survey in Thailand [2022]), awareness was high.



Symptoms and experiences related to sleep apnea and glaucoma

| | sleep apnea syndrome | | | glaucoma | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Japan | China | Thai | Japan | China | Thai |
| _ | e of responder ften experienc | | one or more o | f the following | symptoms o | r situations |
| | 63% | 88% | 87% | 30% | 59% | 60% |
| _ | • | • | ted that somed | | em applies to | their |
| | 38% | 74% | 58% | 11% | 47% | 31% |

- The percentage of people with symptoms or experiences of suspected sleep apnea or glaucoma was higher in Thailand and China than in Japan, not only among those who viewed the videos but also among those who were around them.
- Potential patients with sleep apnea and glaucoma may exist more than Japan.



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| | sleep apnea syndrome | | | glaucoma | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| | Japan | China | Thai | Japan | China | Thai |
| My understa deepened" | anding of the | disease and t | raffic acciden | ts has "deepe | ned" or "some | ewhat |
| | 95% | 98% | 97% | 99% | 96% | 96% |
| The video w | as "useful" o | or "somewhat | useful". | | | |
| | 96% | 99% | 100% | 99% | 98% | 100% |
| The video w | as "easy to ι | ınderstand" a | nd "somewhat | t easy to unde | rstand". | |
| | 96% | 99% | 99% | 99% | 98% | 100% |
| Video lengtl | n was "long" | or "somewha | t long" | | | |
| | 8% | 47% | 24% | 3% | 41% | 28% |
| "Agree" and accidents. | l "somewhat | agree" that it | is useful as ar | n initiative to p | revent health | -related |
| | 83% | 100% | 100% | 94% | 98% | 100% |



Notes on this survey

- Japan, China, and Thailand have different driver's license systems and health care systems. In addition, the method of administering the questionnaire is different in each country, and the gender and age structure of the target population are not uniform, so a simple comparison of results is not possible.
- The sample representativeness should be kept in mind, as there are deviations from previous studies in terms of prevalence and disease awareness among subjects in Thailand and China.



Conclusion

- Created awareness videos (in Japanese, Chinese, and Thai) on sleep apnea and glaucoma, and conducted a questionnaire survey after viewing the videos.
- •Although it is necessary to keep in mind the representativeness of the sample, it was thought that there may be more potential sleep apnea and glaucoma patients in China and Thailand than in Japan.
- The awareness-raising video was highly rated in China and Thailand and is considered to be a useful tool for preventing health-related accidents.

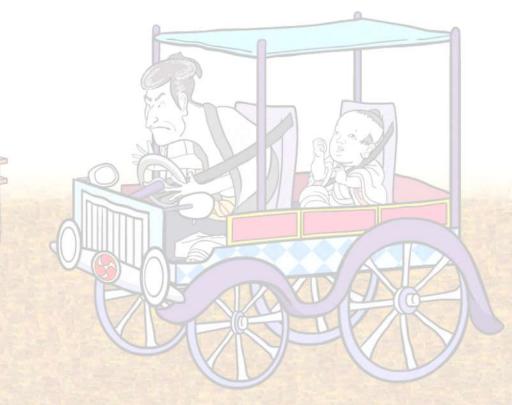




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