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# Evidence on non-communicable diseases: Lessons from the Fukushima Health Management Survey

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## Agenda

- I. NCD after the nuclear accident: what we know
- 2. Estimated radiation dose & NCD
- 3. Possible mechanisms & prevention

#### NCD after the nuclear accident: what we know in CHC

### ≤15y: Children

A certain number of children presented with obesity, dyslipidemia, hyperuricemia, liver dysfunction, hypertension, and IGT. Obesity improved in the follow-up survey, but the improvement of lipid abnormalities in boys was delayed.

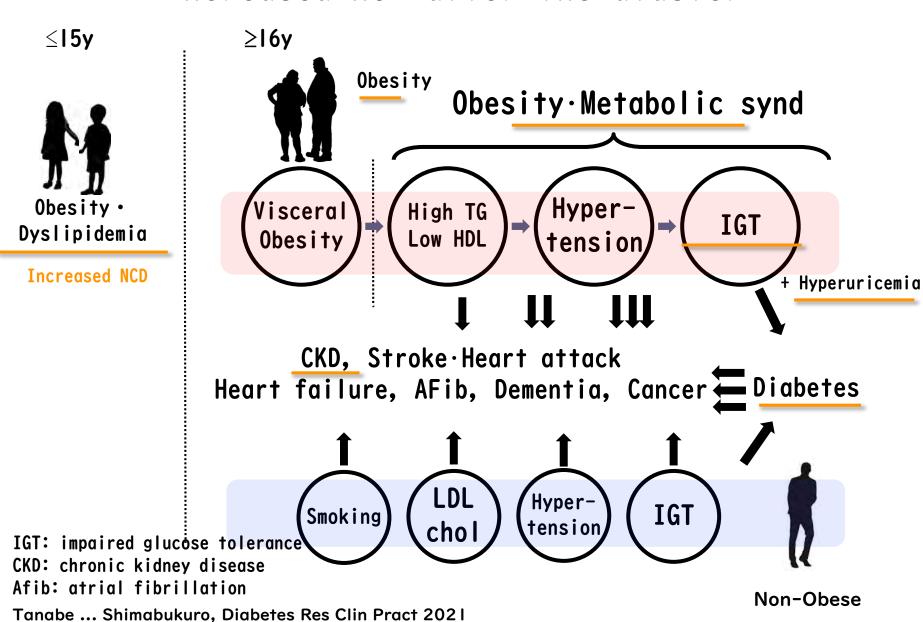
### ≥I6y

- Increased: obesity, metabolic synd, IGT & diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hyperuricemia, and polycythemia
- Increased but improved: blood pressure, LDL-cholesterol (residents under treatment increased), liver dysfunction (decreased due to the improvements of daily physical activity and frequency of breakfast intake)
- No changes: WBC counts and fractions within the evacuated areas: no direct effects observed CHC: The Comprehensive Health Checkup

IGT: impaired glucose tolerance

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#### Increased NCD after the diaster



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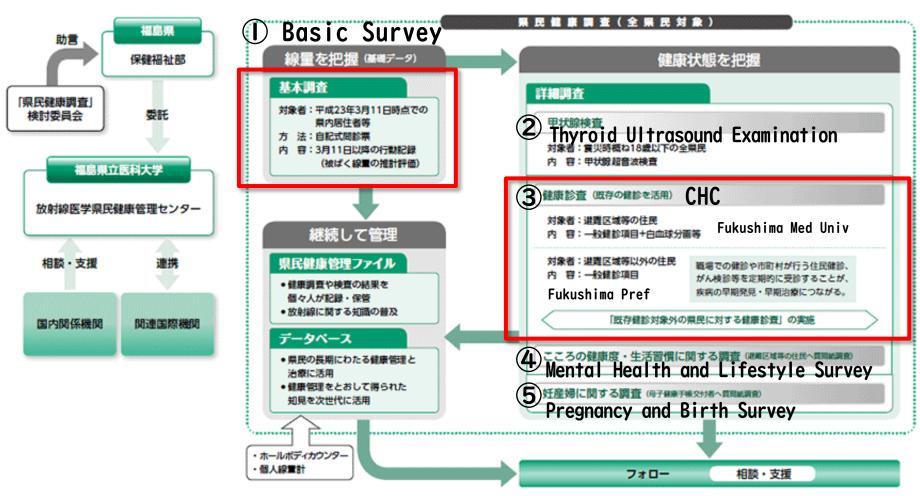
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## FHMS includes 5 surveys



CHC: Comprehensive Health Check

FHMS: Fukushima Health Management Survey

From website of the Radiation Medical Science Center for the Fukushima Health Management Survey, Fukushima Medical University

### Estimated radiation dose & NCD

## Backgrounds

- Basic survey in the Fukushima Health Management Survey
  - Four months after 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE) and the subsequent accidents at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (FDNPP) March II, 2011 to July II, 2011
  - Estimated radiation doses were determined in all Fukushima residents (Yasumura S et al., 2012)

## Purpose

- To determine the relationship between estimated radiation dose and NCD in residents who underwent CHC of FHMS in 2011
- Sakai et al, J Epidemiol 2022:32 (Suppl\_XII);S84.

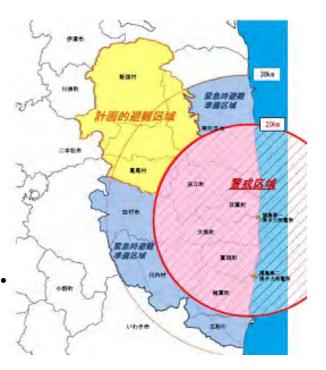
CHC: Comprehensive Health Check

FHMS: Fukushima Health Management Survey

### Methods

- •Residents who had lived in the area surrounding FDNPP and were forced to evacuate by government order after the disaster, and those who have received CHC.
- Participants in CHC 2011, n=72,869 (Men 31,982, Women 40,887) (≥16y, 30.9%) 16-84y, 54,087 (Men 22,599, Women 31,488).
- ●Of the above, 52.5% participated in the Basic Survey. For non-participants, radiation doses were estimated with multiple imputation (age, sex and areas).
- •Residents were categorized to 0-1 ( $\ge 0$  and <1), 1-2 ( $\ge 1$  and <2), and  $\ge 2$  mSv/y groups.
- •With 2011 as a baseline, onsets of NCS from 2012 to 2017 as hazard ratios (95% confidential intervals, CI).
- Hazard ratio (95% CI) were calculated as for I mSv/y as reference in a Cox proportional hazards model.

Evacuation zone on 2011 April 22, Fukushima government HP



CHC: Comprehensive Health Check

FHMS: Fukushima Health Management Survey

### Results: estimated radiation dose

●Residents who participated in the Basic Survey (obtained estimated radiation doses) (n=28,402, 52.5%)

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0-I mSv: n=19,238 (67.7%)
I-2 mSv: n=7,089 (25.0%)
\geq 2 mSv: n=2,075 (7.3%)
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•Residents who did not participated in the Basic Survey(47.5%)(calculated estimated doses with multiple imputation)

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0-1 mSv: 67.5%
1-2 mSv: 24.6%
>2 mSv: 7.9%
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- Distribution: a similar tendency between the above two group
- ●Analyses were done for the Basic Survey + the non-Basic Survey groups, and the Basic Survey group alone.

#### Increased NCD in estimated radiation dose ≥2mSv/y group

	Model I	Model 2a	Model 2b	Model 3	Model 4
Adjusted for	Sex, Age	Sex, Age, BMI	Sex, Age, Evacuation	Sex, Age, BMI, Evacuation	All parameters*
Hypertension	<b>1.29</b> (1.16-1.44)	1.20 (1.08-1.33)	1.22 (1.09-1.36)	1.13 (1.01-1.26)	<b>1.09</b> (0.98-1.22)
Diabetes	. 7 (1.02-1.36)	1.06 (0.92-1.36)	1.09 (0.94-1.27)	1.00 (0.86-1.16)	1.01 (0.87-1.18)
Dyslipidemia	<b>1.28</b> (1.04-1.57)	1.20 (0.98-1.46)	<b>. 9</b> (0.95-1.47)	1.12 (0.90-1.39)	1.13 (0.91-1.40)
Chronic kidney disease	<b>1.04</b> (0.95-1.13)	1.01 (0.92-1.10)	<b>0.99</b> (0.90-1.08)	<b>0.96</b> (0.88-1.06)	1.04 (0.95-1.14)
Hyperuricemia	<b>1.16</b> (1.04-1.29)	<b>1.09</b> (0.98-1.22)	.   (0.99-1.24)	1.05 (0.94-1.18)	1.08 (0.96-1.20)
Liver dysfunction	. 7 (1.06-1.29)	1.13 (1.03-1.24)	1.08 (0.98-1.19)	1.05 (0.95-1.15)	1.06 (0.96-1.17)
Polycythemia	1.32 (1.02-1.71)				1.07 (0.82-1.39)
Anemia	<b>0.88</b> (0.77-1.01)		- · · · · ·	urrent smoking, ng, evacuation,	. 4 (0.99-1.31)
Thrombocytopenia	<b>0.95</b> (0.74-1.23)		hypertention dyslipidemic	, diabetes,	
Lymphocytopenia	<b>0.91</b> (0.73-1.15)		biochemical baseline	parameters at	<b>0.95</b> (0.75-1.20)
Neutropenia	1.08 (0.86-1.36)				1.21 (0.96-1.53)

Numbers are hazard ratios (95% confidential interval) as values with I mSv/y as reference in a Cox proportional hazards model

## Summary

- Estimated doses (>2 mSv/yr) were associated with increased hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, hyperuricemia, liver dysfunction, and polycythemia in an age- and sex-adjusted model. However, the association disappeared after adjustment for evacuation status and lifestyle-related factors.
- ●It is unlikely that the high estimated radiation doses of the evacuees during the first four months after the accident were directly related to the onset of lifestyle-related diseases.
- •Meanwhile, it is presumed that evacuation and lifestyle changes have affected the development of NCD among residents with higher estimated radiation doses.

### Limitation

- •Covered population low in the Basic Survey (30%) could not be representative of the population as a whole. However, post-multiple completion data showed the same results.
- •Since CHC was initiated several months after the accident, they may not reflect the effects of radiation exposure during the acute phase.
- ●The maximum follow-up period for this study was 6 years; longer follow-up is needed to determine the true effect of radiation on NCD.
- The effects of diet, physical activity, and psychological stress were not examined in this study.

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### How NCD Occurs

Socio-economic & environmental risk factors

Globalization Urbanization Air pollution Poverty

Poor education

Discrimination

Inequality

**Stress** 

Behavioral risk factors

Smoking
Unhealthy diet
Physical
inactivity
Heavy alcohol
consumption

NCD Non-communicable diseases

Obesity/Metabolic syndrome Hypertension IGT/Diabetes Dyslipidemia (LDL cholesterol, triglycerides) Complications & Comobididies

Chronic kidney disease Stroke, Heart attack Heart failure Atrial fibrillation Dementia Cancer

NCD-related disabilities

Decline in physical and mental functions
Decline in QOL Shortening in healthy life expectancy & life expectancy

Genetic & Epigenetic risk factors

Dans et al, Lancet 2021:377;680 Park et al, https://bit.ly/3HYhWHC Modified by Shimabukuro



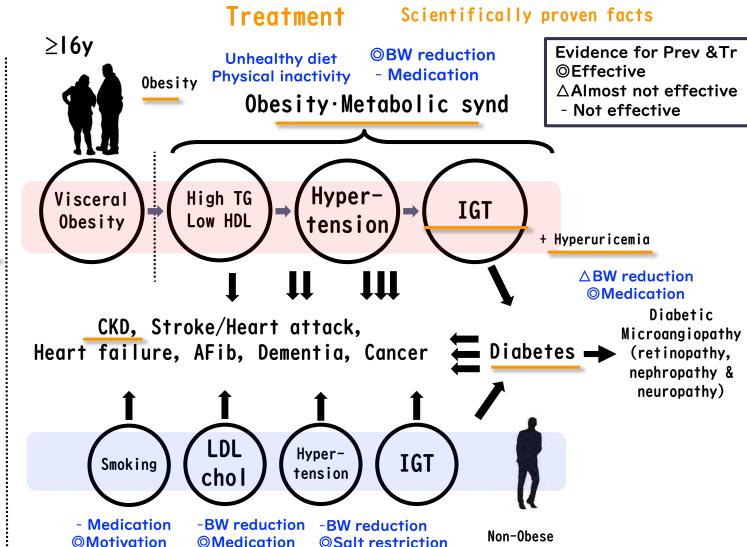


# Lifestyle- and disaster-related factors and NCD risk: CHC 7y $\geq$ 40y, men 10,120, women 13,961

↑ increase,↓ decrease, empty not significant, - not analyzed	obesity leanness		Hyper- tention		Diabetes mellitus		Dyslipi- demia		Liver dysfunction		CKD			
	M	W	M	W	М	W	М	W	М	W	M	W	M	W
Aging		1	1	<b>\</b>	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	<b>↑</b>	1
Obesity	_	_	_	_	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>↑</b>	1
Leanness	_	_	_	_	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>		<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>1</b>				
Excersise ≥ 2x/w									<b>\</b>		1			
Sleep satisfaction								<b>\</b>						
EtOH < 40g/d			<b>\</b>		1			<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	<b>1</b>				
EtOH ≥ 40g/d					1	1			<b>\</b>		1	1	<b>\</b>	
Current smoking			1	1			1		1					
Evacuation		1			1				1	1	1	1		
Change of jobs	1		<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>			1		1		1			
Depressive symptoms											1	1		
PTSD symptoms														
Radiation concerns	1													
Participation in recreation	1		<b>1</b>								1			1

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### Increased NCD after the diaster: **Evidence** for Prevention and



**Medication** 

IGT: impaired glucose tolerance CKD: chronic kidney disease Afib: atrial fibrillation

**≤15y** 

**Unhealthy diet** 

**Physical inactivity** 

Obesity •

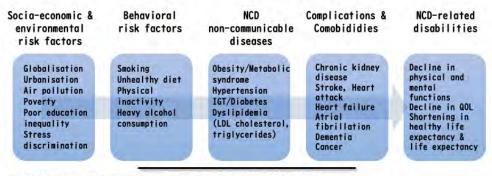
Dyslipidemia

Increased NCD

#### NCD: Who and how to prevent it

#### How NCD Occurs

NCD: Non-communicable diseases



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## Global level

### Country level Government, Ministry

#### Community level Individual level

Local government, community, workplace, school, non-governmental organization (NPO,

NGO)

Individual, Family

- Health policy development and implementation
- Supporting NCD research
- Monitoring of NCD
- Support for national and international cooperation
- Budget for health promotion system (health screening opportunities)
- Research support
- Develop sustained primary health care system

- Offer healthy food
- Offer places and times for physical activity
- Creating systems to support NCD prevention and care services
- Healthy lifestyle
- Health literacy

Budreviciute et al. Front Public Health 2020:574111 Modified by Shimabukuro (Private opinion)

Role of CHC

CHC: Comprehensive Health Check

## Summary

take home message





#### 1. NCD after the nuclear accident

 Increased in adult, partially in children: obesity, metabolic synd, IGT & diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hyperuricemia, and polycythemia.

#### 2. Estimated radiation dose & NCD

Estimated doses were associated with increased NCD
 → Presumably, evacuation and lifestyle changes may have affected the development of NCD among residents with higher estimated radiation doses.

#### 3. Possible mechanisms & Prevention

- ◆ After the accident, evacuation and lifestyle changes →
   unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and smoking & drinking →
   mental problem → obesity accompanying NCD are increasing.
- Individuals (> community, country, and global) learn true health knowledge (=evidence) and commit evidence -based prevention and treatment of NCD.

## Thank you for your attention













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