Trial to “Redefinition of Elderly Abuse”
:based on the recognition of Elderly Abuse
of the nursing care staff

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I. Background of research

1) Increasing number of elderly abuse and improper cares in nursing home

2) The different perception of people in understanding the legal abuse of the Elder Abuse Prevention Law

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2010 report by ministry of health, labour and welfare

- Counseling and report number of elder abuse: 506
- Determining number: 95

Big difference between recognition of abuse and the legal determined elderly abuse
I. Background of research

4) Confusion Caused by the uncertainty of elderly abuse definition

Ambiguity of the abuse definition based on Elder Abuse Prevention Law

How do we define the range of elder abuse?
It is difficult to determine if it’s elder abuse or not

Oowada (2007)
Nisimoto et al (2007)
Mtusida et al (2009)

Some abuse is regarded as elderly abuse in some studies, but in other studies it’s not

That cause difficulties in comparing the results of the study and a confusion in recognition of care staff when we want to solve the problem
I. Background of research

5) The law hardly function as a prevention of abuse

6) The original function of Elder Abuse Prevention Law is to protect the dignity of elder people.

We should review of definition of Elder Abuse: for example, about behaviors violating human rights of the elder people. Because there are many behaviors that is regarded as elderly abuse but it is not included in Elder Abuse Prevention Law.
According to some research, there’s a need to revise the definition of elderly abuse but based on evidence, there is no definition that came up yet
"quasi-abuse" as practical definition

1. Behaviors which there isn’t elderly abuse in Elder Abuse Prevention Law but it should be taken as same as Elderly abuse

2. Behaviors violating human rights of the elders and giving stress or giving mentally or physically harm on elder people
II. Purpose of Research

Based on the recognition of abuse from nursing care staff

To clarify the structures and features of quasi-abuse for the "Redefinition of Elderly abuse"

1. Overcome difficulties in determining elder abuse
   : “that is elder abuse or not”
   “How do we define the range of elder abuse?"

2. Improve the recognition about the elderly abuse to improve the quality of life for the elder people
Participations and Method of Research

- **Participations**
  5,000 nursing care staffs working at nursing home registered in WAMNET: Care insurance database across the country

- **Method of Research**
  Stratified two-stage random sampling
  ex) extracted 1000 facilities based on equal spaces by prefectures out of 6567 elderly nursing facilities

- **Participations of Analysis**
  Collected 1389 responses (response rate 27.78%)
  → 1143 responses (valid response rate 22.9%)
IV. Result 1

Characteristic of subject

1. Women: 64.2%
2. Average age: 38.3
3. Regular employee: 95.3%
4. Having diploma of care worker: 41.4%
5. No Having qualification of care worker: 5.9%
6. Average working experience: 9.2 years
7. Attending experience of seminar about abuse: 50.5%
IV. Result 2  Features and factor structure of Quasi-abuse

Promax method by MLE for abuse recognition of 37 items (n=1143)

- Factor structure of “quasi-abuse” is extracted lack of Dignity, Role, Freedom, Interchange

Cronbach alpha of all the factors have high numbers over 0.80 → Sufficient internal consistency
IV. Result 3  Factors of Quasi-abuse

Rank of factors

: Dignity > Interchange > Role > Freedom  (n=1143)

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- The recognition of nursing care staff about elderly abuse in relation to Dignity and Interchange is high
- The recognition of nursing care staff about elderly abuse in relation to Role and Freedom is low

- Association between elderly abuse recognition and training
  An analysis on the correlation between score of elderly abuse recognition and experience of elderly abuse training shows a significant association (p < 0.01)
V. Conclusion 1 Features and factor structure of Quasi-abuse

Result 1. Four factors of Dignity, Role, Freedom, Interchange

Quasi-abuse is consisted of lack of Dignity, Role, Freedom, Interchange involved with human rights. It's not considered as legal abuse but there are behaviors violating human rights.

⇒ The current law about elderly abuse can’t define unmeasurable human right violation as the abuse

It should expand the definition of the elderly abuse
The recognition of the nursing care staff about elderly abuse in relation to freedom and role is low.

The staff need to improve their understanding about importance of life of the elderly people in relation to freedom and role.
The correlation between Experience of training for abuse prevention and abuse recognition score shows a significant association (p < 0.01)

The abuse prevention training works to improve the recognition of the nursing care staff about elderly abuse.
Thank you!