

The relationship between sleep duration and activities of daily living (ADL) disability in the Chinese oldest-old: A cross-sectional study

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53 **Background**

54 Population ageing has become an irreversible trend as the fertility rate of the world's population
55 declines and life expectancy increases (W. Chen, 2016). China is now in a phase of accelerated
56 ageing, with an average annual increase of 6.2 million elderly people (≥ 65 years-old); therefore,
57 it is particularly important to identify the health patterns, general health status and service needs
58 of the elderly population (Shi, 2021). There is growing concern about the impact of sleep on the
59 health and well-being of elderly people (Frohnhofen, 2020; Rodriguez, Dzierzewski, & Alessi,
60 2015), and activities of daily living (ADL) disability is also an important health issue for the
61 elderly population (Chatterji, Byles, Cutler, Seeman, & Verdes, 2015; Gill, Gahbauer, Han, &
62 Allore, 2015; Zeng, Feng, Hesketh, Christensen, & Vaupel, 2017). ADL is a set of basic human
63 functions that people must perform repeatedly every day to live independently, such as basic
64 movement and skills to perform clothing, eating and transportation (Katz & Akpom, 1976).
65 Frailty can result in ADL disability (hardly completing daily activities), which places a huge
66 burden on their family, society and health care systems (Vermeulen, Neyens, van Rossum,
67 Spreeuwenberg, & de Witte, 2011).

68 The National Sleep Foundation recommends a sleep duration of 7-8 h for older adults
69 (Hirshkowitz et al., 2015). Too little or too much sleep duration can increase the risk of
70 morbidity and mortality from cardiovascular disease (CVD), osteoporosis and stroke in older
71 adults (da Silva et al., 2016; Moradi, Shab-Bidar, Alizadeh, & Djafarian, 2017; Ren, Miao, Yuan,
72 & Sun, 2020; Titova, Michaëlsson, & Larsson, 2020; Wang et al., 2019; Zhou et al., 2020) and is
73 associated with cognitive impairment and dementia (Ferrie et al., 2011; Lo, Groeger, Cheng,
74 Dijk, & Chee, 2016; Potvin et al., 2012; Schmutte et al., 2007). Moreover, both cognitive
75 dysfunction and cardiovascular risk factors are associated with ADL disability among elderly
76 people (Andersen et al., 2015; Covassin & Singh, 2016; Cukierman-Yaffe, Bosch, Jung,
77 Punthakee, & Gerstein, 2019; Karssemeijer et al., 2017; Sousa et al., 2009; Štefan, Vrgoč,
78 Rupčić, Sporiš, & Sekulić, 2018; Zeng et al., 2017; Zhang, Wu, Han, & Liu, 2019).

79 Previous studies have mostly focused on the association between sleep duration and cognitive

80 function, morbidity and mortality risk of other chronic diseases in elderly people (J. C. Chen et
81 al., 2016; Kawada, 2019; Ma et al., 2020; Suh et al., 2018), but few studies have examined the
82 relationship between sleep duration and ADL disability. In a study based on US night shift
83 workers, Yong et al. found that sleep duration was associated with ADL disability (Yong, Li, &
84 Calvert, 2017); Ishimaru et al. found that long sleep duration was associated with ADL disability
85 in Japanese patients with dementia (Ishimaru et al., 2021). However, the relationship between
86 sleep duration and ADL disability in the oldest-old population (≥ 90 years-old) has not been
87 studied.

88 The relationship between ADL disability and sleep duration in the oldest-old population is
89 therefore unclear. With the improvement of lifestyle, medical conditions and population health
90 awareness, living a long and healthy life is becoming more common in China and across the
91 world, and the oldest-old people, especially the natural oldest-old population in the Guangxi
92 region, are examples of absolute health and longevity. Therefore, these individuals have very
93 important research value. Research among this populations will provide clues to healthy
94 lifestyles for the general population and to the development of rehabilitation treatment programs
95 for oldest-old people in clinical practice. Considering the decline in physical recovery in the
96 oldest-old people, we suspected that their optimal sleep duration may be different from that of
97 other populations, because they need more rest time to recover their energy. Therefore, the
98 present study aims to investigate the relationship between sleep duration and ADL disability in
99 the oldest-old population based on the Guangxi Longevity Population Database.

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101 **Methods**

102 **Participants**

103 The Guangxi Longevity Population Database, which was established to analyse the association
104 between longevity and related factors in the oldest-old people, was based on an ongoing
105 longitudinal study of a natural longevity cohort in Dongxing and Shanglin in Guangxi Zhuang
106 Autonomous Region, China. This cross-sectional study used data collected from January 2019 to

107 December 2019, and a total of 1,805 participants were recruited. We defined the oldest-old
108 population as people older than 90 years (Ouchi et al., 2017). The exclusion criteria were as
109 follows: (1) age < 90-year-old; (2) patients who were bedridden; and (3) had resided locally for
110 less than 1 year. A schematic of the inclusion and exclusion of the oldest-old people in this study
111 is shown in **Figure 1**.

112 **Procedure**

113 With the help of local village doctors, a household survey was conducted according to the
114 participant number, and the physical measurement and questionnaire survey for the oldest-old
115 people was conducted by professional nursing staff. If participants felt any discomfort, the
116 survey was stopped immediately and resumed after a 10-minute break. All surveys were
117 completed between 8 am and 5 pm during the day, with the permission of the oldest-old guardian.
118 The study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (Williams, 2008), and
119 the protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of Beijing Hospital (2019BJYYEC-118-02).
120 All participants signed informed consent forms.

121 **Sleep duration**

122 We collected data on sleep duration by face-to-face inquiry using the question: “How many
123 hours, approximately, on average do you sleep per day, including napping?” with participants
124 answering an integer number. We categorized sleep duration as < 10 hours, 10-12 hours (the
125 reference), and ≥ 12 hours.

126 **ADL disability**

127 ADL disability was assessed by using the Katz index in six essential parts: bathing, transferring,
128 dressing, eating, toileting, and continence (Katz, Ford, Moskowitz, Jackson, & Jaffe, 1963). The
129 Chinese version of the Katz index scale, which has been extensively tested in previous studies,
130 has been widely proven to have its reliability as well as validity (Gu, 2008; Liu, Han, Wang,
131 Feng, & Gill, 2019; Yi, Vaupel, Zhenyu, Chunyuan, & Yuzhi, 2001). Participants were asked if
132 they could independently perform five activities (bathing, transferring, dressing, eating, and
133 toileting) or had trouble with incontinence (Katz et al., 1963). We defined those who could

134 independently complete the above five activities and be continent as ADL normal, and ADL
135 disability was identified as requiring assistance to complete one or more of the above five
136 activities or being incontinent.

137 **Variables**

138 Demographic information included age, gender (male, female), race/ethnicity (Han, Zhuang,
139 others), and marital status (married, others). Lifestyle included smoking status (smoker, none),
140 drinking status (drinker, none), body mass index (BMI), daily activity status, self-reported sleep
141 quality (good, rather good, cannot sleep), field crop, meat, and health status.

142 **Statistical analysis**

143 We used R x64 4.1.2 to conduct all analyses and GraphPad Prism 8 to draw bar charts.
144 Characteristics of participants were summarized according to the levels of ADL. The type of
145 distribution of continuous variables was tested by the Shapiro–Wilk test, presenting them as the
146 mean (standard deviation) or median (interquartile range). Differences in continuous variables
147 were assessed by Student’s t test or the Mann-Whitney U test, and are represented by the mean
148 (SD) or median (IQR); differences in categorical variables were assessed by the chi-square test,
149 and are reported as percentages (%). The prevalence of ADL disability in the oldest-old
150 population was calculated according to age, gender and ethnicity, as shown in the bar chart. The
151 restricted cubic spline function (RCS), which has been used to test the nonlinear association
152 between continuous variables and disease and to explore the optimal values of continuous
153 variables in many studies (Y. B. Lv et al., 2018; Yu. et al., 2022), was used to assess the dose-
154 response relationship between sleep duration and ADL disability with the “rms” package in R (Jr,
155 2022). Based on the results of the univariate analysis, the odds ratio (ORs) of the associations
156 between long/short sleep duration and ADL disability were estimated by logistic regression
157 models with adjustment for multiple variables (adjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, smoking,
158 drinking, meat, field crop, BMI, sleep quality, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, respiratory
159 disease, cancer, dementia and stroke) with the “MASS” package in R (Venables & Ripley, 2002).
160 *P* values < 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

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162 **Results**

163 **Characteristics of the participants**

164 The characteristics of the participants are shown in **Table 1** according to the level of ADL. A
165 total of 1,798 participants were finally included in this study, with 481 (26.8%) being male and
166 1,317 (73.2%) being female. The median (IQR) age of the study population was 92.0 (91.0, 94.0)
167 years for ADL normal and 93.0 (91.0, 95.0) for ADL disability. Approximately 19.5% of the
168 ADL normal people were Han and 69.6% were Zhuang, whereas approximately 28.4% of the
169 ADL disability population were Han and 64.1% were Zhuang. Compared with the ADL
170 disability participants, ADL normal people were more likely to have daily activity, good sleep
171 quality and eating field crops ($p < 0.05$). Other characteristics between the ADL normal and
172 ADL disability groups did not differ significantly ($p > 0.05$).

173 **The prevalence of ADL disability by age, race and sex**

174 The age- and gender-specific rates of ADL disability are illustrated in **Figure 2**. Overall, the
175 prevalence of ADL disability was higher in centenarians (87%) than nonagenarians (61%), and
176 the prevalence was also higher in females than in males (62% vs. 58%, 88% vs. 83%).

177 **Figure 3** shows the prevalence of ADL disability by gender for different ethnicities. The
178 prevalence was 71% in the Han population (68% in males and 72% in females), 60% in the
179 Zhuang population (54% in males and 62% in females) and 53% in other ethnic populations (53%
180 in males and 53% in females).

181 **The relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL disability**

182 The dose–response relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL disability among the
183 oldest-old individuals (≥ 90 years) is illustrated in **Figure 4**. The restricted cubic spline function
184 showed a nonlinear dose–response relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL
185 disability. Furthermore, the oldest-old individuals with 8-10 h of sleep duration had a decreased
186 risk of ADL disability.

187 **Table 2** indicates that sleep duration (≥ 12 hours) is associated with an increased risk of ADL

188 disability among the oldest-old individuals after adjusting for confounding factors (OR = 1.46,
189 95% CI [1.02, 2.10], $p < 0.05$). There was no significant association between sleep duration (<
190 10 hours) and the risk of ADL disability after adjustment.

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192 **Discussion**

193 In the current cross-sectional study, we observed that the overall prevalence of ADL disability
194 among the oldest-old individuals was 62%, which was much higher than the reported rate of 32%
195 (Jiang & Liu, 2020), and the female and Han populations were vulnerable to ADL disability. In
196 addition, we found that sleep duration was associated with ADL disability in the oldest-old
197 population, long sleep duration (≥ 12 h) could increase the risk of ADL disability by 47%, and
198 the optimal sleep duration could be approximately 8-10 hours. To our knowledge, this is the first
199 study to estimate the association between sleep duration and ADL disability in the oldest-old
200 Chinese population, and we further evaluated their optimal sleep duration.

201 The prevalence of ADL disability varies by region and gender and is related to factors such as
202 the level of medical care and ethnicity. A national study recruited 52,667 Chinese participants
203 over 80 years-old and found a decreasing trend in the prevalence of ADL disability from 18%
204 (1998) to 12% (2008) (Hou et al., 2018). A cross-sectional study conducted in 2020 showed that
205 the prevalence of ADL disability among the Chinese elderly population was 32%, and females
206 (36%) had a higher prevalence than males (27%) (Jiang & Liu, 2020). Considering the relatively
207 low level of health resource allocation in Guangxi as well as the obvious disparity between urban
208 and rural areas (H. Luo, Nong, & Tang, 2017), the overall prevalence of ADL disability in the
209 Guangxi oldest-old population (63%) was significantly higher than the reported rate (32%)
210 (Jiang & Liu, 2020). Consistent with our findings, Li et al. revealed that the prevalence of ADL
211 disability was higher in females than in males (Li, Tang, & Wang, 2016). In addition,
212 inconsistent with our findings, several studies found that elderly people of Han nationality had a
213 higher risk of ADL disability (Ran et al., 2019; Xu, Yang, Miao, & Hu, 2020), which may result
214 from multiple factors, such as the environment and heredity. The oldest-old population of

215 Zhuang nationality has a lower risk of ADL disability than the oldest-old Han individuals due to
216 their long life in mountainous areas and better rope ladder dexterity (Z. Lv, P. et al., 2003).
217 Moreover, the frequency of carrying the *Apo E ε 2* allele was higher in the Zhuang population
218 (15%) than in the Han population (9%) (R. X. Yin, Pan, Wu, Lin, & Yang, 2008), while the *Apo*
219 *E ε 2* allele was associated with a decreased risk of ADL disability (Kulminski et al., 2008).
220 Therefore, a lower prevalence of ADL disability was found in the Zhuang population.

221 There is a nonlinear correlation between sleep duration and ADL disability, which could be
222 mediated by chronic disease (hypertension, CVD) or immune inflammation. This study found a
223 U-shaped relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL disability, which is consistent
224 with previous research findings (Gangwisch et al., 2008; J. Yin et al., 2017), and long sleep
225 duration was associated with an increased risk of ADL disability after adjusting for potential
226 confounders. As a potential confounding factor, meat consumption was associated with the sleep
227 duration and quality of the elderly by influencing neurotransmitters (serotonin and melatonin)
228 (Lana et al., 2019). Smoking, alcohol consumption and obesity are also potential factors
229 affecting sleep and ADL by influencing the nervous system and hormone levels in the body
230 (Bayon, Leger, Gomez-Merino, Vecchierini, & Chennaoui, 2014; Htoo, Talwar, Feinsilver, &
231 Greenberg, 2004; Thakkar, Sharma, & Sahota, 2015). Although the mechanisms underlying the
232 association between sleep duration and ADL disability are unclear, one study has shown that
233 short and long sleep durations increase the risk of hypertension among Chinese adults (S. Luo, Y.
234 et al., 2021), which may lead to cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) that lower the quality of life and
235 daily activity ability in the elderly individuals. Another Japanese study found that short and long
236 sleep durations increase the risk of dementia (Ohara et al., 2018), which has an impact on
237 communication skills, behaviour and discrimination.

238 In addition, sleep has a bidirectional association with the body's immune system (Irwin, 2019).
239 Acute infectious illnesses lead to fatigue and sleepiness by activating central nervous system
240 (CNS) responses (Dantzer & Kelley, 2007), and it has often been found that cytokines (IL-1,
241 TNF, IL-6) reach their highest circulating levels in the early morning and during sleep

242 (Cermakian et al., 2013; Lange, Dimitrov, & Born, 2010). In addition, several studies have
243 reported a relationship of inflammatory markers (CRP, IL-6) with short sleep duration (Chiang,
244 2014; Ferrie et al., 2013). Multiple studies have revealed that long sleep duration was associated
245 with elevated inflammatory markers (Patel et al., 2009; Prather, Vogelzangs, & Penninx, 2015),
246 which have an influence on the impairment of cognition (Leigh & Morris, 2020) and motion
247 (Visser, Pluijm, Stel, Bosscher, & Deeg, 2002) in the elderly individuals. Dysregulation of
248 inflammation, therefore, could be a potential mechanism of association between sleep duration
249 and ADL disability. Related studies have shown that sleep is associated with changes in the
250 epigenome, such as DNA methylation and histone modification (Gaine, Chatterjee, & Abel,
251 2018), which provides another way to explore the mechanism linking sleep duration to ADL
252 disability.

253 Studies on optimal sleep duration are currently limited to the general population (30-70 years-
254 old), but there are no relevant studies about oldest-old people. One study involving 116,632
255 participants (35-70 years-old) from 21 countries indicated a sleep duration of 6-8 hours was
256 associated with the lowest risk of demise, and the optimal value of sleep duration was
257 approximately 7 hours (Wang et al., 2019). However, our results showed that two more hours of
258 sleep could be beneficial for daily activities in the oldest-old population. Similarly, one Swedish
259 study revealed that sleeping longer than 7 hours could decrease the risk of all-cause mortality
260 among people over approximately 87 years-old (Åkerstedt et al., 2017), which indirectly
261 validated our results. Explanations for the benefits of longer sleep duration in oldest-old
262 individuals are uncertain, and further research is needed. One possible reason for this result is
263 that a sleep duration of two more hours is advantageous for the oldest-old individuals to restore
264 functions and sustain energy.

265 Our results reveal that the optimal sleep duration of the Chinese oldest-old population is higher
266 than that of other populations, which could provide clues to the development of a healthy
267 lifestyle for the oldest-old population. In clinical practice, medical staff should be aware of the
268 potential risk for ADL disability in oldest-old people caused by excessive sleep duration during

269 treatment and try to keep their sleep duration from 8 h to 10 h. There are some limitations in this
270 study. (1) This study is a cross-sectional study without a causal relationship. It is possible that the
271 oldest-old people with ADL disabilities need longer hours of sleep; therefore, further large
272 cohort studies are needed for validation. (2) There may be some information bias in collecting
273 sleep duration through participants' self-assessment, and all questionnaires used self-report scales.
274 (3) Our study was working in a specific part of China, and the results lacked national
275 representation. (4) Our study participants were composed of multiple ethnic groups. Therefore,
276 future nationally representative cohort studies focusing on each ethnic group are warranted.

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278 **Conclusion**

279 In summary, females and the Han population are more likely to have ADL disability in the
280 oldest-old population. A sleep duration longer than 12 hours may be associated with the
281 increased risk of ADL disability among the oldest-old Chinese. The optimal sleep duration
282 among this population could be 8-10 h.

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492 **Figure Legends**

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494 **FIGURE 1** | Recruitment and exclusion of participants.

495 Reasons for excluding participants are given on the right. *n*, number.

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497 **FIGURE 2** | Gender and age-specific prevalence of ADL disability.

498 The prevalence of ADL disability was higher in centenarians than in nonagenarians, and the
499 prevalence was also higher in females than in males.

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501 **FIGURE 3** | Ethnicity and age-specific prevalence of ADL disability.

502 The prevalence of ADL disability in the Han population was higher than that in the Zhuang
503 population and other ethnic populations, and the prevalence was also higher in females than in
504 males within the Han and Zhuang populations.

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506 **FIGURE 4** | Dose – response relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL disability.

507 The solid line represents estimated odds ratio of sleep duration for ADL disability. Red shading
508 above and below the line represents modelled 95% confidence intervals. OR: odds ratio; CI:
509 confidence interval.

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Table 1 (on next page)

Table 1 Characteristics of participants according to the level of ADL, *n* (%).

Others in Marital status includes unmarried, divorced and widowed; Others in Ethnicity includes Yao, Miao, Gin and Li; M, mean; SD, standard deviation; *P*-values in bold are statistically significant.

1 **TABLE 1** | Characteristics of participants according to the level of ADL, *n* (%).

Variable	All (<i>n</i> = 1798)	ADL normal (<i>n</i> = 677)	ADL disability (<i>n</i> = 1121)	<i>p</i> value
Age, y (M, IQR)	92.0 (91.0, 95.0)	92.0 (91.0, 94.0)	93.0 (91.0, 95.0)	<0.001
Sex				
Male	481 (26.8)	200 (29.5)	281 (25.1)	0.038
Female	1317 (73.2)	477 (70.5)	840 (74.9)	
BMI, kg/m² (M±IQR)	19.1 (16.9, 21.8)	19.3 (17.1, 22.0)	19.0 (16.8, 21.7)	0.254
Ethnicity				
Han	450 (25.0)	132 (19.5)	318 (28.4)	<0.001
Zhuang	1190 (66.2)	471 (69.6)	719 (64.1)	
Others	158 (8.8)	74 (10.9)	84 (7.5)	
Marital status				
Married	304 (16.9)	124 (18.3)	180 (16.1)	0.216
Others	1494 (83.1)	553 (81.7)	941 (83.9)	
Smoking				
Smoker	66 (3.7)	30 (4.4)	36 (3.2)	0.183
None	1732 (96.3)	647 (95.6)	1085 (96.8)	
Consuming alcohol				
Drinker	137 (7.6)	60 (8.9)	77 (6.9)	0.123
None	1661 (92.4)	617 (91.1)	1044 (93.1)	
Daily activity status				
Yes	1173 (65.2)	596 (88.0)	577 (51.5)	<0.001
No	625 (34.8)	81 (12.0)	544 (48.5)	
Sleep duration				
< 10 h	1213 (67.5)	453 (66.9)	760 (67.8)	0.703
10-12 h	434 (24.1)	170 (25.1)	264 (23.6)	
>12 h	151 (8.4)	54 (8.0)	97 (8.7)	
Sleep quality				
Good	841 (46.8)	362 (53.5)	479 (42.7)	<0.001
Rather good	819 (45.6)	270 (39.9)	549 (49.0)	
Cannot sleep	138 (7.7)	45 (6.6)	93 (8.3)	
Field crop				
Yes	1136 (63.2)	474 (70.0)	662 (59.1)	<0.001
No	662 (36.8)	203 (30.0)	459 (40.9)	
Meat				
Yes	1652 (91.9)	623 (92.0)	1029 (91.8)	0.862
No	146 (8.1)	54 (8.0)	92 (8.2)	
Hypertension				
Yes	598 (33.3)	240 (35.5)	358 (31.9)	0.125
No	1200 (66.7)	437 (64.5)	763 (68.1)	

Diabetes

Yes	47 (2.6)	21 (3.1)	26 (2.3)	0.314
No	1751 (97.4)	656 (96.9)	1095 (97.7)	

2 *Note.* “Others” in Marital status includes unmarried, divorced and widowed; “Others” in Ethnicity
3 includes Yao, Miao, Gin and Li; M, median; IQR, Interquartile Range; *p* value in bold are
4 statistically significant.

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Table 2 Association between sleep duration and ADL disability among the oldest-old (≥ 90 years).

Model 1 was adjusted for Age, Gender, Ethnicity. Model 2 was adjusted for Age, Gender, Ethnicity, Smoking, Drinking. Model 3 was adjusted for Age, Gender, Ethnicity, Smoking, Drinking, Meat, Field crop, BMI, Sleep quality. Bold means statistically significant.

1 **TABLE 2** | Association between sleep duration and ADL disability among the oldest-old (≥ 90 years).

Variable	All	ADL disability	ORs (95% CI)	<i>p</i>
Sleep duration				
< 10 h	1213	760	1.11 (0.90-1.37)	0.345
10-12 h	434	264	Ref	
≥ 12 h	151	97	1.46 (1.02-2.10)	0.041

2 *Note.* Adjustment for age, gender, ethnicity, smoking, drinking, meat, field crop, BMI, sleep quality, heart
 3 disease, diabetes, hypertension, respiratory disease, cancer, dementia and stroke; Bold values are statistically
 4 significant.

Figure 1

Figure 1 Recruitment and exclusion of participants.

Figure 1 Reasons for excluding participants are given on the right. n , number.

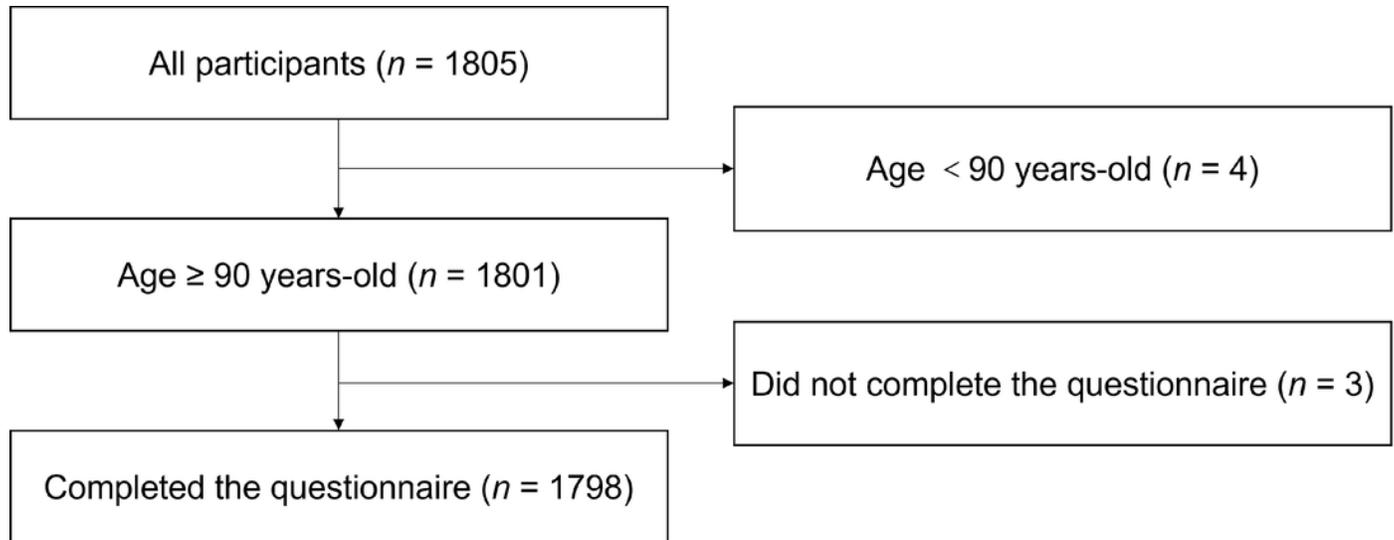


Figure 2

Figure 2 Gender and age-specific prevalence of ADL disability.

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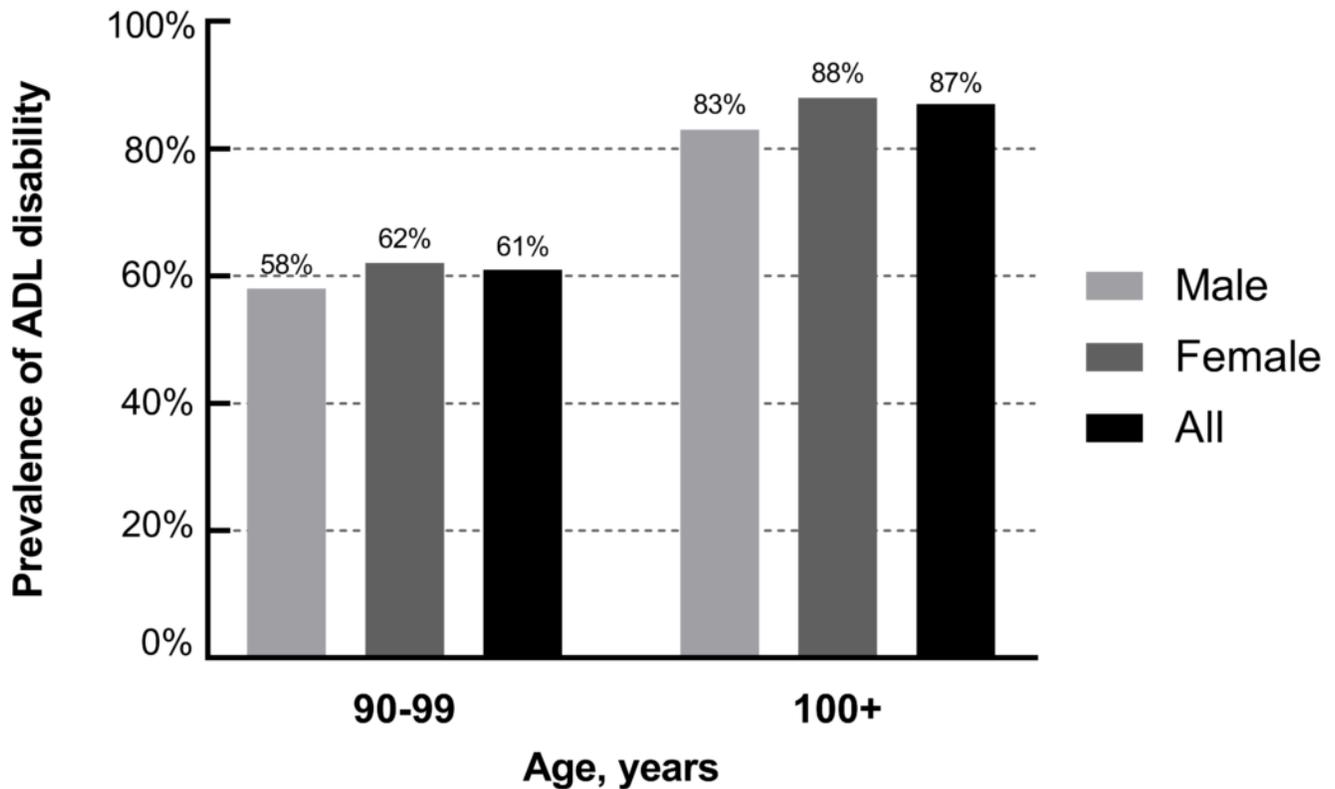


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Figure 3 Ethnicity and age-specific prevalence of ADL disability.

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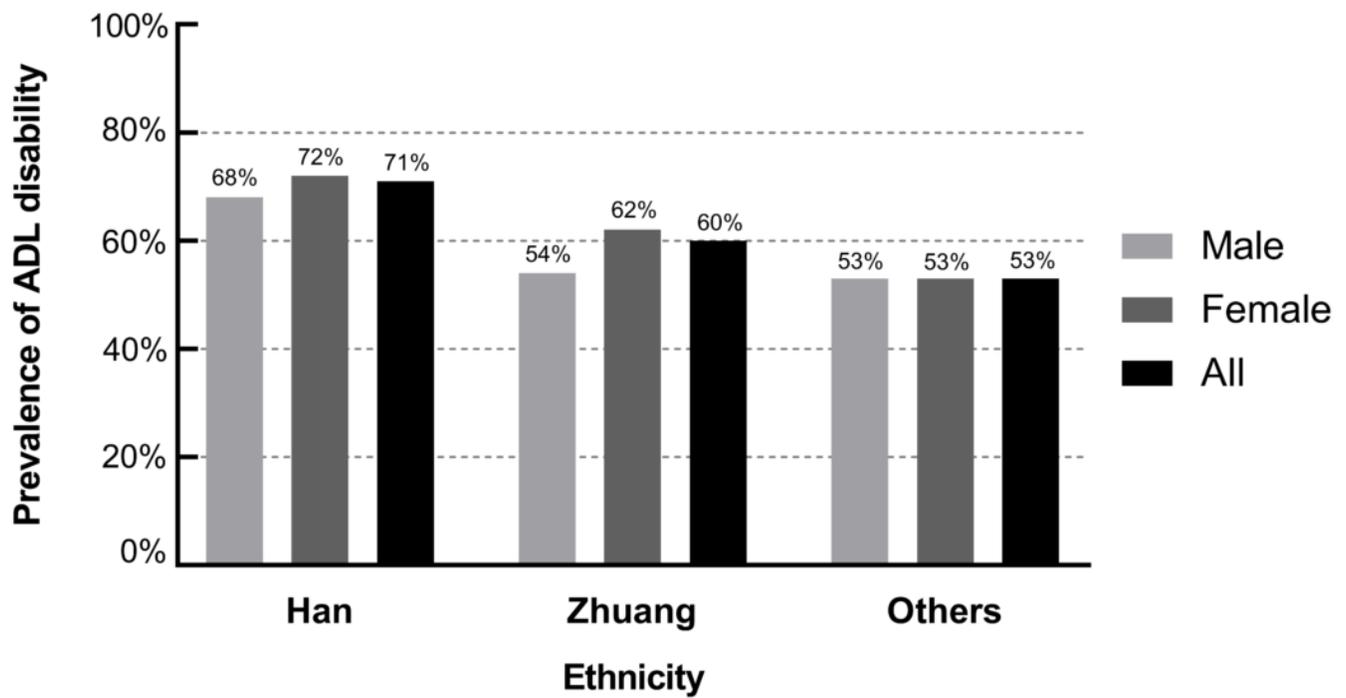


Figure 4

Figure 4 Dose-response relationship between sleep duration and the risk of ADL disability.

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