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Table 1. Parental and child basic characteristics (N = 121).

Parental characteristics		Mean $\pm$ S.D. or median (IQR) or number (%)
Maternal age (years)		30.9 $\pm$ 4.8
Maternal education	$\leq$ 12 years	47 (38.8)
	> 12 years	74 (61.2)
Paternal age (years)		32.7 $\pm$ 5.9
Paternal education	$\leq$ 12 years	37 (30.6)
	> 12 years	84 (69.4)
Family income	< 5M yen	76 (62.8)
	$\geq$ 5M yen	45 (37.2)
Maternal working during pregnancy	Yes	12 (9.9)
	No	109 (90.1)
Maternal smoking during pregnancy	Yes	13 (10.7)
	No	108 (89.3)
Maternal prepregnancy BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )		20.9 $\pm$ 2.6
Parity	0	69 (57.0)
	1	38 (31.4)
	$\geq$ 2	14 (11.6)
Caffeine intake during pregnancy (mg/day)		120.75 (66.75-183.50)
Alcohol consumption during pregnancy	Yes	41 (33.9)
	No	80 (66.1)
Child characteristics		
Sex	Male	53 (43.8)
	Female	68 (56.2)
Birth weight (g)		3158 $\pm$ 316
Birth length (cm)		48.5 $\pm$ 1.5
Gestational age (days)		278.5 $\pm$ 7.1
Duration of breast feeding*	< 3 months	8 (6.6)
	$\geq$ 3 months	71 (58.7)
	Data missing	42 (34.7)

\* Duration of breast feeding was obtained from questionnaire at 18 month old.

\*\* Maximum score is 30. \*\*\* Maximum score is 38.

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Table 2. Characteristics of exposure and outcomes.

Characteristics	Mean $\pm$ S.D. or median (IQR) or number (%)
Cord blood BPA level (ng/ml)	0.050 (LOD-0.076)
BSID-II MDI @ 6 month	90.7 (5.9)
BSID-II PDI @ 6 month	90.4 (11.0)
HOME score @ 6 month**	22.8 (2.6)
BSID-II MDI @ 18 month (N = 86)	83.3 (11.7)
BSID-II PDI @ 18 month (N = 86)	88.0 (12.0)
HOME score @ 18 month*** (N = 89)	28.0 (3.7)
TSH ( $\mu$ U/ml)	1.90 (1.10-3.20)
FT4 (ng/ml)	2.00 (1.80-2.25)

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Table 3. BPA levels and MDI, PDI scores at 6 and 18 months in relation to participants' characteristics.

Parental characteristics		BPA levels		MDI at 6 month		PDI at 6 month		MDI at 18 month		PDI at 18 month	
		mean (S.D)	p-value	mean (S.D)	p-value	mean (S.D)	p-value	mean (S.D)	p-value	mean (S.D)	p-value
Maternal age (years)		$\rho = -0.110$	0.230	$\rho = 0.098$	0.284	$\rho = -0.064$	0.484	$\rho = -0.019$	0.863	$\rho = -0.060$	0.582
Paternal age (years)		$\rho = -0.097$	0.289	$\rho = 0.112$	0.221	$\rho = -0.153$	0.093	$\rho = 0.001$	0.993	$\rho = -0.075$	0.494
Maternal Education	$\leq 12$ years	0.057 (0.036)	0.578	91.2 (4.4)	0.472	90.9 (10.1)	0.722	83.2 (13.2)	0.978	86.1 (12.3)	0.252
	$> 12$ years	0.053 (0.036)		90.5 (6.7)		90.2 (11.6)		83.3 (10.8)		89.2 (12.7)	
Paternal Education	$\leq 12$ years	0.061 (0.043)	0.194	89.7 (5.9)	0.201	90.6 (11.4)	0.908	79.6 (11.4)	0.071	83.8 (11.6)	0.043*
	$> 12$ years	0.052 (0.033)		91.2 (5.9)		90.4 (10.8)		84.7 (11.6)		89.6 (11.8)	
Family income	$< 5$ Myen	0.058 (0.040)	0.153	90.6 (6.1)	0.693	90.8 (11.3)	0.632	81.2 (11.3)	0.043*	87.1 (12.6)	0.388
	$\geq 5$ Myen	0.049 (0.028)		91.0 (5.6)		89.8 (10.4)		86.3 (11.8)		89.3 (11.1)	
Maternal working during pregnancy	Yes	0.042 (0.033)	0.183	90.5 (5.9)	0.218	87.8 (11.5)	0.386	82.5 (10.7)	0.867	90.7 (10.4)	0.573
	No	0.056 (0.036)		92.7 (6.2)		90.7 (10.9)		83.3 (11.8)		87.8 (12.0)	
Maternal smoking during pregnancy	Yes	0.064 (0.031)	0.311	89.0 (7.1)	0.263	87.2 (10.6)	0.265	79.5 (8.9)	0.415	84.0 (10.4)	0.401
	No	0.054 (0.037)		91.0 (5.8)		90.8 (11.0)		83.6 (11.9)		88.3 (12.1)	
Parity	0	0.056 (0.035)	0.831	90.8 (5.8)	0.324	90.4 (11.8)	0.876	81.6 (12.4)	0.124	86.9 (12.1)	0.071
	1	0.056 (0.041)		89.7 (6.5)		90.3 (9.5)		86.9 (10.4)		87.2 (11.8)	
	$\geq 2$	0.048 (0.029)		93.0 (4.6)		90.8 (11.3)		80.2 (10.1)		96.4 (9.5)	
Caffeine intake during pregnancy (mg/day)		$\rho = 0.028$	0.759	$\rho = -0.093$	0.310	$\rho = -0.230$	0.011*	$\rho = 0.008$	0.938	$\rho = -0.071$	0.518
Alcohol consumption during pregnancy	Yes	0.053 (0.034)	0.636	90.6 (6.0)	0.885	91.4 (10.6)	0.500	83.9 (9.9)	0.704	89.6 (11.3)	0.352
	No	0.056 (0.037)		90.8 (5.9)		90.0 (11.2)		82.9 (12.7)		87.1 (12.4)	
<b>Child characteristics</b>											
Sex	Male	0.055 (0.030)	0.856	91.4 (5.5)	0.273	90.2 (9.4)	0.815	79.4 (11.3)	0.005	84.0 (10.9)	0.006*
	Female	0.054 (0.041)		90.2 (6.2)		90.6 (12.1)		86.4 (11.2)		91.1 (12.0)	
Birth weight (g)		$\rho = 0.127$	0.164	$\rho = 0.063$	0.491	$\rho = 0.075$	0.415	$\rho = -0.037$	0.737	$\rho = 0.089$	0.417
Birth length (cm)		$\rho = 0.063$	0.492	$\rho = 0.009$	0.918	$\rho = 0.112$	0.220	$\rho = -0.039$	0.720	$\rho = -0.005$	0.966
Gestational age (days)		$\rho = 0.025$	0.787	$\rho = 0.125$	0.170	$\rho = 0.087$	0.345	$\rho = 0.209$	0.053	$\rho = 0.105$	0.334
Duration of breast feeding*	$< 3$ months	0.042 (0.026)	0.229	90.3 (3.5)	0.879	95.4 (13.8)	0.250	80.0 (3.9)	0.123	88.7 (9.7)	0.760
	$\geq 3$ months	0.059 (0.039)		90.6 (6.5)		90.8 (10.3)		83.7 (11.8)		87.1 (12.4)	
HOME scale @ 6 month**		$\rho = -0.009$	0.822	$\rho = 0.005$	0.953	$\rho = -0.030$	0.747				
HOME scale @ 18 month***		$\rho = -0.072$	0.502					$\rho = 0.201$	0.072	$\rho = 0.201$	0.072

\* Duration of breast feeding was determined from questionnaire at 18 month old.

\*\* Maximum score is 30. \*\*\* Maximum score is 38.

Table 4. Association between natural log transformed TSH, FT4 levels at birth and natural log transformed cord blood BPA concentration (N=121).

	TSH		FT4	
	Adjusted <sup>a</sup> $\beta$ (95%CI)	p-value	Adjusted <sup>a</sup> $\beta$ (95%CI)	p-value
All	-0.15 (-0.38, 0.08)	0.206	0.03 (-0.02, 0.08)	0.289
Male	0.05 (-0.38, 0.48)	0.823	0.04 (-0.05, 0.12)	0.409
Female	-0.23 (-0.50, 0.04)	0.089	0.02 (-0.05, 0.09)	0.491

<sup>a</sup> Adjusted for child's age (days) at hormone measurement.

Table 5. Association between BSID-II (MDI, PDI) at 6 month and natural log transformed cord blood BPA concentration (N=121).

	Crude		Adjusted <sup>a</sup>	
	$\beta$	p-value	$\beta$	p-value
All				
MDI @ 6 month	-0.56 (-2.26, 1.15)	0.521	-0.65 (-2.39, 1.05)	0.463
PDI @ 6 month	-1.37 (-4.53, 1.78)	0.390	-1.50 (-4.71, 1.71)	0.357
Male				
MDI @ 6 month	1.52 (-1.15, 4.20)	0.258	1.38 (-1.40, 4.16)	0.323
PDI @ 6 month	-2.19 (-6.72, 2.34)	0.336	-3.18 (-7.70, 1.35)	0.164
Female				
MDI @ 6 month	-1.87 (-4.11, 0.36)	0.099	-1.99 (-4.28, 0.31)	0.088
PDI @ 6 month	-0.87 (-5.32, 3.58)	0.697	-0.91 (-5.52, 3.70)	0.695

<sup>a</sup> Adjusted for caffeine intake during pregnancy, HOME at 6 month, maternal education, annual income and child sex for all subjects.

Table 6. Association between BSID-II (MDI, PDI) at 18 month and natural log transformed cord blood BPA concentration (N=86).

	Crude		Adjusted <sup>a</sup>	
	$\beta$	p-value	$\beta$	p-value
All				
MDI @ 18 month	-0.98 (-4.91, 2.96)	0.623	0.08 (-3.71, 3.87)	0.968
PDI @ 18 month	-0.93 (-4.96, 3.11)	0.648	0.69 (-3.34, 4.72)	0.735
Male				
MDI @ 18 month	-0.91 (-7.40, 5.57)	0.777	-0.09 (-6.51, 6.34)	0.978
PDI @ 18 month	-2.79 (-9.00, 3.43)	0.369	-2.05 (-9.11, 5.01)	0.557
Female				
MDI @ 18 month	-0.39 (-5.21, 4.43)	0.871	-0.96 (-5.88, 3.96)	0.695
PDI @ 18 month	0.75 (-4.40, 5.91)	0.770	2.28 (-3.10, 7.65)	0.398

<sup>a</sup> Adjusted for HOME at 18 month, maternal education, annual income and child sex for all subjects.

ビスフェノール A の胎児期曝露による免疫機能への影響  
- 臍帯血 IgE および乳幼児期のアレルギー症状、感染症との関連 -

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研究要旨

ビスフェノール A (BPA) はポリカーボネートプラスチック製品やエポキシ樹脂製品に使用される化学物質で、ヒトへの曝露は主に経口的であるが、経皮的あるいは吸入によっても起こる。ヒト胎児期の BPA 曝露による免疫機能への影響はまだ一致した結果が得られていないことから、臍帯血中 BPA 濃度を測定して、臍帯血 IgE および乳幼児期のアレルギー症状、感染症との関連を検討した。臍帯血中 IgE 濃度との関連は認められなかったが、男児では、臍帯血中 BPA 濃度が約 2.7 倍になると、生後 18 ヶ月までの中耳炎のオッズ比が 6.53 (95% CI: 1.35, 31.57) と有意に上昇した。

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本研究では、微量試料中 BPA 高精度測定法を用いて臍帯血中の BPA 濃度を測定し、胎児期 BPA 曝露による乳幼児期の免疫機能への影響を検討する。

A. 研究目的

ビスフェノール A (BPA) はポリカーボネートプラスチック製品やエポキシ樹脂製品に使用される化学物質である。ヒトへの曝露は主に経口的であるが、経皮的あるいは吸入によっても起こる。BPA は内分泌かく乱化学物質としてエストロゲン類似作用やアンドロゲン阻害作用により正常な細胞機能をかく乱することが示唆されている。

動物実験ではマウス仔で喘息発症と関連があり、また胎仔期の BPA 曝露によりアレルギー感作、気道過反応、気管支好酸球増加性炎症が増強したと報告された。妊婦の母体尿中 BPA 濃度を胎児期曝露の指標としたヒト疫学研究では、BPA 濃度が増加すると生後 6 ヶ月児の喘鳴リスクが上昇したという報告がある一方で、胎児期 BPA 曝露は 5 歳児の喘鳴リスクと負の関連を示し、生後の BPA 曝露で幼児期の喘鳴リスクが上昇したとされるなど、まだ一致した結果は得ら

B. 研究方法

札幌市内一産院コーホートに登録した母児 514 名について、自記式質問票で母親と配偶者の妊娠中の喫煙・飲酒状況、食生活や教育歴、世帯収入などを調査し、医療診療録から産科既往歴や分娩時所見などに関する情報を入手した。児の 18 ヶ月時には、母親による自記式質問票で児の健康調査を実施し、18 ヶ月時の体格、アレルギー症状および感染症の既往歴・現病歴、母乳栄養、集団保育歴、児の受動喫煙状況などについて 390 名から回答を得た。

臍帯血中の BPA 濃度は、同位体希釈 LC-MS/MS 法 (検出下限値 0.048 ng/mL) で測定した。また、臍帯血血清中総 IgE 濃度は、ELISA 法 (検出下限値 0.05 IU/mL) で (株) SRL にて測定した。

臍帯血中 BPA 濃度と IgE 濃度との関連をみるために、両方の測定結果が揃った

152名を解析対象とした。BPA濃度とIgE濃度は自然対数変換し、検出下限値（LOD）以下の場合には半値を代入した。最終的に母の年齢、出産経歴、教育歴、妊娠中の喫煙状況、両親のアレルギー疾患既往歴および児の性別で調整した重回帰分析を行った。さらに、BPA濃度と児の18ヵ月までのアレルギー症状および感染症との関連をみるために、両方のデータが得られた136名についてロジスティック回帰分析を行った。アレルギー症状は母の教育歴、妊娠中の喫煙状況、両親のアレルギー疾患既往歴、児の性別、母乳栄養期間、18ヵ月時の家庭内受動喫煙および集団保育歴、感染症は母の教育歴、妊娠中の喫煙状況、児の性別、母乳栄養期間、18ヵ月時の家庭内受動喫煙および集団保育歴で調整した。

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北海道大学環境健康科学研究教育センターおよび北海道大学大学院医学研究科医の倫理委員会および研究協力施設の研究倫理委員会に諮り、承認を得たうえで実施した。

### C. 研究結果

解析対象者152名の母の平均年齢は、 $30.2 \pm 4.6$ 歳、短大・大卒以上が56.6%（86名）初産婦は50.7%（77名）、妊娠中に喫煙した者（途中禁煙者も含む）は35.5%（54名）であった。両親でアレルギー既往がある者は、母が30.9%（47名）、父が16.4%（25名）であった。また、男児は45.4%（69名）であった。生後18ヵ月時の質問票に回答した136名では、家庭内で受動喫煙がある児が46.3%（63名）、集団保育されている児は18.4%（25名）であった（Table 1）。

臍帯血中BPA濃度は0.055 ng/mL（中央値）、LOD（0.048 ng/mL）以下は40.1%（61名）であった。臍帯血血清中IgE濃

度は0.22 IU/mL（中央値）、LOD（0.05 IU/mL）以下は15.1%（23名）であった（Table 2）。児の出生から18ヵ月までのアレルギー症状および感染症の累積罹患率は、湿疹22.1%（30名）、食物アレルギー20.6%（28名）、喘鳴9.6%（13名）、中耳炎18.4%（25名）で、男児では中耳炎の罹患が女児の約2倍であった（Table 3）。

臍帯血中BPA濃度とIgE濃度との関連を検討したが、交絡因子で調整しても有意な関連は認められなかった（Table 4）。また、臍帯血中BPA濃度と18ヵ月までの湿疹、食物アレルギー、喘鳴、中耳炎との関連についても調整前後で有意な関連は認められなかった。しかし、性別で層化したところ、男児では、臍帯血中BPA濃度が約2.7倍になると、中耳炎のオッズ比（OR）が調整なしで2.97（95% CI: 1.05, 8.38）、調整後では6.53（95% CI: 1.35, 31.57）と有意に上昇した（Table 5）。

### D. 考察

母体尿中BPA濃度を曝露指標として胎児期BPA曝露による生後免疫機能の影響を検討したヒト疫学究では、妊娠16週の母体尿中BPA濃度が増加すると、6ヵ月児の喘鳴リスクが上昇したが、3歳までにはその関連が減少し、妊娠26週や出生時のBPA曝露との関連はなかったことから、曝露の影響は妊娠初期の方が強いのではないかという報告がある。また、妊娠16週と26週のBPA曝露は4歳時の呼吸機能低下と関連があったが、生後のBPA曝露については有意な関連は示さなかったという報告がある。一方、妊娠後期の胎児期曝露は5歳児の喘鳴リスクと負の関連があり、生後のBPA曝露により5～7歳の喘鳴リスクが上昇したという報告や、妊娠12～32週のBPA曝露が生後6ヵ月～7歳までの喘鳴や呼吸器感染症、気管支炎と関連があった

という報告など、これら先行研究では曝露評価時期やアウトカム評価時期が一樣ではないため、結果の解釈が難しいと考えられる。また、健康アウトカムも喘鳴や喘息などの呼吸器疾患が主となっている。

動物実験では、マウスでBPA曝露によりアレルギー免疫反応が増大することが示唆されている。例えばハツカネズミでは、BPA曝露により制御性T細胞、IFN- $\gamma$ 、IL-10が減少し、IL-4産生と特異的IgE抗原が増加した。また、卵白アルブミン喘息モデルでは、ハツカネズミで胎児期BPA曝露が生後17日の抗卵白アルブミンIgE増加と気道の活動亢進に関与していた。さらに、マウスでは、胎児期と生後5週のBPA曝露によってアレルギー誘発Th2サイトカイン産生レベルが上昇したと報告されていることから、発達初期のBPA曝露は生後の免疫機能に影響があると考えられるが、そのメカニズムはまだ明らかではない。また、BPAは経口曝露後、ヒトでは代謝されたBPA-グルクロニドが肝臓から全身循環されて速やかに尿中に排泄されるのに対し、マウス、ラットなどのげっ歯類では胆汁中に排泄されて、腸管に存在するグルクロニダーゼによりBPAとグルクロン酸に解離されて再び血液中に吸収されるため、ヒトとげっ歯類では、BPAの体内動態に相違があり感受性が違うと考えられることから、BPA曝露によるヒトへの影響を解明するには、ヒトでのデータをさらに蓄積する必要がある。

本研究では、男児のみで胎児期 BPA 曝露により中耳炎 OR が上昇したが、同じコーホート集団で母体血中ダイオキシン類濃度と児の免疫機能を検討した報告では、2,3,4,7,8-PeCDF 濃度の第 1 四分位に対する第 4 四分位の中耳炎 OR が 2.8 (95%CI: 1.2-6.6) と有意に上昇し、特に男児では、OR が 5.3 (95%CI: 1.5-19.0) とさらに高くなったことから、化学物質への感受性は

女児よりも男児で高い可能性が考えられる。アウトカム評価に関しては、生後 18 ヶ月までのアレルギー症状の確定診断が難しく、正確に結果に反映できなかったことも考えられるため、学童期までのアレルギー疾患・感染症の有病率との関連も評価していく予定である。

## E. 結論

臍帯血中の BPA 濃度を測定し、胎児期 BPA 曝露による乳幼児期の免疫機能への影響を検討した。臍帯血中 IgE 濃度との関連は認められなかったが、男児では、臍帯血中 BPA 濃度が約 2.7 倍になると、生後 18 ヶ月までの中耳炎 OR が 6.53 (95% CI: 1.35, 31.57) と有意に上昇した。

先行研究では、成長に伴い免疫機能が変化することが報告されているので、今後は、学童期までの免疫機能への影響について検討していく。

## F. 研究発表

- 1) 論文発表  
なし
- 2) 学会発表  
なし

## G. 知的財産権の出願・登録状況

該当なし

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Table1 Characteristics of subjects (n=152)

Characteristics	n (%)
Parental characteristics	
Maternal age (years) <sup>a</sup>	30.2 (4.6)
Maternal pre pregnancy BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	20.8 (3.0)
Parity	
0	77 (50.7)
≥1	75 (49.3)
Maternal education level (years)	
≤12	66 (43.4)
≥13	86 (56.6)
Maternal smoking status during pregnancy	
Nonsmoker	98 (64.5)
Smoker	54 (35.5)
Maternal allergic history	
No	105 (69.1)
Yes	47 (30.9)
Paternal allergic history	
No	127 (83.6)
Yes	25 (16.4)
Annual household income (million yen)	
<3	28 (18.4)
3-5	81 (53.3)
≥5	43 (28.3)
Distance from home to highway	
<100 m	72 (47.4)
≥100 m	80 (52.6)
Infant characteristics	
Gender	
Male	69 (45.4)
Female	83 (54.6)
Birth season	
Spring (March-May)	36 (23.7)
Summer (June-August)	44 (28.9)
Autumn (September-November)	34 (22.4)
Winter (December- February)	38 (25.0)
Breast-feeding period (months) (n=134)	
<4	25 (18.7)
≥4	109 (81.3)
Environmental tobacco smoke exposure at 18 months (n=136)	
No	73 (53.7)
Yes	63 (46.3)
Day care attendance at 18 months (n=136)	
No	111 (81.6)
Yes	25 (18.4)

<sup>a</sup> Mean (SD)

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Table2 Concentrations of BPA and concentrations of IgE in cord blood (n=152)

	Detection limit	ND <sup>a</sup> , no. (%)	Mean	Minimum	25th	50th	75th	Maximum	Geometric Mean
Cord blood BPA (ng/mL) <sup>b</sup>	0.048	61 (40.1)	0.058	0.024	0.024	0.055	0.078	0.217	0.048
Cord serum IgE (IU/mL) <sup>c</sup>	0.05	23 (15.1)	0.66	0.03	0.09	0.22	0.55	10.90	0.23

<sup>a</sup>ND: not determined

<sup>b</sup>BPA: bisphenol A

<sup>c</sup>IgE: immunoglobulin E

Table 3 Number of infants who developed allergies and infections during the first 18 months of life (n=136)

	Overall n (%)	Male n (%)	Female n (%)
<b>Allergy</b>			
Eczema	30 (22.1)	15 (23.1)	15 (21.1)
Food allergy	28 (20.6)	13 (20.0)	15 (21.1)
Wheezing	13 (9.6)	7 (10.8)	6 (8.5)
<b>Infection</b>			
Otitis media	25 (18.4)	16 (24.6)	9 (12.7)
Chicken pox	10 (7.4)	4 (6.2)	6 (8.5)
RSV disease <sup>a</sup>	3 (2.2)	0 (0)	3 (4.2)
Bronchitis	3 (2.2)	1 (1.5)	2 (2.8)
Pneumonia	2 (1.5)	0 (0)	2 (2.8)
Other viral infections <sup>b</sup>	6 (4.4)	4 (6.2)	2 (2.8)

<sup>a</sup>RSV disease: respiratory syncytial virus disease.

<sup>b</sup>Rotavirus, adenovirus or cytomegalovirus.

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Table4 Association between BPA<sup>a</sup> concentrations (ng/mL) and IgE<sup>b</sup> concentrations (IU/mL) in cord blood (n=152)

	Crude		Adjusted <sup>c</sup>	
	$\beta$	95% CI	$\beta$	95% CI
log <sub>e</sub> BPA				
Over all (n=152)	-0.019	(-0.385, 0.346)	-0.051	(-0.416, 0.314)
Male infants (n=69)	0.116	(-0.473, 0.704)	0.189	(-0.399, 0.776)
Female infants (n=83)	-0.146	(-0.614, 0.322)	-0.138	(-0.614, 0.339)

<sup>a</sup> BPA: bisphenol A

<sup>b</sup> IgE: immunoglobulin E

<sup>c</sup> Adjusted models included maternal age, parity, maternal education level, maternal smoking status during pregnancy, parental allergic history, infant gender

Table5 Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI) between BPA concentrations in cord blood and allergies and infectious diseases during the first 18 months of life (n=136)

	Overall (n=152)				Male infants (n=69)				Female infants (n=83)			
	Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted		Crude		Adjusted	
	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI	OR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI
log <sub>e</sub> BPA <sup>b</sup>												
Eczema <sup>c</sup>	1.14	(0.60, 2.20)	1.08	(0.54, 2.15)	1.39	(0.53, 3.64)	1.40	(0.47, 4.13)	0.96	(0.39, 2.36)	0.75	(0.25, 2.26)
Food allergy <sup>c</sup>	1.14	(0.58, 2.22)	1.21	(0.60, 2.46)	1.93	(0.68, 5.50)	3.05	(0.80, 11.6)	0.76	(0.30, 1.91)	0.62	(0.23, 1.71)
Wheezing <sup>c</sup>	1.16	(0.46, 2.90)	1.06	(0.40, 2.84)	1.20	(0.33, 4.42)	1.10	(0.24, 5.03)	1.10	(0.30, 4.07)	0.51	(0.09, 3.01)
Otitis media <sup>d</sup>	1.73	(0.85, 3.52)	1.78	(0.76, 4.10)	2.97	(1.05, 8.38)	6.53	(1.35, 31.57)	0.86	(0.28, 2.64)	0.82	(0.25, 2.65)

<sup>a</sup> OR for a 2.7-fold increase in cord BPA concentrations

<sup>b</sup> BPA: bisphenol A

<sup>c</sup> Logistic regression model adjusted models for maternal education level, maternal smoking status during pregnancy, parental allergic history, infant gender, breast-feeding period, environmental tobacco exposure, day care attendance at 18 months.

<sup>d</sup> Logistic regression model adjusted models for maternal education level, maternal smoking status during pregnancy, infant gender, breast-feeding period, environmental tobacco exposure, day care attendance at 18 months.

## Prenatal Exposure to Perfluorinated Chemicals and Neurodevelopment in Early Infancy

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### 研究要旨

We assessed the effects of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)/perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) concentrations, as most well detected PFCs in humans, on neurodevelopment of infants in early infancy. Mother-child pairs were analyzed in this birth cohort between 2002 and 2005 in Japan. The prenatal PFOS and PFOA levels were measured in maternal serum samples by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry. Neurodevelopment of infants at 6 and 18 months of age were assessed by Bayley Scales of Infant Development. Associations with log<sub>10</sub>-transformed PFC concentrations were estimated using linear regression models adjusted for potential confounders. In the fully adjusted model, PFOA, not PFOS, had a negative association with mental developmental index (MDI) among female infants. In addition, we observed negative association between PFOA and MDI/PDI at 18 months of age but it did not meet significant p-value. We observed no association between concentrations of PFOS and neurodevelopmental scores in infants. Our data suggest an inverse association between low-dose PFOA exposure and MDI in early life. In future studies, assessment of the effects of PFCs with longer carbon-chain on neurodevelopment of infants and children with bigger sample size and different battery tests is in need.

### A. 研究目的

Perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) are

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ubiquitous and stable chemicals widely detected in humans and environment. The most widely studied and detected PFCs are perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoate (PFOA). They are

slowly eliminated from the human body and are resistant to metabolism with mean half-lives of 5.4 and 3.8 years for PFOS and PFOA, respectively (Olsen et al. 2007). Both of these compounds showed neurodevelopmental toxicity in animal studies; maternal or neonatal exposure to PFOS and PFOA caused neurodevelopmental delay, increased motor activity and reduced habituation that were accompanied by hypothyroxinemia (Lau et al. 2003; Butenhoff et al. 2009). A strong correlation of these compounds has been demonstrated between maternal and cord blood samples in