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Prevalence and risk factors of symptomatic pelvic organ prolapse in Japanese women

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The purpose of this study was to estimate the prevalence of possible related factors associated with symptomatic pelvic organ prolapse (POP) among Japanese women 20 to 90 years of age. The cross-sectional study evaluated 8,407 randomly selected women who were employed at the Japanese Agriculture Group. The participants were asked to provide information regarding their demographic characteristics and symptoms of POP or urinary incontinence (UI). The potential risk factors included age, body mass index, self-reported conditions or comorbid diseases, parity, heavy lifting at work, perceived health status, and occupation. The weighted prevalence of POP was 5.64%. The proportion of women who reported having symptomatic POP generally increased with age and peaked at the age of 70–79 years old. In multivariate analysis revealed age, parity, heaving lifting, perceived health status, comorbid diseases were significantly and independently associated with presence of prolapse, whereas the woman's BMI and weight were not. The present study provided the first population-based estimate of the prevalence of POP among Japanese women. The prevalence of symptomatic POP increased with age and peaked at 70–79 years old. Advancing age, parity, parity, heaving lifting, perceived health status, comorbid diseases increasing have the strongest correlations with prolapse.

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