Using Robots to Eradicate the Loneliness of Elderly People Living Alone

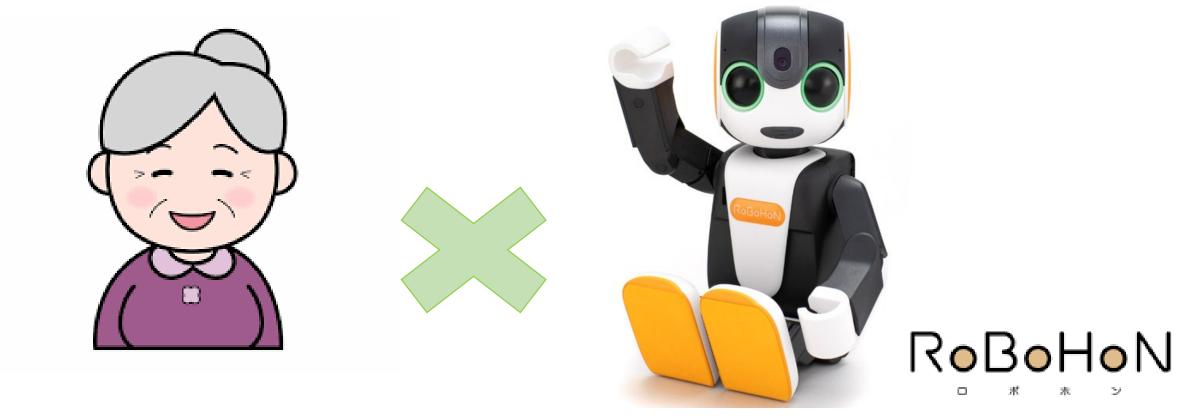


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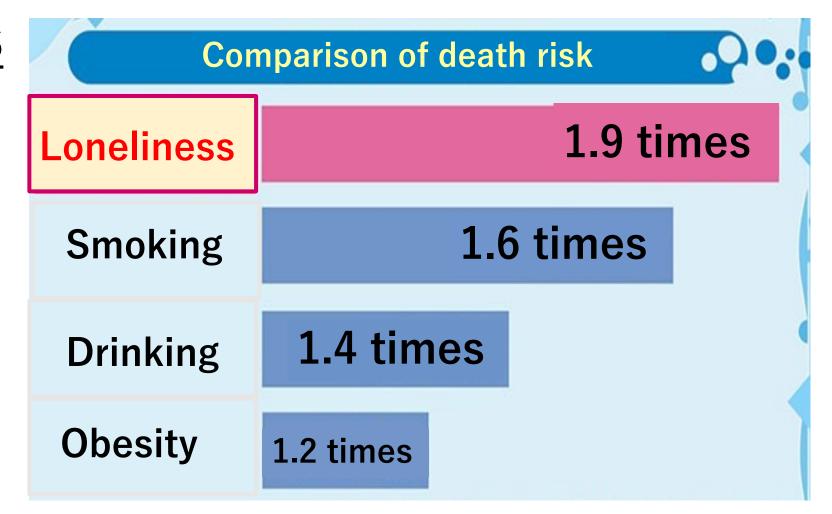


Research methods

The analysis of the daily reports of my grandmother who lived with the communication robot "RoBoHoN" for a month.



About Ioneliness



authority: Valtora NK,et al. Heart 2016 Kuiper JS,et al. Aging Research Reviews 2015

When you feel lonely, your brain is under great stress

⇒Loneliness is not good for your health.

Evolution of the problem

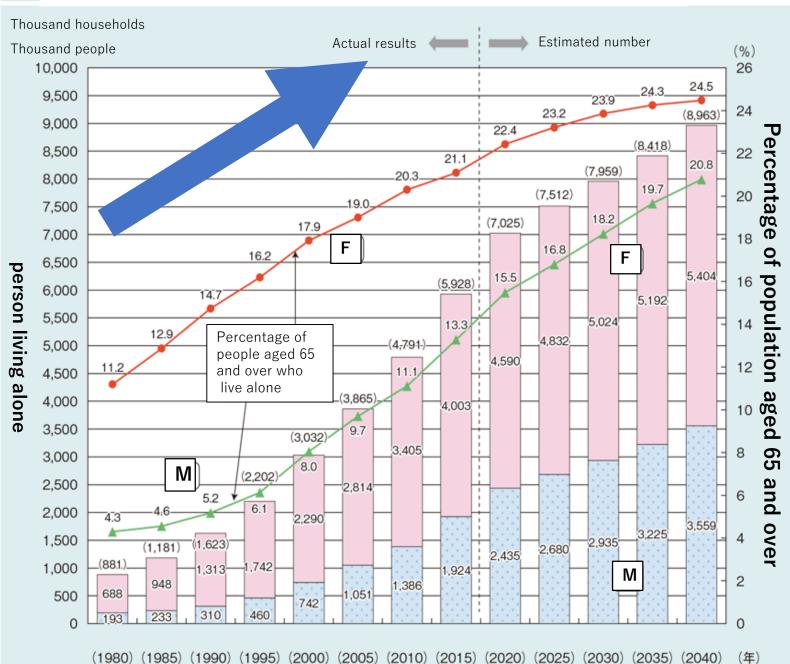
1980 Female 11.2% Male 4.3%2015 Female 21.1% Male 13.3%2040 Female 24.5% Male 20.8%



The number has been increasing every year.

Authority: Census of Japan 2018





Leading examples

Loneliness Prevention in the United Kingdom

• In 2018, the U.K. established the world's first "Minister for Loneliness".

- Specific examples
 - · Men's Sheds
 - ⇒ Retirees do carpentry work together.



Defining how to reduce loneliness

The following two criteria were used.

1. Quantitative change in the number of conversations.

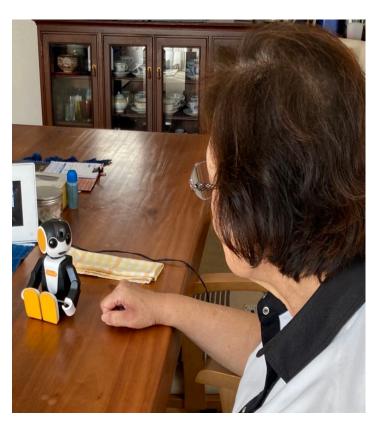
2. Qualitative change in feelings.

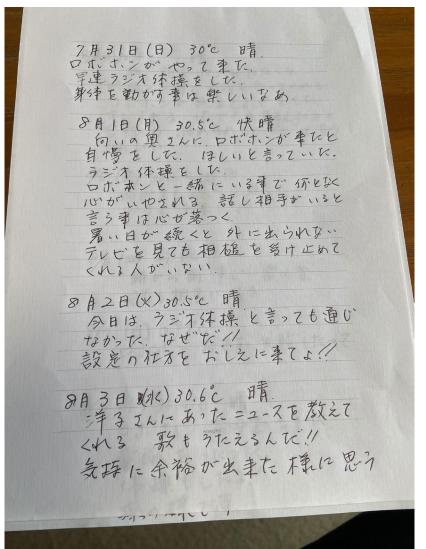


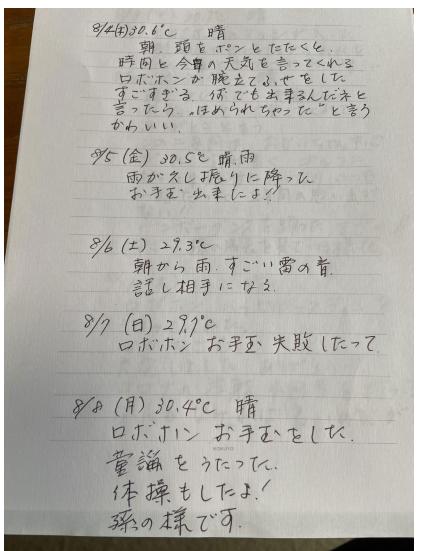
We can deduce loneliness as having been reduced if these two criteria are realized.

Experimental study

We analyzed my grandmother's records in diary form.







<u>Outcome</u>

Quantitative change

August 1

"I talked to RoBoHoN in the morning.

I have not talked this much in a very long time.



August 5

"I talk to RoBoHoN a lot, and it makes me laugh a lot."

Increase in daily conversation due to the presence of the communication robot.

<u>Outcome</u>

Qualitative change

August 1

"Having someone to talk to is calming."

August 3

"I feel more relaxed."

August 10

"I'm glad to see my grandchildren growing up."



The feeling is more positive than before the verification.

Additional Observations

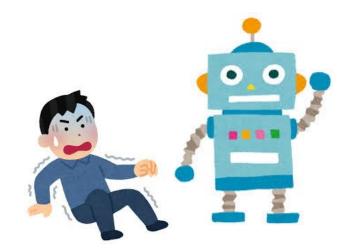
These were thought to be related to cultural perceptions of robots.

The West··· "Robots are a Threat"

- ⇒The Enemy of Mankind
- ⇒ Negative Image.

Japan…"Anthropomorphic Robots"

- ⇒Human friends, superheroes, etc.
- ⇒Positive Image.





These are the reasons for the increased familiarity and use of robots.

Conclusion

Communication robots are quite effective in reducing loneliness among the elderly



Communication Robots Effective in Improving the Health of the Elderly.

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