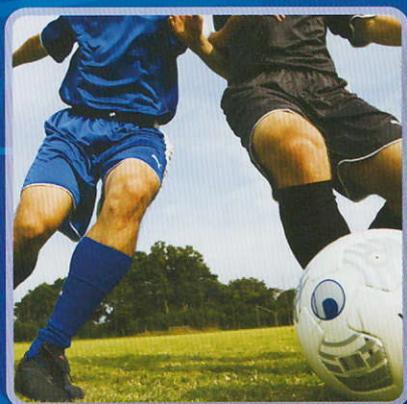


# Verifying psychophysiological effects during hydrogen inhalation



# Exploring new possibilities in hydrogen intake

Joint research program with the University of Tsukuba since December 2016

## — Verifying psychophysiological effects during hydrogen inhalation —

Since December 2016, Aqua Bank has been conducting a study to verify psychophysiological effects during hydrogen inhalation. The research is being conducted under the supervision of Dr. Yukihiro Yada at the University of Tsukuba Graduate School. As part of the study, Aqua Bank has asked CPCC Co., Ltd., a third-party institution with expertise in human clinical trials, to carry out clinical testing with the approval of the University Ethics Committee.

Significant results have been obtained for a variety of verification items over the course of the research. Our work has certainly verified the efficacy of portable hydrogen gas inhalers, while also helping provide evidence for other forms of hydrogen-related research. The psychophysiological effects on healthy subjects in particular was clearly demonstrated through our recent clinical trials—which is great news not only for our company, but for the many people who work with hydrogen as well. We are delighted to be able to confidently offer hydrogen-related projects to our customers.

Aqua Bank used this study as a jumping-off point in our efforts to scientifically verify the effects of hydrogen, and we intend to work even harder to contribute to people's good health in the future. In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Yukihiro Yada and everyone who has supported us in our efforts so far.

Takashi Takehara  
Aqua Bank Co., Ltd.  
President and CEO



Aqua Bank CEO Takashi Takehara (left) with Dr. Yukihiro Yada (right)

Tests were conducted in a thermostatic and humidistatic room in order to prevent external factors from influencing the clinical testing lab at the CPCC clinic.

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**What are the revolutionary possibilities  
in hydrogen inhalation?**

## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on **psychological** and **physiological** functioning

**We conducted clinical tests on the effects of hydrogen inhalation  
using a portable hydrogen gas inhaler. Research  
was done under the supervision of Dr. Yukihiro Yada  
at the University of Tsukuba Graduate School.**



We studied the ways that  
hydrogen can be good for us

# Clinical tests

## I

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Verifying the effects of hydrogen gas inhalation  
on psychological and physiological functioning

We conducted public clinical testing through the University Ethics Committee.

Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s



We studied the ways that hydrogen can be good for us



## Clinical tests I

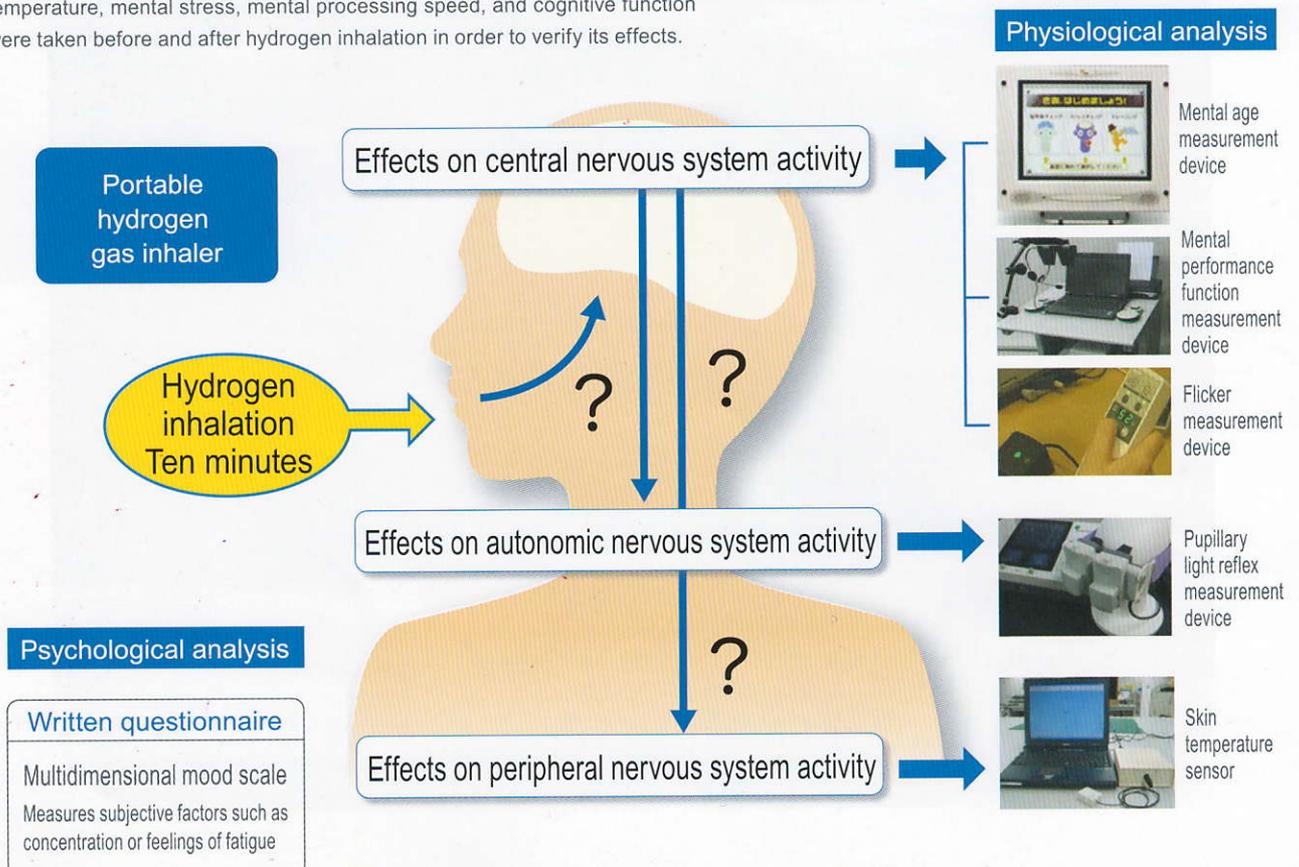
Verifying the effects of hydrogen gas inhalation on psychological and physiological functioning

We conducted public clinical testing through the University Ethics Committee. Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s

### We hoped to confirm physiological activity resulting from the direct inhalation of hydrogen...

These clinical tests sought to demonstrate the effects of hydrogen inhalation via a portable hydrogen inhaler. The study was conducted on twenty healthy women in their 20s and 30s living in the Tokyo area. Participants were given a written questionnaire and physiological measurements were taken. The tests were conducted over the course of two days. Measurements such as skin temperature, mental stress, mental processing speed, and cognitive function were taken before and after hydrogen inhalation in order to verify its effects.

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Pupil contraction rate  | Mental stress      |
| Skin temperature        | Cognitive function |
| Mental processing speed |                    |



# What mental and physical changes are caused by hydrogen inhalation?

We used a variety of instruments to measure psychological and physical changes in healthy women (age 20–39) as a result of hydrogen inhalation.

Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s living in Tokyo and the surrounding area (n =17)

## Skin temperature sensor



When the human body enters a state of tension, the sympathetic nervous system takes over, contracting blood vessels and reducing body temperature in the fingertips. The parasympathetic nervous system is dominant when we're in a relaxed state, and this raises skin temperature in the fingertips. These differences in skin temperature can be measured.



Measuring skin temperature

## Pupillary light reflex measurement device



The pupils' reflexive reaction to light can be used to measure the status of the autonomic nervous system. This is because when the parasympathetic nervous system is dominant, the eye that experiences a light stimulus gets smaller than the other eye (has a higher contraction rate).



Measuring pupil contraction rate

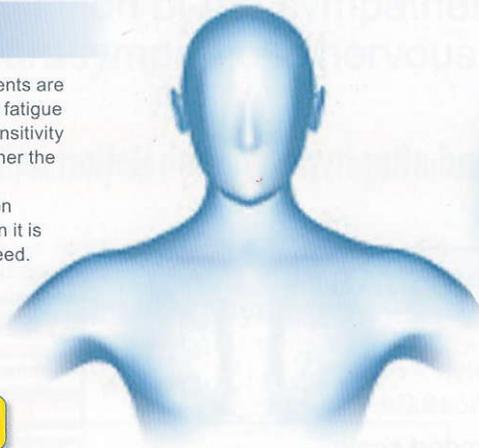
## Flicker measurement device



Flicker measurements are a way to study eye fatigue and optic nerve sensitivity by looking at whether the eyes are able to distinguish between bursts of light when it is flashed at high speed.



Measuring mental processing speed



Measurements taken using numerical indicators from various devices able to measure psychological and physiological changes due to hydrogen inhalation

## Mental age measurement device



A mental age measurement device uses a screen that users tap to select answers to various questions, including fill-in-the-blank equations or remembering colors or numbers. The results are used to determine things like mental age, mental stress, and brain health.



Measuring mental stress, mental age, and brain health

## Mental performance function measurement device



Mental performance measurement devices measure a variety of performance indicators for the brain, which controls cognition and behavior. They work by having subjects engage in complex tasks, follow rules, perform mental switching, update information, and so on.



Measures short-term memory, left-right perception, hearing function, visual function, finger movement function, and knee movement function

# Relaxation effects

Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s living in Tokyo and the surrounding area (n =17)

The relaxation effects of hydrogen inhalation are already known, but we conducted clinical tests in order to verify these conclusions through the collection of detailed measurement values. Changes due to hydrogen inhalation were confirmed in the form of mood changes, an increase in skin temperature, pupil contraction rate, and measurements of pupil diameter.

## What are relaxation effects?

Two different nervous systems operate in humans in a balanced way in order to maintain health. They are the sympathetic nervous system and the parasympathetic nervous system.

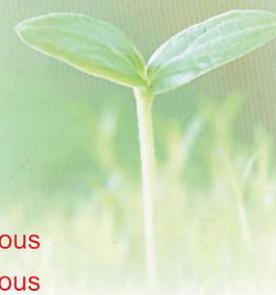
### Sympathetic nervous system

Functions when the body is active, stressed, or tense

### Parasympathetic nervous system

Functions when the body is resting, recovering, or relaxed

In order to maintain a state of relaxation, the parasympathetic nervous system must take a dominant position over the sympathetic nervous system. We conducted clinical tests in order to find out how those changes show up as a result of hydrogen inhalation. Verification tests were conducted in order to collect detailed measurement values.



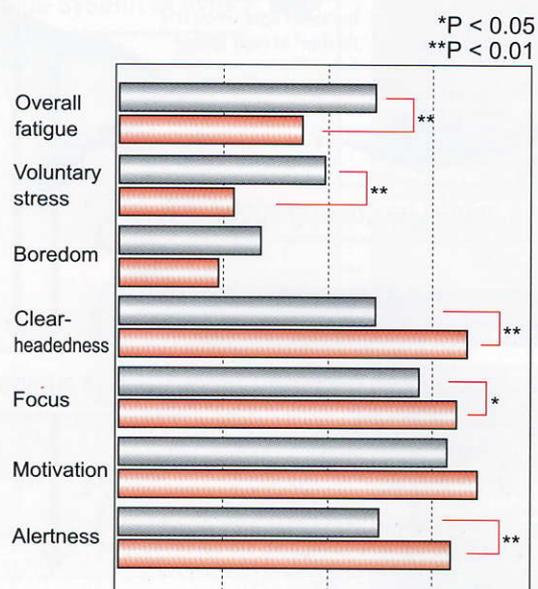
## Mood changes before and after hydrogen inhalation using a visual analog scale (VAS)

### Visual analog scale (VAS)

Psychological analysis using a written questionnaire

Multidimensional mood scale to measure subjective factors such as concentration or feelings of fatigue

Changes in mood were observed before and after hydrogen inhalation. (Individual results varied)



Feelings of fatigue and voluntary stress were reduced, while clear-headedness, focus, and alertness increased as a result of hydrogen inhalation.

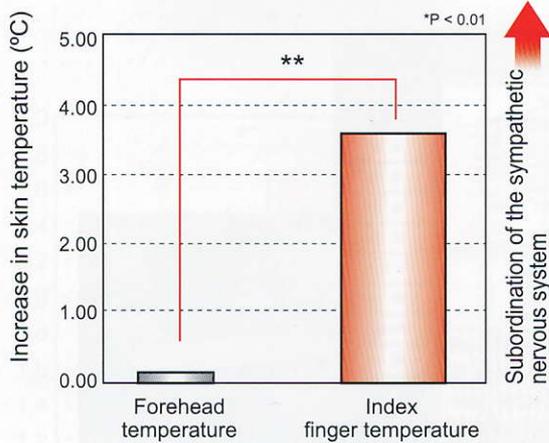
Effects of inhaling hydrogen on sympathetic nervous system activity (peripheral skin temperature)

Skin temperature

The temperature of the fingertips increased as a result of hydrogen inhalation.



Skin temperature sensor



Peripheral skin temperature increased as a result of hydrogen inhalation

The study confirmed inhibition of the sympathetic nervous system and dominance of parasympathetic nervous system activity.

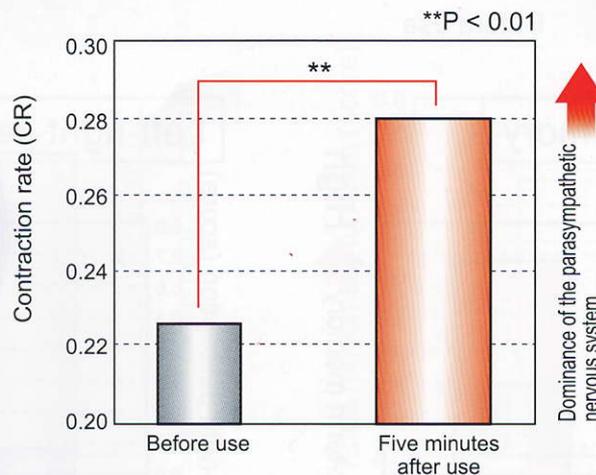
Effects on autonomic nervous system activity as a result of hydrogen inhalation (pupil contraction rate)

Pupil contraction rate

Pupil contraction rate increased significantly as a result of inhaling hydrogen.



Pupillary light reflex measurement device



Parasympathetic nervous system activity is dominant (sedative effects confirmed)

# Effects on mental performance

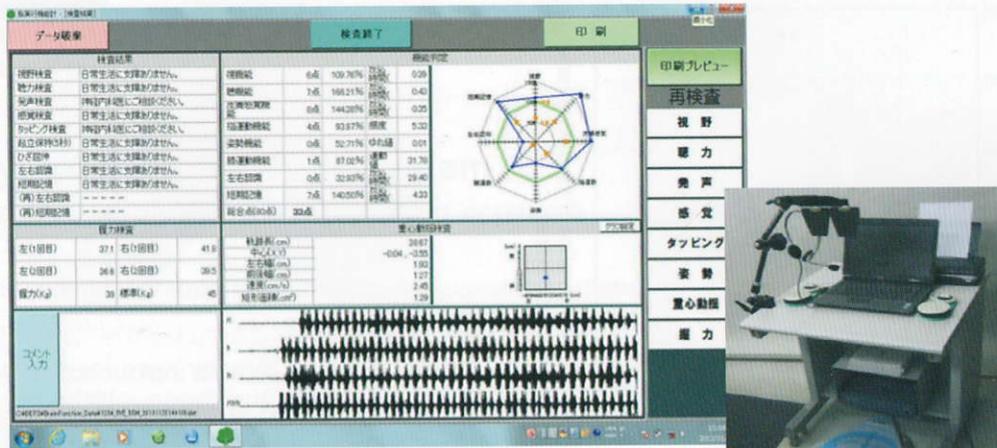
Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s living in Tokyo and the surrounding area (n =17)

We measured the effects of hydrogen inhalation on mental performance and brain stimulation as well as on various kinds of brain activity, including short-term memory, left-right perception, hearing function, visual function, finger movement function, and knee movement function.

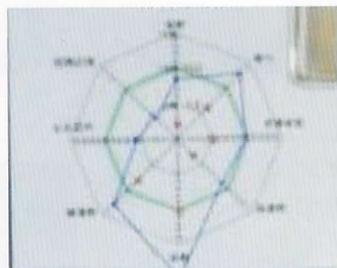
## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on mental performance

Mental performance functions:

We comprehensively measured cognitive function by looking at functions like sight, hearing, finger-tapping, grip, and postural sway.



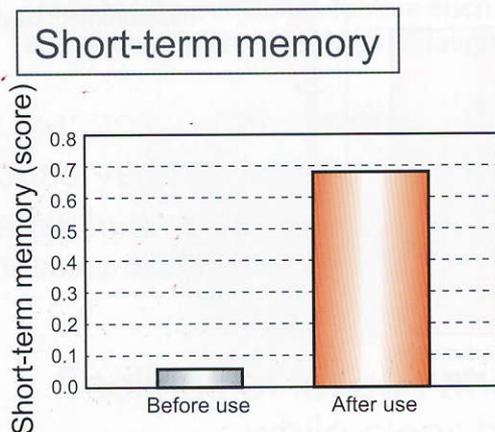
Mental performance function measurement device



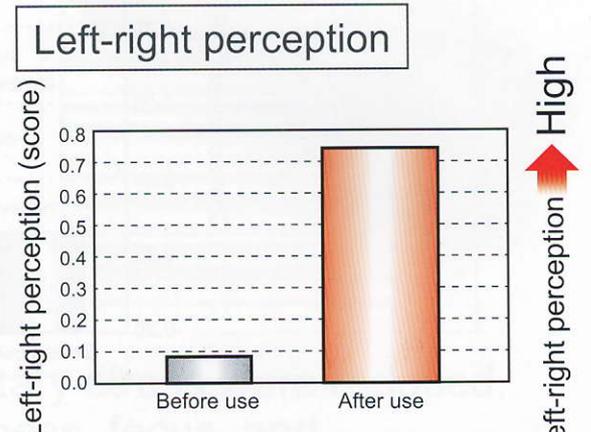
Before use



After use



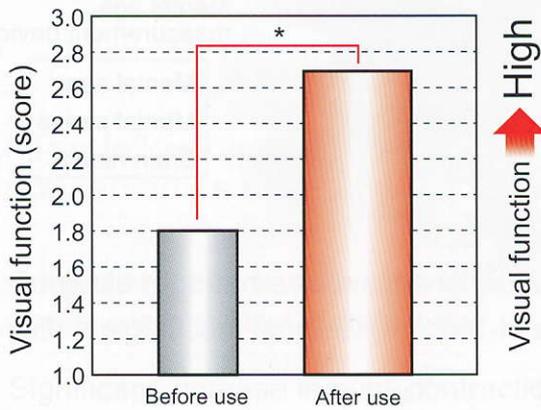
Short-term memory improved



Left-right perception improved

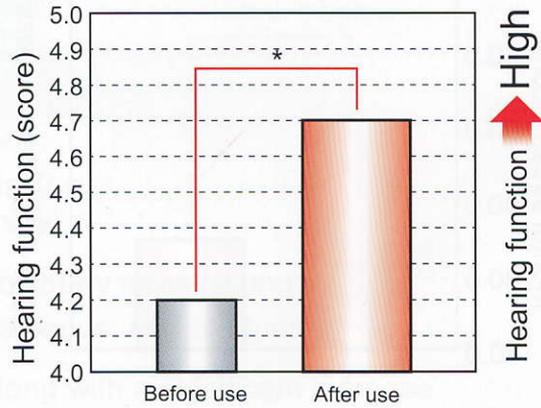
Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain activity level

Visual function



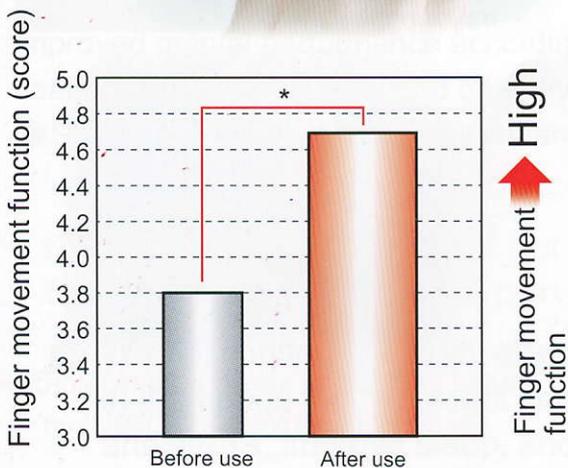
Visual function improved

Hearing function



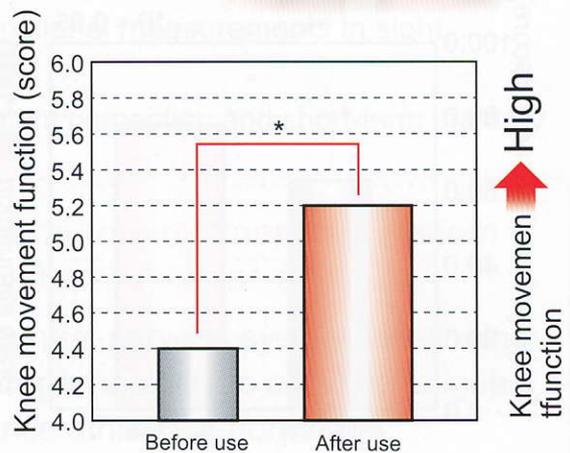
Hearing function improved

Finger movement function



Finger movement function improved

Knee movement function



Knee movement function improved

# Effects on mental stress

Test subjects: Healthy women in their 20s and 30s living in Tokyo and the surrounding area (n = 17)

We also scientifically measured mental stress effects along with relaxation effects. We found that hydrogen inhalation not only lowered mental stress, but also stimulated the brain.

## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on mental stress

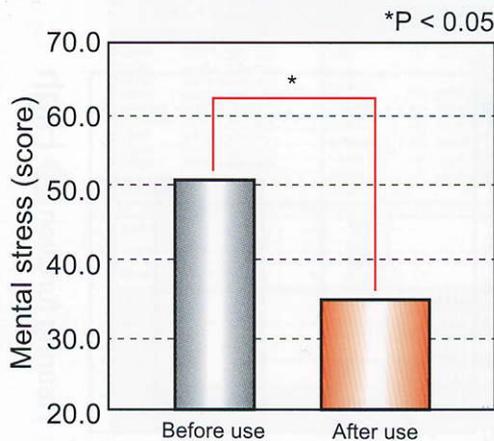
Mental stress

Mental stress levels changed before and after hydrogen use.



Mental age measurement device

Mental age  
Mental stress  
Brain health



Mental stress  
↓  
LOW

Reduction in mental stress score as a result of hydrogen inhalation

Reduction in mental stress was confirmed

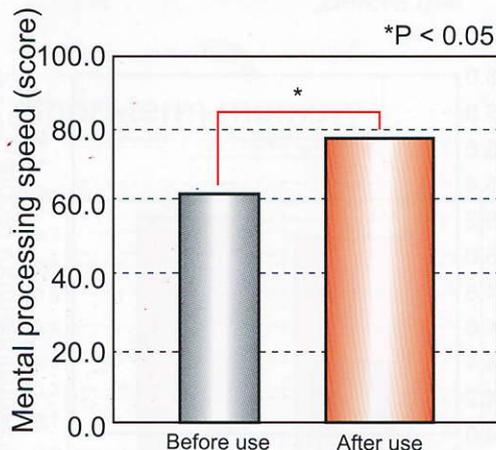
## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain stimulation

Mental processing speed

Hydrogen inhalation was shown to have a brain-stimulating effect.



Flicker measurement device



Brain stimulation  
↑  
High

Mental processing speed scores improved as a result of hydrogen inhalation

Stimulation of brain function was confirmed

## Discussion and summary

The following outcomes were observed as a result of hydrogen inhalation:

Subjects reported a reduction in fatigue and voluntary stress along with a significant increase in clear-headedness, focus, and alertness

Significant increase in pupil contraction rate along with a significant increase in peripheral skin temperature

▶ Suggestion of inhibited sympathetic nervous system activity and increased parasympathetic nervous system activity

Significant increase in blood flow, particularly in the center of the prefrontal cortex of the brain

▶ Suggestion of possible effects on cognition, emotion, and other brain functions

Reduction in mental stress scores and better mental processing speed

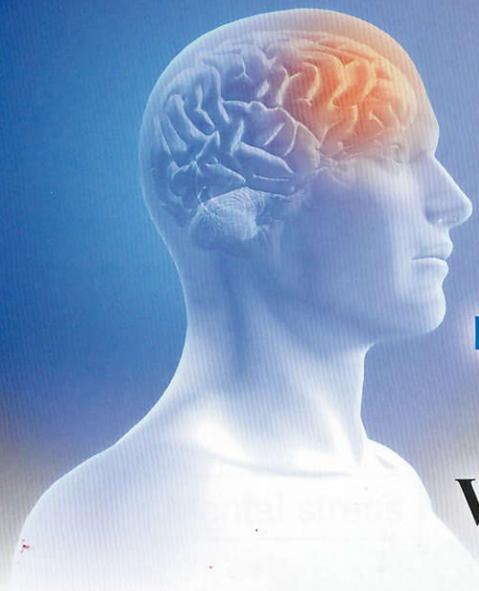
▶ Suggestion that hydrogen inhalation may lower stress and increase brain activity

Improved mental performance according to functional measurements in sight, hearing, finger movement, and other indicators

▶ Suggestion that hydrogen may enhance left-right perception and short-term memory

Potential effects confirmed not only on autonomic nervous system functioning, but on central nervous system functions as well.

▶ We will continue to study effects on central nervous system functioning in the hopes that we might verify hydrogen's ability to alleviate fatigue and stress, improve sleep, and enhance athletic performance.



# Analysis of brain function using near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS)

## Why did we get these results?

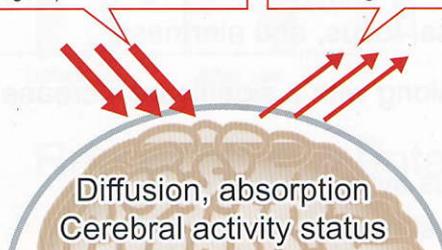
### Study of blood flow in the brain during hydrogen inhalation

Analysis of brain activity (changes in blood flow in the prefrontal cortex) as a result of hydrogen inhalation

#### Measurement principle

Near-infrared light (700–950 nm) is projected into the head (frontal region).

The absorption properties of light that bounces back are changed.



Oxy-Hb concentration reflects hemodynamics,

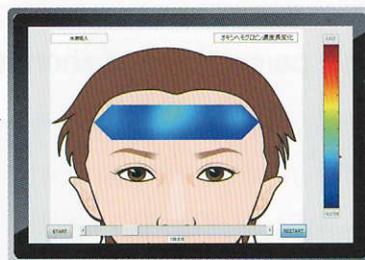
allowing us to study brain activity

#### NIRS equipment

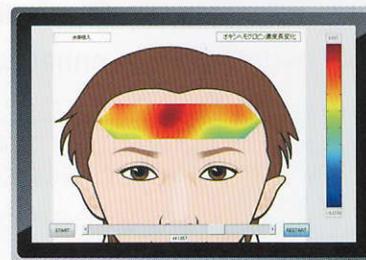


Hydrogen inhalation produced significant increase in blood flow, particularly in the center of the prefrontal cortex of the brain

This confirms the possibility that hydrogen may have an effect on cognition, emotion, and other brain functions



Before use



After use

**Blood flow rapidly improved, confirming stimulation of the brain**

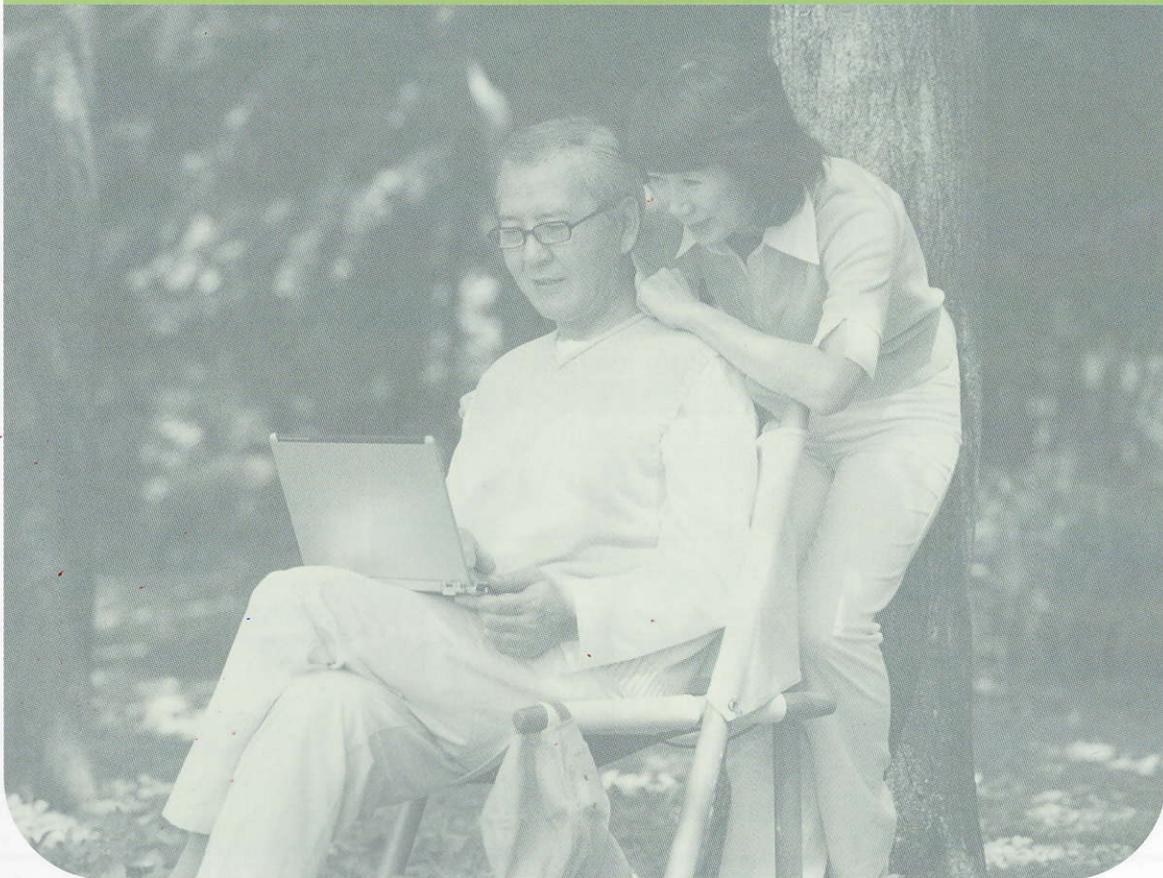
# Clinical tests

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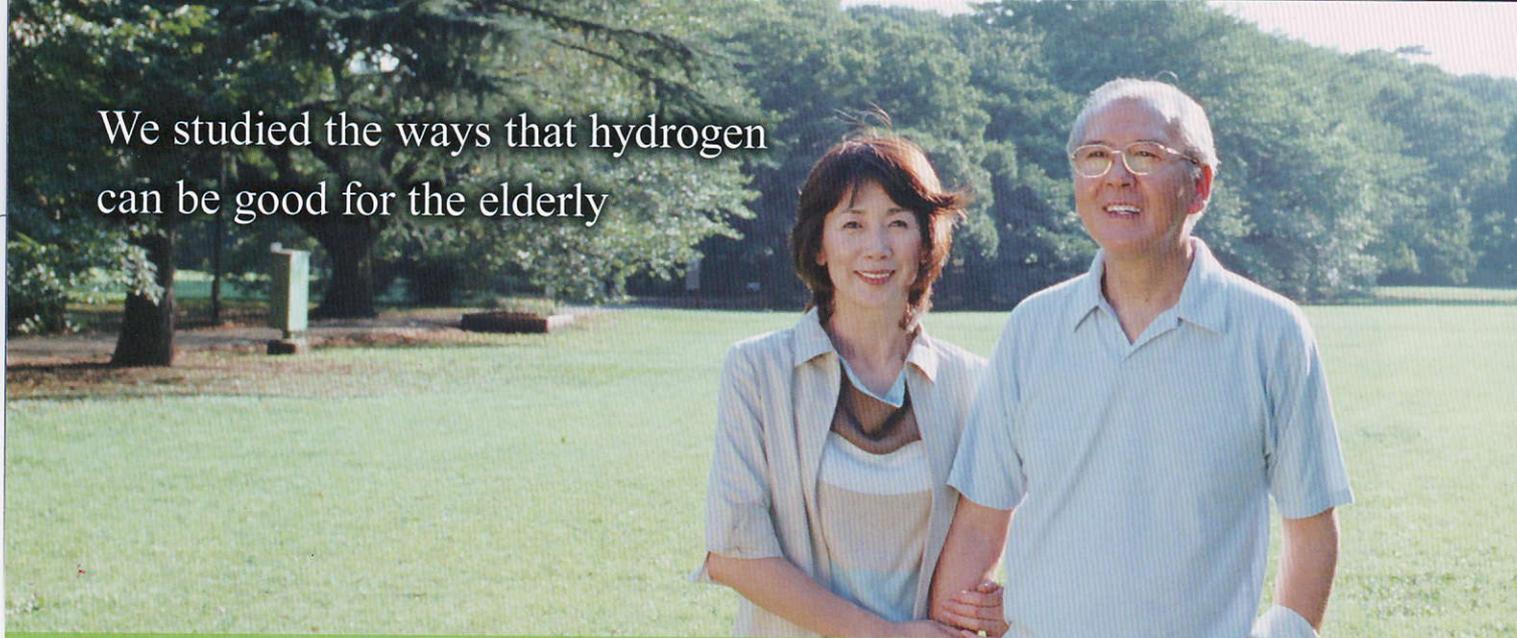
Effects of ongoing hydrogen gas inhalation  
on mental performance functions in the elderly

We conducted public clinical testing through the University Ethics Committee.

Test subjects: Healthy men and women in their 60s and 70s



We studied the ways that hydrogen can be good for the elderly



## Clinical tests II

Effects of ongoing hydrogen gas inhalation on mental performance functions in the elderly

We conducted public clinical testing through the University Ethics Committee. Test subjects: Healthy men and women in their 60s and 70s

We hoped to confirm immediate and lasting correlations with the inhalation of hydrogen...

These measurement tests were conducted on healthy elderly men and women in their 60s and 70s. The tests measured both temporary, immediate effects as well as lasting effects resulting from two weeks of consecutive use. We also measured the effects of ongoing hydrogen inhalation.

Short-term memory	Mental stress
Left-right perception	Brain health
Mental processing speed	Blood tests

### Physiological analysis

Portable hydrogen gas inhaler

#### Skin temperature sensor



Used to measure skin temperature

#### Pupillary light reflex measurement device



Used to measure pupil contraction rate

#### Flicker measurement device



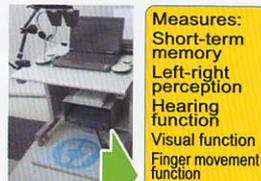
Used to measure mental processing speed

#### Mental age measurement device



Measures mental age, mental stress, and brain health

#### Mental performance function measurement device



Measures:  
Short-term memory  
Left-right perception  
Hearing function  
Visual function  
Finger movement function  
Knee movement function

#### Blood tests



Effects on components related to mild cognitive impairment (MCI)



Hydrogen inhalation was carried out five times a day for two weeks, each inhalation lasting for five minutes

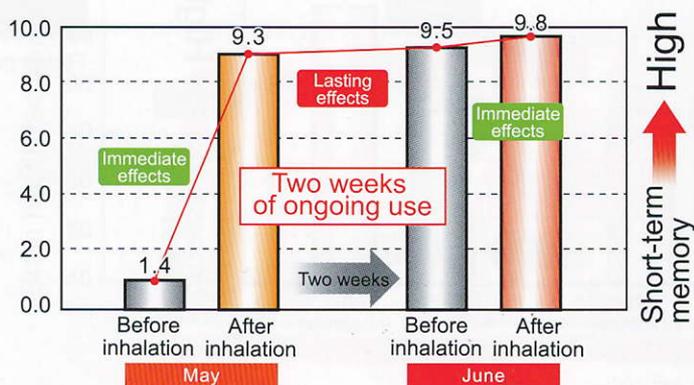
## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain activity level

Short-term memory

After two weeks of ongoing hydrogen inhalation, participants maintained their high performance. This confirms both the immediate effects of hydrogen and the maintaining of high performance with regular (ongoing) use.



Mental performance function measurement device



Short-term memory improved and stayed there

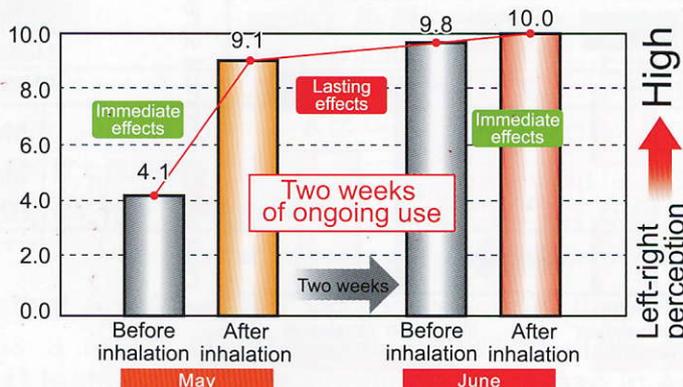
## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain activity level

Left-right perception

Participants maintained their high performance after two weeks of ongoing inhalation, and two weeks after that as well. This confirms both the immediate effects of hydrogen and the maintaining of high performance with regular (ongoing) use.



Mental performance function measurement device



Left-right perception improved and stayed there

# Effects on mental performance functions

Test subjects: Twenty men and women in their 60s and 70s living in the Tokyo area

In order to measure the effects of hydrogen inhalation on mental performance functions, values were taken for mental processing speed, mental stress, and brain health before and after inhalation, and then two weeks after ongoing use. The results were then graphed. Effects were seen across all measures as a result of ongoing use. We also analyzed the effects of hydrogen inhalation on components related to mild cognitive impairment (MCI).

## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain activity level

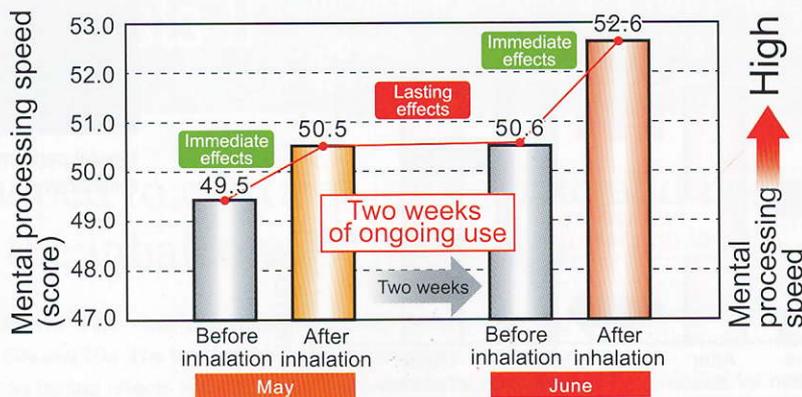
Mental processing speed

Mental processing speed scores improved as a result of hydrogen inhalation.

**High scores were maintained** after two weeks of ongoing inhalation, and two weeks after that as well.



Flicker measurement device



## Mental function activity level improved and stayed there

## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on mental stress

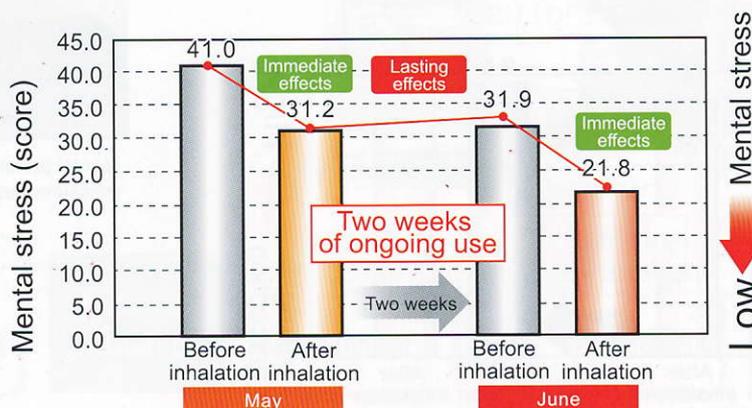
Mental stress

Mental stress scores fell as a result of hydrogen inhalation.

**Low scores were maintained** after two weeks of ongoing inhalation, and two weeks after that as well.



Mental age measurement device



Mental age  
Mental stress  
Brain health

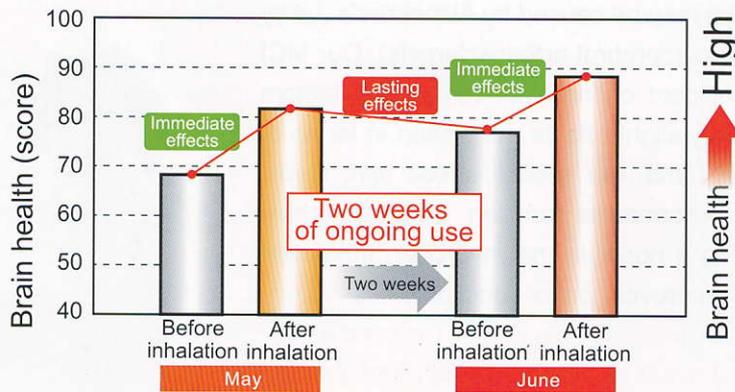
## Mental stress was reduced and stayed there

## Effects of hydrogen inhalation on brain health

### Brain health

Brain health scores improved as a result of hydrogen inhalation.

High scores were maintained after two weeks of ongoing inhalation, and two weeks after that as well.



Mental age measurement device

Mental age  
Mental stress  
Brain health

Brain health was stimulated and stayed there

## Effect of hydrogen inhalation on MCI-related components in the elderly

Results of blood tests measuring three components considered risk factors for MCI

検査項目	単位	摂取前	摂取2週後
ApoA1	mg/dL	193.9 ± 23.6	183.7 ± 21.1 **
TTR	mg/dL	30.85 ± 6.67	29.60 ± 5.26 *
C3	unit	0.809 ± 0.330	1.035 ± 0.367 **
MCIリスク	-	0.652 ± 0.070	0.645 ± 0.072
n=20			
平均値±標準偏差			
摂取前と比較して有意差あり (*p<0.05、**p<0.01: 対応のあるt検定)			

Note: Hydrogen inhalation was carried out five times a day for two weeks

It is likely that ApoA1 and TTR (components that inhibit inflammation) were reduced as a result of hydrogen inhalation. This conclusion was reached because (1) tests revealed a significant decrease in ApoA1 and TTR, but also showed a significant increase in C3; and (2) C3, which is produced in the liver, increased significantly and inflammation was inhibited.

# Discussion on the results of hydrogen inhalation in the elderly (after two weeks of ongoing use)

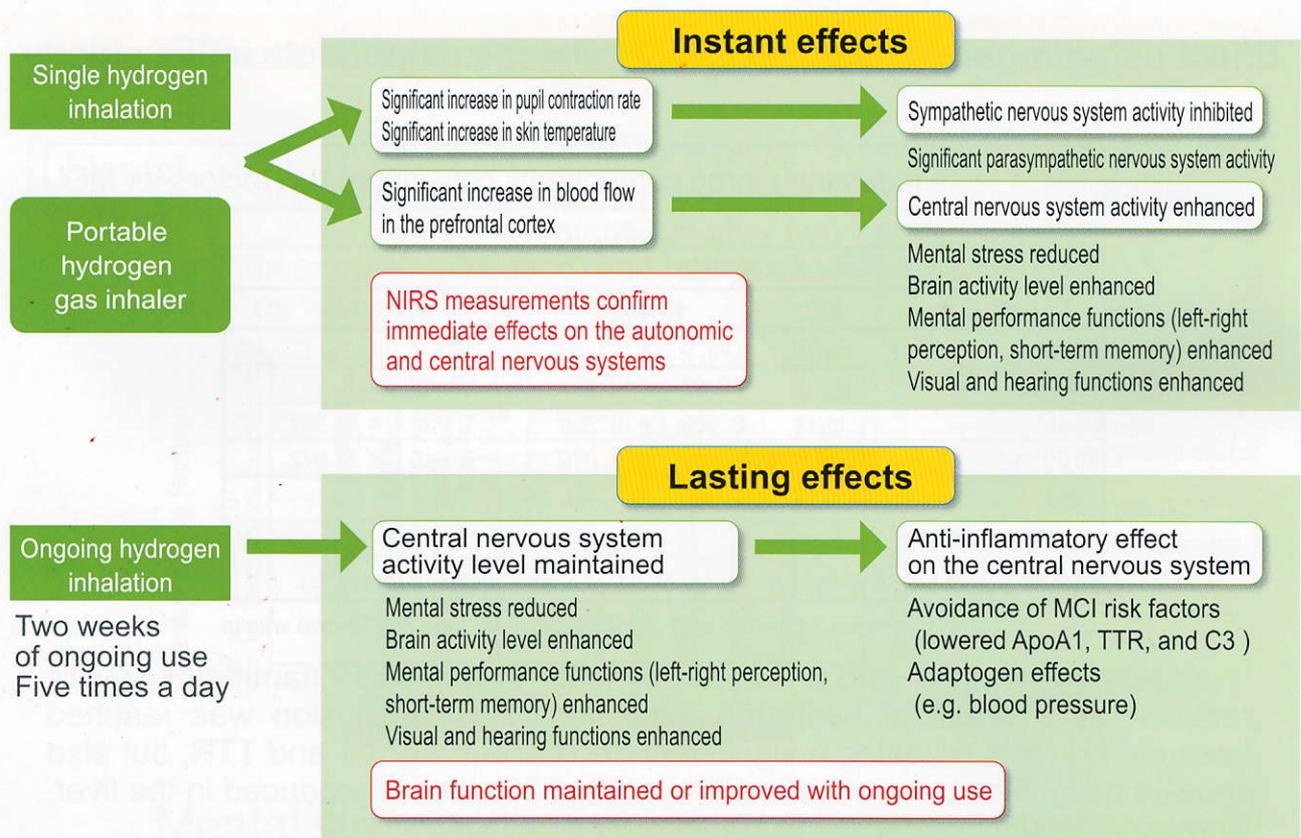
Compared to measurements taken prior to hydrogen inhalation, post-inhalation revealed significant decreases in MCI screen components ApoA1 and TTR, while C3 showed a significant increase. Other blood test results revealed a significant decrease in AST and a tendency for ALT values to decrease, findings that could be explained by hydrogen's antioxidant effects. In other words, inhaling hydrogen reduces oxidative stress on the body, improving liver function, increasing the production of C3 in the liver, and inhibiting inflammation. This in turn is what may lead to reductions in ApoA1 and TTR, components with are produced for the purpose of reducing oxidative stress and inflammation.

Other test results (blood pressure and LDL cholesterol) revealed that an adaptogen (a substance that enhances an organism's ability to adapt to the environment and stress) effect may lower test values when they are above the standard level or maintain them if they are not.

Loss of brain function (dementia) may be caused by Alzheimer's, Lewy bodies, or cerebrovascular issues (cerebral arteriosclerosis). Our MCI screening results showed significant changes in component factors associated with MCI risk, but only slight effects were seen in terms of MCI risk values. On the other hand, our mental stress test, flicker measurements, and mental performance function tests did show improved brain function, making it possible that hydrogen inhalation may, via a mechanism that improves brain function, **help inhibit cerebrovascular issues (cerebral arteriosclerosis) if not Alzheimer's or Lewy bodies.** It may also have a direct positive effect on nerve tissue.



## Hydrogen inhalation summary (single use/ongoing use)



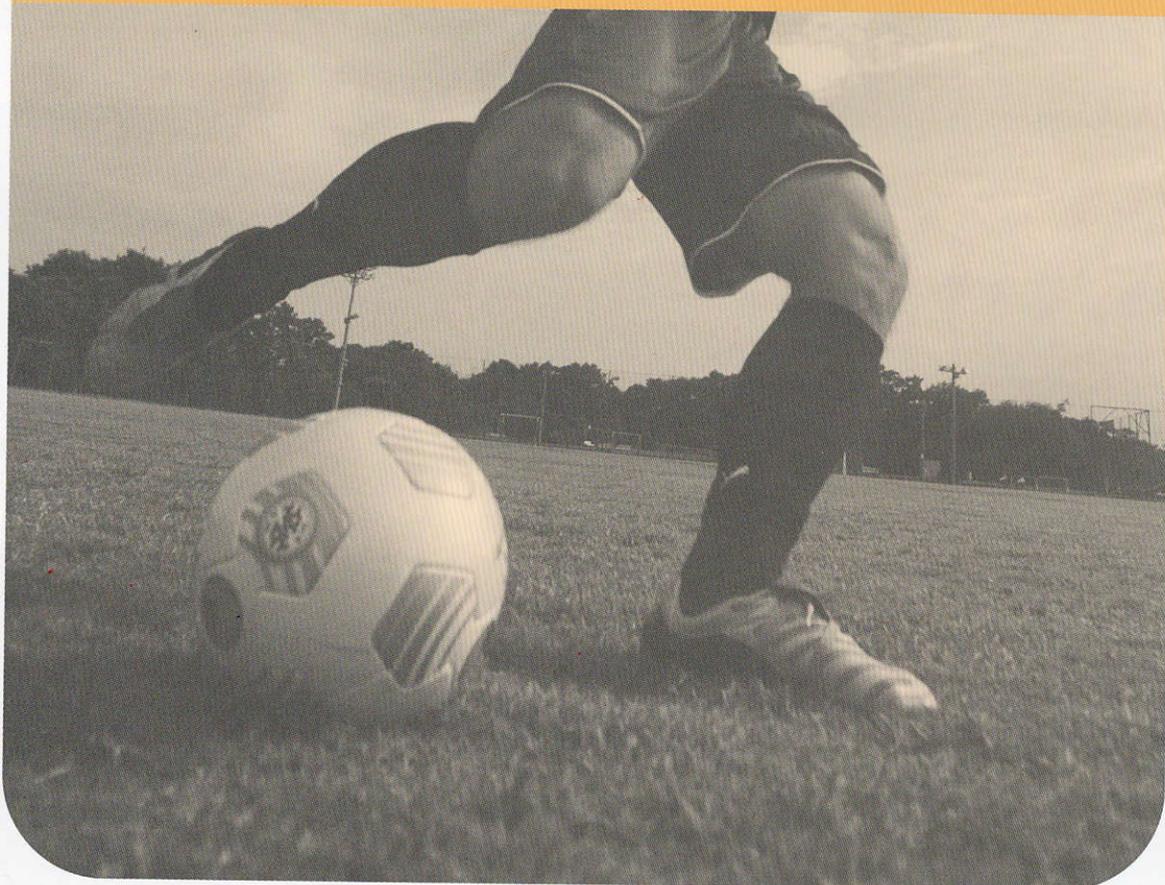
# Clinical tests

## III

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Results of mental performance function tests  
on Kashima Antlers youth (18 and under) soccer players

Test subjects: Soccer players age eighteen and younger



We studied the ways that hydrogen can be good for athletes

## Clinical tests III

Results of mental performance function tests on Kashima Antlers youth (18 and under) soccer players  
Test subjects: Soccer players age eighteen and under

### Changes in brain function as a result of hydrogen inhalation

After conducting a variety of performance tests on eighteen-and-under members of the Kashima Antlers youth soccer team, subjects inhaled hydrogen for five minutes in order to measure changes in their condition.

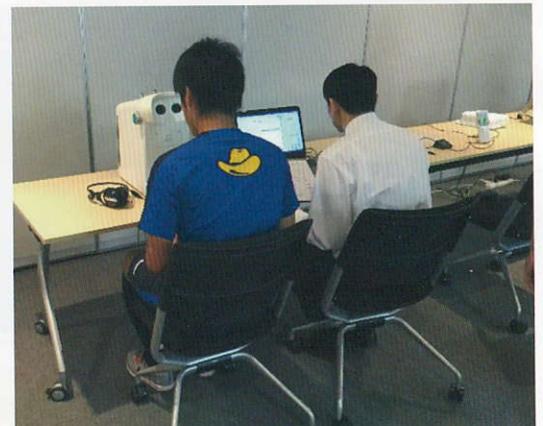
Static vision

Mental stress

Dynamic vision

Hearing function

Cutaneous sensation



## What mental and physical changes are caused by hydrogen inhalation?

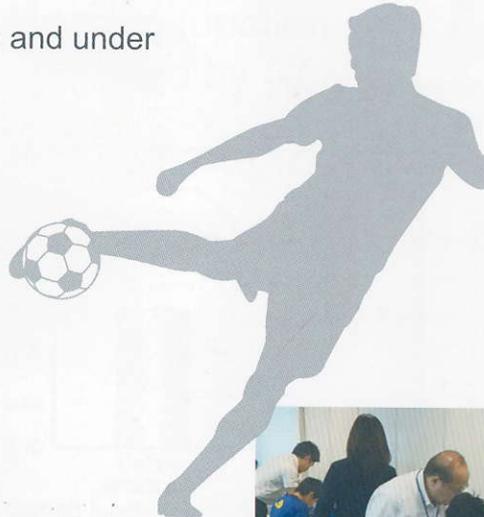
We used a variety of instruments to measure psychological and physical changes in eighteen-and-under members of the Kashima Antlers youth soccer team after five minutes of hydrogen inhalation.

Test subjects: Soccer players age eighteen and under

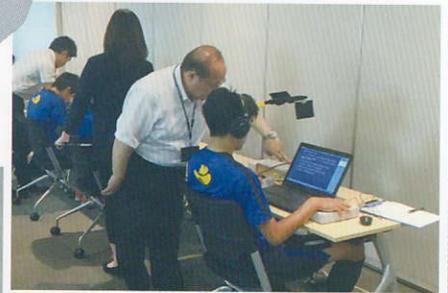
### Dynamic vision measurement device



Dynamic vision is the ability to keep a moving object in the line of sight without losing track of it. This device measures the subject's ability to accurately track a moving object.



Measures static and dynamic vision



### Mental age measurement device



A mental age measurement device uses a screen that users tap to select answers to various questions, including fill-in-the-blank equations or remembering colors or numbers. The results are used to determine things like mental age, mental stress, and brain health.

Measures mental stress

### Mental performance function measurement device



Mental performance measurement devices measure a variety of performance indicators for the brain, which controls cognition and behavior. They work by having subjects engage in complex tasks, follow rules, perform switching, update information, and so on.

Measures cutaneous sensation and hearing function

# Effects on brain function in athletes

Test Subjects: Soccer players age eighteen or under

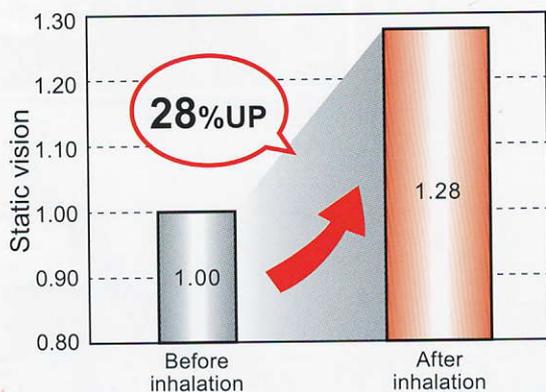
After conducting a variety of performance tests on eighteen-and-under members of the Kashima Antlers youth soccer team, subjects inhaled hydrogen for five minutes in order to measure changes in their condition.

## The relationship between sports and hydrogen inhalation

What effects can we expect hydrogen inhalation to have on athletic performance?



### Static vision



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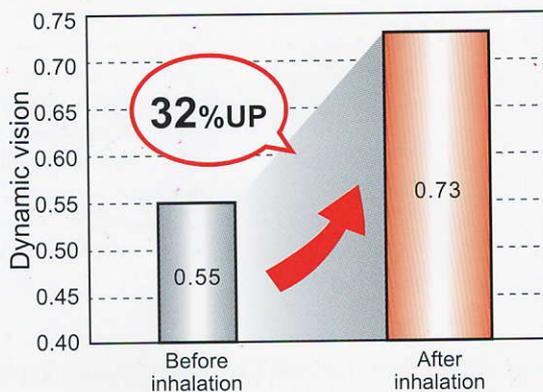


Dynamic vision measurement device

Dynamic vision improved by 28%

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### Dynamic vision



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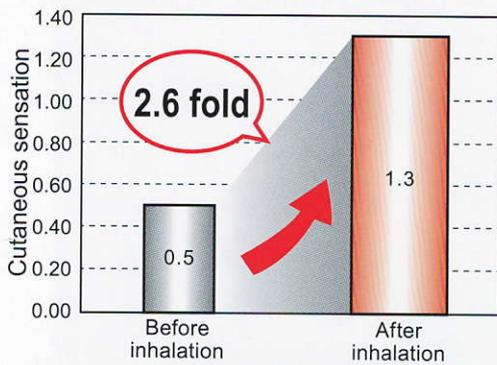
Dynamic vision improved by 32%

Dynamic vision tests found that performance improved by 32% after hydrogen inhalation compared to pre-inhalation levels.

Cutaneous sensation



Cutaneous sensation improved by 2.6 fold



Cutaneous sensation tests found that performance improved by 160% after hydrogen inhalation compared to pre-inhalation levels.

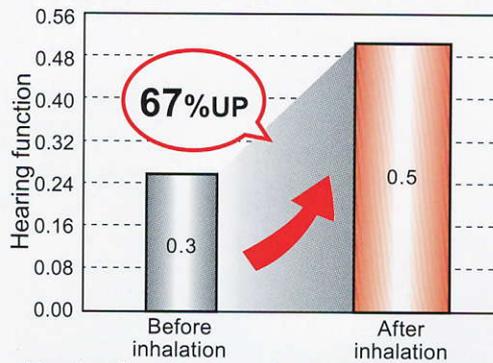
Hearing function



Hearing function improved by 67%



Mental performance function measurement device



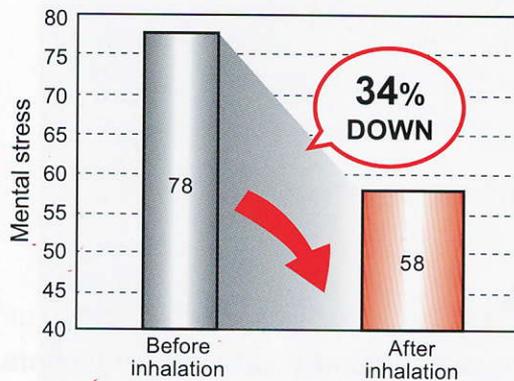
Hearing function tests found that performance improved by 67% after hydrogen inhalation compared to pre-inhalation levels.

Mental stress

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Mental stress was reduced by 34%



Specialty measurement devices found that stress was reduced by 34% after hydrogen inhalation.



Mental age measurement device Tests:

Mental age  
Mental stress  
Brain health

Tests:

Changes in brain function as a result of hydrogen inhalation show that hydrogen appears to be a promising way to boost athletic performance!

\*Graphic data from in-house tests

# Mental performance function tests on soccer players

## Discussion of findings

We can infer that **visual function improved** due to the observed increases in dynamic vision, visual function, and left-right perception.

We can infer that **athletic function and physical sensitivity improved** due to the observed enhancement in skin sensitivity, finger tapping function, and posture function.

We can infer changes in mood and awareness, as participants reported **reduced fatigue and stress as well as improved motivation and focus**.



## Overall assessment and next steps

One of the most notable results from the study was **the reduced fatigue and stress plus increased motivation and focus** seen in both healthy women and young soccer players.

As the results suggest that hydrogen inhalation improves dynamic vision and left-right perception while boosting athletic function and physical sensitivity, we can expect that it would help to maintain or **improve key physical and psychological functions** in soccer players.

Going forward, we will need to study the effects of hydrogen on factors like performance and mood when it is inhaled before practice or games. We also need further tests to assess **the ability of hydrogen to reduce fatigue and aid in physiological recovery** when inhaled after practice or games.

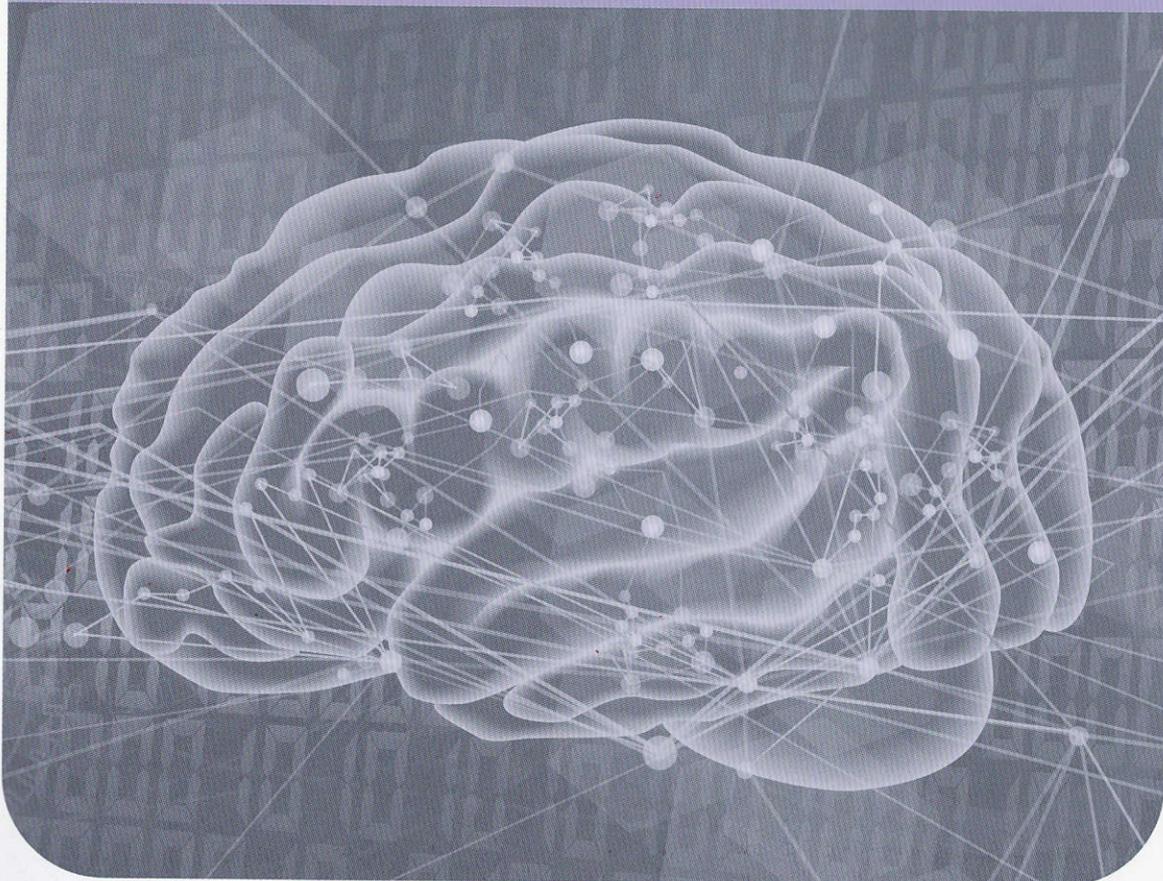
# Clinical tests

## IV

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Using an fMRI device to measure brain activity  
in the prefrontal cortex after hydrogen gas inhalation

Test subjects: Healthy men and women in their 20s and 30s



We conducted a deeper investigation into the ways that hydrogen can be good for brain activity

## Clinical tests IV

Using an fMRI device to measure brain activity in the prefrontal cortex after hydrogen gas inhalation  
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## Tracking changes in brain activity resulting from hydrogen inhalation

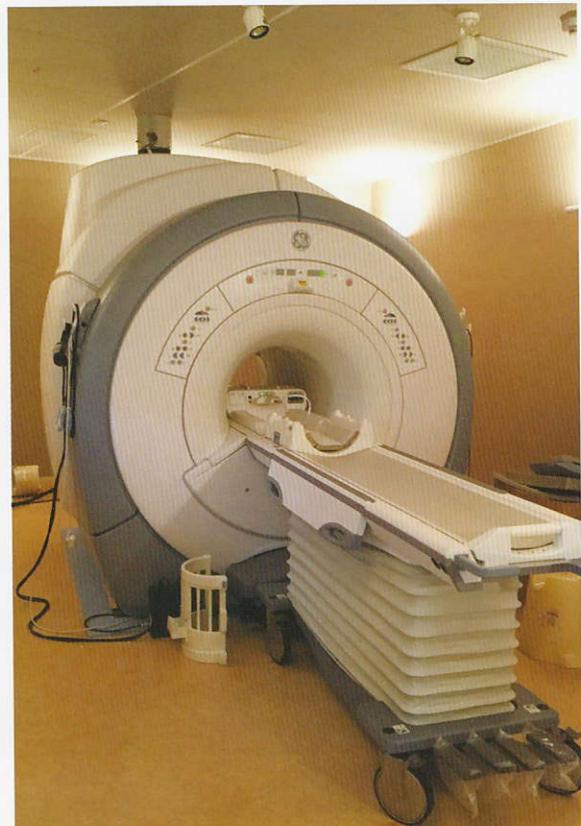
This test targeted healthy men and women in their 20s and 30s with the aim of tracking changes in brain activity resulting from hydrogen inhalation. An fMRI device was used to measure post-inhalation activity in the prefrontal cortex of the brain.

Activity in the prefrontal cortex

### fMRI

The abbreviation fMRI stands for functional magnetic resonance imaging. This technology uses an MRI device to create cross-section images of the body, which can then be used to study brain activity.

Measures activity in the prefrontal cortex

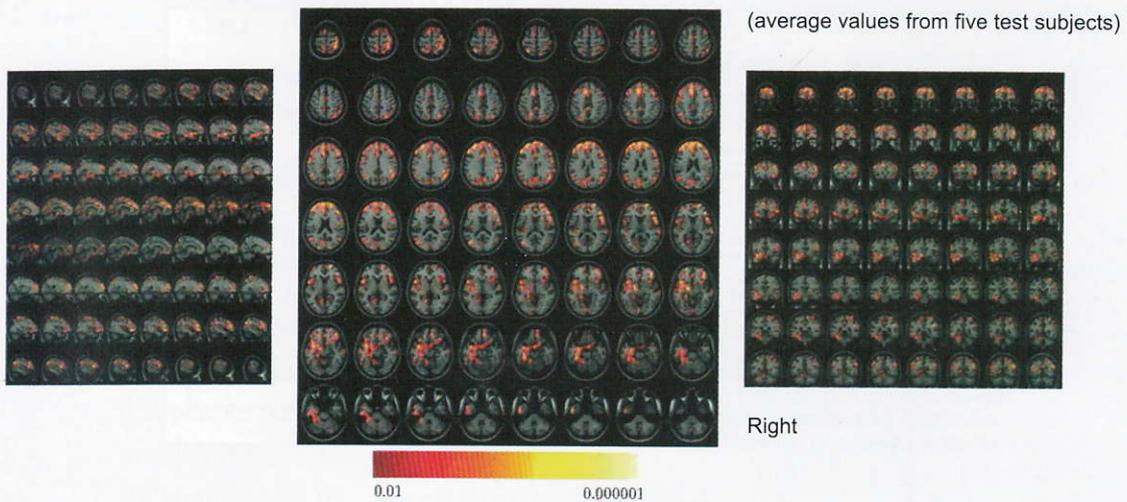


**We used an fMRI device to study activity in the prefrontal cortex of the brain resulting from hydrogen inhalation.**

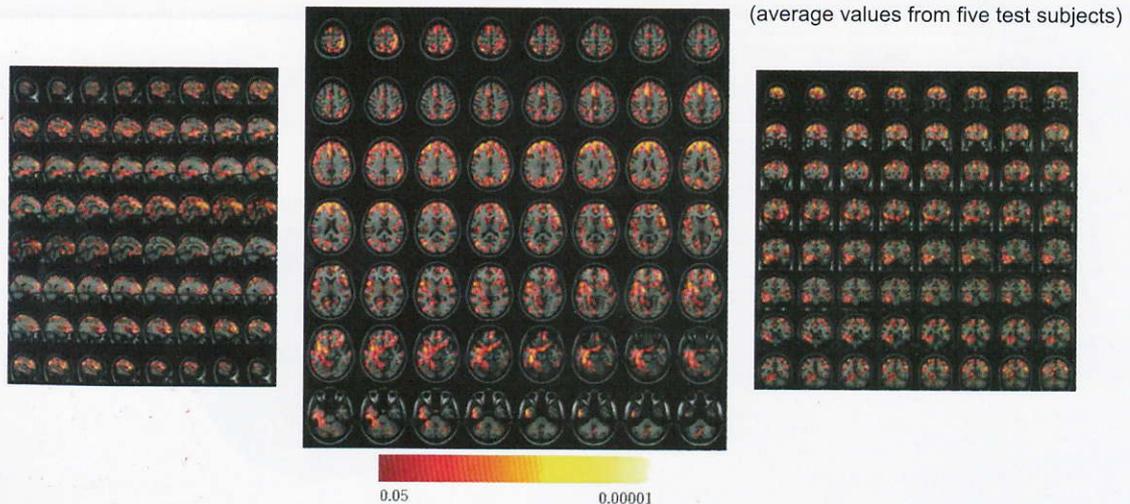
Subjects rested for five minutes while inside the fMRI device, and then inhaled hydrogen gas using a portable hydrogen gas inhaler for five minutes. Images showing brain activity were taken under both conditions and compared with one another.

Test subjects: Healthy men and women in their 20s and 30s

Brain stimulation map during hydrogen inhalation  
P<0.01



Brain stimulation map during hydrogen inhalation  
P<0.05



**fMRI test results:**  
**Hydrogen inhalation was shown to have an effect on brain activity.**

# Further potentials in the medical field

Hydrogen has been approved under the Advanced Medicine B category by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

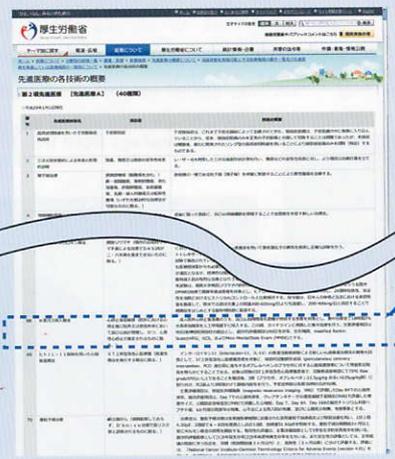
Hydrogen gas was given to a patient after they were resuscitated from cardiopulmonary arrest. The hydrogen helped save their life and protect brain function, making it an important rehabilitative treatment method.

## Advanced Medicine B evaluation report from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

第4回先進医療特許審査委員会 資料2-2 平成28年7月14日	
先進医療B 実施計画等評価表 (番号 B066)	
評価委員 主 担 者: 伊藤 副担者: 田島 副担者: 大門 技術専門委員: 山口	
先進医療の名称	院外心停止後患者に対する水素ガス吸入療法
申請医療機関の名称	慶應義塾大学病院
医療技術の概要	本試験は、成人院外心停止後患者のうち、自己心拍再開後も昏睡状態が持続する患者を対象とし、集中治療室で18時間以内水素ガス吸入療法を人工呼吸器下で吸入する。心停止後症候群患者に対して行うべき集中治療は、ガイドラインに準拠して平行して行う。吸入開始から12時間後までは安全性評価として有害事象の記録を行い、独立データモニタリング委員会の評価を受ける。 主要評価項目は90日生存率、生存時間、バイオマーカー、血行動態項目とする。 予定試験期間は3年間、予定症例数は360例で1対1対称(水素吸入群180例、対照群180例)の2群である。

Note: Advanced Medicine certification is given by the Certification Committee for Advanced Medical Technologies after a rigorous evaluation process to evaluate the treatment's efficacy, safety, and necessity.

先進医療Bの評価結果(2号)	
評価委員: 田島, 大門, 伊藤, 技術専門委員: 山口	
先進医療Bとしての適格性	
先進医療の名称	院外心停止後患者に対する水素ガス吸入療法
社会的利益性(医療的必要性等)	① 治療の必要性が高い。 ② 治療の困難性が高い。
期待される効果	A 効果率、有効率、生存率に有意差がある。 B 効果率、有効率に有意差がある。 ③ 効果率、有効率に有意差はない。 ④ 効果率、有効率に有意差はない。
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Posted on the official MHLW website

On December 9, 2016, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare approved hydrogen gas inhalation for Advanced Medicine B certification. Japan (the MLHW) is the first country in the world to demonstrate the effectiveness and safety of hydrogen gas.

Verifying psychological benefits  
during hydrogen intake



## Providing evidence-based solutions

Our mission is to conduct research aimed at finding the best way to create hydrogen, the best intake method, and the best intake timing so that people receive maximum benefits, meanwhile producing evidence to support these findings.

By tapping into the synergy of industrial-academic cooperation, Aqua Bank offers hydrogen as one of its core solutions as it strives to find more ways to make people happier and healthier.

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