

# CONCEPTUAL RESEARCH BASED ON THEORETICAL BEHAVIOUR FOR TASTE SENSATION FOR ORAL STUDY

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**Abstract-** Gustatory discernment is the tangible impression of food or different substances on the tongue and is one of the five conventional faculties. Taste is the sensation delivered when a substance in the mouth responds synthetically with taste receptor cells situated on taste buds. Taste, alongside smell and trigeminal nerve excitement decides kinds of food or different substances. People have taste receptors on taste buds and different regions including the upper surface of the tongue and the epiglottis. Taste insight blurs with age. On normal individuals lose around 50% of their taste receptors when they turn twenty. This article survey about taste, taste buds, its components, improvement and maturing, job of spit and its clinical ramifications.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Taste perception plays a crucial role in human survival. One of the greatest sources of happiness in a person's life is the enjoyment of food. One must be sensitive to taste in order for food to be enjoyable. Taste perception is crucial for motivating food intake and obtaining the energy and nutrients necessary to maintain the body's functions, despite its widespread recognition as essential for epicurean pleasure. Additionally, the senses of taste and smell offer protection from environmental and food-borne toxins as well as warnings.

The quality of life is impacted by the loss of taste. Although a change in taste sensation can have a negative impact on quality of life and cause discomfort, there are not many treatments that can effectively treat taste disorders. It could be because there aren't as many clinical studies on the topic and the taste system is complicated. When patients complain of changes in taste, dentists are frequently the first clinicians they see. Hence, the dental clinicians really must be know about the etiology, determination, and the executives of taste problems.

## 2. TASTE PATHWAY

The taste pathway is a many-sided framework involved different designs innervated by cranial nerves. Through the chorda tympani, the facial nerve (VII nerve) innervates the anterior two-thirds of the specialized mucosa that covers the dorsal aspect of the tongue and soft palate. Through its glossal branches, the gloss pharyngeal nerve (IX nerve) innervates the posterior third of the tongue. The vagus nerve (X nerve) provides sensation to the pharyngeal mucosa.

Numerous papillae of four varieties cover the tongue. Filiform papillae are the most various and show up as short, unpleasant designs covered with thick keratinized epithelium. They lack taste receptors. The papillae of the filiform and fungiform forms are primarily distributed at the tongue's tip and along its lateral borders. The tongue's surface is covered in mushroom-shaped papillae. They have a core of

connective tissue and a thin layer of epithelium, making them look more like boxes. On the tip of most fungiform papillae, there is only one taste bud. The larger circumvallate papillae appear to be dome-shaped and have a crypt-like trough surrounding them. They are located anterior and parallel to the sulcus terminalis. The gustatory epithelium, which contains a number of taste buds, lines the crypt. 12 to 15 circumvallate papillae exist in humans. The gloss pharyngeal nerve supplies the foliate papillae, which can be seen as slits on the tongue's lateral sides.

### **3 THE SCOPING REVIEW PROCESS**

The purpose of this study was to conduct a scoping literature review. To begin, we looked for structured reviews from the previous ten years that had evaluated the evidence for the taste-related old age sensation. Because the research field is still not sufficiently populated to accommodate systematic reviews or meta-analyses, we did not follow a protocol for a systematic review. We accessed databases like Medline, ISI Web of Knowledge, CiNii, J-STAGE, and CrossRef that are frequently used to index health and medical research in order to locate relevant 20th-century literature. Additionally, searches of relevant review article reference lists were used to locate additional relevant studies. The terms "taste," "gustatory sense," "older adults," and "geriatric" were among the search terms. Only reports with English-language manuscripts and research participants over the age of 60 were considered. Priority was given to searches of English-language literature to guarantee international readers' access to reviewed manuscripts.

#### **3.1 Literature Review**

Self-report and psychophysical studies do not provide definitive answers to the question of how eating disorders affect taste perception and detection thresholds; some findings indicate that patients with eating disorders have impaired taste function, while others indicate that this is not the case. When compared to healthy controls, some researchers found that AN and BN participants had altered or decreased taste sensitivity (Anderson A. K et al., 2003; J. M. Arlt, et al., 2017; K. Aschenbrenner and others, 2008), which may influence eating habits.

People with eating disorders may perceive taste differently depending on a number of factors. For instance, Berling K et al. found that people with AN had fewer fungiform papillae on their tongues, and people with BN purging on a regular basis may alter the oral microenvironment, affecting taste buds and the composition of saliva. (2011). However, contradictory results from other studies suggested that taste changes were caused by malnutrition, metabolic issues, or a fear of food-related stimuli (Blazer T et al., 2008; C. Bohon et al., 2012; A. Favaro and others, 2009; A. Fushan et al., 2010), and some studies have shown that weight recovery improves taste changes (Garcia-Bailo B et al., (Hoogeveen H. R et al., 2009) or behavioral interventions 2015). According to our review of self-report studies (Hummel T et al.,), participants' perceptions of taste remained relatively unchanged following weight loss. (1997). Our analysis of pre- and post-treatment studies, which examined the effects of weight restoration on taste perception and detection in AN and BN populations, supported this conclusion. According to F. Kim U. K. and S. Wooding (2006), the hypothesis that BMI influences taste perception is called into question by these findings.

In addition, studies revealed that people's perceptions of various tastes like sweetness and fat varied greatly. For instance, this review's findings revealed that BN patients have a greater preference for sweetness than control subjects. Variations in basic human biology (e.g., variation in the human TAS1R2 or TAS1R3 gene associated with sweet taste [Monje Moreno J. M. 2014]) or cognitive processing for a perceived stimulus (Nozoe S., 1996) could account for these differences. Some of the results showed

similarities between eating disorders, such as a strong aversion to fat; C. M. Peterson et al., 2016). Social stigma against fatty foods or pathophysiology in populations with eating disorders could be the cause of these traits.

### **3.2 Cognition and Taste**

According to Snyder D. J. et al., researchers found that people with AN had different taste responses to swallowed and not swallowed solutions. This suggests that people with AN had a change in taste perception rather than a diminished ability to experience gratification. (2006; J. Webb et al., 2015). In patients with AN, this finding highlights the possibility that cognitive factors influence taste perception. Measures that measure how and when cognition influences taste perception and AN pathophysiology should be used in future research. According to Nozoe S. (1996), taste intensity was lower in BN patients than in healthy controls. In addition, when solutions were administered using taste strips as opposed to the whole-mouth method, they experienced decreased taste sensitivity (Hoogeveen H. R et al., 2015; Hummel T. et al., 1997; Kim UC and others, 2006). However, the methods and outcomes of the various studies varied, and it is not clear whether the taste changes were caused by BN or by another risk factor.

Eating disorders also involve alterations in reward processing mechanisms, which both contribute to the onset and persistence of symptoms (Favaro A, 2009; A. Fushan, 2010). Eating disorders' mechanisms of reward processing can be quantitatively evaluated using neuroimaging, which may shed light on the potential similarities and differences between the two conditions. When studying eating disorders, researchers frequently employ a neuroimaging paradigm that involves observing brain-reward pathways while subjects taste a pleasant food (such as fat or sugar). According to the findings of the neuroimaging studies that we looked at, people with AN may have distinct changes in the insula, which is the part of the brain associated with taste identification (Garcia-Bailo B., et al., 2009; R. Hoogeveen et al., 2015; C. M. Peterson et al., 2016). In addition, these results suggest that individuals recovering from AN may process information differently than controls when it comes to self-awareness. J. M. Monje Moreno, et al. (2014) found that compared to controls, people with AN had different patterns of brain activation when presented with sweet or bitter stimuli. This suggests that people with AN struggle to identify taste or respond to the hedonic appeal of food. Additionally, given that the insula plays a role in emotional regulation, it's possible that people with AN respond negatively rather than positively to food. This finding may shed more light on the reasons why people with AN avoid foods that are typically considered to be "pleasurable."

## **4 PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES IN THE TASTE SENSORY ORGANS WITH AGEING**

Everyone experiences sensory decline as they get older. The physiological changes also take place in the central nervous system, related neurons, and the taste buds in the peripheral areas. As a result, the detection thresholds go up.

### **4.1 Taste Bud**

The number of taste cells in a taste bud, the density of taste buds in the epithelium, and the total number of taste buds are all reported changes that occur with age in the taste bud. According to the findings of the earlier study, the average number of taste buds in human circumvallate papillae decreased significantly between the ages of 74 and 85. Several pathological conditions are thought to cause taste buds to be out of balance.

The density of taste buds in the epithelium also decreased as ageing mammals exhibited this trait. The quantity of taste buds in mouse circumvallate papillae, as well as the quantity of cells in each taste bud, diminished with age. Shin and co. also found that 18-month-old mice had significantly smaller circumvallate taste bud sizes and fewer taste cells per bud than 2- and 10-month-old controls. Importantly, the number of taste buds, their condition, and cognitive function appear to be linked in an organism that is getting older. For instance, people over the age of 65 were found to have a higher prevalence of cognitive impairment. In older people, the perception of the intensity of taste stimuli may be directly influenced by the physiological changes in the organ of the taste receptor, the taste bud.

#### **4.2 Taste Recognition**

Findings on taste recognition are related to evidence for a link between taste sensation and cognition. Reduced glucose concentrations in the parieto-temporal and posterior cingulate cortices of Alzheimer's disease patients have previously been linked to mild cognitive impairment in the posterior cingulate cortex. The thalamus projects information to the primary opercular and insular taste cortices, as well as to the orbitofrontal cortex, cingulate gyrus, and other multimodal integrative areas, from where perceived taste signals are transmitted via cranial nerves VII, IX, and X. As a result, patients with cognitive impairment frequently experience a decrease in taste because taste and cognitive processing ability share neural pathways.

Cognitive impairments associated with aging may be the result of changes in the intrinsic cellular properties of neurons, as suggested by the overview of brain ageing mechanisms. The intrinsic neuronal excitability of the structures of the central nervous system that play important roles in cognitive processing has been found to change with age. Alterations in neurotransmitter receptors and/or decreased response to neurotransmitters, loss of synapses, decreases in soma size, and loss of dendrites and dendritic spines have all been observed in older neurons, supporting this hypothesis. The neuronal network's computational efficiency is harmed and information encoded in action potentials is transmitted less effectively as a result of alterations in neuronal physiology and structure.

### **5 FACTORS AFFECTING TASTE SENSATION IN OLDER ADULTS**

Several factors have been proposed to be associated with taste loss or dysfunction in older adults. In this section, we attempt to consolidate the evidence for the influences on taste associated with the experience of ageing.

#### **5.1 Medication**

One of the most common causes of taste disturbance is drug-induced change in taste; approximately 170 drugs have been linked to taste disturbances. The chelating reaction of a drug with a zinc ion and subsequent zinc deficiency is the most common possible mechanism for the drug-induced taste disorder. Compared to younger adults, older adults frequently have more chronic diseases, making them more likely to require medication that affects taste acuity alone or in combination.

### **6 BEHAVIOURAL SPECIFICITIES AND TASTE SENSATION IN OLDER ADULTS**

Conduct specificities also as physiological changes can influence taste-related sensations with maturing. We have summarized the behavioral characteristics of older adults in this section.

### **6.1 Smoking**

Although smoking has not been found to have an effect on taste sensitivity, it has previously been reported that smoking has a negative effect on four tastes. Recently, there has been a growing consensus regarding the negative effects of smoking on taste perception as perceived by the taste buds. Due to cultural factors or recent shifts in public health awareness and prevention strategies, male and female smoking rates differ significantly in many nations.

### **6.2 Poor Oral Hygiene**

Maintaining good oral hygiene is difficult for elderly people who are frail and rely on others for care and assistance with daily activities. As a result, taste sensation has a higher gamble of disintegration. It has been noted that the loss of taste and smell affects pleasure from food and activities related to food. The circumstances pertaining to awareness of oral hygiene and dental treatment are relatively unreported among very old people whose dexterity has declined. The connection between bad oral hygiene and taste loss remains hazy due to the lack of evidence, necessitating additional hypothesis testing. Furthermore, current research lacks sufficient evidence for a causal relationship, recommending randomized controlled trials for a more thorough evaluation.

With higher medication intake, older people are more likely to have multiple chronic diseases. The deterioration in taste sensitivity is more likely to be brought on by diseases and the living conditions of institutionalized older adults. Additionally, older people admitted to hospitals showed decreased taste sensitivity, which could be the result of poor nutrition, polypharmacy, or advanced age. Even though the Japanese are similarly well-controlled by governmental mandate in aged care facilities, institutionalization of older adults can also result in nutritional deficiency if nutrient intake is not properly managed or issues with taste sensation are not properly evaluated. As previously stated, there are differences in the nutritional supervision provided to older adults in institutional settings worldwide. Quality of nutrition, including the taste and texture of food, institutional dietary provision, and maintaining a healthy weight are all crucial to the quality of life of elderly people who are at risk.

## **7 CURRENT EVIDENCE OF TASTE SENSATION IN OLDER ADULTS**

Examinations concerning changes in taste sensation at more established ages have been concentrated on conflictingly in late many years. We have compiled 31 existing studies on the influences on taste-related sensations in international older adult cohorts. The topics of physiological changes in the sensory organs and physiological and behavioral variables related to taste sensation provide a broad reflection of influences. However, because many studies in this area do not evaluate or describe potential confounding factors, the evidence level is still inadequate. For instance, associations have been found to exist between chronic diseases and the sensation of taste; however, new evidence suggests that medication may act as a mediator or moderation.

## **8 CONCLUSION**

Taste and smell unsettling influences influence the personal satisfaction of an enormous extent of patients. There is still a lack of testing for the integrity of taste and smell. Tooth and other oral mucosal tissues are frequently treated in an unneeded, sometimes irreversible, and damaging manner for patients. In this manner, appropriate oral assessment and recognizable proof of the nearby factors can forestall superfluous treatment by dental specialists.

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