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Providing 'humane' services by expanding the function of flavor and fragrance

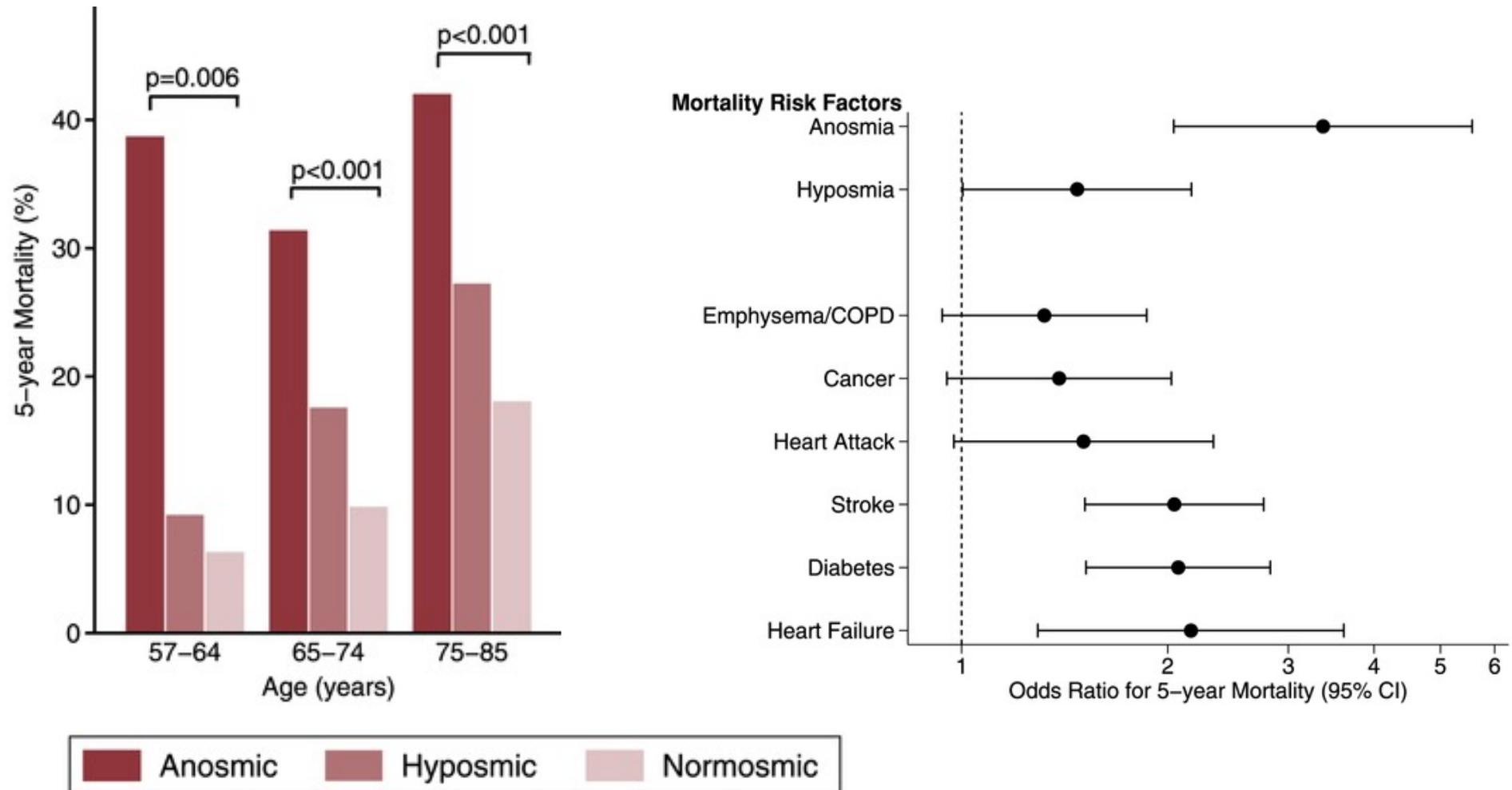
showing kindness, care and sympathy to others

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Olfactory dysfunction predicts 5-year mortality in older adults

Pinto et al.: PLoS ONE 9 (10):e107541 (2014)

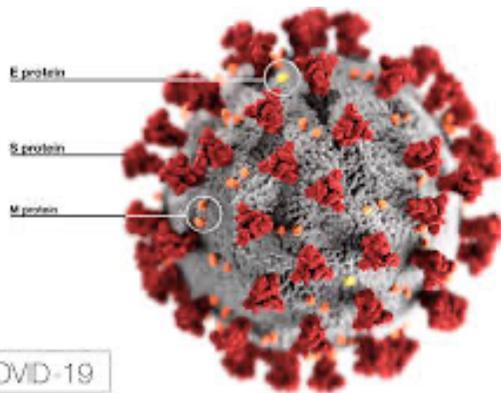


COVID-19 and loss of sense of smell



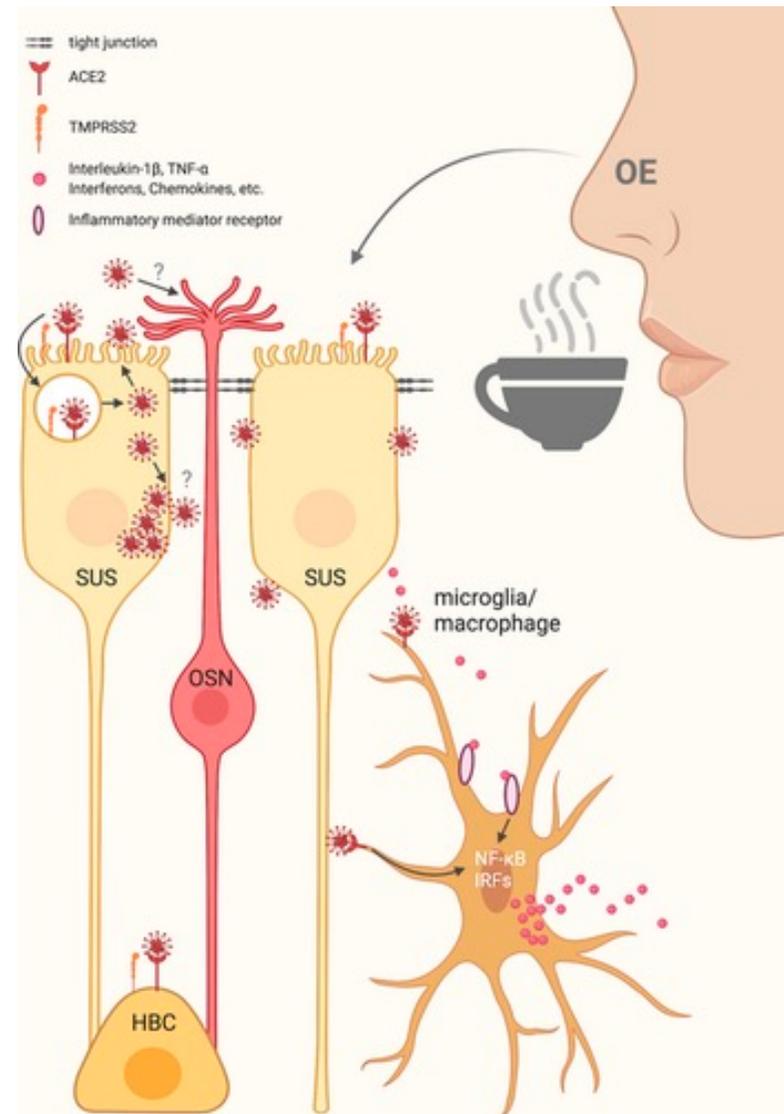
Loss of sense of smell as marker of COVID-19 infection

There is new evidence for the loss of smell as a symptom of COVID-19 infection. We are circulating the following intelligence to Public Health England with regards to anosmia. As a result, this information highlights the importance for healthcare personnel to employ full PPE and in turn help stem the rates of infection. Full details can be read below:



International survey

<https://gcchemosensr.org/>
<https://smelltracker.org/ja>



Glezer et al. J. Neurochem. 2020

Aroma and smell in our life

Previous and current needs
Typical approach

Malodor!! ➡ Deodorant



Next generation strategy
: positive effect for QoL

➡ Humane use



Why is the targeting 'olfaction' challenging?

Difficulty in reconstituting or designing odors

For the visual system, VR can recapitulate the texture but not for olfaction



Sawayama et al/. J Vis. 2017

entertainment



<https://www.vertechs.jp> <https://www.pixar.com/>

Individual differences in odor perception

Good aroma in turn makes some people unhappy or even 'toxic'



Happy with aroma



Unhappy with aroma



<http://www.nhk.or.jp/nc11blog/200/275737.html>

Weak scientific evidence for effect of aroma

Cannot visualize/quantify olfactory effect and perception

Aroma effect?

relax
concentration
weight control
sleep



Malodor claim

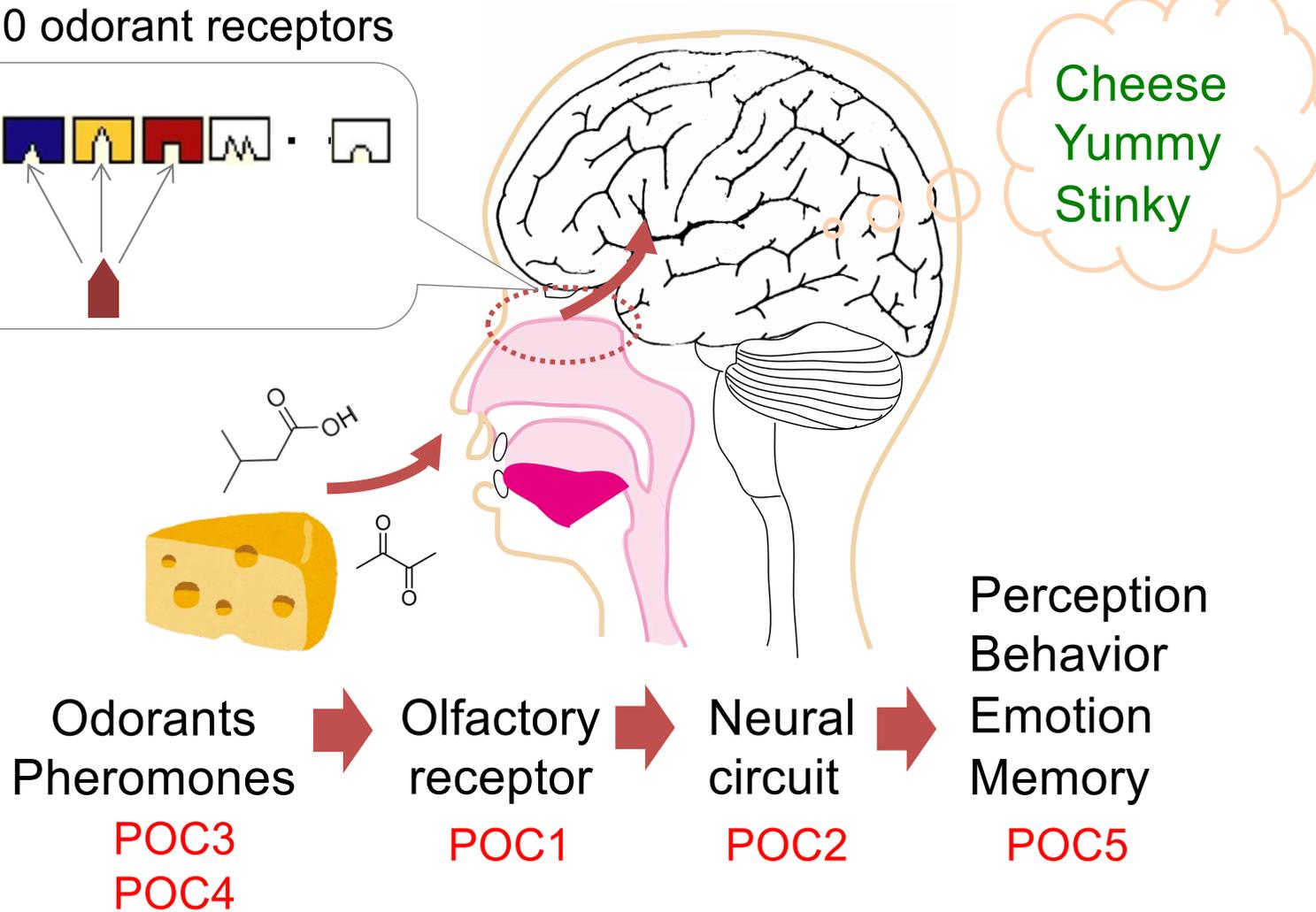
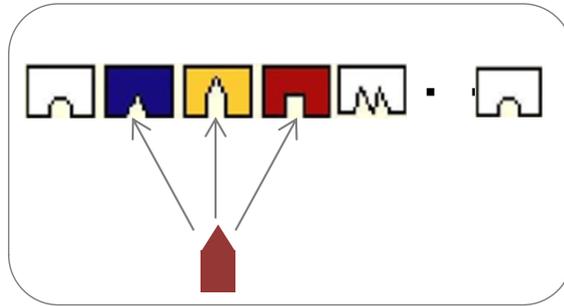


Hard to describe
impression

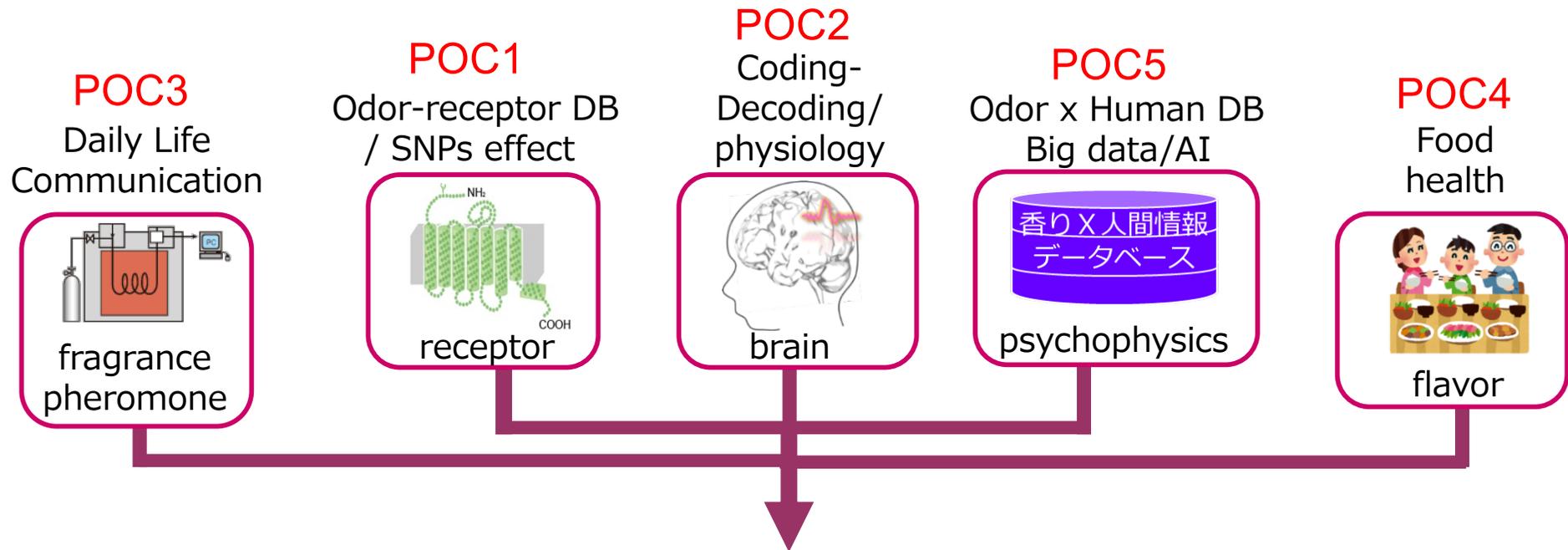


Odor sensing in the olfactory system

A combinatorial receptor coding
~400 odorant receptors



Providing humane services by expanding the function of flavor and fragrance



Construction of a model to predict one's preferred aroma
Exploring service market and social implementation

Universally accepted odors/ individually 'tailor-made' odors/
Enhancing comfort · safety · bonding/ Supporting health/ food market

Outputs QoL ↑ Health ↑ Safety ↑ Comfort ↑ SDGs ↑

Examples of digital transformation targeting olfaction in the world

Givaudan : Smart Tool by using Big data

- By using Virtual Aroma Synthesizer® (VAS) that can produce aroma in real time, one can acquire preference in each country, race, and region efficiently
- mix flavor easily and quickly and thus, general people can attend to experience flavor creation

出典 : <https://jp.givaudan.com/flavours/meeting-your-needs/smarttools>

Firmenich : personalization of aroma using big data and AI

- Partnership with Ecole Polytech. Federal in Lausanne (EPFL) and put Digital lab 「D-Lab」
- Create innovation across flavor and fragrance by using AI

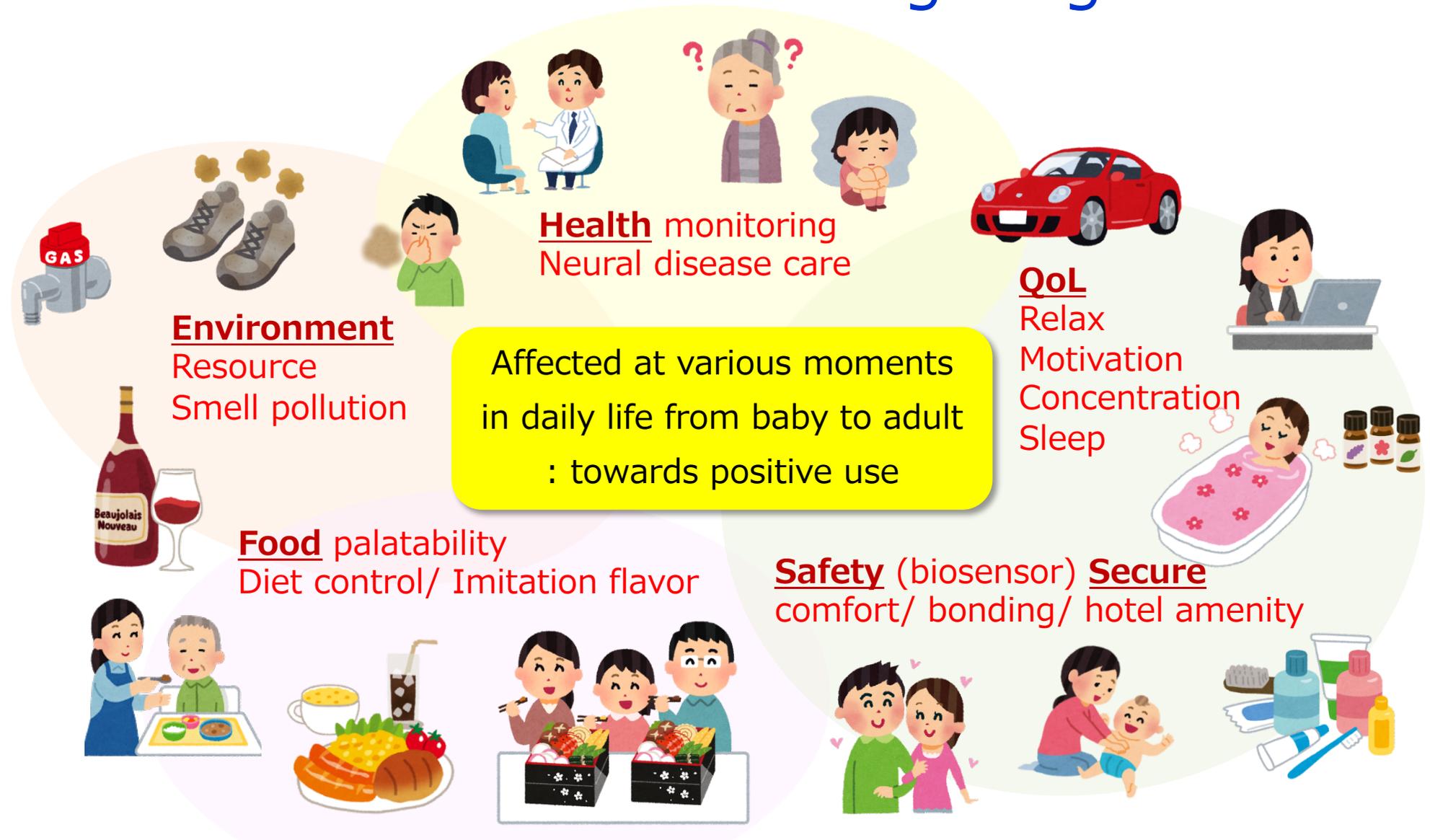
出典 : <https://www.perfumerflavorist.com/networking/news/company/Firmenich-Launches-Digital-Lab-at-EPFL-Innovation-Park-489868571.html>

Symrise : providing aroma for specific use with the IBM Res.

- A method of using AI to create perfumes based on digital fragrance models
- Philyra, as the project is called, uses AI developed by IBM Research for product design technology
- AI identifies existing fragrances and suggests complementary additional components and formulas.

出典 : <https://www.symrise.com/newsroom/article/breaking-new-fragrance-ground-with-artificial-intelligence-ai-ibm-research-and-symrise-are-workin/>

Potential service market targeting olfaction



Develop a method for reconstituting and designing odors (→VR)

Solving a problem of individual differences in odor perception

Decoding brain response / obtain evidence for physiological effect