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가 , 2001,
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20 (low-pass filter)
1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4kHz 10
(no- filtering) 3kHz
가 2kHz 가
70dBHL 가 40- 50dBHL

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(stapedial foot plate)
(Hogan & Turner, 1998).

(speech reception threshold, SRT) (word recognition score, WRS)
35-40dBHL

가 가 가
가 가 (赤井貞康, 1990; 田
知住子, 1990). 가

가 가
(fitting) 가 (speech signal)
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가 (articulation index, AI)
 (ANSI, 1969).

Pascoe(1975) 가

Skinner(1980) Sullivan et al.(1992)

가 . Murray &

Byrne(1986) 가 가

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Tasell(1986) (masking)

, . Zurek &

Delhorne(1986) (masking noise)

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Turner & Robb(1987)

가 (spectral cue audibility) . 6 ' + '

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. Hogan & Turner(1998) 가 (audible speech)

가

. (low-pass cutoff- frequency) 가

3kHz 가 55dBHL 가

. 55dBHL 가

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. 60dBHL

, (dynamic range)가 가

(loudness recruitment phenomenon) 가 (audibility)

(Rankovic, 1991).

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20 45 30 가 20dBHL .
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(n=10)

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| 1000 | 18 | 9 | 25 |
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가 10dBHL
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 . 1kHz 2000Hz
 가 4kHz 가 20dBHL
 , 50dBHL 88%(SD)
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| | | 500Hz | 1000Hz | 2000Hz | 4000Hz | 8000Hz | SRT | WRS | |
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| S2 | M | 54 | 10 | 10 | 60 | 75 | 80 | 15 | 90 |
| S3 | M | 62 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 50 | 90 | 20 | 90 |
| S4 | M | 38 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 65 | 90 | 10 | 100 |
| S5 | M | 39 | 10 | 10 | 55 | 60 | 90 | 10 | 100 |
| S6 | M | 62 | 15 | 10 | 10 | 50 | 60 | 10 | 95 |
| S7 | M | 35 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 95 | 90 | 20 | 60 |
| S8 | M | 42 | 15 | 10 | 35 | 55 | 60 | 20 | 80 |
| S9 | F | 80 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 70 | 80 | 15 | 90 |
| S10 | F | 65 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 70 | 80 | 15 | 95 |

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4 200 (, 1962) 가 50
 16
 29 (Grason Stadler, GSI
 10) 44.1kHz sampling rate 16 bit digital form

60dB/octave rejection slope (low-pass filter: Matlab,
 version 5.2) 5 (cutoff-frequency: 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4kHz)
 4kHz MP3 sample rate 128 kbit/sec
 mono 1kHz
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(TDH39)

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(no-filtering, 4kHz ,

3kHz , 2kHz , 1.5kHz , 1kHz)

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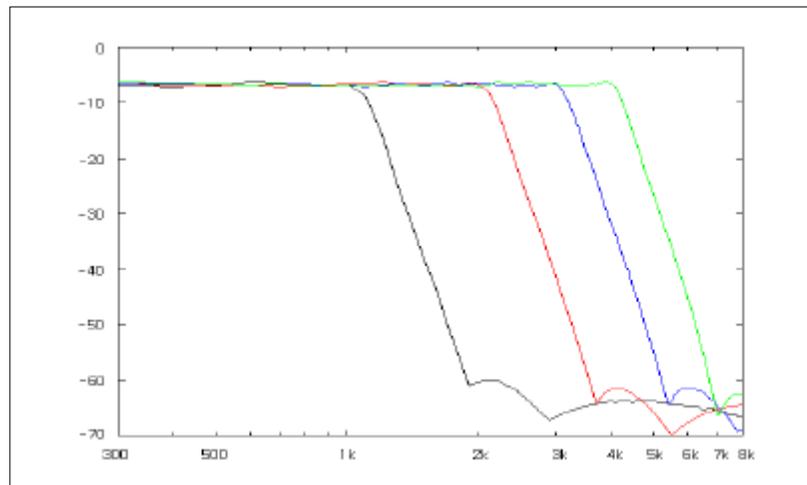
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filtering

(t-test)

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(t-test)



< - 1> 가 1, 2, 3, 4kHz

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6 < - 3 >
 가 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4kHz 20- 70dBHL

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| | no filtering | 4kHz | 3kHz | 2kHz | 1.5kHz | 1kHz |
|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 20dBHL | 99 (1.57) | 85 (8.78) | 82 (7.56) | 62 (10.74) | 46 (9.78) | 27 (7.34) |
| 30dBHL | 99 (1.11) | 93 (5.35) | 91 (5.50) | 75 (8.89) | 55 (7.69) | 29 (7.94) |
| 40dBHL | 99 (0.61) | 97 (4.55) | 96 (4.88) | 86 (4.47) | 61 (6.86) | 38 (7.79) |
| 50dBHL | 99 (0.61) | 94 (5.05) | 97 (4.49) | 84 (6.59) | 67 (8.92) | 35 (12.72) |
| 60dBHL | 100 (0.00) | 94 (5.15) | 90 (7.11) | 85 (7.36) | 66 (18.40) | 32 (13.58) |
| 70dBHL | 97 (3.15) | 90 (5.94) | 88 (5.40) | 79 (8.34) | 62 (10.42) | 25 (6.11) |

20- 30dBHL , 1kHz
 1.5kHz , 2kHz 가 3kHz 4kHz
 가 40- 50dBHL
 1kHz 1.5kHz 2kHz , 3kHz 4kHz
 가 60- 70dBHL
 1kHz 1.5kHz 가 2kHz
 가 1, 2, 4kHz
 40dBHL , 1.5 3kHz 50dBHL 40- 50dBHL
 가 가 70dBHL 가 가

t- test . 20- 30dBHL 60- 70dBHL
 , 40- 50dBHL 2kHz (< - 4 >).

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| | 4kHz | 3kHz | 2kHz | 1.5kHz | 1kHz |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 20dBHL | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |
| 30dBHL | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |
| 40dBHL | 0.036 | 0.012 | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |
| 50dBHL | 0.089 | 0.015 | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |
| 60dBHL | 0.001* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |
| 70dBHL | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* | 0.000* |

*p <

0.01

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50dBHL (88%)
t-test (< - 5>).
 1.5kHz 2kHz (p<0.05).

< -5> 50 dBHL

| | | no filtering | 4kHz | 3kHz | 2kHz | 1.5kHz | 1kHz |
|---------|-------|--------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Mean(%) | 88 | 99 | 94 | 97 | 85 | 67 | 32 |
| SD(%) | 12.53 | 0.61 | 5.05 | 4.49 | 6.59 | 8.92 | 12.72 |
| P-value | | 0.012* | 0.001* | 0.046* | 0.537 | 0.052 | 0.002* |

*p < 0.05

20-30dBHL
 3-4kHz
 40-50dBHL
 3-4kHz
 60-70dBHL
 3-4kHz
 3kHz
 가 2kHz
 Goetzinger(1978)
 (slight) , 60-70% (moderate) , 50-60% (severe) 90-100% , 75-90%
 (profoundly) 50%
 (40-50dBHL) 가 2kHz , 2kHz
 , 1.5kHz 가 , 1kHz 가
 2kHz 가
 50dBHL 4kHz(94%) 1kHz(35%)
 가 (60%)
 (40-50dBHL) 3-4kHz
 가 Parkins & Newall(1990) 가
 3kHz
 가 (20-30dBHL) (60-70dBHL)
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 3kHz
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 40-50dBHL 가
 70dBHL
 가
 (van Tasell, 1993). 가 60dBHL

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1 1.5kHz

500Hz

(steeply sloping)

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1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4kHz

2kHz

3-4kHz

3kHz

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40-50dBHL

70dBHL

가

50dBHL

1.5 2kHz

1.5-2kHz

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ABSTRACT

Effects of High-Frequency Hearing Loss on Speech Recognition Ability

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In the case of high frequency hearing loss, the primary goal of hearing aid fitting strategies is to make the speech signal audible through providing high-frequency amplification. However, an increase in audibility does not always provide a complete restoration of speech recognition for all hearing-impaired listeners. The purpose of this study was to determine the optimal frequency response characteristics of speech recognition ability for the listeners with high-frequency hearing loss. Twenty adults with normal hearing and ten adults with high-frequency sensorineural hearing loss participated in this study. Twenty normal subjects consisted of ten males and ten females with a mean age of 30 years(ranging from 25 to 45 years). Ten hearing-impaired adults consisted of eight males and two females with a mean age of 53 years(ranging from 35 to 80 years). For the normal hearing group, high-frequency hearing losses were simulated. The speech stimuli were presented to the subjects under the low-pass filtered conditions with no-filtering and five cut-off frequencies of 1, 1.5, 2, 3, and 4kHz. The presentation levels were varied from 20dBHL to 70dBHL. Word recognition scores(WRSs) were obtained with six conditions at each presentation level. For the hearing impaired group, WRSs were obtained at the regular conversation level of 50dBHL. Generally, the simulated hearing impaired group showed high WRSs at the condition of no filtering than at the conditions of various filtering. When the condition of no filtering was compared with each filtering condition, the difference was statistically significant ($p < .01$) at all presentation levels for the cut-off frequency below 2kHz. For the cut-off frequencies at 3 and 4kHz, the difference was statistically significant ($p < .01$) at all

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presentation levels except 40 and 50dBHL. As the cut-off frequency increased, WRSs were increased at all presentation levels. At the presentation levels of 40-50dBHL, however, the WRSs at the condition without filtering were not significantly different from those at the condition filtering at 3-4kHz. The WRSs for the simulated hearing loss group were similar to those for the hearing impaired group at the presentation level of 50dBHL with the cut-off frequency of 2kHz. These results suggest that although the acoustic information above 3kHz may not be as critical as that below 3kHz at the normal conversation level(40-50dBHL), it may be important to understand whispering or loud voices. For the generalization of the results, more data from the hearing-impaired should be collected.