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Estimating social burden of 3 major diseases including LTC in Japan :

Super-aging society changes the breakdown of burden

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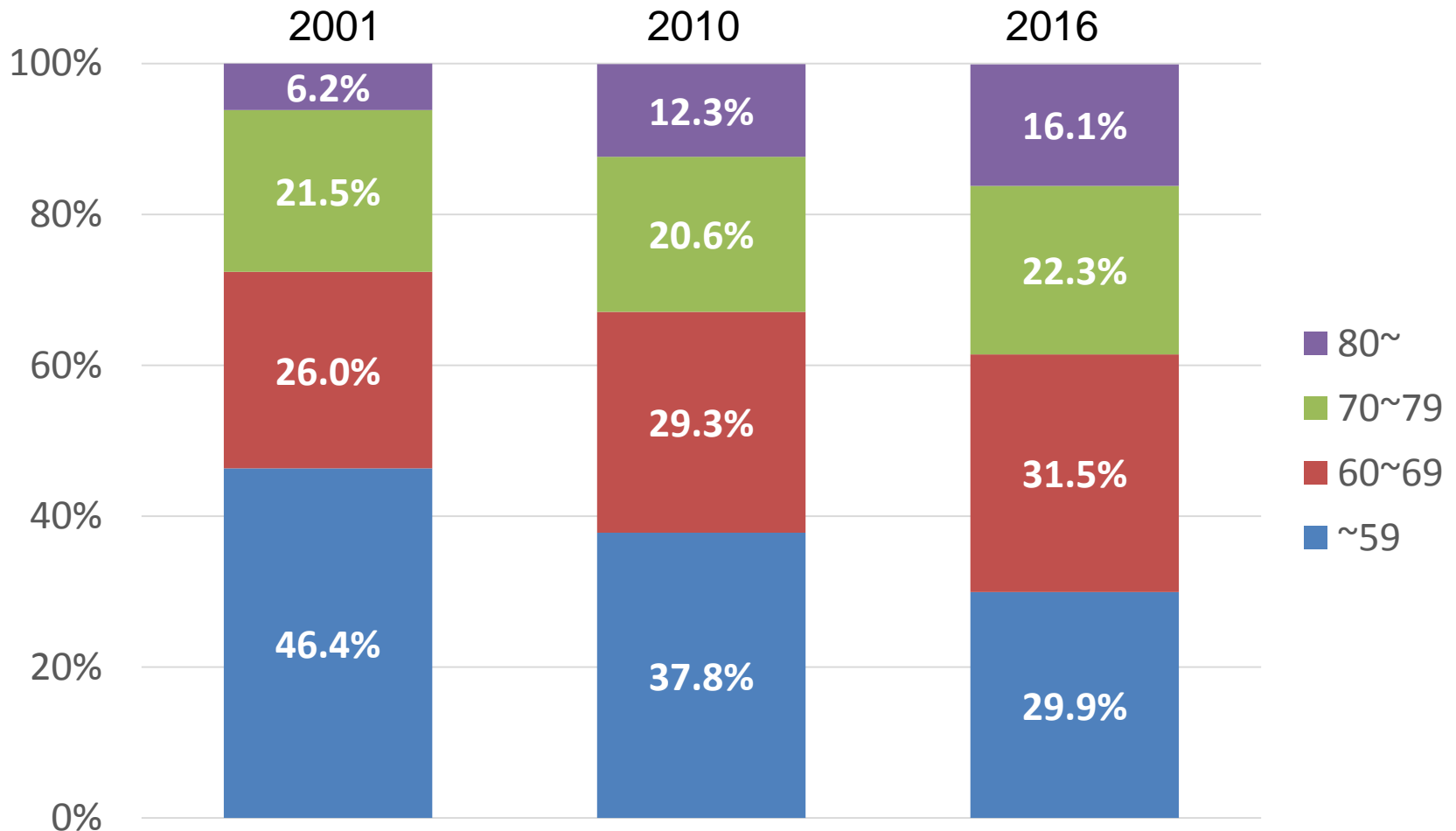
Increasing the family burden of LTC ①

- Aging of Japanese society is changing the structure of the diseases; **chronic diseases are increasing**.
 - Chronic diseases have a higher **burden of long-term care (LTC)** than acute diseases.
- Although there are services provided by public LTC insurance system in Japan, it is said that the burden of **informal care** by families is also large.
- In addition, **caregivers are also aging** in Japan.
 - **"The elderly providing care for the elderly"** problem is becoming more serious.



Increasing the family burden of LTC ②

Age of Caregivers in Japan

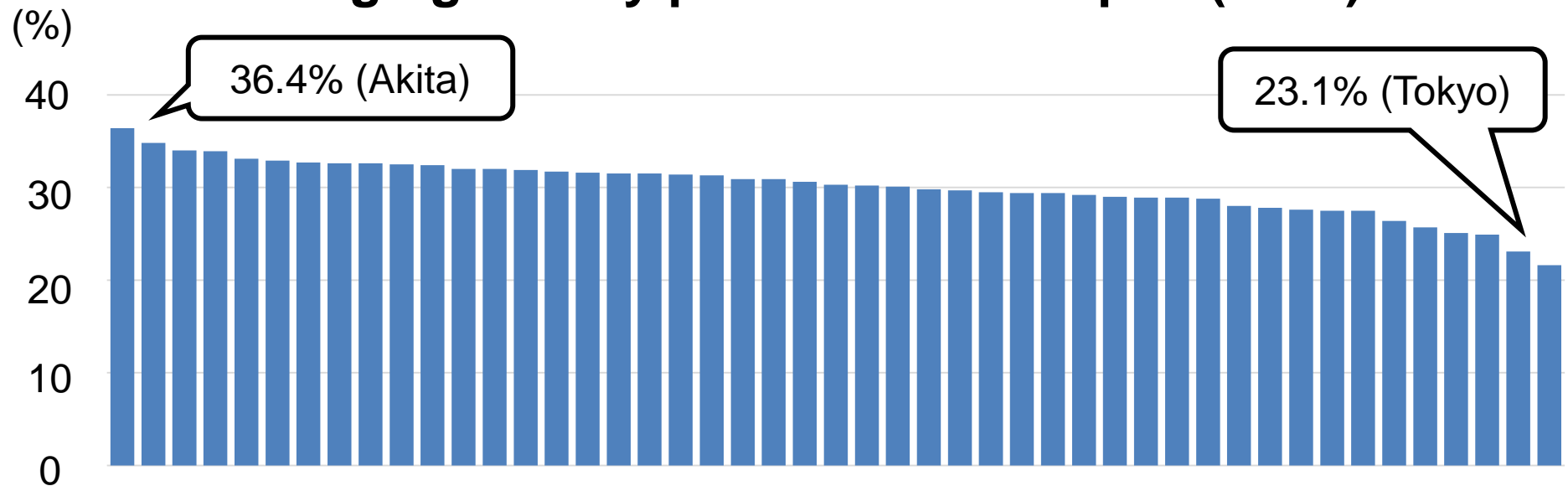


Source: Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions

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- The aging rate in all Japan is **28.1%**, however **rural areas are aging more than urban areas.**

Aging rate by prefectures in Japan (2018)

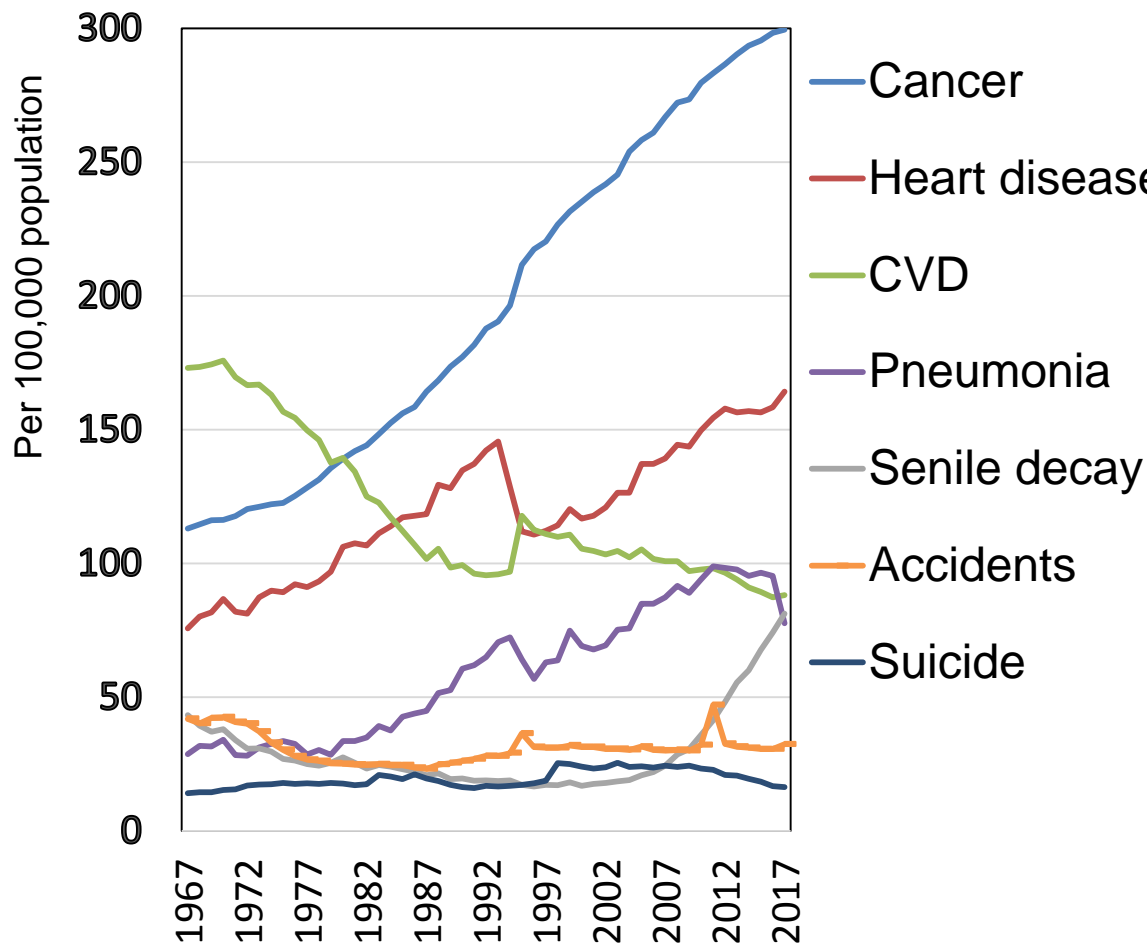


Source: Governmental population projections

- “The elderly providing care for the elderly” may eventually reach its limit.

3 major diseases in Japan

Trend of causes of death in Japan



CVD: Cerebrovascular disease

3 major diseases
in Japan

- Those 3 diseases had been leading causes of death in Japan from 1950s to 2010s.
- But **the structures of the social burdens can be different** among these 3 diseases.

- One method of estimating the social burden of a disease is **the cost of illness (COI)** method.

The COI method

- A method for estimating the social burden of a disease as monetary value.
- The COI can be easily calculated from government statistical data.
- The COI can take into account not only direct cost but also indirect cost.

- However, the COI method may underestimate the burden of chronic diseases because **it does not include the burden of LTC.**



In an aging society, it is necessary to estimate the social burden of diseases, **including burden of LTC.**

Methods

Calculate the social burden of **3 major diseases** in Japan using **the comprehensive cost of illness (C-COI) method**.

The C-COI method

- A method that evolved the original COI for estimating the burden of diseases, including the burden of LTC.

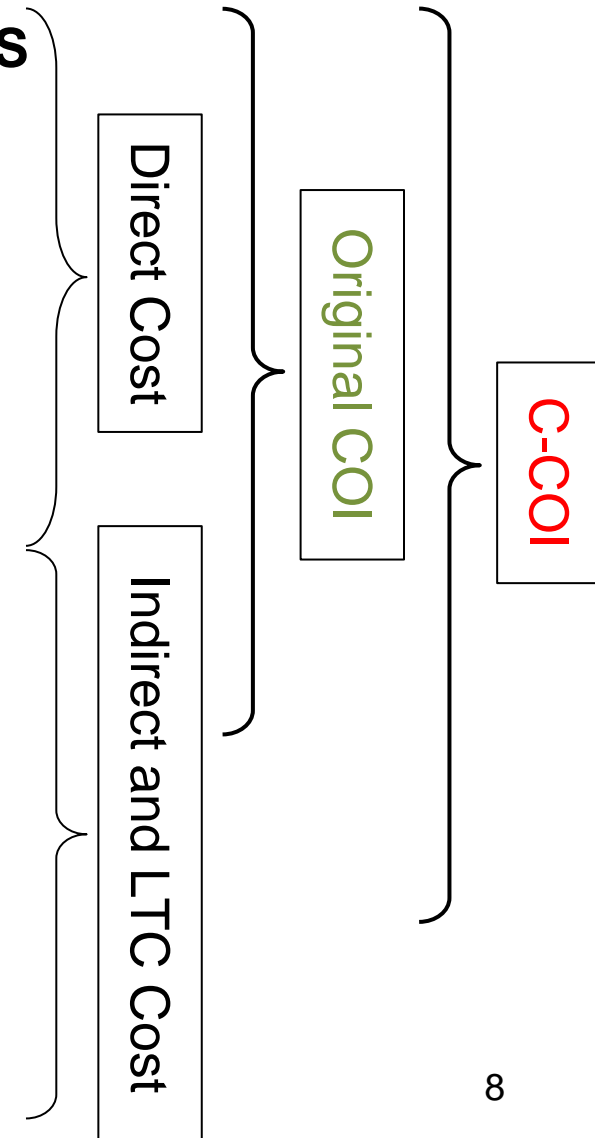
Social burden of diseases

I . Cost for establishment and administration of HS

- Work force
- Medical goods
- Energy

II . Cost for patients and their families

- Cost of medical care and medical drugs
- Other things
- Morbidity cost (Loss of opportunity)
- Mortality cost
- Formal care cost (LTC insurance benefit)
- Informal care cost (Family`s burden)
- Decline in QOL (Quality of Life)
- Mental burden



Calculation of C-COI

Direct cost

Medical direct cost

Annual medical expenses based on reimbursement data.

Formal care cost

LTC cost covered by public LTC insurance

Indirect cost

Morbidity cost

(Total person-days of hospitalization \times One day labor-value) + (Total person-days of outpatient \times One day labor-value \times 1/2)

Informal Care Cost

number of family caregivers \times average time for care a day \times **1-hour labor value per person (Two methods)** \times 365

Mortality cost

Number of death \times Life time labor-value per person

1. *Benchmark discount rate was 3%.*
2. *Life time labor-value was calculated summing up the income which patient could have earned in the future if they had not died.*

Two calculation methods of informal care costs ①

Opportunity cost approach;

A method based on the current situation of informal care by families in Japan.



Replacement approach;

A method that replaces families as caregivers with **professional care workers**.



Two calculation methods of informal care costs ②

Opportunity cost approach;

$$ICC_{OC} = \sum NFC_{ij} \times ATCd \times LVh_{ij} \times 365$$

Replacement approach;

$$ICC_{RA} = NFC \times ATCd \times \overline{LVh} \times 365$$

ICC: Informal care cost

NFC: number of family caregivers

ATCd: Average time for care a day

LVh: 1-hour labor value per person of care giver

i: sex, j: age class

\overline{LVh} : average wage per hour of professional care workers

Data set

Diseases : Cancer (ICD10: C00-D09) 、 Heart disease (I01-I02.0, I05-I09, I20-I25, I27, I30-I52) 、 CVD (I60-I69)

Data source : Governmental office statistics

- Patient Survey
- Survey of National Medical Care Insurance Services
- Vital Statistics
- Abridged life table
- Basic Survey on Wage Structure
- Labor Force Survey
- Estimates of monetary valuation of unpaid work
- Population estimates series (2008 · 2011 · 2014 · 2017)

- Comprehensive Survey of Living Condition of the People on Health and Welfare
- Fact-finding Survey on Economic Conditions in Long-term Care
- Survey of Institutions and Establishments for Long-term Care
- Survey of Long-term Care Benefit Expenditures (2007 · 2010 · 2013 · 2016)

Result ① : C-COI of 3 major diseases

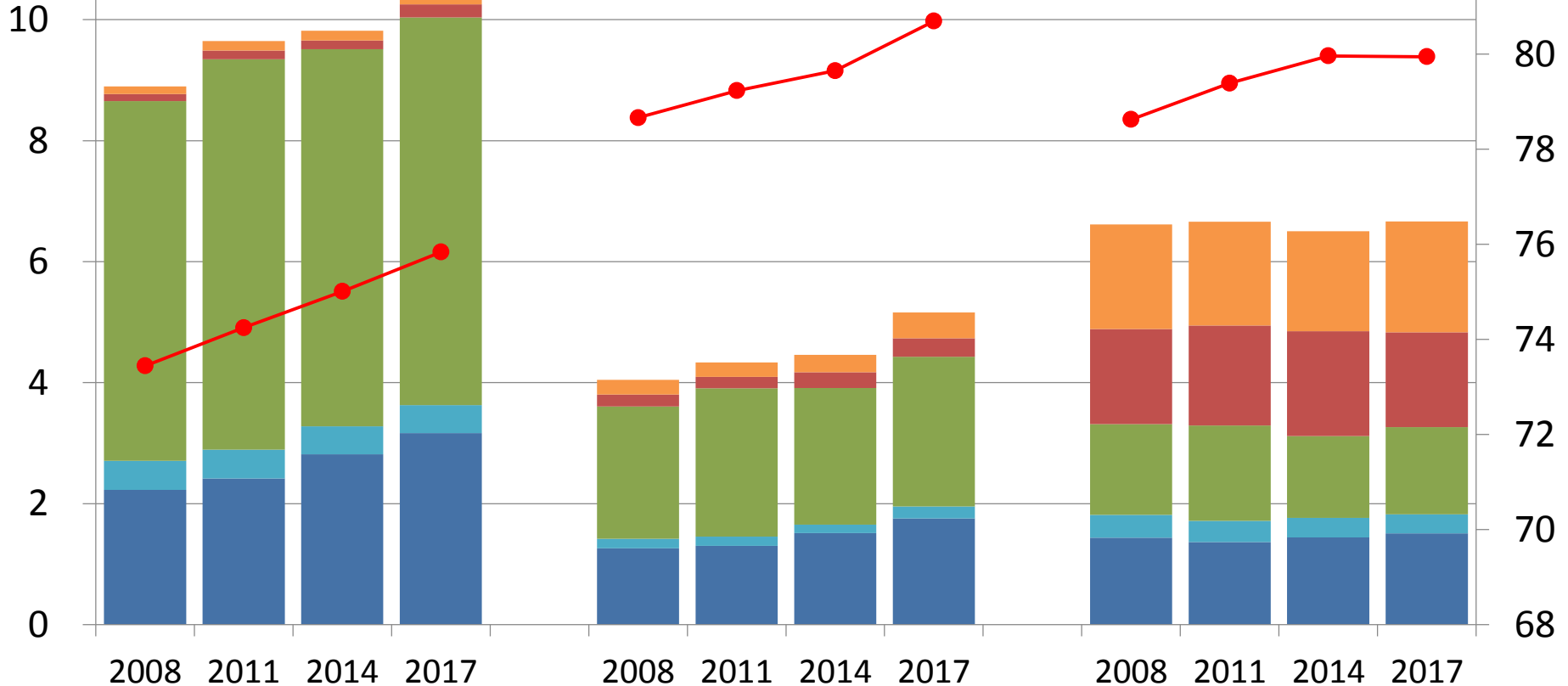
trillion yen

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Cancer

Heart diseases

CVD

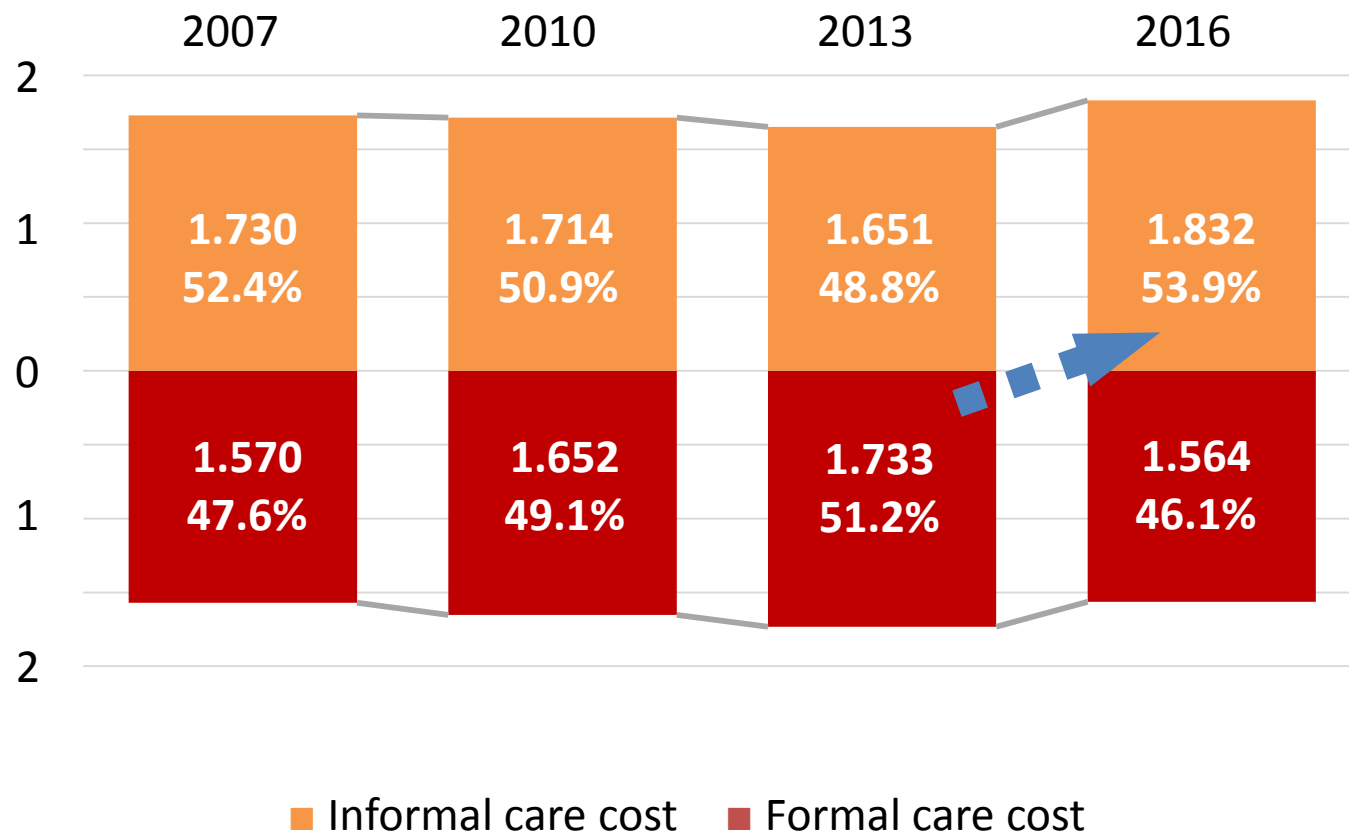


- Informal care cost
- Mortality cost
- Medical direct cost

- Formal care cost
- Morbidity cost
- Average age of death (right axis)

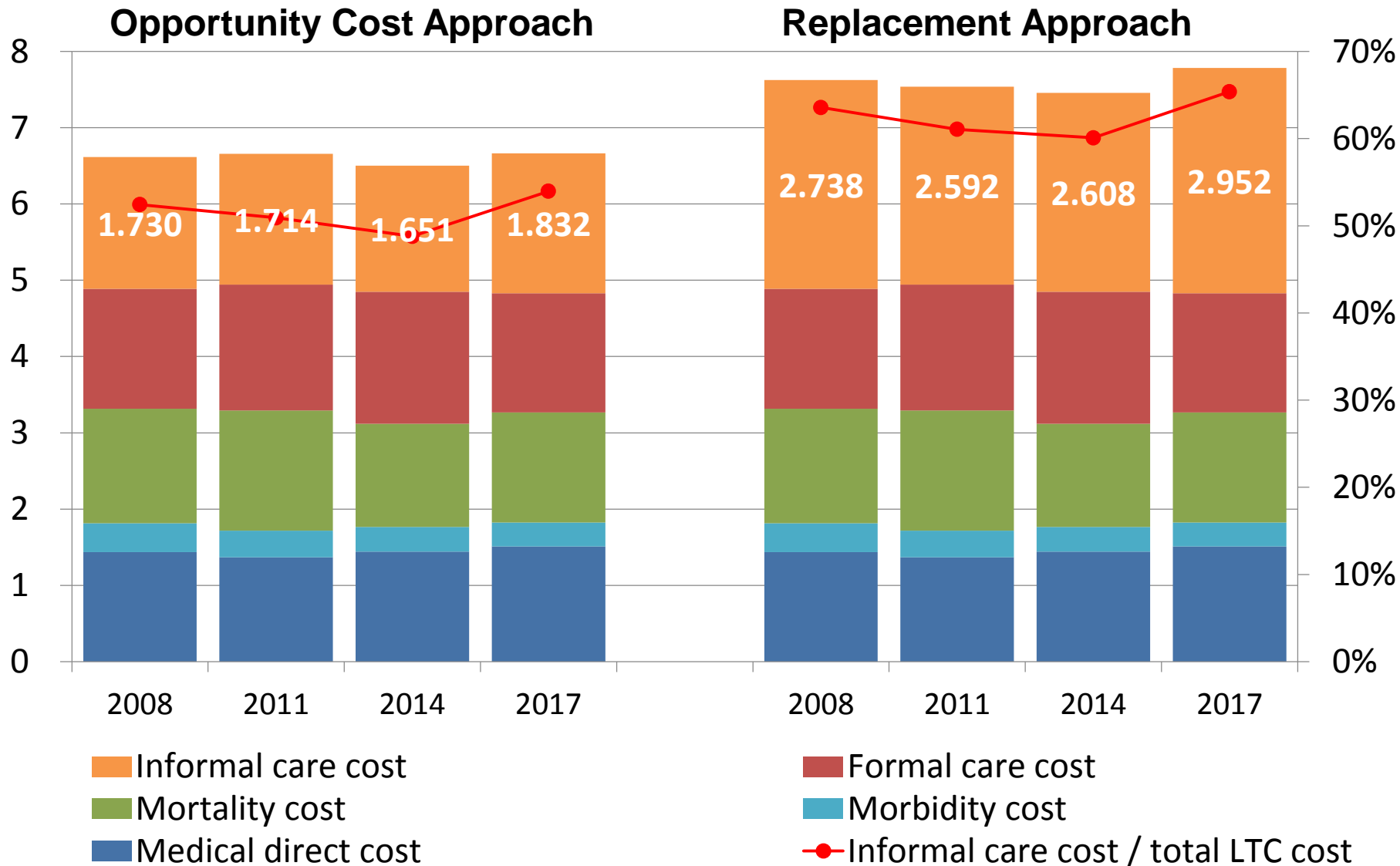
Result ② : Formal and Informal care cost of CVD

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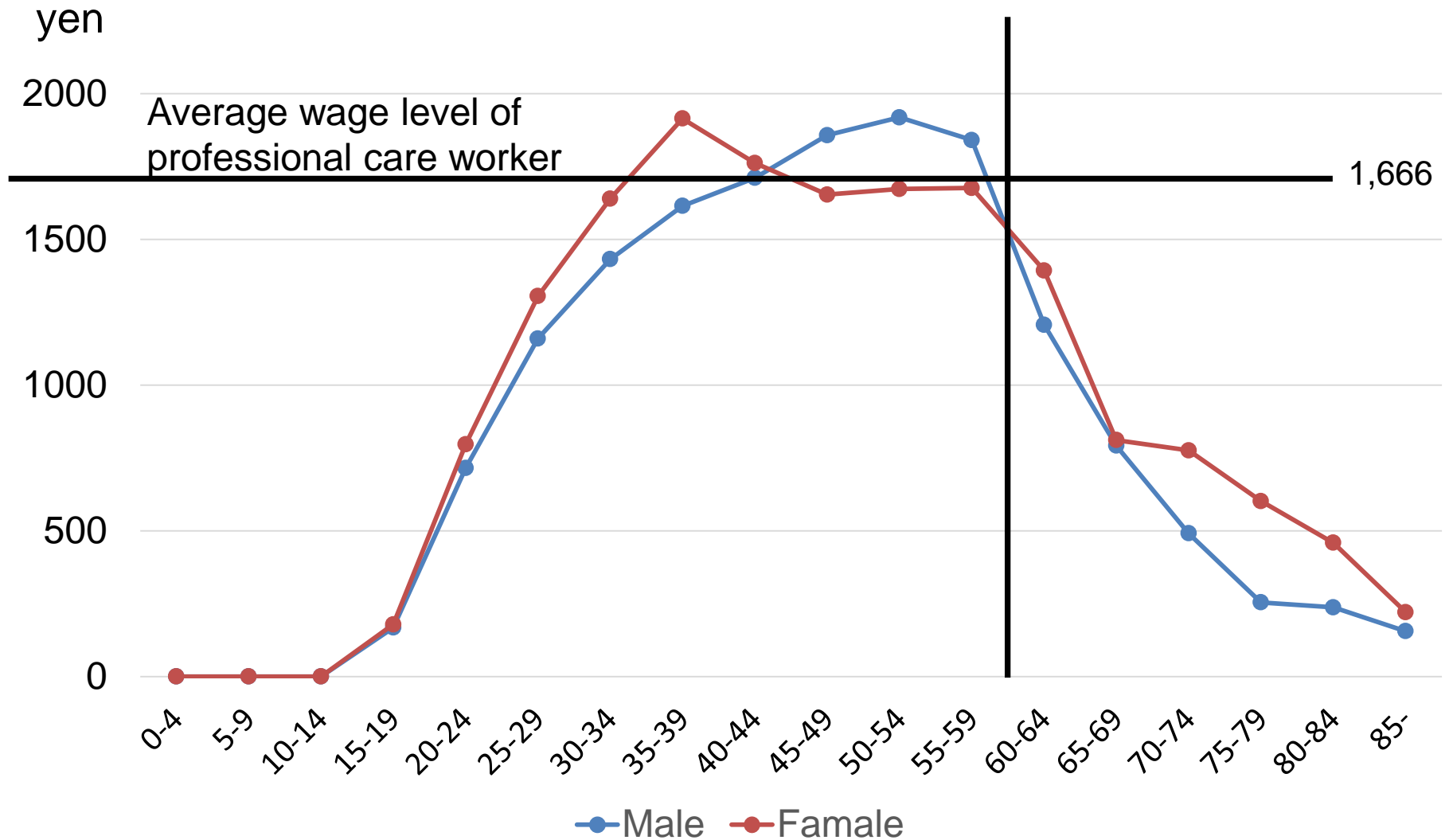


Result ③ : C-COI of CVD by two methods

trillion yen



Reference : Lifetime labor-value per person in 5 years age groups in 2016



Discussion & Conclusion ①

- Trend of C-COI for cancer and heart disease was on the rise, while that for CVD was flat.
 - Medical direct costs are particularly increasing.
 - Morbidity cost and Mortality cost were compressed due to the aging of the patients.
- Mortality cost as a percentage of total C-COI was higher for cancer than for the other two.
 - The average age at death of cancer is lower than the other two.

Discussion & Conclusion ②

- Cost of LTC for CVD, a chronic disease, was higher than the other two.
 - Estimating the social burden of chronic disease using the original COI method is underestimated.
- Formal care cost for CVD decreased in 2016, but the informal care cost has been on a consistent upward trend.
 - People certified for LTC insurance by CVD has decreased and the certification level has been reduced in 2016 compared to 2013.
 - People with a history of CVD who cannot receive LTC insurance support may be adding to the burden on their families.

Discussion & Conclusion ③

- Informal care cost calculated by replacement approach is 1.51-1.61 times as much as the cost calculated by opportunity cost approach.
 - This reflects that average age of family caregivers is older than that of professional care workers.
 - The gap between both approaches means compression of monetary value of informal care by aging.
- Considering the present situation, the room of family to accept LTC burden has become smaller.
- In the near future more professional caregivers will be required. And the social burden of CVD is **assumed to converge on the estimation based on replacement approach.**

Thank you for your attention

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