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Highlights

Long-term Care Policy 2.0 in Taiwan has launched since 2016 and tried to add care for people

with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and Dementia. The LTC 2.0 policy includes the aim to

early detect people with cognitive impairment in the community to prevent from further

deterioration to Dementia.

It has been well documented that the relationship between functional limitations and

cognitive impairments. Although exist some measurements of Dementia and cognitive

impairments, it is not easy for family caregivers or frontier care workers in the community

to detect early Dementia. Since disability is more visible than mental health in practice, it

could be useful to include both disability and depression to detect cognitive impairment.

This is the first study to examine the interrelationship between disability, depression and

cognitive impairment by using path analysis for the community-dwellings aged 65 and over

in Taiwan.

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