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**Factors related to aggressive behaviors among older adults in nursing homes of Korea:
A cross-sectional survey study**

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Abstract:

Background: Aggressive behavior is one of the most challenging behavioral psychological symptoms for older adults and their caregivers in nursing homes.

Objectives: The purpose of this study was to examine and identify contributing factors of aggressive behaviors among older adults in nursing homes in South Korea. **Design:** This is a secondary analysis of a national survey on health and functional status among older nursing home residents. **Settings:** Participants were recruited from 91 nursing homes. **Participants:** A total of 1,447 older adults were included for final analysis and they were randomly selected from a nationally representative sample of people 65 years and older at the sampled nursing homes. **Methods:** Presence of aggressive behaviors was identified when participants showed at least one of the five symptoms in the Korean interRAI Long-Term Care Facility Assessment Tool such as physical abuse, verbal abuse, socially inappropriate or destructive behaviors, and resistance to care. Theory-based contributing factors were selected and examined. Multivariate logistic regression analyses were performed. **Results:** About 19% of older nursing homes residents had aggressive behaviors, and several health and social factors including social engagement are associated with aggressive behaviors. **Conclusions:** Aggressive behavior is prevalent

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