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Appendix

Table 1 Prevalence of NIHL among workers in the transportation industry

Author	Type of transportation	Population			Male (%)	Noise level (max) [dB(A)]	NIHL (%)		
		N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)			HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID
Hu[48]	Air	1498	29.7	-	73.0	-	6.1	4	-
Rong[49]	Railway	2045	39.9±6.8	18.0±11.0	100.0	97.1	13.1	-	5.9
Ge[50]	Ship	1000	20.0-60.0	-	100.0	-	15.6	-	-
Xu[51]	Ship	53	17.0-42.0	-	100.0	-	60.4	-	-
Peng[52]	Railway	1214	23.0-58.0	17.7±10.0	100.0	-	10.3	5.8	-
Total	-	5810	17.0-60.0	17.9±10.6	93.0	97.1	11.6	5.6	5.9

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loss; SFNIHL, speech-frequency noise-induced hearing loss; NID, noise-induced deafness.

Table 2 Prevalence of NIHL among workers in the mining industry

Author	Type of mining	Population			Noise level (max) [dB(A)]	NIHL (%)			
		N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)		Male (%)	HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID
Zhang[53]	Mining	389	24-53	-	100.0	-	73.5	13.1	-
Yuan[54]	Oil field	211	31.8±8.4	10.6±6.8	100.0	94.0	24.6	5.2	-
Zhao[55]	Coal mining	1137	29.6±2.4	9.2±0.8	100.0	117.0	80.8	-	10.1
Zhang[56]	Mining	508	46.4±8.5	4.1±4.0	-	107.5	40.3	3.1	10.6
Total	-	2245	34.4±9.3	8.0±4.0	100.0	106.2±11.6	65.1	7.0	10.3

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Table 3 Prevalence of noise exposure and NIHL among manufacturing workers

Author	Type of factory	Population				Noise level (max or mean) [dB(A)]	NIHL (%)		
		N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)	Male (%)		HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID
Chen[57]	Sports equipment	247	34.0±6.5	-	89.9	-	17.0	-	4.9
Gao[58]	Rolling mills	629	40.0±7.0	1-41	83.5	118.0	25.6	-	4.3
Gao[59]	-	1023	17-55	5.1	74.2	95.8	11.3	4.8	-
Gao[60]	Toys	720	31.8±3.7	-	56.4	-	10.4	-	-
Jiao[61]	-	520	21-58	15.2	60.8	101.5	-	-	12.8
Li[62]	Aviation	1197	-	10.2±7.9	-	102.5	43.5	-	-
Lin[63]	-	386	26.6±6.3	3.4±2.3	79.5	89.9	74.1	50.5	-
Liu[64]	Oxygen mills	333	20-59	14.0	68.5	103.0	11.1	3.0	-
Lv[65]	Airport	290	33.4±10.3	14.5±11.2	-	98.8	48.6	6.6	-
Wang[66]	-	512	-	-	-	91.6	81.3	21.3	-
Wang[67]	Textile	1001	38.1±3.0	16.5±4.5	18.7	-	65.1	3.0	-
Yan[68]	Tank	406	18-32	-	100.0	-	34.5	23.2	-
Yan[69]	-	528	-	-	-	115.0	83.7	23.0	-
Guo[70]	Textile	60	25.8±8.4	3.6±3.1	16.7	100.5	28.3	-	-
Nie[71]	Shipbuilding	3260	40.4±8.8	7.7±3.8	90.2	112.1	11.8	3.4	-
Wang[72]	Textile	1156	30.7±5.6	11.9±5.3	-	93.7	33.3	17.3	-
Zhang[73]	Textile	481	18-58	1-33	25.4	98.4	11.9	-	-
Ni[74]	Textile	618	35.8±6.1	10.6±7.6	-	113.5	23.6	0.8	-
Xie[75]	Steel	98	37.0	-	84.7	134.5	61.2	17.3	-
Chen[76]	Automotive	6557	27.0	3.5	96.4	119.1	28.8	-	-
Ning[77]	Manufacturing	1439	20-55	1-5	77.5	100.0	33.6	5.4	-
Xu[78]	Forging	272	33.7	4.2	-	129	26.1	-	-
Liu[79]	Manufacturing	3432	32.7±7.4	3.8±2.5	81.2	92.1±4.9	37.1	3.9	-
Peng[80]	Automotive	706	35.5±7.6	11.1±7.8	65.7	99.3	59.8	9.1	-
Huang[81]	Electronics	172	28.3	4.3	66.3	100.0	36.0	15.1	-
Li[82]	Steel pipes	106	29.8±2.4	7.6	-	89.6±9.7	28.3	-	-
Chen[83]	Tires	953	37.9±8.6	11.8±7.1	90.3	91.2	10.5	-	-

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		N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)			HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID
Bao[84]	Automotive	3411	22.4±3.0	4.3±3.0	100.0	86.9	15.7	-	-
You[85]	Textile	1000	33.1±8.0	11.1±8.2	0.0	90.8±7.6	42.6	-	-
Chen[86]	Bottled drinks	154	29.9±5.5	5.3±3.7	-	89.6	20.8	-	3.3
Zhang[87]	Metal processing	965	27.4±6.5	5.6±2.3	90.6	88.2±3.5	27.5	-	-
Zhou[88]	Welding	924	32.4±7.5	10.0±6.5	94.5	100.7	48.3	11.6	-
Wang[89]	Steel rolling	120	25-55	2-39	-	99.3	75.8	15.0	-
Qian[90]	Welding	980	32.0±7.0	9.6±6.3	91.8	84.1±12.7	33.7	-	-
Total	-	34,656	32.6±8.9	7.9±6.3	81.6	96.2±5.1	30.9	8.5	7.1

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Table 4 Meta-analysis of cross-sectional studies with references to NIHL among manufacturing workers

Author	Group	Type of factory	Population				Noise level (max or mean) [dB(A)]	NIHL (%)			HFNIHL prevalence	
			N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)	Male (%)		HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID	OR	95% CI
Luo[91]	Exposure	Petrochemicals	908	-	20.1±9.1	-	91.8	38.3	-	0.6	4.78	3.04-7.53
	Control		200	-	23.3±9.0	-	-	11.5	-	-		
Pan[92]	Exposure	Shipbuilding	1000	-	-	-	110.0	69.1	10.9	-	7.16	5.87-8.73
	Control		1000	-	-	-	-	23.8	1.3	-		
Yang[93]	Exposure	Furniture	345	31.6±7.4	15.3±12.2	75.7	-	32.2	-	0.9	3.95	2.21-7.07
	Control		140	43.4±8.2	20.2±10.1	71.4	-	10.7	-	-		
Yu[94]	Exposure	Cooking	116	-	-	-	90.0	15.5	9.5	-	4.59	1.50-14.05
	Control		104	-	-	-	-	3.8	4.8	-		
Zu[95]	Exposure	Metal processing	570	-	2.8±2.9	59.3	96.6	44.0	-	1.8	8.84	5.24-14.91
	Control		208	-	2.6±2.5	54.3	71.1	8.2	-	-		
Yuan[96]	Exposure	Forging	88	36.5±9.4	19.1±8.7	-	109.0	61.4	26.1	-	13.24	5.87-29.86
	Control		84	37.2±8.6	20.3±7.7	-	58.0	10.5	1.2	-		
Hu[97]	Exposure	Tubes	123	32.6±3.9	12.2±2.5	-	109.0	68.3	35.5	-	27.14	10.12-72.79
	Control		68	34.6±4.5	13.2±3.5	-	-	7.4	-	-		
Li[98]	Exposure	Manufacturing	4908	33.7±9.2	-	95.8	115.7	17.3	12.5	-	3.83	2.75-5.33
	Control		753	35.1±10.6	-	96.7	-	5.2	3.3	-		
Wang[99]	Exposure	Gem processing	381	39.4±9.1	10.7±5.1	43.8	102.3	15.8	3.4	-	5.42	1.29-22.79
	Control		60	45.4±10.5	13.4±11.1	35.0	-	3.3	1.7	-		
Ni[100]	Exposure	Boilers	105	42.9±8.5	17.6±11.9	91.4	123.8	58.1	8.6	-	2.05	1.19-3.53
	Control		109	41.8±6.0	18.7±10.3	89.0	82.0	40.4	1.8	-		

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			N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)	Male (%)		HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID	OR	95% CI
Liu[101]	Exposure	Tobacco	1314	36.7±8.0	17.3±9.6	54.5	82.1	22.1	2.4	-	4.01	1.84-8.72
	Control		106	37.3±6.7	18.4±6.6	56.6	51.5	6.6	0.9	-		
Chang[102]	Exposure	Liquefied	37	46.7±7.6	12.7±7.4	-	79.1±5.1	56.8	-	-	48.56	6.01-392.64
	Control	petroleum gas	38	38.3±5.7	7.3±3.1	-	55.4±4.4	2.6	-	-		
Liu[103]	Exposure	Coal processing	360	43.5±6.4	-	68.1	-	30.8	12.8	-	1.21	0.88-1.66
	Control		378	42.8±6.9	-	65.9	-	27.0	7.4	-		
Zhang[104]	Exposure	Electronics	495	26.3±3.6	5.0±3.0	73.5	86.6±2.6	30.7	14.9	-	3.71	2.14-6.45
	Control		150	26.5±3.7	5.0±3.4	80.0	-	10.7	1.3	-		
Chen[105]	Exposure	Electronics	1012	44.5±6.8	21.5±8.3	74.0	86.9±12.9	14.3	-	-	2.26	1.36-3.76
	Control		261	43.7±8.7	-	75.9	61.3±3.4	6.9	-	-		
Li[106]	Exposure	Boilers	120	32.6±9.7	4.8±2.8	-	108.0	59.2	15.0	-	4.71	1.45-15.30
	Control		17	34.1±9.6	4.2±2.3	-	-	23.5	0.0	-		
Li[107]	Exposure	Manufacturing	170	34.1±10.0	10.5±6.2	-	98.5	24.7	-	-	3.23	1.62-6.42
	Control	in general	130	35.6±8.7	12.1±6.9	-	-	9.2	-	-		
Yang[108]	Exposure	Sheet metals	63	31.3±6.9	7.8±7.1	87.3	125.0	57.1	-	27.0	9.70	4.34-21.67
	Control	-	91	33.5±8.2	9.1±7.5	86.8	-	12.1	-	7.7		
Fu[109]	Exposure	Chemical plants	153	34.5	9.1	71.2	86.8	44.4	15.7	-	5.37	2.28-12.64
	Control		54	29.5	6.8	55.6	-	13.0	1.9	-		
Liu[110]	Exposure	Mechanical	404	36.2	11.7	97.3	106.4	22.0	-	-	6.43	3.05-13.55
	Control	processing	190	37.2	10.8	67.9	-	4.2	-	-		
Li[111]	Exposure	Gem	890	23.9±3.9	2.7±2.1	96.4	89.2±2.8	34.3	-	-	3.65	2.24-5.95
	Control	processing	160	24.7±4.1	2.9±1.9	96.9	-	12.5	-	-		

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			N	Age (years)	Exposure duration (years)	Male (%)		HFNIHL	SFNIHL	NID	OR	95% CI
Wu[112]	Exposure	Shoes	320	31.0	8.0	0.0	96.0	17.8	2.8	-	30.13	7.28-124.64
	Control		280	33.0	10.3	0.0	-	0.7	0.4	-		
Tang[113]	Exposure	Manufacturing	726	38.2±8.2	23.0±9.2	-	88.3±16.1	12.5	1.8	3.4	5.08	2.99-8.63
	Control		620	30.6±7.5	16.5±8.4	-	-	2.7	0.6	1.1		
Tang[114]	Exposure	Manufacturing	1200	22-55	9.3±7.1	100.0	85.6±1.9	57.5	-	-	30.86	22.20-42.90
	Control		1000	22-55	9.4±7.0	100.0	43.9±1.0	4.2	-	-		
Chen[115]	Exposure	Textile	294	22.8±5.3	7.2±5.2	0.0	98.0	23.5	3.4	-	7.05	3.73-13.35
	Control		288	23.5±6.2	-	0.0	-	4.2	0.7	-		
Xie[116]	Exposure	Paper industry	1717	31.2±4.8	9.5±4.7	99.4	104.0	22.6	12.3	-	3.13	2.17-4.50
	Control		410	35.8±6.9	10.2±5.8	98.5	73.4	8.5	4.6	-		
Lin[117]	Exposure	Machinery	500	28.8	-	56.0	104.5	19.8	2.6	-	5.63	3.45-9.19
	Control		500	27.2	-	57.6	-	4.2	0.0	-		
Total	Exposure	-	18,319	33.9±9.4	12.6±9.8	81.4	102.2±7.2	28.7	10.0	2.3	5.63	4.03-7.88
	Control		7399	34.9±10.1	12.0±9.1	73.4	63.5±3.8	9.9	2.1	2.0		

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noise-induced deafness; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval.