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## PREFACE

The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) is a premier organization in the country mandated for human resource development, research, clinical care and public education in the field of communication disorders. The institute promotes research by giving particular emphasis to clinically relevant applied research on causes, control and prevention of communication disorders, assessment and treatment issues as well as the testing and refinement of new technologies for the speech, language and hearing disorders. A considerable number of tests, word lists and therapy materials are being created as by-products of such research works carried out as postgraduate and funded research. However, these valuable resources are mostly unused as they are not readily accessible for use in the clinical settings. Hence, a project has been initiated to identify, reorganise into suitable formats and publish clinically useful research works carried out at AIISH as independent books, and make them useful for the practicing audiologists and speech-language pathologists working across the country in different setups for the evaluation and management of communication disorders.

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## Introduction

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) refers to difficulties in processing auditory information in the central nervous system, as demonstrated by poor performance in one or more of the following skills: sound localization and lateralization; auditory discrimination; auditory pattern recognition; temporal aspects of audition, including temporal integration, temporal discrimination (e.g., temporal gap detection), temporal ordering, and temporal masking; auditory performance in competing acoustic signals (including dichotic listening); and auditory performance with degraded acoustic signals.

Conclusive diagnosis of CAPD cannot be made until specialized auditory testing is completed and other etiologies have been ruled out. Tests used for assessing central auditory functions fall under two major categories: behavioral and electrophysiological. The behavioral tests include monaural low-redundancy speech tests, dichotic speech tests, temporal patterning tests, and binaural interaction tests. Dichotic listening tasks utilizing sentences, words, digits, and syllables have been useful in predicting cerebral dominance for speech.

### Brief description about the test

**Dichotic Rhyme Test in Malayalam** assesses the binaural integration phenomenon in Malayalam speaking individuals and can be used as an assessment tool for CAPD. The test was developed and validated by administering it on 50 native Malayalam speaking normal hearing adults (25 males and 25 females) between the age range of 18 and 30 years.

The test consists of 18 pairs of commonly spoken, rhyming, bi-syllabic words in Malayalam (Appendix A). These words begin with plosives (/p/, /t/, /k/, /b/, /d/, and /g/) and the two words in each pair differed only in the initial consonant. These word pairs are dichotically presented to the subjects at an intensity level of 60 dB HL. The task of the subject will be to write down the words heard in each ear after each presentation in a response sheet (Appendix B). The responses will be scored in terms of single correct scores, double correct score, and ear correct scores.

## Scoring

The responses are scored as follows:

***Single Correct Scores (SCS):*** Total number of correct responses to stimuli presented in the right ear or the total number of correct responses to stimuli presented in the left ear.

***Double Correct Score (DCS):*** Total number of correct responses to stimuli presented in both ears.

***Ear Correct Scores (ECS):*** Double Correct Score + Single Correct Score of respective ear.

## Results

There exists a significant right ear advantage for the dichotic stimuli. The double correct scores were lower than the ear correct scores. The mean double correct scores as well as ear correct scores for both right and left ears were greater in females compared to males.

## Interpretation

The scores obtained by an individual can be calculated and compared with the scores obtained from the study (Appendix C) to infer the results.

## Appendix A

### Word List I

Sl. No.	Right Ear	Left Ear
1.	തറ      /təɾa/	പറ      /pəɾa/
2.	കല      /kəla/	തല      /təla/
3.	മണി    /məɳi/	പണി    /pəɳi/
4.	ഗണം    /gəɳəm/	കണം    /kəɳəm/
5.	മറ      /məɾa/	പറ      /pəɾa/
6.	തടി      /təɖi/	പടി      /pəɖi/
7.	ബലം    /bələm/	മലം      /mələm/
8.	കുളി      /kuɻi/	പുളി      /puɻi/
9.	ദാനം    /da:nəm/	ഗാനം    /ga:nəm/
10.	കറ      /kəɾa/	പറ      /pəɾa/
11.	കടി      /kəɖi/	തടി      /təɖi/
12.	മണം    /məɳəm/	പണം    /pəɳəm/
13.	മാതാ    /ma:t <sup>h</sup> a/	പിതാ    /pit <sup>h</sup> a/
14.	ദളം      /dəɻəm/	ഗളം      /gəɻəm/
15.	കാല്     /ka:l̥/	പാല്     /pa:l̥/
16.	മുറം      /muɾəm/	പുറം      /puɾəm/
17.	ബോള്    /ba:l̥/	മോള്    /ma:l̥/
18.	കുറ      /kura/	പുറ      /pura/



## Word List II

Sl. No.	Right Ear		Left Ear	
1.	പടി	/pəɖi/	തടി	/təɖi/
2.	കണം	/kəɳəm/	ഗണം	/gəɳəm/
3.	പാല്	/pa:lə/	കാല്	/ka:lə/
4.	പിതാ	/pit <sup>h</sup> a/	മാതാ	/ma:t <sup>h</sup> a/
5.	മലം	/mələm/	ബലം	/bələm/
6.	പണം	/pəɳəm/	മണം	/məɳəm/
7.	മോള്	/mo:lə/	ബോള്	/bo:lə/
8.	പറ	/pəɾa/	കറ	/kəɾa/
9.	തല	/təla/	കല	/kəla/
10.	പറ	/pəɾa/	മറ	/məɾa/
11.	ഗാനം	/ga:nəm/	ദാനം	/da:nəm/
12.	പുളി	/puɭi/	കുളി	/kuɭi/
13.	തടി	/təɖi/	കടി	/kəɖi/
14.	പുര	/puɾa/	കുര	/kuɾa/
15.	പറ	/pəɾa/	തറ	/təɾa/
16.	പണി	/pəɳi/	മണി	/məɳi/
17.	ഗളം	/gəɭəm/	ദളം	/dəɭəm/
18.	പുറം	/puɾəm/	മുറം	/muɾəm/

## Appendix B

### RESPONSE SHEET

Name:

Date:

Age/Sex:

Native Language:

Responses:

Word List:

Sl. No.	Right Ear	Left Ear	SCS(✓/✗)		DCS ✓/✗
			Right Ear	Left Ear	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					
12.					
13.					
14.					
15.					
16.					
17.					
18.					
<b>Total</b>					

	Right Ear	Left Ear
<b>SCS</b>		
<b>DCS</b>		
<b>ECS</b>		

**Interpretation:**

## Appendix C

### Scores

		Male		Female	
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD
<b>Double Correct Score</b>		8.1	2.5	9.46	2.2
<b>Ear Correct Score</b>	<b>Right</b>	20.16	1.44	23.06	2.49
	<b>Left</b>	17.02	1.39	19.98	1.43

## Appendix D

### SAMPLE RESPONSE SHEET - I

Name: XXX

Date: xx/xx/xxxx

Age/Sex: 27 years/ Female

Native Language: Malayalam

Responses:

Word List: I

Sl. No.	Right Ear	Left Ear	SCS(✓/✗)		DCS ✓/✗
			Right Ear	Left Ear	
1.	/təɾa/	/pəɾa /	✓	✓	✓
2.	/kəla/	/kəla/	✓	✗	✗
3.	NR	/pəŋi/	✗	✓	✗
4.	NR	NR	✗	✗	✗
5.	/məɾa/	/pəɾa/	✓	✓	✓
6.	/təɖi/	/pəɖi/	✓	✓	✓
7.	/bələm/	/bələm/	✓	✗	✗
8.	/kɔɭi/	/pɔɭi/	✓	✓	✓
9.	/da:nəm/	/ga:nəm/	✓	✓	✓
10.	/kəɾa/	/pəɾa/	✓	✓	✓
11.	/kəɖi/	/təɖi/	✓	✓	✓
12.	/məŋəm/	/bəŋəm/	✓	✗	✗
13.	/ma:t <sup>h</sup> a/	/pit <sup>h</sup> a/	✓	✓	✓
14.	/dəɭəm/	/gəɭəm/	✓	✓	✓
15.	/ka:lə/	/pa:lə/	✓	✓	✓
16.	NR	NR	✗	✗	✗
17.	/bɔ:lə/	NR	✓	✗	✗
18.	/kɔra/	/pɔra/	✓	✓	✓
<b>Total</b>			15	12	11

### Scoring:

	Subject scores	
	Right Ear	Left Ear
<b>SCS</b>	15	12
<b>DCS</b>		11
<b>ECS</b>	15+11=26	12+11=23

**Interpretation:** Indication of Normal Binaural Integration

## Appendix D

### SAMPLE RESPONSE SHEET - II

Name: XXX

Date: xx/xx/xxxx

Age/Sex: 29 years/ Male

Native Language: Malayalam

Responses:

Word List: I

Sl. No.	Right Ear	Left Ear	SCS(✓/✗)		DCS ✓/✗
			Right Ear	Left Ear	
1.	/təɾa/	/təɾa/	✓	✗	✗
2.	/kəla/	NR	✓	✗	✗
3.	NR	/pəŋɪ/	✗	✓	✗
4.	/gəŋəɱ/	NR	✓	✗	✗
5.	/bəɾa/	/bəɾa/	✗	✗	✗
6.	/təɖɪ/	/pəɖɪ/	✓	✓	✓
7.	NR	/mələɱ/	✗	✓	✗
8.	/kɔɭɪ/	/pɔɭɪ/	✓	✓	✓
9.	/a:nəɱ/	/da:nəɱ/	✗	✗	✗
10.	NR	NR	✗	✗	✗
11.	/kəɖɪ/	/təɖɪ/	✓	✓	✓
12.	/pəŋəɱ/	/bəŋəɱ/	✗	✗	✗
13.	/ma:t <sup>h</sup> a/	/ma:t <sup>h</sup> a/	✓	✗	✗
14.	NR	NR	✗	✗	✗
15.	/ka:lə/	/pa:lə/	✓	✓	✓
16.	/mɔɾəɱ/	/pɔɾəɱ/	✗	✗	✗
17.	/mɔ:lə/	NR	✗	✗	✗
18.	/kɔɾa/	/pɔɾa/	✓	✓	✓
		<b>Total</b>	9	7	5

### Scoring:

	Subject scores	
	Right Ear	Left Ear
<b>SCS</b>	9	7
<b>DCS</b>		5
<b>ECS</b>	9+5=16	7+5=12

**Interpretation:** Indication of Poor Binaural Integration.

