Hikikomori Diagnostic Evaluation Interview Form (HiDE-I)

Name :		
Gender: Male · Female	Age	
Subject ID:		
Facility ID:	(Outpatient · Inpatient · Other)	
Interviewer:		
Date and start time of interviews:	YYYY/MM/DD at XX:XX	
Interview type (Check one) :	□ In person □ By telepho	one 🗆 online

In this interview, I will ask you questions about your life <u>in the past month</u>. If there is anything that you do not understand, please do not hesitate to ask questions. I will now begin with the interview.

1. Living alone or with others

During the past month, who have you been living with?

(Check all that apply.)

□Live alone			
□Father	□Mother	□Siblings (Specify:)
□Grandfather	□Grandmother	□Other relatives (Specify:)
□Boyfriend/girlfriend	□Spouse	□Child(ren) (Specify:)
□Other (Specify:)

Describe any significant points related to the respondent's family structure (genogram), their life history, living situation, occupation, or other relevant factors.

2. Physical withdrawal

I will now ask you about the time you spent outside of your home during the past month.

a. Frequency of activities outside home

During the past month, how many days per week did you spend an hour or more	\Box_0 4 or more days
going outside your home to do something, including going to work or school, or	□ ₁ 2–3 days
things like going shopping?	\square_2 1 day or less
Activities and chores like taking out the garbage, short walks, and late night trips to a nearby convenience store are not included	□ ₃ None
	□9 ??
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	Llà : :
This question is only for respondents living with others. If living alone, skip this question and proceed to b	□₀ No
proceed to b.	
	□₀ No

b. Time spent outside home

	\Box_0 4 or more hours
	□1 Between 2–4 hours
During the next menth on overage, how much time nor day did you	\square_2 Between 1–2 hours
During the past month, on average, how much time per day did you spend outside your home?	□ ₃ Between 30 minutes–1 hour
	□₄ Less than 30 minutes
	□₅ None
	□ ₉ ??

c. Time at workplace

	\square_0 4 or more days
During the past month, how many days per week did you go to work?	□1 2–3 days
	\square_2 1 day or less
Here, "work" includes part-time jobs. If you were on vacation from your job, check "3: None".	□ ₃ None
If you are not working (e.g., you are unemployed or a student, check '4: Not working'".	□4 Not working
	□9 ??

d. Time at school

	\square_0 4 or more days
·	□1 2–3 days
During the past month, how many days per week did you go to school?	□1 2–3 days □2 1 day or less
If you are not a student, check "4: Not a student".	□3 None
	□₄ Not a student
	□ ₉ ??

□ If the response for frequency of activities outside the home in 2a was "4 or more days a week," **proceed to Section 3. Social participation**.

 \Box Otherwise, continue with 2e–j.

e. Physical withdrawal duration

	Specify:	□ ₀ NA
For how long has this situation been going		\Box_1 Less than 3 months
on for with you rarely leaving the house?		□2 Between 3–6 months
When did it start, specifically?		□36 months or more
		⊡9 ? ?

f. Reasons for physical withdrawal

	Specify:	(Check all that apply)
		□ ₁ Physical factors, such as injury or disease
Why do you think you started to rarely		□ ₂ Psychological factors such as anxiety or phobias
leave the house? Was there a reason or something that brought it about?		□ ₃ Social factors such as unemployment or dropping out of school
		□₄ To avoid infection (e.g., COVID)
		\Box_5 Other ()
		□ ₉ ??

g. Insight regarding social withdrawal symptom status (potentially hikikomori syndrome)

Do you know about the social withdrawal syndrome called "hikikomori."	Specify:	
		Know or not
If yes, ask the following questions:		□₀ No □₁ Yes □ゥ ??
Do you think your current situation could		Currently
be considered an episode of "hikikomori"?		Currently □₀ No □₁ Yes □ゥ ??
Do you think you had such an hikikomori		In the past
episode in the past?		In the past \square_0 No \square_1 Yes \square_9 ??
What makes you think so?		

h. Distress resulting from physical withdrawal

	Felt distr	essed	
During the past month, have you felt distressed or lonely because you were rarely going out?	□₀ No Felt lone	⊔₁Yes ly	⊡9 ??
If "1: Yes" was the response to either question, check "1: Yes" for Feelings of		□₁Yes	□ ₉ ??
distress/loneliness.	ightarrow Feelin	gs of distre	ess/loneliness
	□₀ No	\square_1 Yes	□ 9 ??

i. Familial expression of concern/seeking counseling as a result of the subject's withdrawal

During the past month, have your family or people around you shown concern about you not going out frequently? Have they gone anywhere for counseling?	Family showing concern □₀ No □₁ Yes □ٶ??
If interviewing a child along with a family member or other household member, you could say, for example, Do you have concerns about how infrequently your child gets out of the house? Have you gone anywhere for counseling?	$\Box_0 \operatorname{No} \qquad \Box_1 \operatorname{Yes} \qquad \Box_9 ??$ $\rightarrow \operatorname{Family showing concern or}$ going for counseling
If either response is "yes", check "1: Yes" for Family concerns/counseling.	$\square_0 \operatorname{No} \square_1 \operatorname{Yes} \square_9 ??$

j Functional impairment resulting from physical withdrawal

During the past month has getting out infrequently had any	Work (School)
negative effects on your life?	□₀ No □₁Yes □₀?? Home life
For example, perverse effects such as not making progress in your	
work or studies, inability to do housework, worsening relationships	$\square_0 \operatorname{No} \square_1 \operatorname{Yes} \square_9 ??$
with your family, or meeting friends less often.	Friendships
	$\square_0 \operatorname{No} \square_1 \operatorname{Yes} \square_9 ??$
To be evaluated based on the evaluator's judgement taking into consideration	
situations that can be considered objectively and family members' accounts. If any of the responses is "yes", then check "1: Yes" for Functional	→ Functional impairment
impairment.	$\square_0 \operatorname{No} \square_1 \operatorname{Yes} \square_9 ??$

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3.Social participation

Now, I would like to ask about your attendance at work or school, and your other social activities during the last month.

a. Going to work

	\square_0 4 or more days
During the past month, how many days per week did you go to work?	□1 2–3 days
This means they went to work at their workplace	\square_2 1 day or less
	□ ₃ None
	□ ₉ ??

b. Working from home

		□₀ 4 or more days
During the past month, how many days a week di	id you telework from home?	□1 2–3 days
"Telework" indicates working from a place other than one"	s workplace.	□₂ 1 day or less
This includes working from home.		□3 None
		□9 ??

c. Going to school

During the past month, how many days a week did you go to school?	\square_0 4 or more days
	□1 2–3 days
This refers to attending classes, school events, going to see the school nurse or to see a counselor. While this includes alternative schools such as free schools, privately funded	□₂ 1 day or less
education, such as cram schools, tutors, and college entrance preparatory schools, is asked	
about on the next page (Doing things for personal satisfaction).	□9 ??

d. Attending school online

	\square_0 4 or more days
During the past month how many days a week did you attend classes online?	-
This refers to studies performed at home such as online classes, correspondence courses,	\square_2 1 day or less
	□3 None
	□9 ??

Total number of days per week from a–d when the subject worked or studied	 □₀ 4 or more days □₁ 2–3 days □₂ 1 day or less □₃ None
	□9 ??

e. Doing things for one's personal life

During the past month, how many days per week did you go out and do something for your personal life? For example, taking a lesson, to go shopping with someone from your household, to eat out with a friend, attend a community gathering, or to volunteer somewhere.		 □₀ 4 or more days □₁ 2–3 days □₂ 1 day or less □₃ None □ҙ ?? 	
What kinds of things did you go do?	Specify:	 (Check all that apply) 1 Self-education (attended a cram school or college entrance prep school, or took a class) 2 Went out with another household member (to eat, shop, etc.) 3 Went out with others for fun (meals out with friends, hobby-related gatherings, etc.) 4 Attended community group events (neighborhood association meetings, church services, etc.) 5 Volunteering 6 Other () 9 ?? 	

f. Using medical/counseling center services

During the past month, how many days per week did you		□ 4 or more days	
go to a medical or counseling center?		□ $_1$ 2–3 days	
For example, for outpatient care, daycare, counseling,		□ $_2$ 1 day or less	
employment transition support, vocational training or to get		□ $_3$ None	
advice on welfare services available.		□ $_9$??	
What kinds of services did you use?	Specify:	 (Check all that apply) I Medical center (for outpatient care, daycare, counseling, etc.) 2 Counseling center (for employment transition support, vocational training, advice on welfare services available) I Other () I None 9 ?? 	

4. Social interaction

Next, I would like to ask you about your social interactions over the past month.

a. Interacting in person with others

During the last month, how many days per week did you have a conversation with someone other than members of your household in person (such as a friend, boyfriend/girlfriend, a person at work or at school)? <i>"Interacting in person" consists of a conversation. That does not include simple exchanges</i>	 □ 4 or more days □ 1 2–3 days □ 2 1 day or less □ 3 None
of greetings.	□ ₉ ??
Ask this question only when the respondent lives with others. If the person lives alone, skip this question and proceed to b. How many days per week did you interact with other members of your household in person?	 □ 4 or more days □ 1 2–3 days □ 2 1 day or less □ 3 None □ 9 ??

b. Avoiding interactions with others in person (as perceived by respondent)

	Specify:	□₀ Never
During the past month, did you avoid talking with or interacting with others in person? If yes, why?		□₁ Rarely (Less than 30% of the time)
		\square_2 Sometimes (around 50% of the time)
		□₃ Always (70% or more of the time)
		□9 ??

c. Indirect interaction with others

During this past month, how many days per week did you indirectly interact with someone other than members of your household (such as a friend, boyfriend/girlfriend, a person at work or at school? To "interact indirectly" refers to dealings that took place via telephone or email, or via the internet, for example, using a social networking system.	 □₀ 4 or more days □₁ 2–3 days □₂ 1 day or less □₃ None □₃ ??
Ask this question only when the respondent lives with others. If the person lives alone, skip this question and proceed to d. How many days per week did you interact indirectly with other members of your household?	 □ 4 or more days □ 1 2-3 days □ 2 1 day or less □ 3 None □ 9 ??

d. Media used for indirect interaction

	Specify:	(Check all that apply)
		□ ₁ Interacted via video (Skype, Zoom, videotelephone, etc.)
During the past month, what media did you use		□ ₂ Interacted via audio alone (telephone, voice chat, etc.).
to interact indirectly with others?		□ ₃ Interacted using written words alone, (via email, SMS, chat applications, or letters).
		□₄ None
		□9 ??

[Summary]

1	Living alone or with others	\square_0 Lives alone	□ ₁ Lives with others			
2a	Frequency of activities outside the home	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	□ ₁ 2–3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day or less/week	□₃None	□ ₉ ??
	Physical withdrawal (to one's room)	□ ₀ No	□ ₁ Yes			□ ₉ ??
	Time spent outside the	$\Box_0 4$ or more hours	\Box_1 2–4 hours	\square_2 1–2 hours	\square_3 30 min-1 hour	
2b	home	\Box_4 Less than 30 min.	□ ₅ None			□,9??
2c	Time at workplace	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	□ ₁ 2–3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	⊡ ₉ ??
	•	\square_4 Not working				<u> </u>
2d	Time at school	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	□ ₁ 2–3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□₃None	□ ₉ ??
		□₄ Not a student				□ 9::
2e	Physical withdrawal duration	□₀ NA	\square_1 Less than 3 months	\square_2 Between 3–6 months	\square_3 6 months or more	□ ₉ ??
2f	Reasons for the physical	□ ₁ Physical factors	□ ₂ Psychological factors	□ ₃ Social factors	□ ₄ Infection control	□ ₉ ??
	withdrawal	□₅Other				<u> </u>
2g	Insight regarding hikikomori status (Current)	□₀No	□ ₁ Yes			□ ₉ ??
	Insight regarding hikikomori status (Past)	□₀No	□ ₁ Yes			□ ₉ ??
2h	Feeling distressed	□ ₀ No	□ ₁ Yes			□ ₉ ??
2i	Familial concern/counseling	□ ₀ No	□ ₁ Yes			□ ₉ ??
2j	Functional impairment	□₀No	□ ₁ Yes			□9??
3	Work/school attendance	□₀ 4 or more days/week	$\Box_1 2$ –3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
	Doing things for one's personal life	□₀ 4 or more days/week	$\Box_1 2$ –3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
	Using medical/counseling center services	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	$\Box_1 2$ –3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
4a	Interacting in person with others (Not from same household)	□₀ 4 or more days/week	□ ₁ 2–3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
	Interacting indirectly with others (Same household)	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	$\square_1 2$ –3 days/week	\square_2 1 day/week or less	□₃None	□ ₉ ??
4b	Avoiding interaction with others in person (Self-assessed)	\square_0 Never	\square_1 Rarely	\square_2 Sometimes	\square_3 All the time	□ ₉ ??

4c	Interacting indirectly with others (Not the same household)	□ ₀ 4 or more days/week	□12–3 days/week	\square_2 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
	Interacting in person with others (same household)	□₀ 4 or more days/week	$\Box_1 2$ –3 days/week	□ ₂ 1 day/week or less	□ ₃ None	□ ₉ ??
4d	Media used for indirect interaction	\Box_1 Video	\square_2 Audio	□ ₃ In writing	□₄ None	□,9??

[Hikikomori Diagnosis]

I Subject is physically withdrawn (Refer to frequency of outside activities in 2a)

During the last month, the subject spent 3 days or less per week			_ 00
engaged in an activity outside the home for at least an hour.	□₀ No	□1 Yes	□9 ??

I Presence of functional impairment and distress due to the subject's physical withdrawal (Refer to 2h. Feeling distressed; 2i. Familial concern/counseling, 2j. Functional impairment)

If the answer to I is "Yes"				
during the past month, because of I (the subject was physically withdrawn), are the subject and their family distressed and is the subject's social and professional (or academic) functioning	□₀ No	□1 Yes	⊡9 ??	
impaired?				

III Physical withdrawal duration (Refer to 2e. Physical withdrawal duration)

If the answers to I and I are "Yes", select the duration of I (physical isolation).		□ 1 Less than 3 months □ 2 3–6 months □ 3 6 or more months □ 9 ??
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□₀ Not a case of hikikomori	I not met
□1 Case may resemble hikikomori, but is not a case of pathological hikikomori	I met, but not II
□₂ Subject is at risk of developing a case of pathological hikikomori	I and II met, but III is less than 3 months
□₃ Prepathological hikikomori	I and II met, and III is between 3– 6 months
□₄ Pathological hikikomori	I and II met, and III is 6 months or more
□9 ??	lf I, II or III is ??

Supplemental Item A Social participation (See 3. Social participation)

During the past month, social participation frequency was 3 days or less per week. Social participation includes total time spent at work, at school, on one's personal life, and at health care and counseling centers.	□₀ No (Social participation was adequate)	□1 Yes (There was too little social participation)	⊡ ₉ ??
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Supplemental item B In-person interactions (See 4a. Interacting with others in person)

	$\square_0 NA$: 4 or more days/week	
Frequencies of in-person interactions with		
people other than members of the same	□₂ Moderate : 1 day/week or less	□9 ??
household with severity ratings.	□ ₃ Severe : Also has almost no direct	
	interaction with household members	

Supplemental item C Indirect interactions (See 4c. Interacting indirectly with others)

During the past month, the frequency of indirect interactions			
with people other than members of the same household was 3	□₀ No	□₁ Yes	⊡ ₉ ??
days or less per week.			

Supplemental item D Loneliness (See 2h. Feeling lonely)

During the past month, the subject felt lonely as a result of their being physically withdrawn.	□₀ No	□1 Yes	⊡9 ??
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Supplemental item E Comorbid disorders (from the DSM-5)

□₀ None					
□1 Intellectual disabilities	□₂ Autism spec	trum disorder	□ ₃ Schizophrenia		
□₄ Depression	□₅ Social anxie	ty disorder			
□7 Avoidant personality disorder	□ ₈ (Specify:	Other	psychiatric		disorders)
\square_{9} Physical illnesses (Specify:)	
□ ₁₀ ??					

Supplemental item F: Age at onset

	Specify:	
Note the subject's age at hikikomori onset,		□9 ??

[Past Episodes of Hikikomori]

Have there been periods of time in the past when you hardly ever went out? For example, has there been a time when you almost never left your home, even to go to work, school, or shopping? Has there been a time when you completely stopped participating in any kind of social activity? Has there been a time when you stopped meeting up and socializing with people close to you, such as family, friends, or a romantic partner?

 \square_0 No (No past episodes of hikikomori)

 \Box_1 Yes (Past episodes are possible)

Around when did that happen? (Confirm the number of times and durations)

How long did the longest episode last?

 $\square_0 \; \mathsf{NA}$

□1 Less than 3 months

□₂ Between 3–6 months

 \square_3 6 or more months

□9 ??

Please tell me more about that time.

Remarks:

< Indicate when past episodes of social withdrawal (hikikomori) occurred>

10	11	12	13 (1 st year of middle school in Japan)	14	15	16 (1 st year of high school in Japan)	17	18	19
Ages 0-9	a								
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 (1 st year of elementary school in Japan)	8	9
Ages 10	-19								
10	11	12	13 (1 st year of middle school in Japan)	14	15	16 (1 st year of high school in Japan)	17	18	19
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Age 20-2 20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Ages 30 30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Agos 40	40								
Ages 40 40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
	50			<u> </u>		1	1	1	L
Ages 50 50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

(Example) Ages 10-19: Incidence of social withdrawal (hikikomori) as school refusal during middle school.

Remarks:

[Hikikomori severity stage classification for the previous month]

□ Living with others	□ Living alone
[Stage 0X] ¹	[Stage 0Y] ²
Went out 4 or more days/week	□ Went out 4 or more days/week
□ Interacted with people other than other household members in person 4 or more days/week	□ Interacted in person with others 4 or more days/week
[Stage 1X] ³	[Stage 1Y] ⁴
□ Went out 2–3 days/week	□ Went out 2–3 days/week
□Interacted with people other than other household members in person 2–3 days/week	□ Interacted in person with others 2–3 days/week
[Stage 2X] ⁵	[Stage 2Y] ⁶
□ Went out 1 day/week or less	□ Went out 1 day/week or less
□Interacted with people other than other household members in person 1 day/week or less	□Interacted in person with others 1 day/week or less
[Stage 3X] ⁷	
□ Went out 1 day/week or less and almost never left their room	
□Interacted with people other than other household members in person 1 day/week or less and almost never interacted with other household members in	
person	

 \Box_1 The subject had 2-way indirect interactions with others via the Internet and telephone

 \Box_0 The subject had almost no 2-way indirect interactions with anyone via the Internet or telephone.

When the boxes checked belong to different stages, the stage with the higher number is to be used for classification.

Example: For a case in which both Stage 2X "Went out 1 day/week or less" and Stage 3X "Interacted with people other than other household members in person 1 day/week or less and almost never interacted with other household members in person" apply, the case should be classified as Stage 3X.

Indicate which stage applies to this case

Thank you for your time. Before finishing, please verify that there have been no omissions.

Hikikomori Diagnostic Evaluation

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