

Legibility Variations of Chinese Characters and Implications for Visual Acuity Measurement in Chinese Reading Population

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PURPOSE. W C a a a b f
c a ac a d a f a a c . C -
, b fC c a ac c d a
ca , a d a ab ff c a fd
a a f c a f C ad
c a .T f d a a
c a c c ca d f C
c a ac b .

METHODS. T a b a a C c a ac-
, a ac f fC c a ac f
a a c a d fS a
d d a- d C b .T
a b b a d ca d f c
d d f La d C, S E, a d
f C c a ac , d , a d
a a c 26 a- d C ad .

RESULTS. T ac f C c a ac c a d
ad c , a a a a
d b c d f a ac ba d
d a f .T ac ca d f c
f c f C c a ac a d S E
ad a a d d ff d b a ca f, d d-
a a c .T f c f
La d C a ca .

CONCLUSIONS. T d d ca a a ac a -
C ad c ca db a a c -
fC c a ac , b fac a S E, c
c a a a da d f ac a
C a, a d C c a ac d a d d c
ca d f c a d ca a a d a f
f c a C ad S E ac .
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V_c ^{a ac} ^f ^d ^b
^{ca} ^{ac c} ^{a d} ^{ba c} ^{a c} . T ^{a -}
^a ^c ^{a d,} ^{fac} ^a ^{a ac} ^{a d}

F¹S a K Lab a^fC N c a d
L a , B N a U , B , C a ;²I f
N c c , C Acad f Sc c , S a a , C a ;
³EENT H a , F da U , S a a , C a ; a d⁴Sc f
O , U f A aba a a B a , B a , A a-
ba a .
S d b B N a U a d C Acad
f Sc c .
S b d f b ca Oc b 5, 2006; d D c b 31,
2006 a d Ja a 17, 2007; acc d Ma c 16, 2007.
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T b ca c f a c d f a d a b a
c a a . T a c f b a d *advertise-*
ment acc da c 18 U.S.C. 1734 d ca fac .
*Eac f f a c d a : C Y , S a
K Lab a f C N c c a d L a , B N -
a U , B , C a ; c @b . d . c .
L L , Sc f O , U f A aba a a B a ,
B a , AL; 7788@ ab. d .

f a d b d ff .T d
 f ac f a a c c a
 a ca c a a.¹F
 , a ac a d d a a a f a a
 f a a d d c b d b
 d a (a f , MAR) a ca b -
 d. I a a² a d U.S.¹ a da d c d
 - a d f - a La d C a a a
 ac . B a da d a a a f
 C a d a b d a d a d f
 a , c f f a , a
 f a ac . I C a, a da d S
 E,³ d f f . F
 f f ac a ac a d
 a a da da d db f f b
 a d c a bac d.
 H , a a c ca c a-
 b a a a d a a
 c c .⁴E f ac a a c c d,
 a f a c ca b a db d a a d a a f
 f a a a b d a d
 a c d , c a a c , c a , a d
 d ab a .T f , f c a da f
 c a d a , a ab a , b a ca , a d d -
 ab b , a ac da a a ff c-
 a , a ca f -
 a d ac d c a c d . F a a ac
 a b f c a , a , db
 c a d b , a a . F a b-
 f b , a a a .
 B ca f a c f ad f c a
 , c a a b c d a a f c ca
 a a ff c a a d d. H ,
 a c a a a , a d a c
 d a ca b c d d.T f ,
 a ac f f ac a d ff f c a a
 a a b a c a .¹B a a a d U.S. a da d
 a a a , c a , db
 a La d C . ISO 8597 (I
 a O a a f S a da d a)² a a a f
 a La d C f d ff a
 0.05 . I U.S. a da d, a d d ff c
 5%. If a a f a
 La d C, a c fac db d d
 ca . I c-ba d a a , a a
 R a a ab , a a b f ac-
 d La d C ac a d f c a d
 ac a a ac . S a a.⁵ d
 ac 214 a f ac b
 La d Ca d ca E CDHKNORSVZ a d
 f d a a c a d (P a
 r = 0.90). W c a b a a da -
 a ca b ab d, a a a
 , MAR (a f) MAR, ca
 b d f f c a a , f

TABLE 1. R a L b f S a L a d C C a ac

Sloan	CC1	CC2	CC3	CC4	CC5	CC6
R 0.38	文 0.32	只 0.39	条 0.35	张 0.16	验 0.24	路 0.44
O 0.40	天 0.39	任 0.39	非 0.36	资 0.37	领 0.38	题 0.46
S 0.51	力 0.47	区 0.44	各 0.37	很 0.38	群 0.57	德 0.52
K 0.53	么 0.51	风 0.51	医 0.53	售 0.49	势 0.57	赛 0.54
N 0.54	个 0.52	日 0.58	抓 0.54	建 0.53	策 0.60	数 0.50
C 0.57	之 0.57	以 0.61	取 0.56	做 0.60	想 0.60	需 0.60
N 0.57	十 0.57	世 0.62	由 0.65	深 0.63	堂 0.62	感 0.62
H 0.75	少 0.60	无 0.64	名 0.68	益 0.66	数 0.62	就 0.66
Z 0.82	山 0.75	州 0.73	多 0.78	事 0.68	续 0.64	增 0.69
V 0.90	人 0.78	占 0.81	好 0.86	学 0.92	率 0.66	解 0.75

I f a c , c ca d ca d, f
a S a a C c a ac b .

Apparatus

T a d b a Ma Lab-ba d (T Ma W ,
Na c , MA) W V a (N c I , Oa a d, CA)
a d d a 21- . c (2048 \times 1536 ,
0.189 \times 0.189 / , 75-H f a a). T a a d -
a c f a 89 a d 0.02 cd/ 2 . A
a- a c , bac a a - a c
bac d. Ob d d a b c a a
d . A ab a c ad c b a
d a a c c d a c .

Observers and Procedures

I a f d , d a f b f C
c a ac a d a f ff c f ca d f c
C c a ac b , d ff f b a d d ff
 c d d.

Chinese Character Legibility

S (a a , 22.8 a) a C a a
c c d - - a d a b . A b a d a
c d c a a d a a 7 a f a a d a d
E . E c ZJ, a c a , a c c a b -
a a d a a a f d . Eac b
d f a c b a a d c c a a
S E b a d a d d a c f 5 . M
b c a d c c . T a a b
c c d a c a -0.114 ± 0.049 MAR.
S a a d C CC1 CC6
d . A d f c a a d a ac
f a . A a d a c
f c c d d a . T b a a
f a 10- a - (0 9).
A d f dbac a c c . S f
a a a d f ac . T
a a a c a d b c a d a c
c a ca c (40 \times 40 f S a
a d 50 \times 50 f C c a ac). L c f
a c c a a c c a a f d -
a (10 \times 5 a). O d f
c d f 42 (\times),
c acc d a a d d ab f ac

b a d ca c d a da . F b
f d 10 d f , a d f d
d .

T c a f c c da a f ac a d
a W b f c : $P=1-(1-\gamma)e^{-(x/th)^\beta}$, P a -
c a c c , γ a (0.1 a 10-AFC a), x a
f c , a d th a d a a 66.9% c c . I
f a c ac f f f
d a c , a d MAR f f
f ac , f c C c a ac , MAR
a a -d d f a .

The Effects of Optical Defocus on Chinese Character Legibility

T - - b (a a , 25.9 a) a c c d-
 - a d a b . La d C a d S E a f
 a a d f C
 d , a d a a c d. Eac
 c a d (F . 4a). T C
 ac d f a CC1, CC3, a d CC6 F
 1. T a d a c b
 (Tab 1). T a 125 × 125
 a d a 25 × 25 . T a a d
 d a a a d a c a c f a c
 T c d f f a d
 c d f a . I ac , a d
 a d d d a d f a
 a d. T a a b a a
 d f . T a d a
 c f c . T a a b a c c a a a ac
 d f , c ad a a d - f
 d f a d a a a d f b
 d .
 A b f ac d a S E b a
 d a d d a c f 5 . T a b c c d a
 ac a -0.126 ± 0.054 MAR. A b d
 d a a f a d a c f 6 ,
 b c c a a f a . Ac a d
 d f c d : b c c d a add a 0,
 +0.5-, +1.0-, a d +2.0-D ca a a d d . T
 d f d ac c d a a
 a d d. If a b f a d c a
 6 d add f a +1.0- +2.0-D , d a c

a a d. T
 fac a
 T b '
 . T
 d. T
 ad a f
 a a
 d
 d c d b a
 f
 a f
 f
 c d
 f
 a c d d acc
 a c d d
 W f
 a c ad d

RESULTS

Legibility of C

F 2a
 W b
 a a f
 a d f
 a '
 c'
 a
 ac
 a

a c . I , . T ca b a d
ad a da a fa
c f c . T f ,
acc a a d c
C c a ac .

Re

R ac a
c d Tab 1. (R a b d-
p a a f d
d f c c c -
f a b . N a a
c c. T a Tab
c 10
a b a d a .
a d a b a 10 S a
a 26 ca d ,
a a b .¹⁸) T χ^2 d
f ac a
($P < 0.0005$), d ca a
a b . I c a ,
f a b da a (Tab 1) a d a f
.¹⁹ ca d ff (F_{9,9} = 1.228, $P =$
d ca a f acc ac . T a -
a b CC1 CC5 da a
ca d ff f a f S a da a (F_{9,9} =
, $P = 0.427$). CC6 ad a ca a a a c
dd S a (F_{9,9} = 7.996, $P = 0.037$). T f ,
ac C c a ac c a d b
d b c a ac , ca f a b
a a a a f
S a b d d .¹⁹ T f , CC
a acc ab f a b a d f
f a a c . T a a
c a a f E c d a d a c a b a
a acc ab a c f a b .
T d f a f d a
c c f C c a ac c . I a -
c d ca d f c (F . 4),
ac d a a b f a

Further Analysis of Acuity Difference Sloan Letters and Chinese Character

I F 3, ac d ff c b
a d S a a d
a d. S c d ff c a b a d
a a C c a ac
. T d a , a da a f S
a a a d d c c a
a d 85% a d c f
c c f a
ca ac , c c
d d c f ab
b .²⁰ A
d
V, H, a d Z (91%, 88%, a d 76% c c
T c a c , ca ba , a d ba
f d c . T c -
, c a c f V a ac d b a bad , a d
ca ba f H ac d b a ba f
工 . A ac d d c a a
c f , d c d c f (F .
5b). N , a ba f 工 c d b c f d
f 乙. T bad f 入 a a 1 b a f 大.
I d d, 工 a c f d 乙 12 f , a d
ac 入 a c f d 大 11% f (F . 5b). A
ac c , c c a f 入,

. I c a , C c a ac a c -
 a (-b d) c d f c a . B ca
 c a a a c d c f a a b c
 , d a a a a f R a
 . A ac c , a d ac
 C c a ac a c d c ab . F a G a
 c f , C c a ac a a d
 a a R a a ab , b ca C c a ac ff
 a a a a , a d d a a f a a -
 .²¹N - - d a f a d
 b a d c a d a f
 f a . I d d , P a .²²f d a a f c c f
 c C c a ac a d f
 f c c f c a E . I d ,
 S a , CC1 a a a - d b a f
 (F . 2b), a a - d b f
 d c d b f c c d ff c . T ac d ff c
 b ca a ca ca a a d
 (F . 3b). T a ad a a f E C -
 c a ac ca b a d b a f ac
 a . Ac a a c b c a f c d
 f c c d ca ba d ba
 f a f , b ca f a a b -
 ca a a d c d b c a c .
 T - a b c a a a a
 f a ca d ff c b
 . I a a a ca d , d a d a
 d a c a a ac d d b a f
 - d c , c ca d d ba
 c a ac c f -d a a , c d acc f
 f ad b a b c
 a-ac S a a d C c a ac .
 AC c a ac a a a d f c-
 a a a E d . C ca b ad
 c a fa a E .²³R c f C c a ac
 f a f c a c f - E) .²²
 d (a a f E d) .²²
 H , ad a a f C c a ac E
 d d da ac . O d a CC1 a
 37.2% b a S a . M a , S d a .²⁴
 c a d ac f S a a d ca E
 d () f f fac a d f d a
 ca d 4.5% 7% b a S a
 . T da a d ca a CC1 a a
 33% b a ca E d . W c a
 a a ac , ba f ca
 c f , a , a c a ac
 a d , d ac . Fa a
 a f a a ff c .

Deriving a Visual Function Measurement from Snellen E Acuity

T d ff c b a a 60 C
 c a ac (人, 3.77 a c) a d d f c (验, 6.90
 a c) a 0.263 . T b a ab f c a ac-
 a C b a . Ca
 d a CC f da b a d
 ac a f c a a f C ad ?
 B f ca c a a ,
 b f c a ac f d ff c c a
 c d c a . If a c a ,
 ac f a b d a d a f c-
 a a f a c d , c a ac a
 d a d d a f ac
 . T a a a f S E, CC1, CC3,
 a d CC6 F 4b ab a ac a
 a S E ac f a , f a c
 C c a ac f d ff a a c . T

c CC b a
 d a d f ad C ? O d b a
 b f a cc f da C
 . S a .²⁵ d d f 2570 C c a -
 ac d f c a a c b
 B . T d b f b a d f 1 24
 a d c d b d a Ga a a a 9.10 ±
 0.09 . O CC3 ()
 c a . T ac f CC3 0.210
 a a a f S E (F . 4b), c c a
 ca fac f 1.622 . T f , f a ad d d
 b ad 100 a a b a d 20/20 , C
 c a ac a b a a 1.622 × 100 × a (5
 a c) = 0.236 , 23.6 c a . B ca d
 d d b a S E c a , 1.622 fac c -
 a f ac d ff c b S E a d
 a a C c a ac .
 I a C c a ac d
 d d c a ac , c a a da d a -
 a d C a a d S a . Ma d c a ac a
 f a c , c d a ac 无 (, d) CC2
 d b 无 a a ad a c a ac . T d b f
 b f a d a ac a b
 a f ad a C c a ac , a d f Ka Ja -
 a , b ca f a ad a C c a ac-
 . F a , a a a a a-
 b S E a d C c a ac
 c . W F 4b a b a d b d c ca d f -
 d (d c b) a b d d
 a f ac , b d ff c a
 . W a c a c ca a cc
 fac a a d a a cc

CONCLUSIONS

M a f a ac f S a a d C
 c a ac f d ff b f a d a
 c ad a ac . T c a f
 fa a a c , a a d -
 d b d c a f a d a . S a
 ad ca a ac a
 C c a ac , ad c a-
 ab a a c . T d ff c , c d a -
 a b a d b d d ff c b
 . W ca d f c a d c d,
 ac f C c a ac c a d a a a
 S E . S c a a a
 d a f c a a f S E ac a -
 a C ad .

APPENDIX

Selection of Chinese Optotypes

F , 500 f d C c a ac (CC)
 c c d f a f c a c a ac c ab ,²⁶
 c a c d ba d a c c f 138 -
 CC . S f CC c d ba d b
 f (. , 2 4, 5 6, 8 9, 11 12, 13 15, a d 16 18
). T d c c a ac a a a ab -
 b , a c a a f ca a a c a ac-
 ac a c d c d . T 50 × 50 b a f ac
 c a ac a c d d a a 50 × 50-d
 ac , c d a $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{2500}$. T c -
 d a 0 (a b ac) 1 (a) . T

E c d a d a c b i a d j c a ac
 $d_{ij} = [\sum_{k=1}^{2500} (x_{ik} - x_{jk})^2]^{1/2}$. A a - E c d a
 d a c a f a c a ac
 ac ca c a d. S a d ^{15 17} a
 a E c d a d a c c a d c d a
 b E . F ac CC , 12 14 c a -
 ac d a E c d a d a c f ac
 c d. T c d c d d c a ac a
 ca a d ff . Add a c d-
 a f ca a d a a c a f
 d c d b f c a ac ac 10. T
 a f C a F 1a
 (CC1 CC6).

Calculation of Optotype Stroke Frequency

A b f a b d a d
 f c d c f ,
 a d a f a a c b ca a b
 f a a a a f , a d
 a d a d a f d . F
 a , a c a ac □ c a f a
 , a
 ca d c . C a ac ≡ () a d || () a
 ac , b d ca
 a d c 1.5 f a f □. A b c
 a f a a c f f -
 c .²⁷ I a a d d a a a b f
 c d b a c d . B ca
 a C c a ac a ba a c d b f
 c a (f a , c d a d d c a -
 ac CC4 F . 1a), a d b ca C c a ac
 a d a b (a c a ac f
 CC3), a ca d d a d ca c a
 f c f . A F 1b,
 ac a c d - d c
 c b a : a a d
 a , ca f a d a , a d b a
 45 a d 135 c a f . A a f
 c d a b a d f ac c , a d a -
 f c a a a f c f
 . T a a f c f S a
 a 2.0 / , a a b a d
 a c (1.6 /).²⁷ T a a f -
 c f C c a ac c a d
 ca f 2.2 5.5 / .
 A a f a a c f a
 c c .^{22,28} P c c a -
 a a a f d a d d d a a f
 d -a d- d f a a , d d d b
 a a. W ca c a d c c f a -
 d d a d f d c a d
 f c ($r = 0.956$). B ca f c
 f