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Age related hearing loss is a highly prevalent condition with a demonstrated negative impact on social engagement, quality of life and health. As the number and proportion of old persons in the population is growing, age related hearing loss constitutes an increasingly important public health concern.

The present thesis explores and describes hearing function and hearing loss in early old age, based on data drawn from the Gothenburg H70 Birth Cohort Studies. Epidemiological research can provide insights that further our understanding of the nature of age related hearing loss, and generate data that aid in the planning of preventative and health care interventions.



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