



**Abstract**

**Developing an Occupational Stress Scale for Korean Employees**

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**Background and Purposes:** Over the past three decades, numerous studies performed in Korea have reported that job stress is a determinant risk factor for chronic diseases and work disability. Every society has its own culture and occupational climate particular to their organizations, and hence experiences different occupational stress. An occupational stress measurement tool therefore needs to be developed to estimate it objectively. The purpose of this study is to develop and standardize the Korean Occupational Stress Scale (KOSS) which is considered to be unique and specific occupational stressors in Korean employees.

**Subjects and Methods:** Data were obtained from the National Study for Development and Standardization of Occupational Stress (NSDSOS Project: 2002-2004). A total of 12,631 employees from a nationwide sample proportional to the Korean Standard Industrial Classification and the Korean Standard Occupational Classification were administered. The KOSS was developed for 2 years (2002-2004). In the first year, we collected 255 items from the most popular job stress measurement tools such as JCQ, ERI, NIOSH and OSI, and 44 items derived from the a qualitative study (depth interview). Forty-three items of KOSS, in the second year, were retained for use in the final version of the KOSS by using Delphi and factor analysis. Items were scored using conventional 1-2-3-4 Likert scores for the response categories.

**Results:** We developed eight subscales by using factor analysis and validation process: physical environment (3 items), job demand (8 items), insufficient job control (5 items), interpersonal conflict (4 items), job insecurity (6 items), organizational system (7 items), lack of reward (6 items), and occupational climate (4 items). Together they explained 50.0% of total variance. Internal consistency alpha scores were ranged from 0.51 to 0.82. Twenty-four items of the short form of the KOSS (KOSS-SF) were also developed to estimate job stress in the work setting. Because the levels of the subscales of occupational stress were gender dependent, gender-specific standard norms for both the 43-item full version and the 24-item short form using a quartile for the subscales of KOSS were presented.

**Conclusion:** The results of this study suggest that KOSS might be an appropriate measurement scale to estimate occupational stress of Korean employees. Further and more detailed study needs to be conducted to improve the validity of this scale.

**Key Words:** Occupational stress, Stress measurement, KOSS

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Fig. 1. Procedure of second year project

Table 1. Distribution of study subjects by industry

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Manufacturing	7,079	56.0
Electronicity, Gas, and Water Supply	124	0.1
Construction	132	0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	368	2.9
Hotel & Restaurant	565	4.5
Transportation	1,831	14.5
Financial Institutions & Insurance	196	1.6
Real Estate, Renting & Leasing	3	0.0
Business Activities	69	0.5
Education	158	1.3
Health & Social Work	1,001	7.9
Recreational, Cultural & Personal Service Activities	189	1.5
Other Community, Repair & Sporting Activities	874	6.9
Total	12,631	100.0

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**Table 2.** General characteristics of study subjects by sex

Dimension	N (%)		
	Male	Female	Total
Age(year)			
-29	1,562 (18)	1,167 (44)	2,729 (24)
30-39	4,275 (48)	735 (28)	5,010 (44)
40-49	2,309 (26)	556 (21)	2,865 (25)
50-	694 ( 8)	175 ( 7)	869 ( 8)
Education			
Elementary school	88 ( 1)	102 ( 4)	190 ( 2)
Middle school	488 ( 7)	212 ( 9)	700 ( 7)
High school	3,780 (50)	801 (32)	4,581 (46)
College	3,195 (42)	1,364 (55)	4,559 (46)
Marital status			
Unmarried	2,325 (24)	1,140 (42)	3,465 (28)
Married	7,090 (74)	1,495 (55)	8,585 (70)
Divorced/Separated	129 ( 1)	83 ( 3)	212 ( 2)
Annual Income(10,000won)			
<1000	438 ( 7)	302 (17)	740 ( 9)
1000-1999	878 (13)	510 (29)	1,388 (16)
2000-2999	1,527 (23)	525 (30)	2,052 (24)
3000-3999	2,186 (33)	370 (21)	2,556 (30)
4000-4999	1,192 (18)	42 ( 2)	1,234 (15)
5000-	458 ( 7)	13 ( 1)	471 ( 6)

control), 4 (Interpersonal conflict), 5 (Job insecurity), 6 (Occupational climate), 7 (Uncertainty of getting a new job), 8 (Physical environment) (Table 4). Cronbach's alpha .512 가 (Table 5). 가 .822 가 (Table 5). 가 (Table 6). 가 0.40 80% 0.40

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Table 3. Job-related characteristics of study subjects by sex N (%)

	Male	Female	Total
Employment type			
Regular	7,734 (90)	1,860 (75)	9,594 (87)
Irregular	853 (10)	622 (26)	1,475 (13)
Shiftwork			
Yes	3,418 (40)	859 (34)	4,277 (38)
No	5,214 (60)	1,693 (66)	6,907 (62)
5-days work			
Yes	3,583 (46)	429 (23)	4,012 (42)
No	4,146 (54)	1,408 (77)	5,554 (58)
Incentive system			
Yes	3,195 (47)	677 (31)	3,872 (43)
No	3,630 (53)	1,515 (69)	5,145 (57)
Experience of unemployed			
Yes	1,364 (19)	315 (13)	1,679 (18)
No	5,819 (81)	2,076 (87)	7,895 (83)
Downsizing			
Yes	4,855 (61)	775 (33)	5,630 (55)
No	3,133 (39)	1,561 (67)	4,694 (46)
Work duration(year)			
<1	1,772 (20)	741 (30)	2,513 (22)
1-2	538 (6)	325 (13)	863 (8)
3-5	1,296 (15)	632 (25)	1,928 (17)
6-10	2,387 (27)	471 (19)	2,858 (25)
10<	2,752 (32)	322 (13)	3,074 (27)
Working hours(/week)			
-40	1,249 (17)	416 (18)	1,665 (17)
41-49	2,312 (32)	1,263 (53)	3,575 (37)
50-59	1,808 (25)	368 (16)	2,176 (23)
60-69	966 (13)	207 (9)	1,173 (12)
70-	913 (13)	110 (5)	1,023 (11)

**Table 4.** Result of factor analysis for 43 items of the KOSS

Item NO.	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5	Factor 6	Factor 7	Factor 8
Q27	.697	.039	-.019	.018	.067	.071	.127	.129
Q30	.696	.021	-.083	.073	.050	.148	.110	.125
Q39	.685	.056	.267	.093	.069	.069	.034	.058
Q28	.650	.111	.001	.021	-.005	.099	.069	.235
Q33	.627	.046	.079	.071	.137	-.084	-.025	.021
Q36	.625	.110	.133	.209	.121	.028	-.046	-.022
Q32	.621	.011	.236	.047	.189	-.011	.116	.022
Q31	.601	.039	.206	.139	.020	.161	.056	.070
Q38	.593	.126	.155	.091	.109	.108	.014	-.060
Q29	.587	.148	-.151	.071	.006	.128	.074	.123
Q37	.537	.048	.259	.171	.121	.102	-.059	-.048
Q35	.527	.160	.109	.079	.096	-.266	-.223	.074
Q34	.343	.117	.124	-.042	.224	.289	-.156	.102
Q4	.083	.711	.028	.050	.003	.044	-.023	.150
Q6	.111	.637	-.105	.034	.047	.011	-.020	.068
Q11	.088	.587	-.295	-.104	.012	.114	-.024	-.130
Q8	.021	.533	-.181	.018	.017	-.029	.045	.294
Q10	.152	.524	.087	.009	.132	.138	.090	.030
Q7	.055	.484	.334	-.031	.028	.068	.041	.024
Q13	.096	.471	-.312	-.098	.083	.255	-.106	-.096
Q9	.159	.465	.374	.062	-.052	-.006	.103	.053
Q5	.068	.465	-.131	-.002	.089	.148	-.165	.028
Q15	.185	-.052	.669	.051	.042	.008	.031	.036
Q12	.190	-.277	.639	.029	-.013	.049	.042	.077
Q16	.181	.171	.609	.000	-.003	.002	.097	.154
Q14	.110	-.358	.582	.093	.030	-.016	-.003	-.111
Q13	.096	-.312	.471	-.098	.083	.255	-.106	-.096
Q19	.191	.044	.047	.755	.068	.047	.037	-.042
Q20	.081	.024	-.015	.700	.095	.007	-.001	-.074
Q18	.171	-.073	.078	.692	-.051	.041	.059	.072
Q17	.373	.001	.143	.486	-.050	.094	.099	.159
Q25	.056	.039	.034	.071	.723	.145	-.152	.038
Q23	.199	.086	.007	.060	.688	.086	.039	.103
Q26	.171	.079	-.060	-.056	.680	.202	.157	.115
Q24	.186	.062	.008	.027	.513	-.158	.202	-.100
Q40	.106	.075	.004	.130	.092	.674	-.017	.028
Q43	-.021	.057	.032	.053	.055	.616	-.088	-.010
Q42	.248	.169	.013	-.035	.056	.497	.101	.115
Q41	.195	.315	-.173	-.009	.044	.435	-.044	-.039
Q22	.093	-.029	.034	.020	.070	-.047	.857	-.010
Q21	.104	-.036	.110	.124	.087	-.041	.799	.029
Q2	.105	.162	.005	-.026	.091	.014	.000	.738
Q1	.347	-.018	.089	.026	.023	.039	.036	.586
Q3	.164	.394	.234	.041	.085	.084	-.069	.531

Factor 1 : Organizational system and lack of reward, Factor 2 : Job demand,

Factor 3 : Insufficient job control, Factor 4 : Interpersonal conflict,

Factor 5 : Job insecurity, Factor 6 : Occupational climate,

Factor 7 : Opportunity to get a new job, Factor 8 : Physical environment



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**Table 5.** Cronbach 's alpha of 8 sub-scales of the KOSS

Subscales	No. of Items	Cronbach 's alpha
Physical environment	3	.564
Job demand	8	.706
Insufficient job control	5	.664
Interpersonal conflict	4	.669
Job insecurity	6	.612
Organizational system	7	.822
Lack of reward	6	.763
Occupational climate	4	.512

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**Table 6.** Result of Scaling assumption for the KOSS

Scale	k <sup>a</sup>	Range of correlation		Internal consistency <sup>d</sup>		Discriminant validity <sup>e</sup>	
		Item internal consistency <sup>b</sup>	Item discriminant validity <sup>c</sup>	Success/ Total	Success rate(%)	Success/ Total	Success rate(%)
Physical environment	3	.70-.78	.03-.37	3/3	100	24/24	100
Job demand	8	.43-.69	.01-.30	8/8	100	64/64	100
Insufficient job control	5	.10-.70	.01-.43	4/5	80	39/40	98
Interpersonal conflict	4	.63-.73	.02-.40	4/4	100	32/32	100
Job insecurity	6	.54-.66	.02-.29	6/6	100	48/48	100
Organizational system	7	.65-.75	.06-.54	7/7	100	56/56	100
Lack of reward	6	.56-.74	.06-.63	6/6	100	48/48	100
Occupational climate	4	.58-.68	.01-.32	4/4	100	32/32	100

a Number of item and number of item-internal consistency tests per scale.

b Correlation between items and hypothesized scale corrected for overlap.

c Correlation between items and other scale.

d Number 0.40.

e Number of correlations significantly higher/total number of correlations.

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**Table 7.** Correlation coefficients between sub-scales of the KOSS and JCQ

		KOSS						JCQ			
		JD	JC	IC	JI	OS	LR	OC	WD	DL	SS
KOSS	Physical environment	.349**	.205**	.143**	.189**	.371**	.348**	.217**	.244**	-.184**	-.211**
	Job demand		-.122**	.050**	.140**	.242**	.217**	.347**	.506**	.096**	-.138**
	Insufficient job control			.238**	.151**	.323**	.357**	.051**	.074**	-.579**	-.208**
	Interpersonal conflict				.180**	.409**	.393**	.148**	.124**	-.220**	-.444**
	Job insecurity					.373**	.315**	.171**	.129**	-.177**	-.184**
	Occupational system						.710**	.296**	.287**	-.315**	-.478**
	Lack of reward							.281**	.267**	-.384**	-.471**
	Organizational climate								.274**	-.128**	-.326**
JCQ	Work demand									-.090**	-.188**
	Decision latitude										.352**

\*\* p < 0.01 (2-tailed)

**Table 8.** Relationship between 8 sub-scales of the KOSS and Psychosocial distress(PWI-SF)

Mean ± S.D.

Subscales	Psychosocial distress			
	Normal	Intermediate	High	P
Physical environment	6.58 ± 1.81	7.14 ± 1.62	7.78 ± 1.66	.00
Job demand	18.22 ± 3.49	19.89 ± 2.94	21.02 ± 3.11	.00
Insufficient Job conflict	12.56 ± 2.08	12.96 ± 1.84	13.50 ± 1.79	.00
Interpersonal conflict	8.19 ± 1.62	8.60 ± 1.36	9.12 ± 1.61	.00
Job insecurity	14.18 ± 2.36	15.12 ± 2.15	16.10 ± 2.40	.00
Lack of reward	16.36 ± 3.05	17.75 ± 2.85	19.51 ± 3.08	.00
Organizational system	13.37 ± 2.59	14.76 ± 2.29	16.44 ± 2.53	.00
Occupational climate	8.13 ± 1.65	8.86 ± 1.50	9.58 ± 1.59	.00

**Table 9.** Relationship between 8 sub-scales of the KOSS and Fatigue(MFS)

Mean ± S.D.

Subscales	Fatigue				P
	Q <sub>~24</sub>	Q <sub>25~49</sub>	Q <sub>50~74</sub>	Q <sub>75~</sub>	
Physical environment	6.83 ± 1.56	7.14 ± 1.54	7.32 ± 1.59	7.90 ± 1.78	.00
Job demand	19.05 ± 2.99	19.69 ± 2.75	20.45 ± 2.78	21.54 ± 3.25	.00
Insufficient Job conflict	12.89 ± 1.88	12.92 ± 1.73	13.06 ± 1.84	13.41 ± 1.95	.00
Interpersonal conflict	8.50 ± 1.45	8.71 ± 1.38	8.72 ± 1.35	9.00 ± 1.66	.00
Job insecurity	14.79 ± 2.16	15.07 ± 1.96	15.49 ± 2.21	16.14 ± 2.53	.00
Lack of reward	17.11 ± 2.88	17.64 ± 2.74	18.34 ± 2.75	19.73 ± 3.22	.00
Organizational system	14.18 ± 2.34	14.73 ± 2.19	15.34 ± 2.32	16.47 ± 2.74	.00
Occupational climate	8.51 ± 1.51	8.92 ± 1.39	9.19 ± 1.43	9.63 ± 1.76	.00

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**Table 10.** Full version 's of the KOSS and KOSS-SF

Sub-scale	Full-version		Short-form	
	No. items	Question No.	No. items	Question No.
Physical environment	3	1, 2, 3		
Job demand	8	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	4	4, 6, 9, 11
Insufficient job control	5	12, 13, 14, 15, 16	4	12, 14, 15, 16
Interpersonal conflict	4	17, 18, 19, 20	3	17, 18, 19
Job insecurity	6	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26	2	23, 26
Occupational system	7	27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33	4	27, 28, 29, 31
Lack of reward	6	34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39	3	35, 38, 39
Organizational climate	4	40, 41, 42, 43	4	40, 41, 42, 43
Total	43		24	

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**Table 11.** Reference values of occupational stress for male (Full version)

Subscales	Q <sub>-24</sub>	Q <sub>25-49</sub>	Q <sub>50-74</sub>	Q <sub>75-</sub>
Physical environment	-33.3	33.4-44.4	44.5-66.6	66.7-
Job demand	-41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-58.3	58.4-
Insufficient job control	-46.6	46.7-53.3	53.4-60.0	60.1-
Interpersonal conflict	-	-33.3	33.4-50.0	50.1-
Job insecurity	-44.4	44.5-50.0	50.1-61.1	61.2-
Organizational system	-42.8	42.9-52.3	52.4-61.9	62.0-
Lack of reward	-55.5	55.6-66.6	66.7-77.7	77.8-
Occupational climate	-33.3	33.4-41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-
Total	-45.0	45.1-50.7	50.8-56.5	56.6-

**Table 12.** Reference values of occupational stress for female (Full version)

Subscales	Q <sub>-24</sub>	Q <sub>25-49</sub>	Q <sub>50-74</sub>	Q <sub>75-</sub>
Physical environment	-33.3	33.4-44.4	44.5-55.5	55.6 -
Job demand	-41.6	41.7-54.1	54.2-62.5	62.6 -
Insufficient job control	-53.3	53.4-60.0	60.1-66.6	66.7 -
Interpersonal conflict	-	-33.3	33.4-41.6	41.7 -
Job insecurity	-38.8	38.9-50.0	50.1-55.5	55.6 -
Organizational system	-42.8	42.9-52.3	52.4-61.9	62.0 -
Lack of reward	-55.5	55.6-66.6	66.7-77.7	77.8 -
Occupational climate	-33.3	33.4-41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1 -
Total	-49.5	49.6-51.1	51.2-56.6	56.7 -

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**Table 13.** Reference values of occupational stress for male (Short form)

Subscales	Q <sub>-.24</sub>	Q <sub>.25-.49</sub>	Q <sub>.50-.74</sub>	Q <sub>.75-</sub>
Job demand	- 41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-58.3	58.4 -
Insufficient job control	- 41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-66.6	66.7 -
Interpersonal conflict	-	-33.3	33.4-44.4	44.5 -
Job insecurity	- 33.3	33.4-50.0	50.1-66.6	66.7 -
Organizational system	- 41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-66.6	66.7 -
Lack of reward	- 33.3	33.4-55.5	55.6-66.6	66.7 -
Occupational climate	- 33.3	33.4-41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1 -
Short form Total	- 42.4	42.5-48.4	48.5-54.7	54.8 -

**Table 14.** Reference values of occupational stress for female (Short form)

Subscales	Q <sub>-.24</sub>	Q <sub>.25-.49</sub>	Q <sub>.50-.74</sub>	Q <sub>.75-</sub>
Job demand	- 50.0	50.1-58.3	58.4-66.6	66.7 -
Insufficient job control	- 50.0	50.1-58.3	58.4-66.6	66.7 -
Interpersonal conflict	-	-33.3	33.4-44.4	44.5 -
Job insecurity	-	- 33.3	33.4-50.0	50.1 -
Organizational system	- 41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1-66.6	66.7 -
Lack of reward	- 44.4	44.5-55.5	55.6-66.6	66.7 -
Occupational climate	- 33.3	33.4-41.6	41.7-50.0	50.1 -
Short form Total	- 44.4	44.5-50.0	50.1-55.6	56.0 -

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Item No	Subscales	Contents	Questions	
1	Physical environment	Work environment	My workplace is clean and comfortable.	
2		Dangerous work	I am exposed to dangerous work and possibility of high risk of accidents.	
3		Physical burden	I have to work for a long time taking uncomfortable posture.	
4	Job demand	Time pressure	Due to many things to do, I always feel time pressure.	
5		Overlapping jobs	I am asked to do another work before finishing the work I am doing.	
6		Increasing workload	My job has become increasingly overloading.	
7		Responsibility	I feel myself responsible for coworkers and subordinates.	
8		Excessive work	My work requires a long lasting concentration.	
9		Insufficient rest	Sufficient rest is provided during working hours.	
10		Work-home interface	I can not do well at both work and home.	
11		Multiple functioning	I have to do various jobs simultaneously.	
12	Insufficient job control	Noncreative work	My work requires creativity.	
13		Unpredictability	Without notice, work-related things (i.e work schedule, workload, meeting time etc.) tend to change.	
14		Skill underutilization	My work requires a high level of skill or knowledge.	
15		Little or no decision-making	I can make my own decision in my job and give influence over the work.	
16		Low control	I can control my work pace and time schedule.	
17		Interpersonal conflict	Inadequate supervisor support	My supervisor is helpful in getting the job done.
18	Inadequate coworker support		My coworker is helpful in getting the job done.	
19	lack of emotional support		I have someone who understands my difficulties at work.	
20	Inadequate coworker support		I have a co-worker(s) to share my problems at work.	
21	Job insecurity	Uncertainty of getting a new job	I can easily get a new job when I quit my job.	
22		Difficulty in getting a new job	I can easily find a new job equal to the condition of the current job.	
23		Uncertainty	My future is uncertain because the current situation of my company is unstable.	
24		Insecurity	I can hardly be fired or unemployed.	
25		Possibility of layoff	It is possible to lose my job within two years.	
26	Organizational system	Changes negative to my job	Undesirable changes (i.e. downsizing) will come to my job.	
27		Unfair organizational policy	The organizational policy of my company is fair and reasonable.	
28		Unsatisfactory organizational support	My company provides me with sufficient organizational supports.	
29		Inter-department conflict	Departments cooperate each other without conflicts.	
30		Disparity of goal attainment	All company members cooperate in harmony for the company.	
31		Limitation of communication	I have opportunities and channels to talk about my ideas.	
32		Poor carrier development	I expect my carrier development and promotion to progress as I plan.	
33		Status inconsistency	My current status is appropriate for my education and career.	
34		Lack of reward	Unreachable expectation	My job is under my expectation.
35			Unsatisfactory salary	My salary is not appropriate to my effort and work performance.
36			Unfair treatment	I acquire respect and confidence from my company.
37	Lack of interest		I am interested in my job.	
38	Future ambiguity		I believe that I will be given more rewards from my company if I work hard.	
39	Occupational climate	Interruption of opportunity	I am provided with opportunity of developing my capacity.	
40		Collective culture	Dining out after work makes me uncomfortable.	
41		Inconsistency of job order	I am asked to do my work with irrational principle or inconsistency.	
42		Authoritarian climate	My company climate is authoritative and hierarchical.	
43		Gender discrimination	I take disadvantages since I am woman(man).	