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Coffee may perk up sex life

DETROIT (AP) – Older people who drink coffee appear to be more sexually active than non-coffee drinkers.

In response to a survey, 62 per cent of married women age 60 and older who drank coffee said they were sexually active. Forty per cent of women older than 60 who do not drink coffee said they were active.

Among married men the same ages, 36 per cent of coffee drinkers said they sometimes were impotent, compared with 59 per cent of those who don't drink coffee.

The study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* did not give a margin of error or date for the survey of 744 Michigan residents.

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