

INFORMATION PROVIDING METHOD

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

5 **[0001]** The present disclosure relates to a technique for evaluating a user's sense of taste.

2. Description of the Related Art

10 **[0002]** For example, Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Registration Application Publication No. 1-173672 discloses a taste test film for easily and accurately testing human's ability to distinguish tastes. In the taste test film disclosed in Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Registration Application Publication No. 1-173672, a certain amount of pasty reagent is printed on or applied to a plastic film.

SUMMARY

15 **[0003]** However, a further improvement is needed in the related art described above.

20 **[0004]** In one general aspect, the techniques disclosed here feature a method for providing information in an information management system that is used to provide a dish search screen. The method includes: providing, on the dish search screen as one of a plurality of search filters, one search filter for filtering dishes or restaurants based on rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by sense-of-taste top scorers; obtaining, from a communication terminal through a network, first data indicating an input value in a measurement test regarding sense of taste of a user of the communication terminal, wherein the measurement test regarding the sense of taste is used to measure taste sensitivity of the user; obtaining, from the communication terminal, rating information
25 indicating the user's rating of a dish or a restaurant; generating an evaluation value of the user's sense of taste in association with the user, based on the first data; and including, in the rating results of the dishes or restaurants rated by the sense-of-taste top scorers, the rating information indicating the user's rating of the dish or restaurant, when the evaluation value of the user's sense of taste satisfies a certain condition for the sense-of-taste top
30 scorers.

[0005] According to the present disclosure, it is possible to achieve a further improvement.

[0006] It should be noted that general or specific examples may be implemented as a

system, a method, an integrated circuit, a computer program, a storage medium, or any selective combination thereof.

[0007] Additional benefits and advantages of the disclosed examples will become apparent from the specification and drawings. The benefits and/or advantages may be individually obtained by the various examples and features of the specification and drawings, which need not all be provided in order to obtain one or more of such benefits and/or advantages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008] Fig. 1 is a diagram illustrating a configuration of an information management system in a first embodiment of the present disclosure;

Fig. 2 is a view illustrating one example of a test meal kit in the first embodiment;

Fig. 3 illustrates one example of a table in which pill identifiers (IDs), taste components, and taste component levels are associated for each test meal kit ID;

Fig. 4 is a flowchart illustrating sense-of-taste evaluation processing in a management server in the first embodiment of the present disclosure;

Fig. 5 is a first flowchart illustrating taste-resolution measurement test execution processing, which is one type of sense-of-taste measurement test execution processing in step S2 in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a second flowchart illustrating the taste-resolution measurement test execution processing, which is one type of sense-of-taste measurement test execution processing in step S2 in Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is a view illustrating one example of a taste-resolution test screen displayed on a display of a communication terminal in the first embodiment;

Fig. 8 is a view illustrating one example of sense-of-taste evaluation information displayed on the display of the communication terminal in the first embodiment;

Fig. 9 is a flowchart illustrating sense-of-taste evaluation processing in the management server in a first modification of the first embodiment of the present disclosure;

Fig. 10 is a flowchart illustrating taste-sensing-threshold measurement test execution processing in step S6 in Fig. 9;

Fig. 11 is a view illustrating one example of a taste-sensing threshold test screen displayed on the display of the communication terminal in the first modification of the first