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Διάγνωση της νόσου Alzheimer – νεότερα δεδομένα: NAI-AA κριτήρια



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Introduction to the recommendations from the National Institute
on Aging-Alzheimer's Association workgroups on diagnostic guidelines
for Alzheimer's disease

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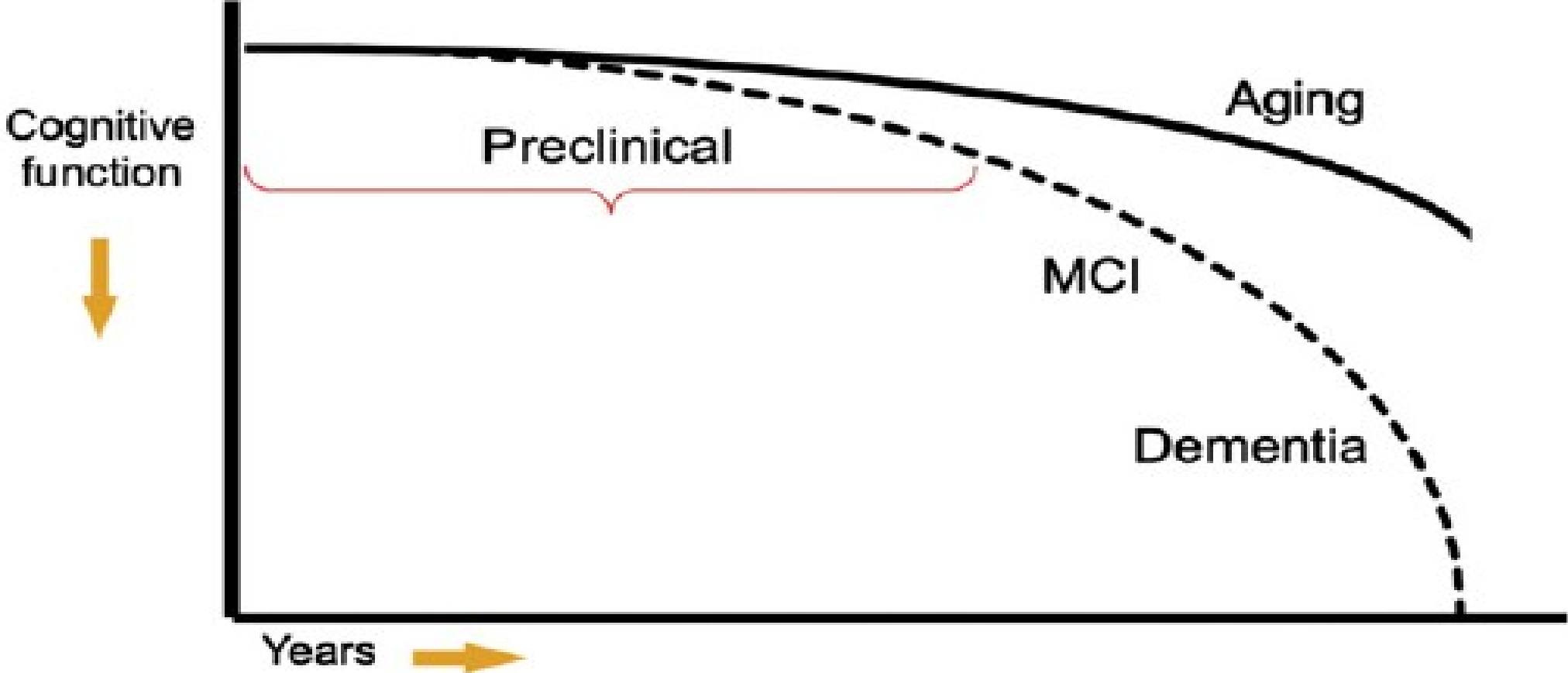
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The continuum of Alzheimer's disease



Διάγνωση και αντιμετώπιση της νόσου Alzheimer - νεότερα δεδομένα

• Διάγνωση

Κριτήρια

- *Προκλινική ΝΑ*
- *ΗΝΔ οφειλόμενη στη ΝΑ*
- *Άνοια ΝΑ*

• Αντιμετώπιση

- Υπάρχουσες φαρμ. θεραπείες
- Μελλοντικές φαρμ. θεραπείες
- Άλλοι τρόποι

Νέα κριτήρια για τη νόσο Alzheimer

A. Εικόνα άνοιας σύμφωνα με τον ορισμό αυτής

B. **Ιστορικό επιδείνωσης των νοητικών λειτουργιών** από αξιόπιστη πηγή πληροφόρησης ή και παρατήρηση του κλινικού

Γ. Τα **πρώτα και προεξάρχοντα** νοητικά συμπτώματα αφορούν

- **Μνήμη- Αμνησιακή εικόνα της νόσου**

Αφορά στη διαταραχή της πρόσφατης μνήμης με δυσχέρεια στην εκμάθηση κι ανάκληση της πληροφορίας

Αποτελεί την συχνότερη εικόνα της νόσου

- **Μη αμνησιακή εικόνα της νόσου**

- Διαταραχές στην **οπτικοχωρική ικανότητα** και προσανατολισμό

- Διαταραχή **στο λόγο** (εύρεση κατάλληλης λέξης, ονομάτων)

- Διαταραχή στις **επιτελικές λειτουργίες**

Πιθανή ν. Alzheimer με επιβεβαίωση του παθοφυσιολογικού μηχανισμού

A. Εξετάσεις που ανιχνεύουν το β-αμυλοειδές

- Piб-PET: καθήλωση του Piб στον εγκέφαλο
- Η ελάττωση στο ENY του β-αμυλοειδούς

B. Εξετάσεις που ανιχνεύουν νευρωνική βλάβη κι ατροφία

- Αύξηση στο ENY της τ ή και phosph-t πρωτεΐνης
- Ατροφία του μέσου κροταφικού λοβού (ογκομετρικές μέθοδοι ή και *οπτικές αναλογικές*)
- Υπολειτουργία των κροταφο-βρεγματικών περιοχών στο SPECT ή στο FDG-PET



The diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease: Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association workgroups on diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer's disease

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Κλινική εκτίμηση για την ΗΝΔ που οφείλεται στη ΝΑ

Εκπλήρωση κριτηρίων

- Αιτιάσεις Νοητικής έκπτωσης (ασθενούς, φροντιστή) ή και κλινικού
- Απόδειξη Έκπτωσης σε ≥ 1 τομείς
- Λειτουργικότητα διατηρημένη

Διερεύνηση αιτιολογίας συμβατής με ΝΑ

- Αποκλεισμός ΑΕΝ, ΚΕΚ, συστηματικών αιτίων (π.χ. Β12,...)
- *Απόδειξη προοδευτικής έκπτωσης με νευρο-ψυχολογικές δοκιμασίες ($\geq 1sd$)*
- *Πιθανόν να χρειαστεί επανειλημμένες στο χρόνο επανεξετάσεις*



2018 National Institute on Aging—Alzheimer's Association (NIA-AA) Research Framework

NIA-AA Research Framework: Toward a biological definition of Alzheimer's disease

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Table 1

AT(N) biomarker grouping

A: Aggregated A β or associated pathologic state

CSF A β_{42} , or A β_{42} /A β_{40} ratio

Amyloid PET

T: Aggregated tau (neurofibrillary tangles) or associated pathologic state

CSF phosphorylated tau

Tau PET

(N): Neurodegeneration or neuronal injury

Anatomic MRI

FDG PET

CSF total tau

- Α-αμυλοειδές στον εγκέφαλο
- Τ- ταυ πρωτεΐνη στον εγκέφαλο
- Ν- νευροεκφυλιστική διαδικασία

Biomarker profiles and categories

AT(N) profiles	Biomarker category	
A-T-(N)-	Normal AD biomarkers	
A+T-(N)-	Alzheimer's pathologic change	Alzheimer's continuum
A+T+(N)-	Alzheimer's disease	
A+T+(N)+	Alzheimer's disease	
A+T-(N)+	Alzheimer's and concomitant suspected non Alzheimer's pathologic change	
A-T+(N)-	Non-AD pathologic change	
A-T-(N)+	Non-AD pathologic change	
A-T+(N)+	Non-AD pathologic change	

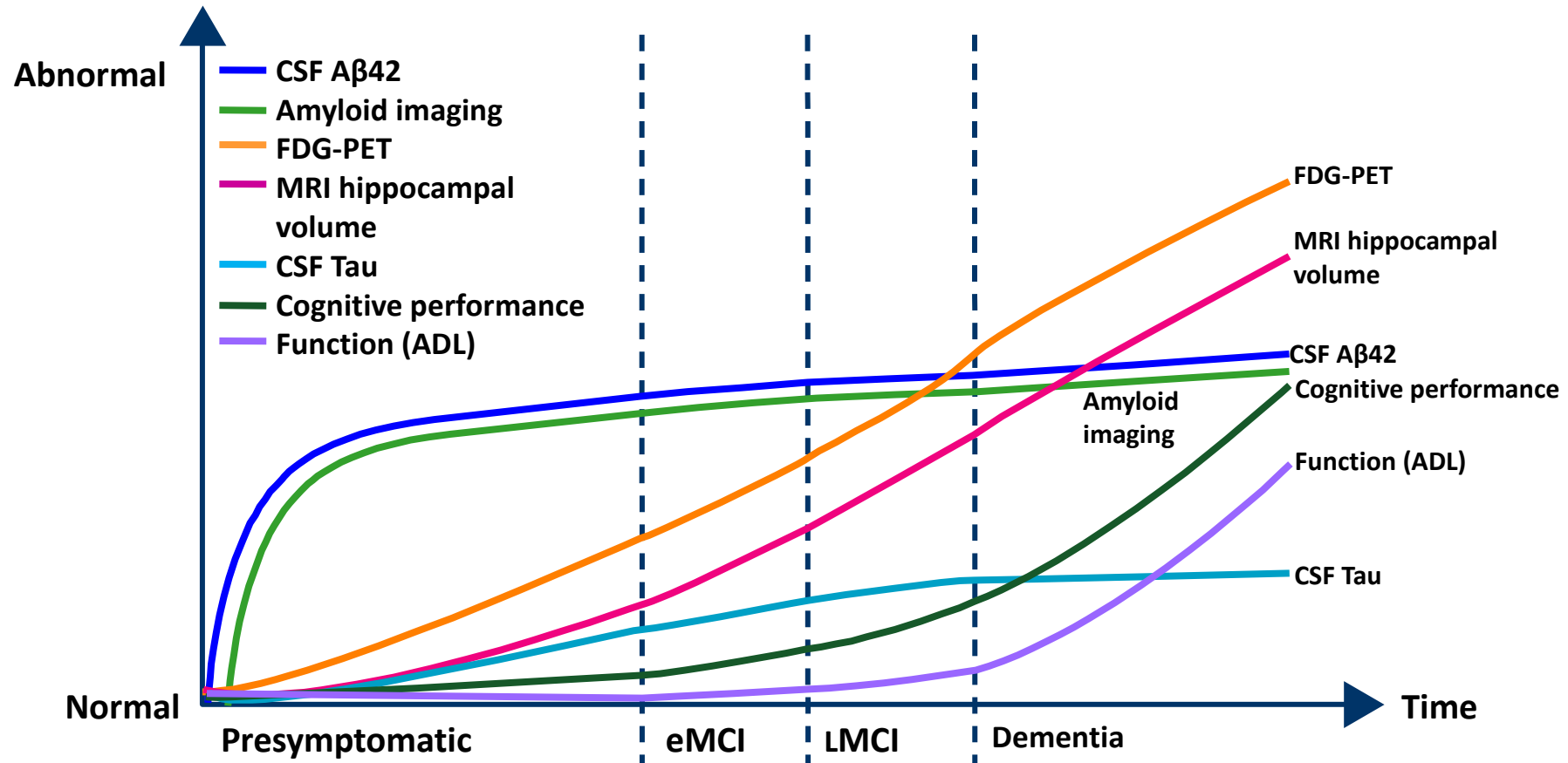
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AD Progression



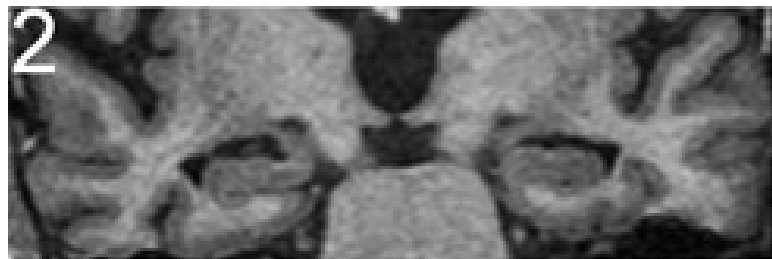
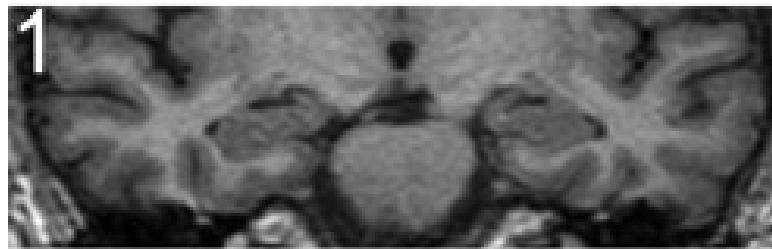
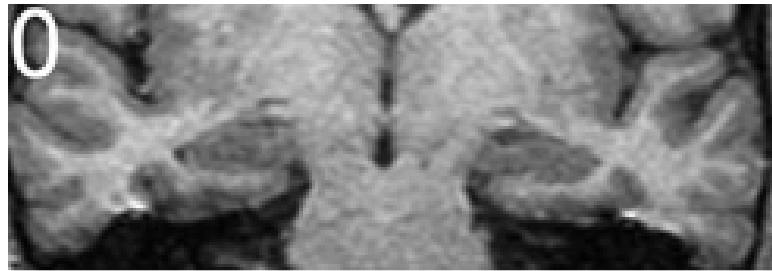
A meta-analysis of hippocampal atrophy rates in Alzheimer's disease

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Neurobiology of Aging 30 (2009) 1711–1723

- Η μέση ετήσια ατροφία του ιπποκάμπου
 - Σε φυσιολογικούς είναι 1.41% (0.52, 2.30)
 - Σε ασθενείς με AD είναι 4.66% (95% CI 3.92, 5.40)

Οπτική εκτίμηση της Ατροφίας Ιππόκαμπου



Οπτική εκτίμηση (Schelten's scale)

5βαθμη κλίμακα : 0 to 4.

Σε σχέση:

Το εύρος της χοριοειδούς σχισμής

Το εύρος του κροταφικού κέρατος

Το ύψος του ιπποκάμπου

Πλεονεκτήματα:

Κατάλληλο για καθημερινή χρ

Ακριβές και με καλή συσχέτιση με τις

ογκομετρικές μετρήσεις

Table 2. Visual assessment of medial-temporal-lobe atrophy

Score	Width of choroid fissure	Width of temporal horn	Height of hippocampus
0	Normal	Normal	Normal
1	↑	Normal	Normal
2	↑↑	↑	↓↓
3	↑↑↑	↑↑	↓↓
4	↑↑↑	↑↑↑	↓↓↓

↑=increased, ↓=decreased. Reproduced with permission of BMJ Publishing Group.²²

Οπτική εκτίμηση της Ατροφίας Ιππόκαμπου

Ποια είναι η προγνωστική προστιθέμενη αξία στη διάγνωση της AD?

0,91

Όταν η πιθανότητα πριν τη

MRI είναι για AD= 0,60

(ευαισθησία των NINCDS-ADRDA κριτηρίων)

Εάν AI(+) τότε η πιθανότητα = 0,91

Εάν AI (-) τότε η πιθανότητα = 0,20

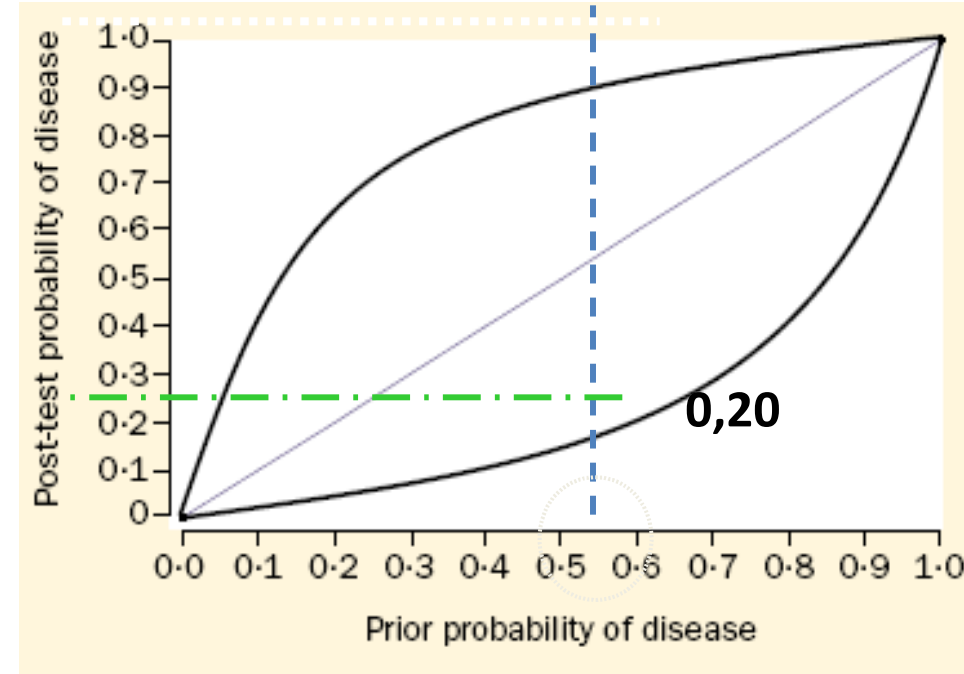


Figure 3. Post-test probability of disease with a test of sensitivity 85% and specificity 88% for any given pretest probability (prevalence of disease). The upper curve shows the incremental diagnostic gain from a positive result of a test (ie, presence of hippocampal atrophy on MRI) and the lower curve shows that from a negative result (ie, presence of hippocampal atrophy on MRI).

Association between CSF biomarkers and incipient Alzheimer's disease in patients with mild cognitive impairment: a follow-up study

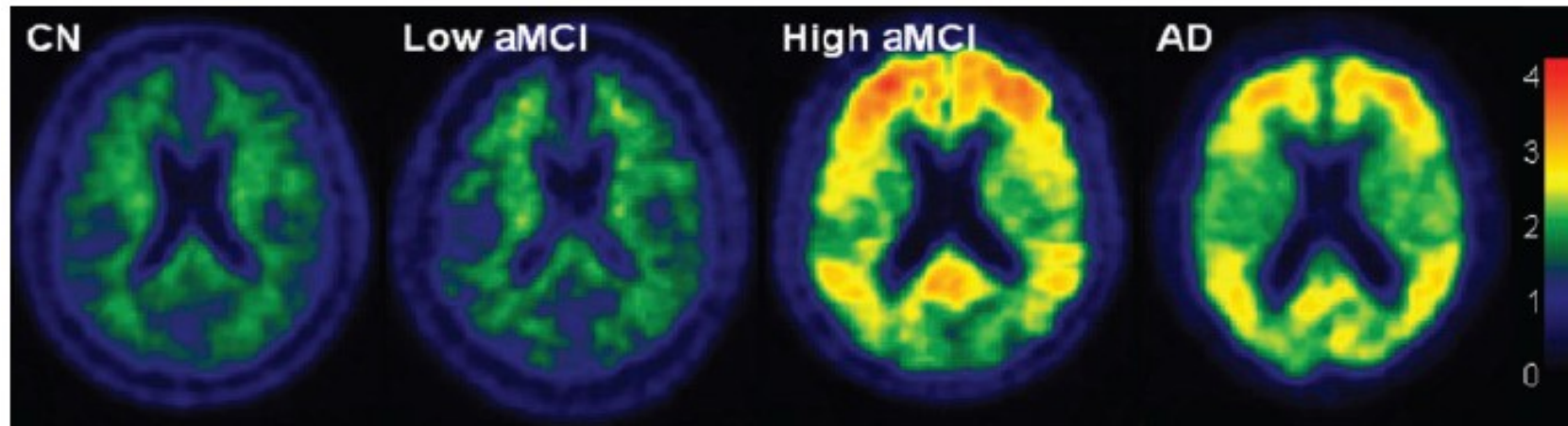
Lancet Neurol 2006; 5: 228–34

Oskar Hansson, Henrik Zetterberg, Peder Buchhave, Elisabet Londos, Kaj Blennow, Lennart Minthon

- Σε περίοδο παρακολούθησης 5.2 ετών
- Ο συνδυασμός και Aβ42/p-tau181 έδειξε
- ευαισθησία 95%
 - ειδικότητα 87%

^{11}C PiB and structural MRI provide complementary information in imaging of Alzheimer's disease and amnestic mild cognitive impairment

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Σχέση αμυλοειδούς (PiB) και ατροφίας (MRI)		
	Αμυλοειδέ ς	Ατροφί α
Μετωπιαίοι λοβοί		
Πρόσθια και μέση κροταφική περιοχή		
Κροταφός		

- Η ύπαρξη αμυλοειδούς προηγείται πολλών χρόνων της κλινικής εμφάνισης συμπτωμάτων

- Το PiB είναι εύχρηστο στην αποκάλυψη του αμυλοειδούς

- Η MRI είναι εύχρηστη στη

Tau Positron Emission Tomographic Imaging in Aging and Early Alzheimer Disease

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Objective: Detection of focal brain tau deposition during life could greatly facilitate accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer disease (AD), staging and monitoring of disease progression, and development of disease-modifying therapies.

Methods: We acquired tau positron emission tomography (PET) using ¹⁸F T807 (AV1451), and amyloid- β PET using ¹¹C Pittsburgh compound B (PiB) in older clinically normal individuals, and symptomatic patients with mild cognitive impairment or mild AD dementia.

Results: We found abnormally high cortical ¹⁸F T807 binding in patients with mild cognitive impairment and AD dementia compared to clinically normal controls. Consistent with the neuropathology literature, the presence of elevated neocortical ¹⁸F T807 binding particularly in the inferior temporal gyrus was associated with clinical impairment.

The association of cognitive impairment was stronger with inferior temporal ¹⁸F T807 than with mean cortical ¹¹C PiB. Regional ¹⁸F T807 was correlated with mean cortical ¹¹C PiB among both impaired and control subjects.

Interpretation: These findings suggest that ¹⁸F T807 PET could have value as a biomarker that reflects both the progression of AD tauopathy and the emergence of clinical impairment.

ANN NEUROL 2016;79:110–119

TAU IMAGING: WHAT CAN IT TELL US?

While amyloid pathology is invariably present in AD, it is not consistently associated with severity of symptoms or disease duration.

In contrast, NFT density and distribution increases with cognitive impairment and correlates with neurodegeneration.

While A β deposition is a protracted process, **recent reports on tau imaging in A β positive MCI or AD subjects show significant increases over relatively short time periods, consistent with the predicted progression of AD**

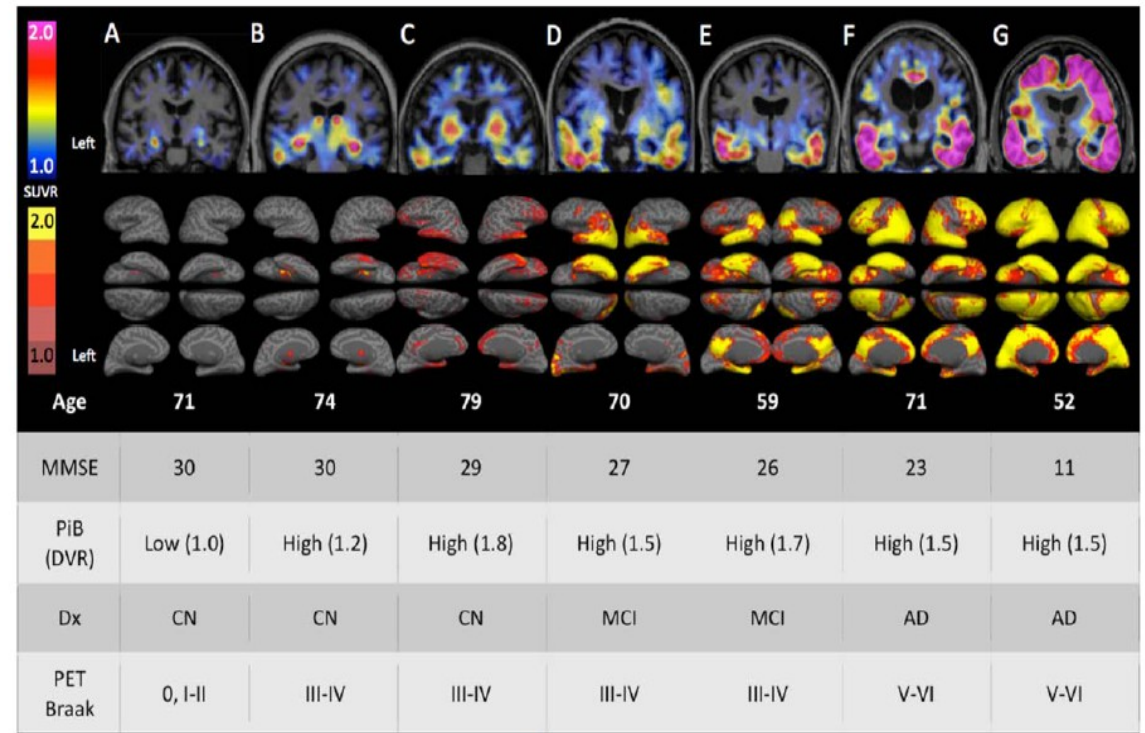


FIGURE 1: Cortical patterns of ¹⁸F T807 binding. Coronal ¹⁸F T807 positron emission tomographic (PET) images (top row) and whole-brain surface renderings of standardized uptake value ratio (SUVR; cerebellar reference; second row) from 3 clinically normal (CN) and 4 impaired (2 mild cognitive impairment [MCI] and 2 mild Alzheimer dementia [AD] dementia) participants. Top: (A) A 71-year-old CN subject with low amyloid β (A β) by Pittsburgh compound B (PiB) PET (mean cortical distribution volume ratio [DVR] = 1.0) had low, nonspecific ¹⁸F T807 binding in cortex, consistent with a Braak stage less than III/IV. (B) A 74-year-old CN subject with high A β (DVR = 1.2) with ¹⁸F T807 binding in inferior temporal cortex, left > right, consistent with Braak stage III/IV. (C) A 79-year-old CN subject with high A β (DVR = 1.8) had binding in inferior temporal neocortex, consistent with Braak stage of III/IV. B and C show focally intense subcortical uptake that is likely due to off-target binding (see Discussion). (D–G) Cognitively impaired participants all with high A β and with successively greater levels of cortical ¹⁸F T807 binding successively involving temporal, parietal, frontal, and occipital cortices. Bottom: ¹⁸F T807 SUVR calculated at vertices (see Subjects and Methods) indicating the extent of cortical binding, with left hemisphere views (lateral, inferior, superior, medial) at left. The 52-year-old AD dementia patient (G) showed confluent ¹⁸F T807 binding that is nearly pancortical, sparing only portions of primary cortex and consistent with Braak stage V/VI. Dx = classification; MMSE = Mini-Mental State Examination; PET Braak = estimate of Braak stages based on the anatomic pattern of T807 binding assessed visually and quantitatively in regions and full volume data.

Association Between Longitudinal Plasma Neurofilament Light and Neurodegeneration in Patients With Alzheimer Disease

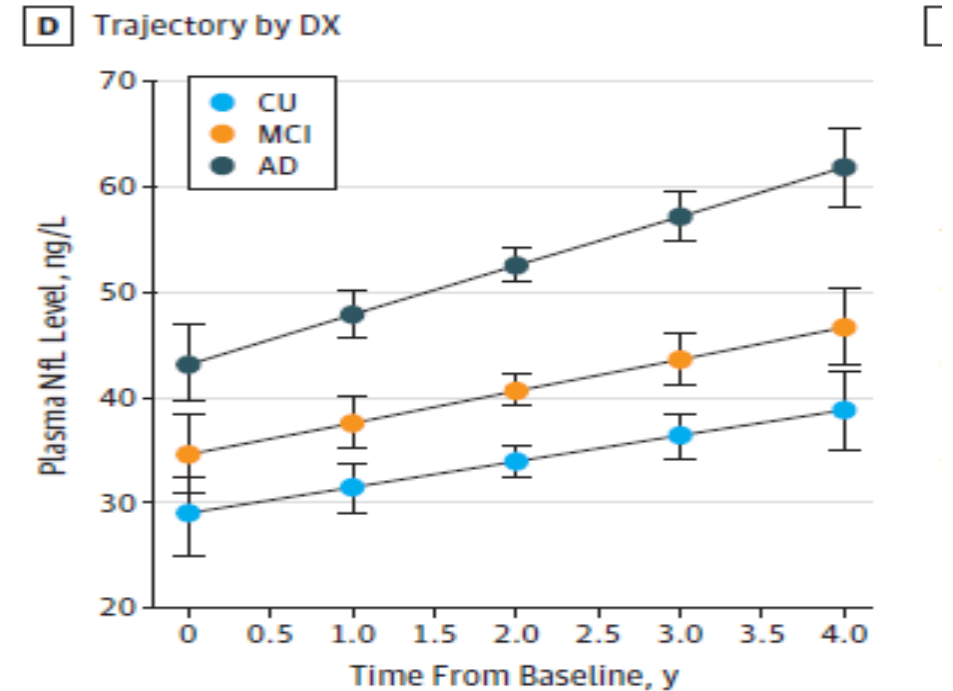
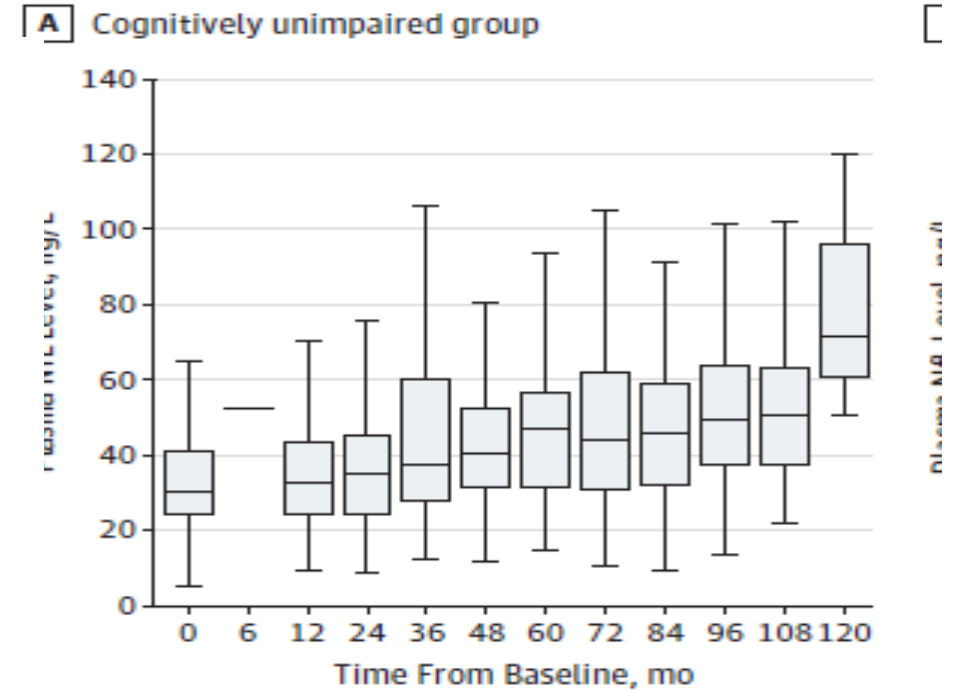
Niklas Mattsson, MD, PhD; Nicholas C. Cullen, BSc; Ulf Andreasson, PhD; Henrik Zetterberg, MD, PhD; Kaj Blennow, MD, PhD

JAMA Neurol.

Published online April 22, 2019.

Meaning

- The findings suggest that plasma neurofilament light **can be used as a noninvasive biomarker to track neurodegeneration** in patients with Alzheimer disease.



Neuropsychological Signs of Alzheimer's Disease 8 Years Prior to Diagnosis







Nicole S. Schmid et al.,

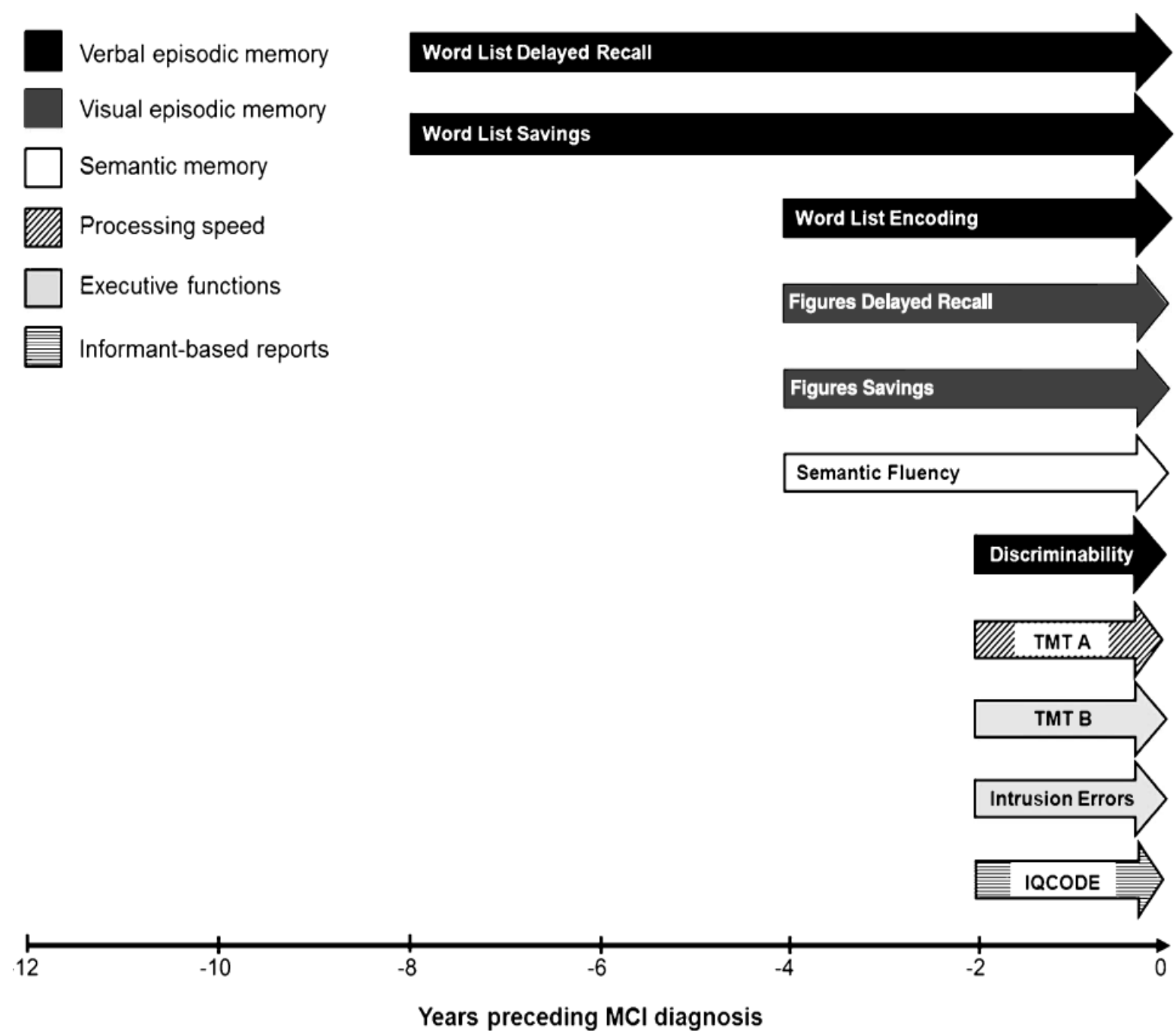
This analysis yielded eleven neuropsychological variables that optimally discriminated the two groups (correct classification rate: 60.4%):

- 1) Intrusions
- 2) Response bias in verbal learning and memory tasks
- 3) delayed figure recall
- 4–6) three Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) Block, Design subtest variables
- 7–8) number of errors and repetitions on letter fluency

The 12 Years Preceding Mild Cognitive Impairment Due to Alzheimer's Disease: The Temporal Emergence of Cognitive Decline

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-  Verbal episodic memory
-  Visual episodic memory
-  Semantic memory
-  Processing speed
-  Executive functions
-  Informant-based reports



Subjective cognitive complaints and amyloid burden in cognitively normal older individuals

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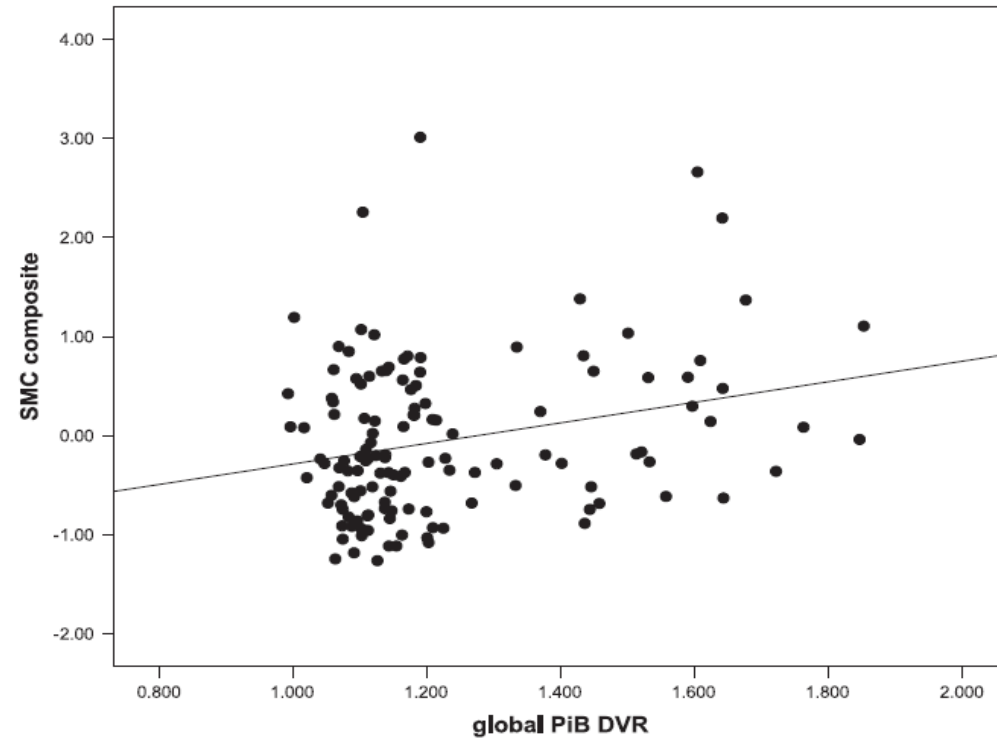


Fig. 1. Scatterplot of PiB retention by subjective memory complaints composite (SMC composite). Higher scores on SMC composite indicate higher SCC.

Our study suggests that SCC may be an early indicator of AD pathology detectable prior to significant objective impairment

Subjective memory complaints in elders: depression, anxiety, or cognitive decline?

Balash Y, Mordechovich M,
Shabtai H, Giladi N, Gurevich T,
Korczyn AD.

Acta Neurol Scand: 2013: 127:
344–350

Conclusions

Subjective memory complaints are associated with sub-syndromal depression and anxiety in healthy cognitively normal elders

Subjective Cognitive Decline in Older Adults: An Overview of Self-Report Measures Used Across 19 International Research Studies

Laura A. Rabin et al.

Journal of Alzheimer's Disease 48
(2015)

S63–86

- Results document the heterogeneity of approaches across studies to the emerging construct of SCD
- We offer preliminary recommendations for instrument selection and future research directions including identifying items and measure formats associated with important clinical outcomes

Cognitive Complaints in Memory Clinic Patients and in Depressive Patients: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis

Gerontologist, 2018,
in advance

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Michael Wagner, PhD^{1,2}

Discussion and Implications:

- We report a comprehensive qualitative description of cognitive complaints in old age which could help to develop questionnaires or structured interviews to better assess AD-related subjective cognitive decline
- This may help to increase specificity in selecting high-risk subjects in research settings and improve clinical judgment of diverse cognitive complaints types mentioned by their patients

Predicting Alzheimer's Disease: Neuropsychological Tests, Self Reports, and Informant Reports of Cognitive Difficulties

Laura A. Rabin et al.
J Am Geriatr Soc. 2012 June ; 60(6):
1128-34

Conclusion

- **Informant ratings improved the prediction of AD conversion above and beyond objective memory impairment in non-demented elders.**
..... developed incident AD during a median *of 3.3 years of follow-up*.
- Combining these cognitive measures may provide a useful, empirical method for identifying individuals at high risk for future AD

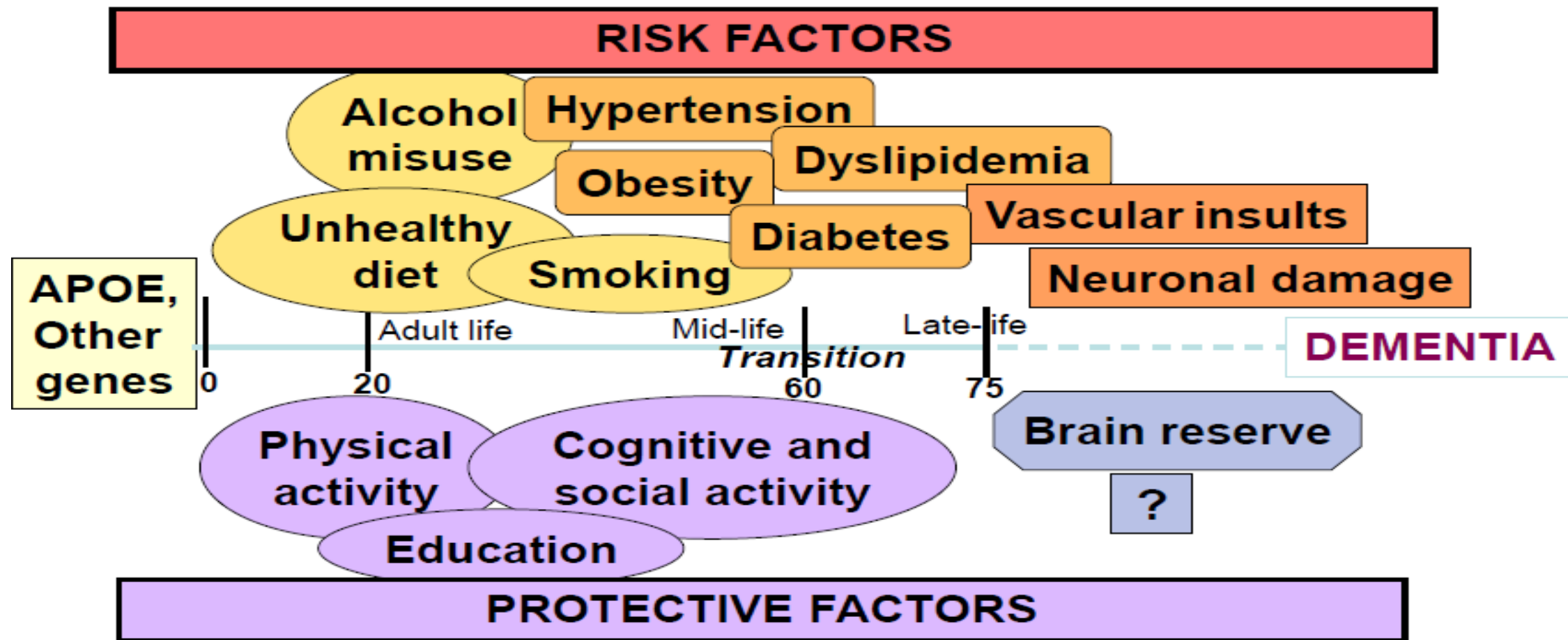
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WHAT IS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE? RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS



A 2 year multidomain intervention of diet, exercise, cognitive training, and vascular risk monitoring versus control to prevent cognitive decline in at-risk elderly people (FINGER): a randomised controlled trial

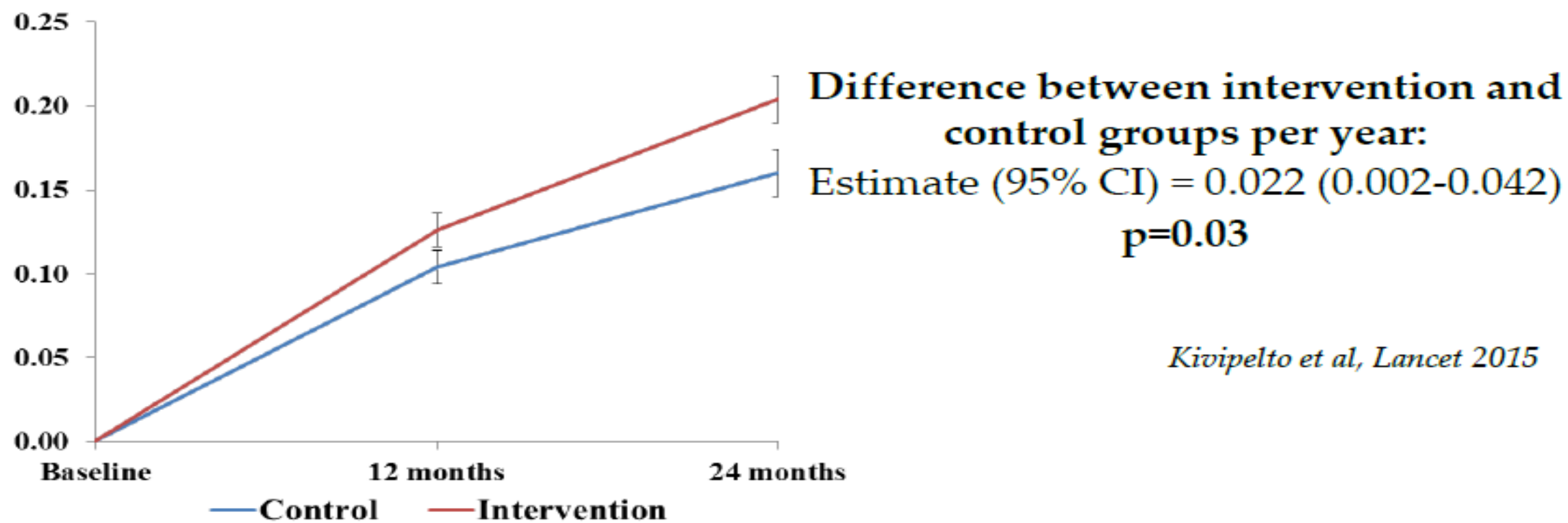


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The Lancet, 2015

(Published online March 12 2015)

Primary efficacy outcome: overall cognition (NTB composite Z score)



Lines = estimates for cognitive change from baseline to 12 and 24 months

Higher scores = better performance

Error bars = standard errors.

P-values = difference in trajectories over time between groups

CAIDE Dementia Risk Score		
Age	< 47 years	0
	47-53 years	3
	>53 years	4
Formal education	≥10 years	0
	7-9 years	2
	0-6 years	3
Sex	Women	1
	Men	0
Systolic BP	≤ 140 mm Hg	0
	> 140 mm Hg	2
BMI	≤ 30 kg/m ²	0
	> 30 kg/m ²	2
Total cholesterol	≤ 6.5 mmol/l	0
	> 6.5 mmol/l	2
APOE4	(+)	2
Physical activity	Active	0
	Inactive	1

Kivipelto et al., Lancet Neurol 2006

Η πιθανότητα εμφάνισης άνοιας σε σχέση με τον βαθμό κινδύνου στη μέση ηλικία

The overall occurrence of dementia 4.4%

SCORE	All /Demented, n	% Risk (95% CI)
0-5	401 / 4	1.0 (0.0-2.0)
6-7	270 / 5	1.9 (0.2-3.5)
8-9	312 / 13	4.2 (1.9-6.4)
10-11	245 / 18	7.4 (4.1-10.6)
12-15	122 / 20	16.4 (9.7-23.1)

The Late-Life Dementia Risk Index

Table 2 The late-life dementia risk index	
Characteristic	Points
Age 75-79 y ^a	1
Age 80-100 y ^a	2
Low 3MS ^a	2
Low DSST ^a	2
BMI <18.5	2
≥1 APOE ε4 allele	1
MRI white matter disease (grade ≥3)	1
MRI enlarged ventricles (grade ≥4)	1
Internal carotid artery thickness ≥2.2 mm	1
History of coronary bypass surgery	1
Time to put on and button shirt >45 s	1
Lack of alcohol consumption	1
Possible range	0 to 15
c Statistic (95% CI)	0.81 (0.79-0.83)

Barnes DE, et al.

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Midlife predictors of Alzheimer's disease

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Maturitas. 2010 February ; 65(2): 131–137

Factors that appear non-modifiable may have their influence attenuated by intervention.

- If initiated early, it is possible that aging related hormonal changes may be tempered by hormone therapy;
- hypertension,
- hypercholesterolaemia,
- obesity, and
- diabetes (all of which have genetic contributions)
- **may be modified by diet, exercise, or pharmaceutical intervention;**
- and even the effect of *APOE* **most established genetic risk factor for late**

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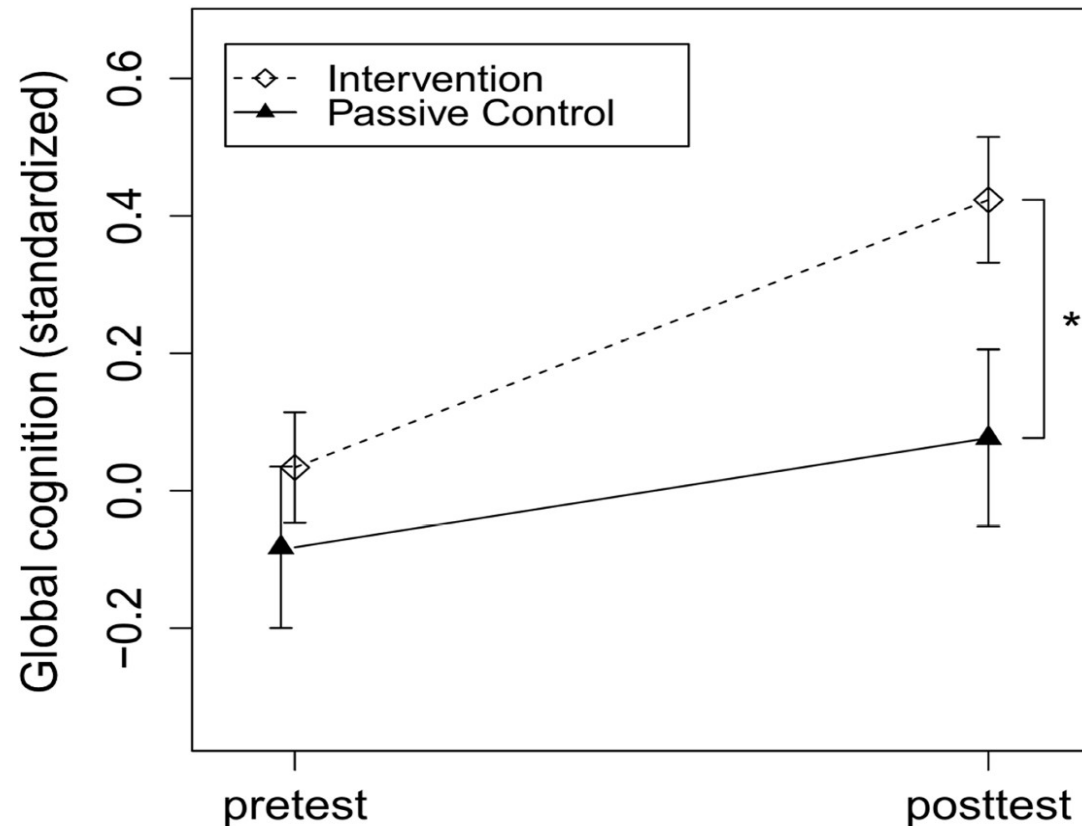
Mild cognitive impairment,

exercise and cognitive training

- No high-quality evidence exists to support pharmacologic treatments for MCI
- In patients with MCI, **exercise training (6 months)** is likely to improve cognitive measures and
- **cognitive training** may improve cognitive measures
- **Clinicians should recommend regular exercise (Level B).**
- **Clinicians may recommend cognitive training (Level C).**

Gains in cognition through combined cognitive and physical training: the role of training dosage and severity of neurocognitive disorder

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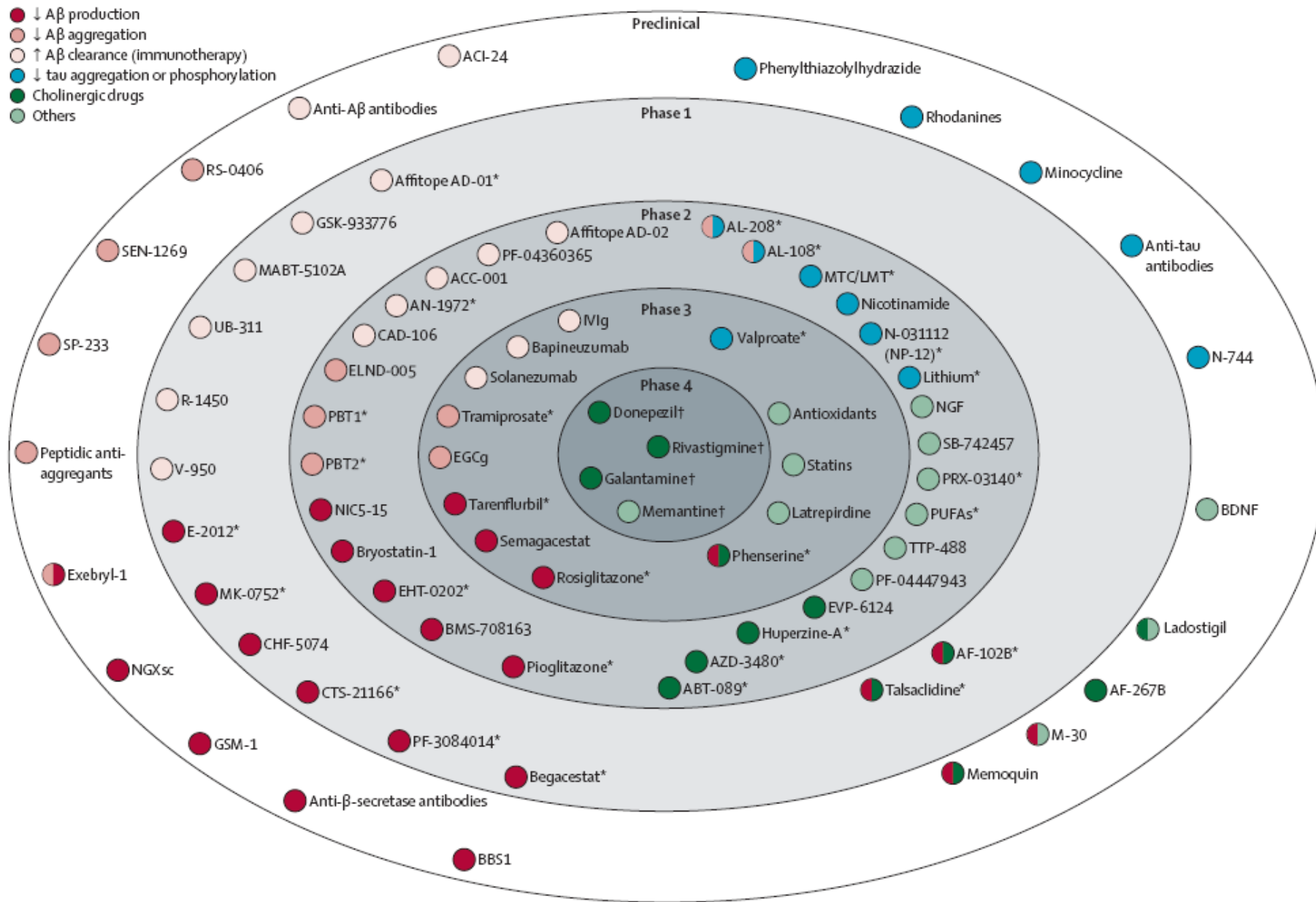
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Alzheimer's disease: clinical trials and drug development

Francesca Mangialasche, Alina Solomon, Bengt Winblad, Patrizia Mecocci, Miia Kivipelto

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Impact of SSRI Therapy on Risk of Conversion From Mild Cognitive Impairment to Alzheimer's Dementia in Individuals With Previous Depression

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Objective: Depression is associated with an increased risk of Alzheimer's disease. Research has shown that the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) citalopram decreases amyloid- β generation and plaque load. The authors evaluated the impact of SSRI treatment on CSF biomarkers and progression from mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to Alzheimer's dementia.

Method: Data sets from 755 currently nondepressed participants from the longitudinal Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative were evaluated by Kaplan-Meier analysis and analyses of variance and covariance with ApoE4 status and age as covariates.

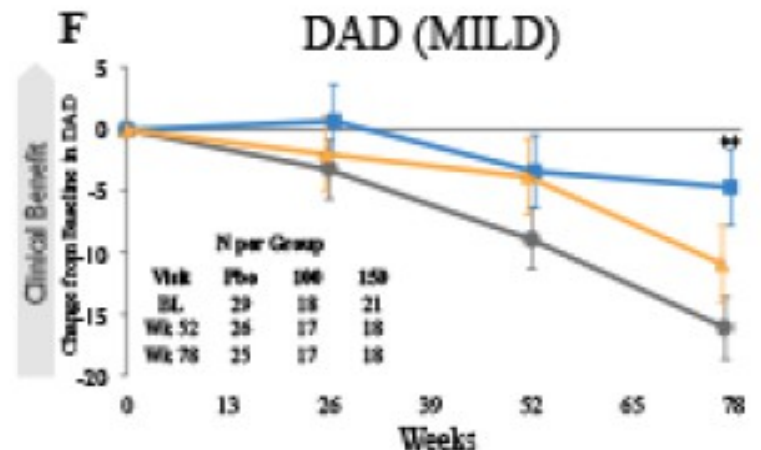
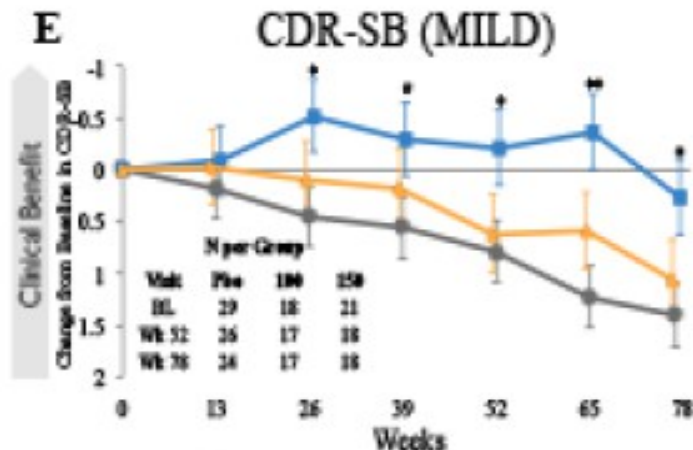
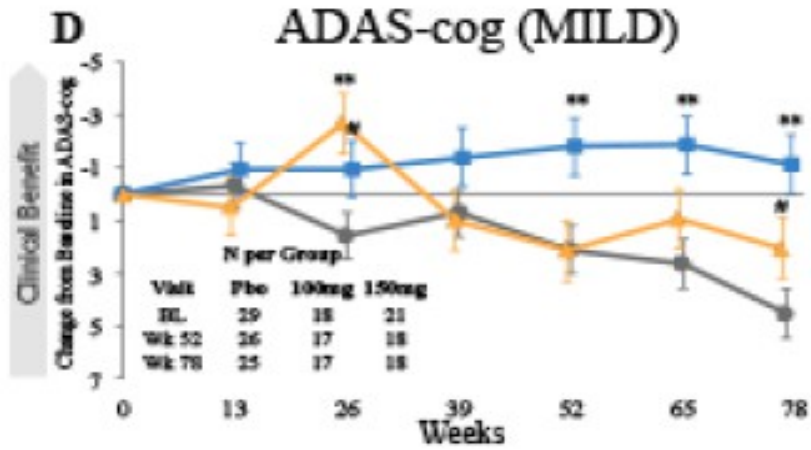
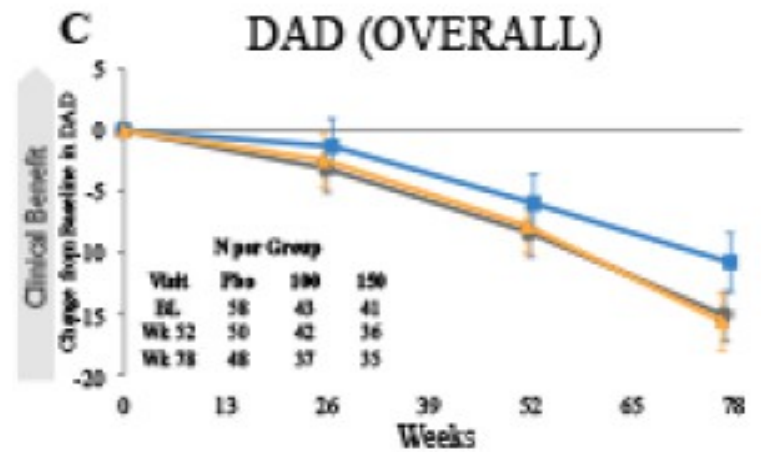
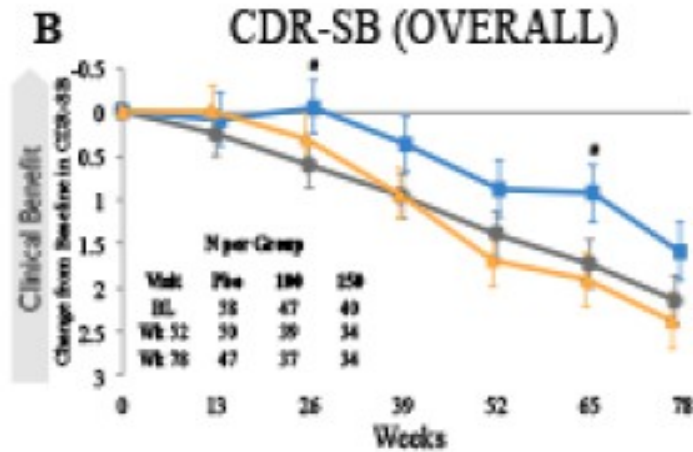
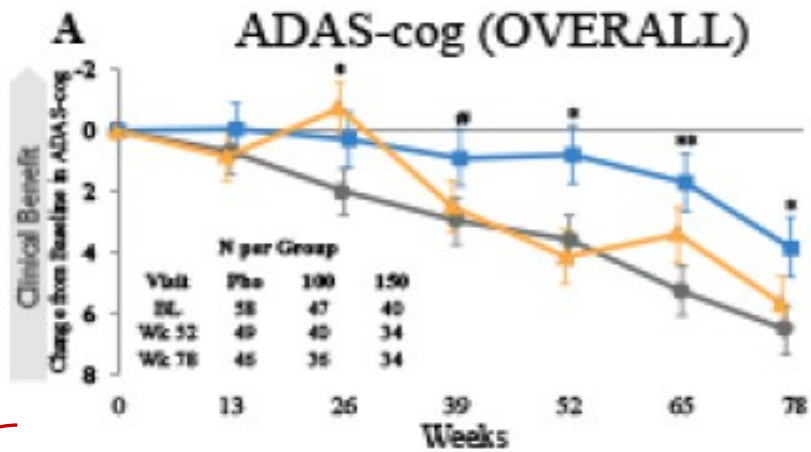
Results: In MCI patients with a history of depression, long-term SSRI treatment (>4 years) was significantly associated with a delayed progression to Alzheimer's dementia by approximately 3 years, compared with short-term SSRI treatment, treatment with other antidepressants, or no treatment and compared with MCI patients without a history of depression. No differences in CSF biomarker levels were observed between treatment groups.

Conclusions: Long-term SSRI treatment may delay progression from MCI to Alzheimer's dementia.

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New look at old drugs

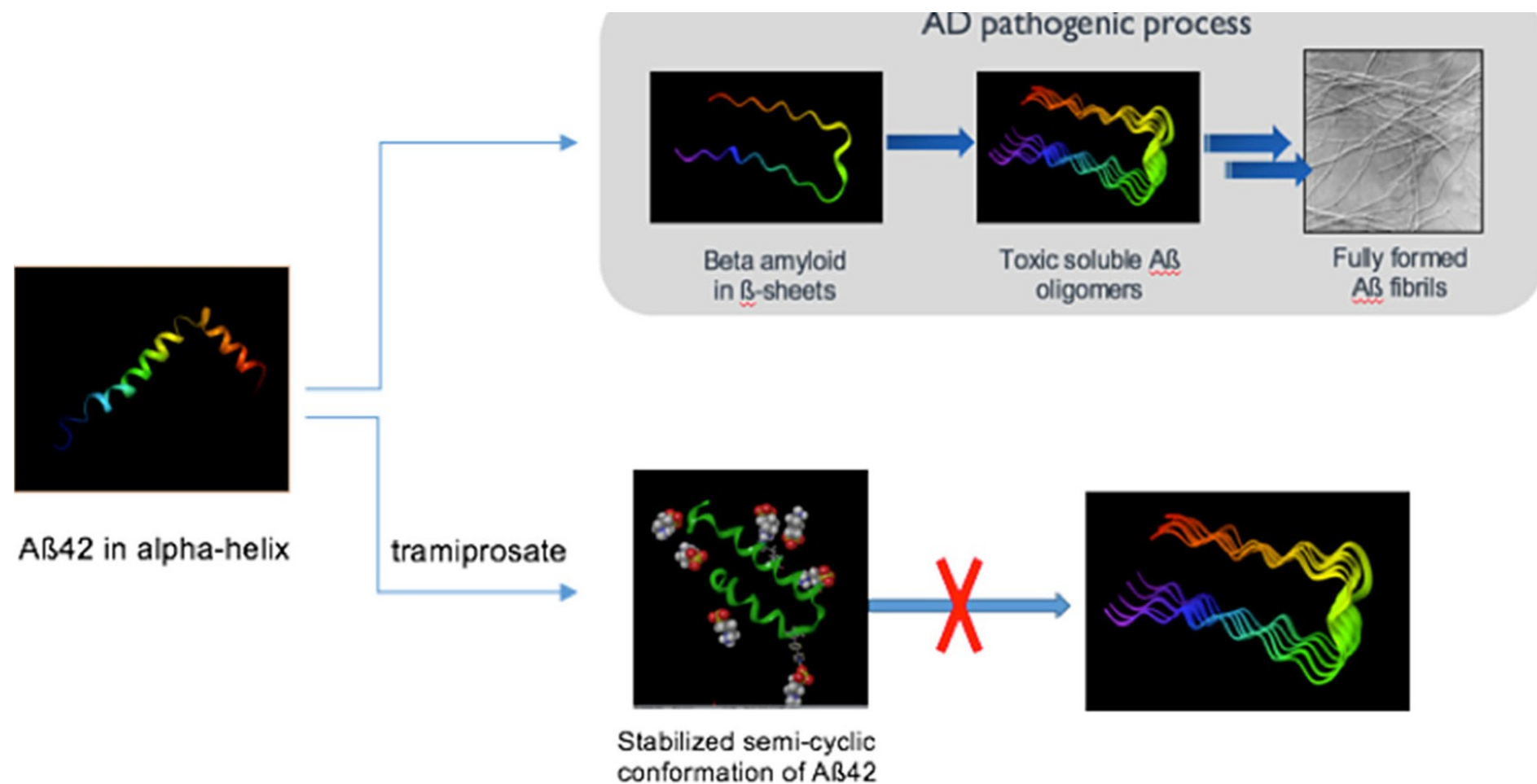
- Tramiprosate was tested in mild to moderate AD: reanalysis showed a potential disease stabilization effect in APOE 4/4 homozygous patients



● Placebo ● 100mg BID ■ 150mg BID

FDA Grants Fast Track Status to Alzheon's Alzheimer's Therapy Candidate ALZ-801

alzheimersnewstoday.com/2017/10/25/fda-grants-fast-track-status-to-alzheons-alzheimers-therapy-candidate-alz-801/



New look at old drugs

- **Lithium** may have symptomatic and disease stabilization effects

Disease-modifying properties of long-term lithium treatment for amnesic mild cognitive impairment: randomised controlled trial[†]

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Background

Two recent clinical studies support the feasibility of trials to evaluate the disease-modifying properties of lithium in Alzheimer's disease, although no benefits were obtained from short-term treatment.

Aims

To evaluate the effect of long-term lithium treatment on cognitive and biological outcomes in people with **amnesic mild cognitive impairment (aMCI)**.

Method

Forty-five participants with aMCI were randomised to receive lithium (0.25–0.5 mmol/l) ($n=24$) or placebo ($n=21$) in a 12-month, double-blind trial. Primary outcome measures were the modification of cognitive and functional test scores, and concentrations of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

biomarkers (amyloid-beta peptide ($A\beta_{42}$), total tau (T-tau), phosphorylated-tau) (P-tau). Trial registration: NCT01055392.

Results

Lithium treatment was associated with a significant decrease in CSF concentrations of P-tau ($P=0.03$) and better performance on the cognitive subscale of the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale and in attention tasks. Overall tolerability of lithium was good and the adherence rate was 91%.

Conclusions

The present data support the notion that lithium has disease-modifying properties with potential clinical implications in the prevention of Alzheimer's disease.

Declaration of interest

None.

Apathy in AD

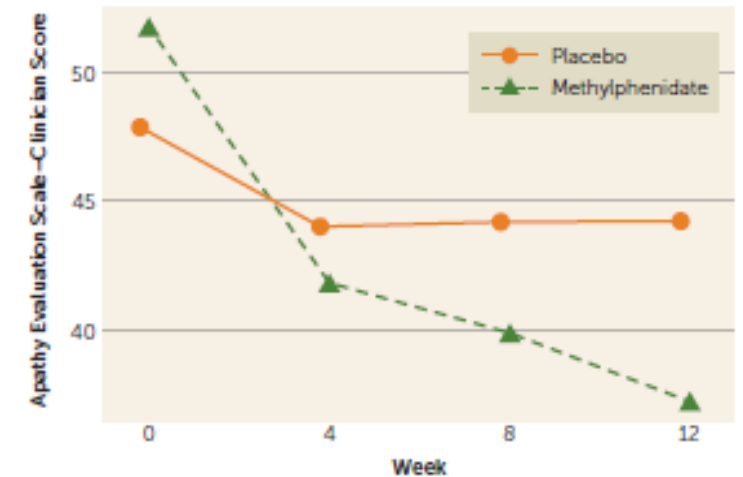
Methylphenidate for Apathy in Community-Dwelling Older Veterans With Mild Alzheimer's Disease: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial

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Conclusions:

- Methylphenidate **improved apathy** in a group of community-dwelling veterans with mild Alzheimer's disease.
- Methylphenidate **also improved cognition, functional status, caregiver burden, CGI scores, and depression.**

FIGURE 2. Apathy Evaluation Scale—Clinician Scores Over Time in Methylphenidate and Placebo Groups in a Study of Treatment for Apathy in Veterans With Alzheimer's Disease



Long-Term Trazodone Use and Cognition: A Potential Therapeutic Role for Slow-Wave Sleep Enhancers

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Conclusions:

These results suggest an **association between trazodone use and delayed cognitive decline**, adding support for a potentially attractive and cost-effective intervention in dementia.

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