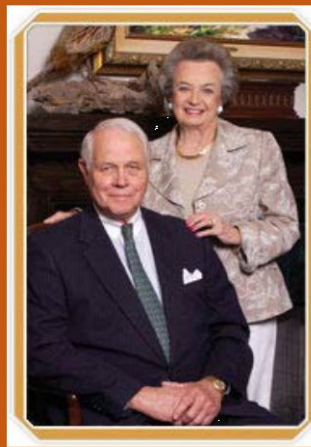


Aging, Resilience, Multimorbidity & Dementia in Oldest-Old

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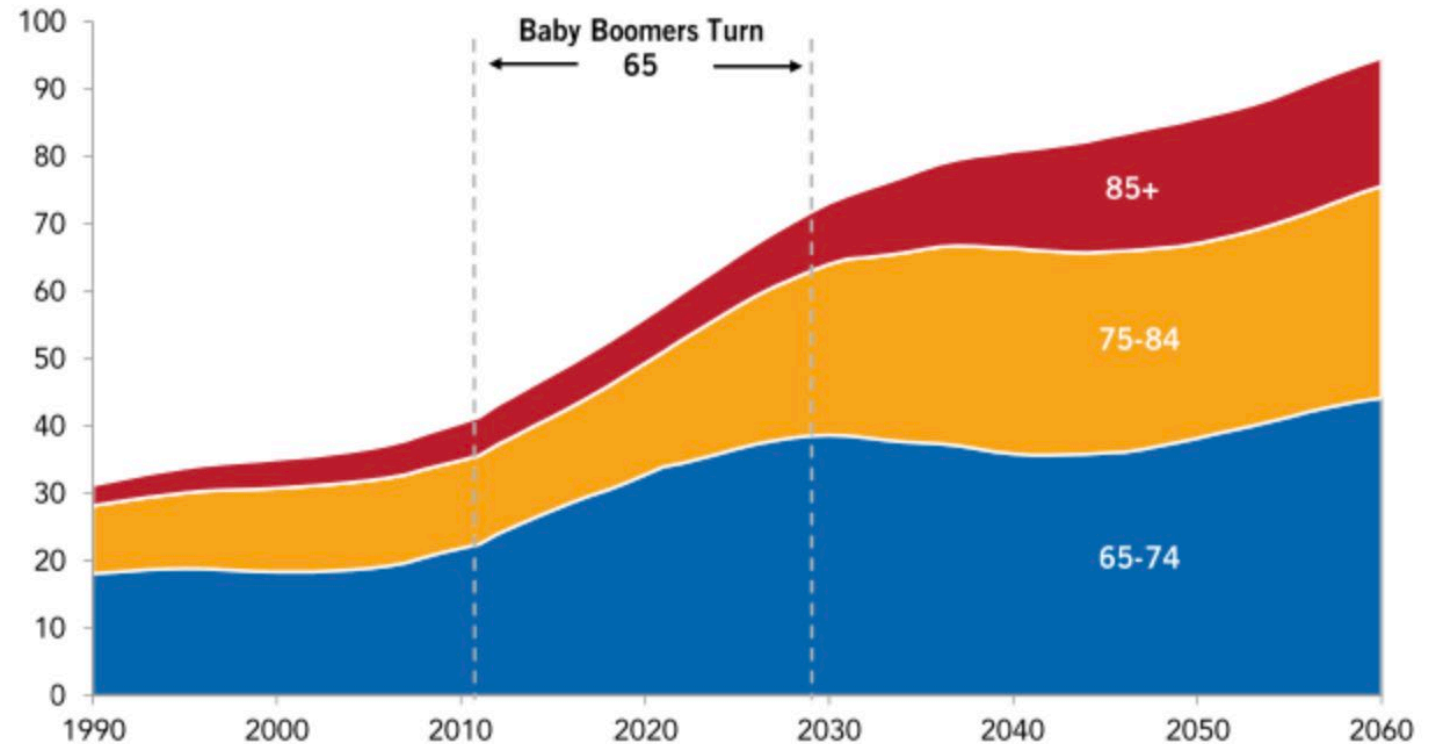
Fastest Growing Demographic

'Oldest-old' Persons over age 80, 85 or 90



The elderly population is growing rapidly and living longer

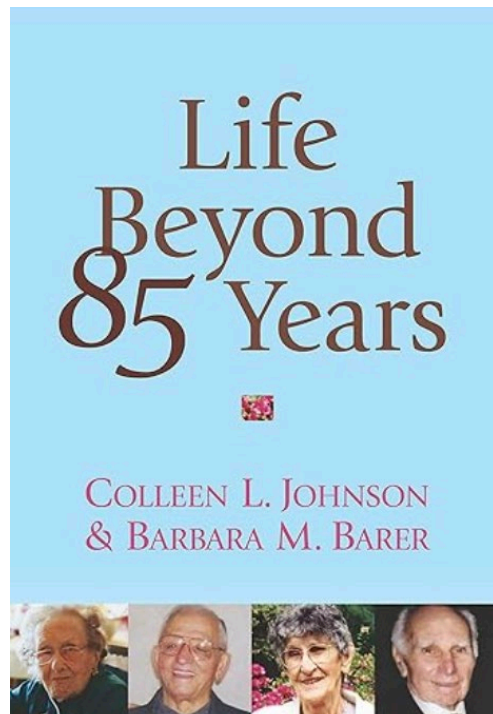
U.S. POPULATION AGE 65+ (MILLIONS)



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, *National Intercensal Estimates; 2016 Population Estimates, June 2017; and 2017 National Population Projections, September 2018*. Compiled by PGPF.

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By 2030 one in two persons with dementia will be over age 85 at onset

Clinical Dementia is manifesting at an older age

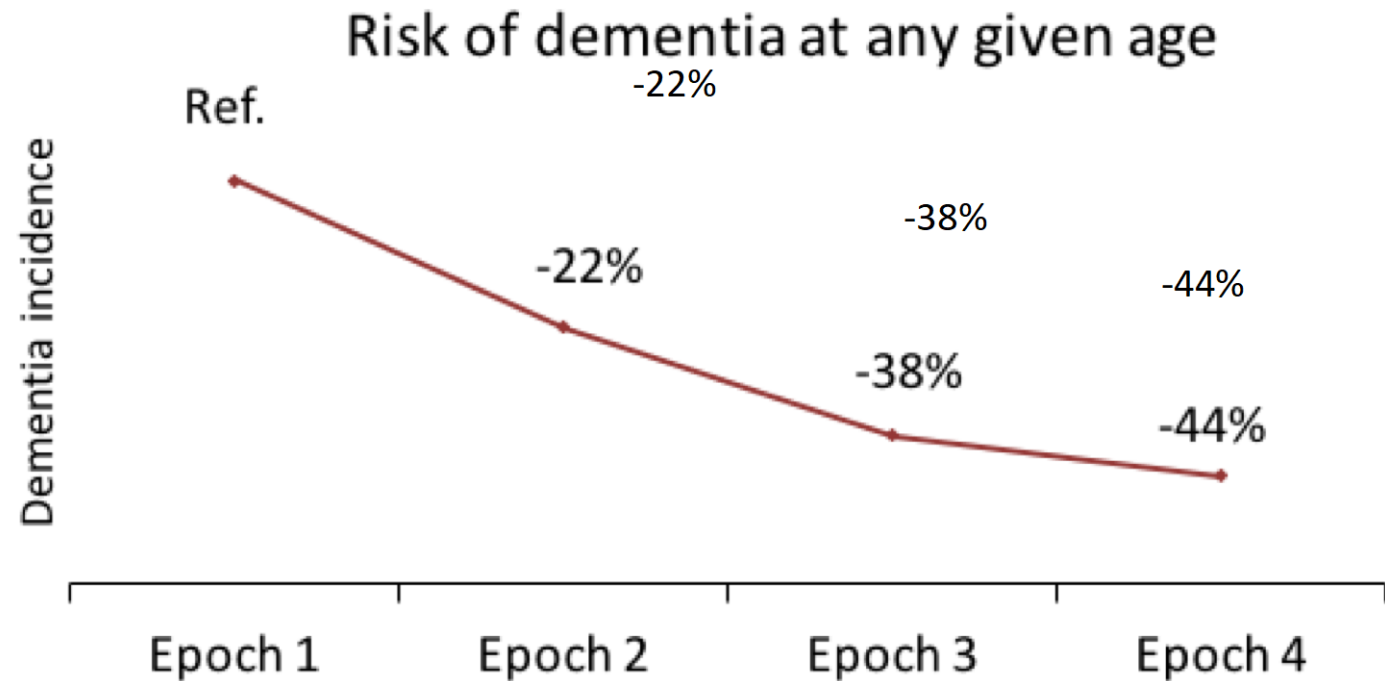
Average Age at which symptoms of dementia develop has increased from 80 to 85 years

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Incidence of Dementia over Three Decades in the Framingham Heart Study

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Mean age when symptoms began, in years

80

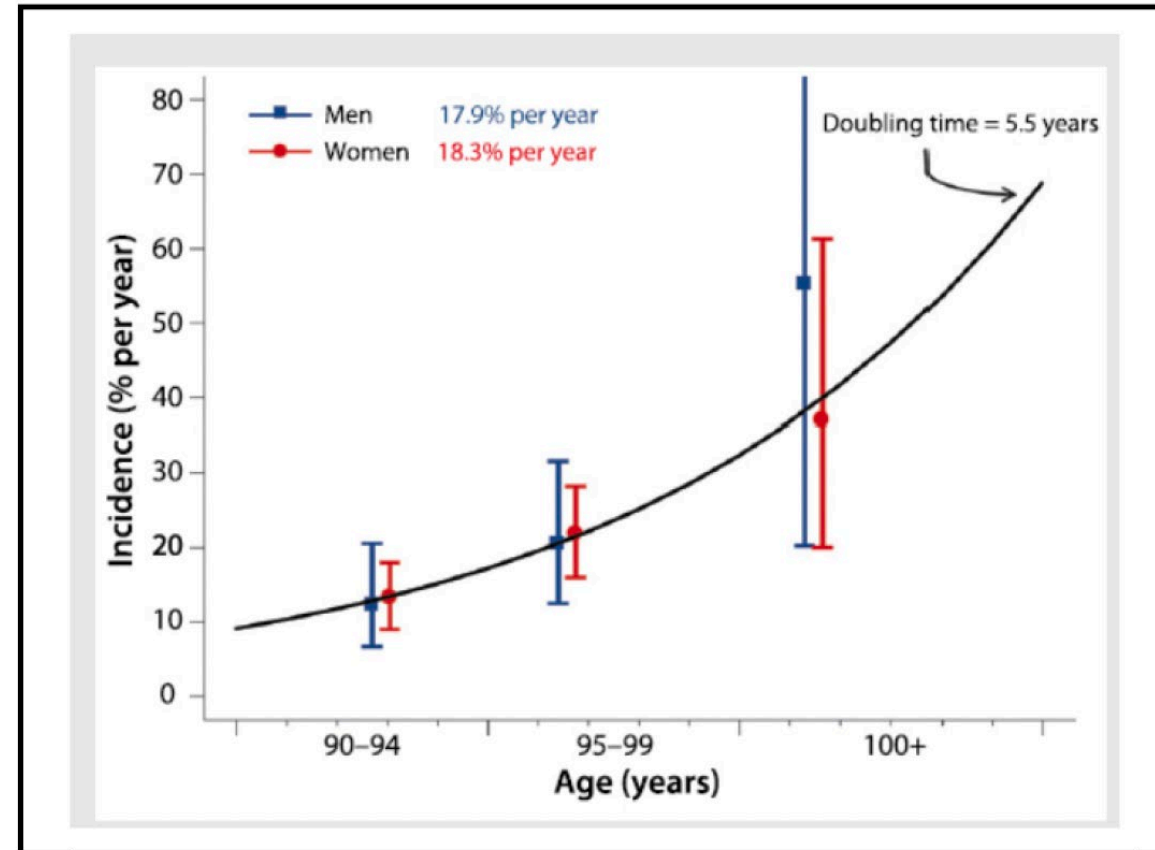
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Why Is Dementia in the Oldest-Old Important to Study?

- 5-year incidence of dementia rises exponentially, doubling every 5 years till age 90
- **Data from the 90+ suggests that risk continues to increase thereafter**



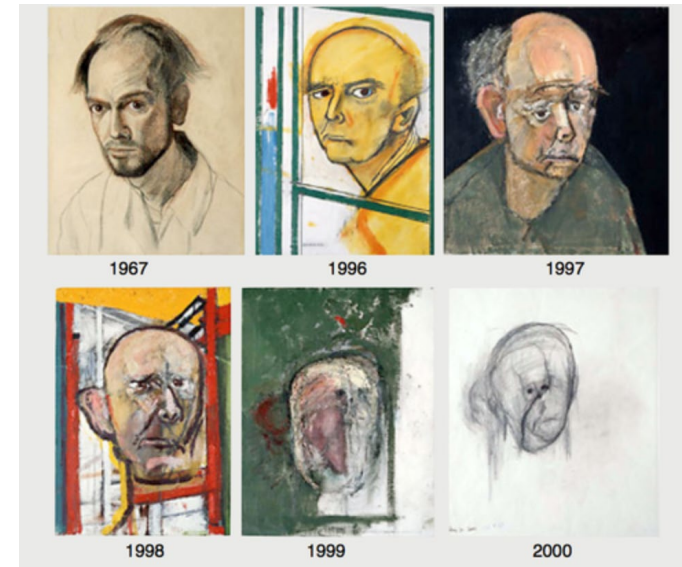
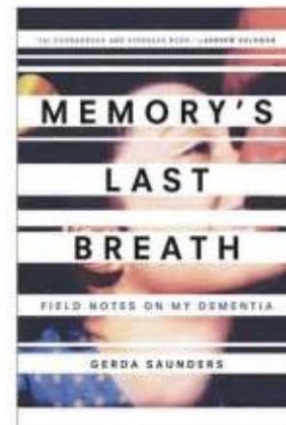
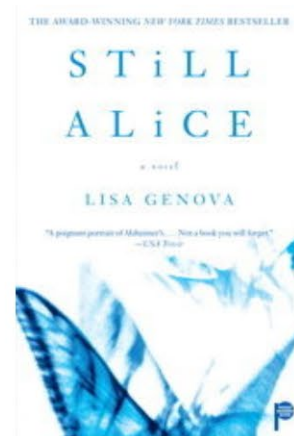
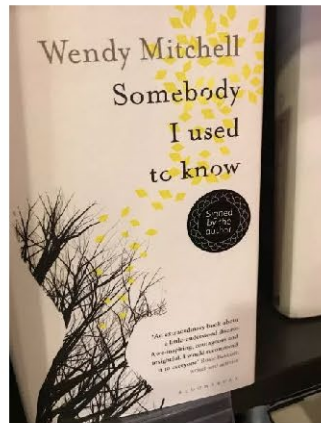
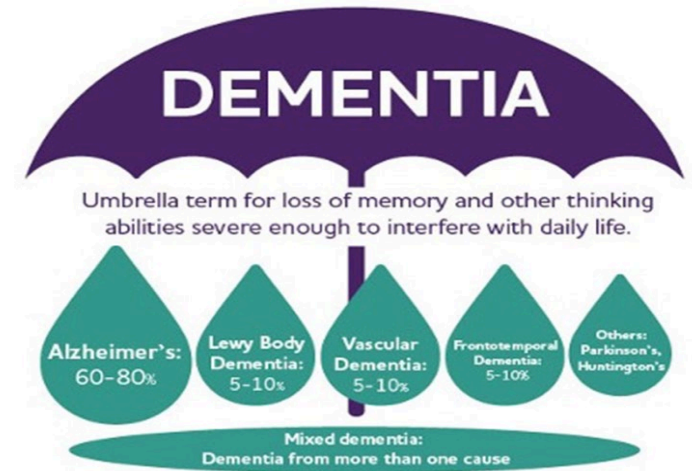
Oldest old are group with the least informal supports, and highest costs per patient

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What is Dementia?

- A syndrome
- Loss of memory and thinking abilities or changes in behavior
- Affects the person's ability to function as they used to and wish to



William Utermohlen:

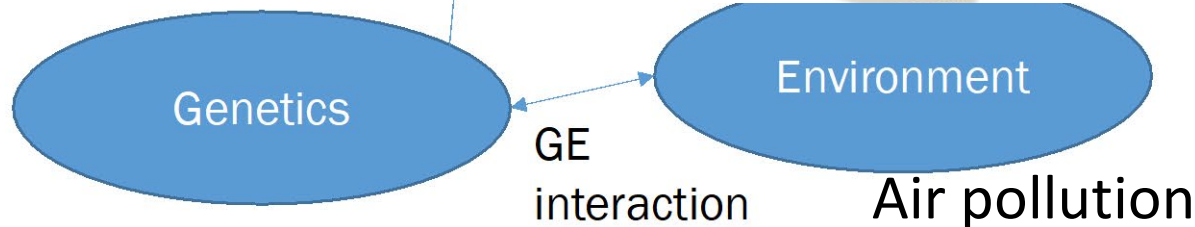
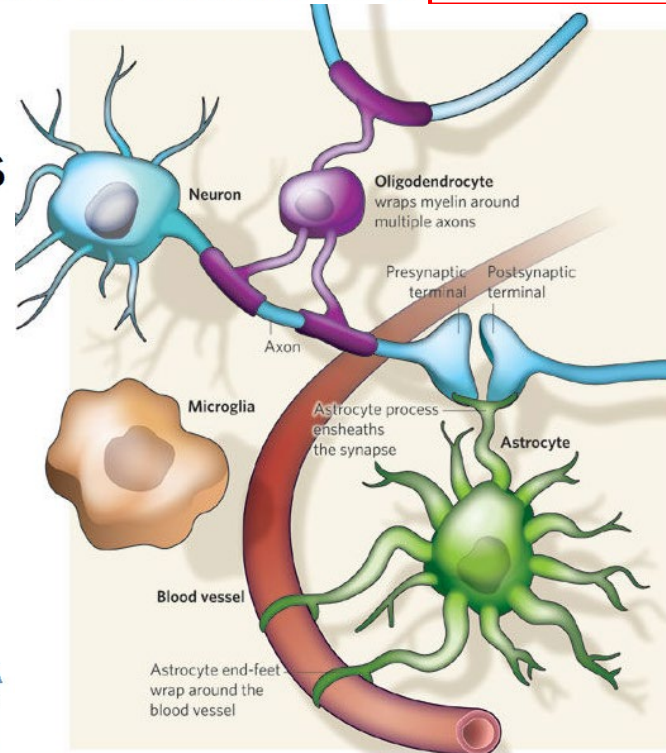
*Self portraits;
dementia
diagnosis at
age 61, 1995*

What Causes Dementia?

Lifelong

- Things that injure the brain overcome it's **resilience/reserve**

- Neurodegenerative Diseases
- Vascular Brain Injury
- Age, inflammation
- Trauma, stress, infections



Alzheimer Disease
Dementia with Lewy Bodies
Frontotemporal Dementia
CTE, TBI, Epilepsy, Drugs
TDP-43/LATE
PART, AGD
Vascular VCID/Stroke

Parkinson's disease

PSP, CBD

Huntington's

MSA, Ataxias

ALS/FTD

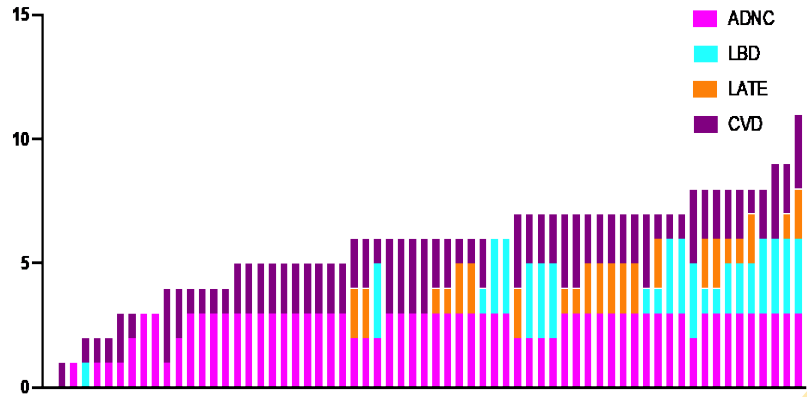
COVID

Adult Presentations of NDD

Immuno-inflammatory

AD, VCID (>90%)
DLB, LATE (30%)

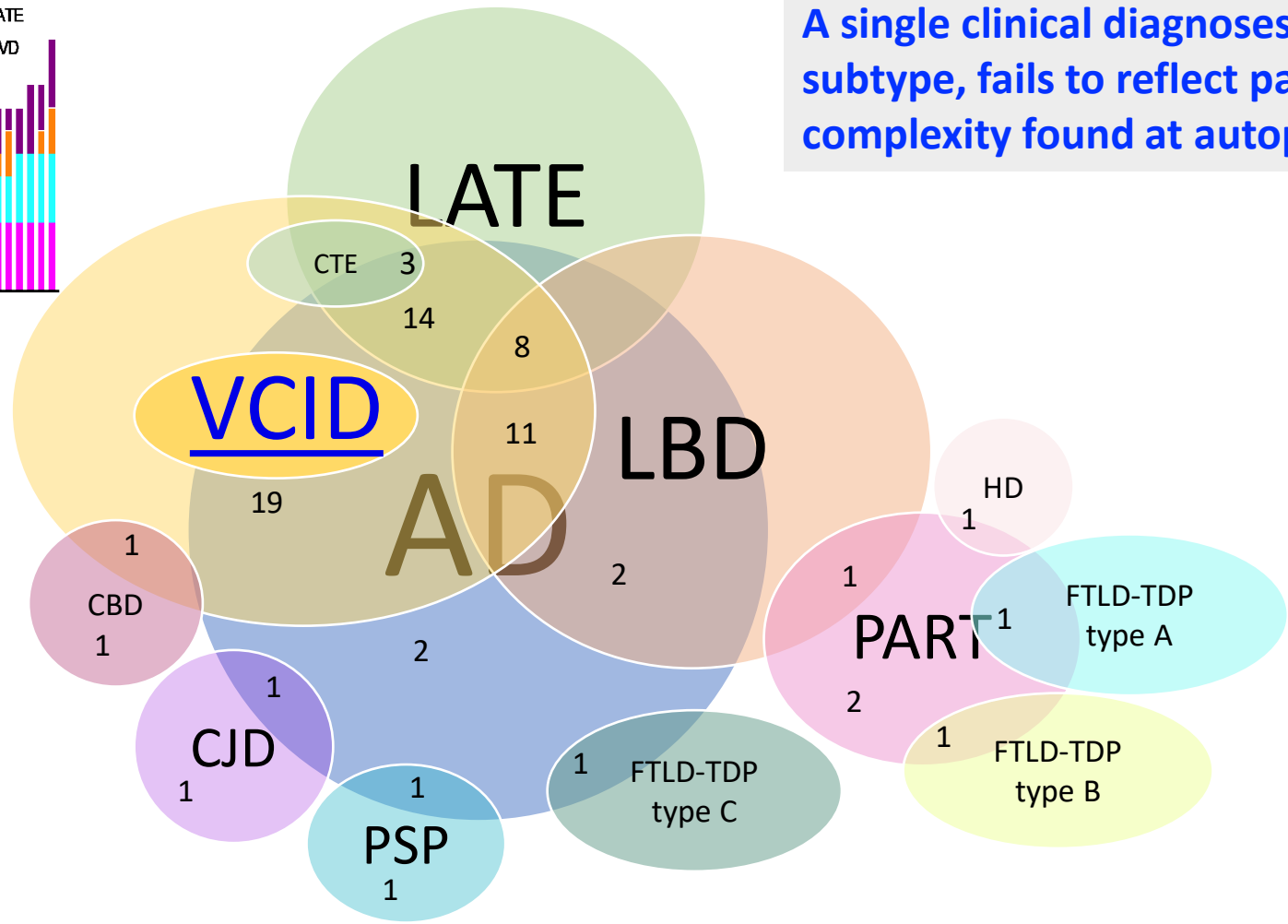
Biggs Diagnoses



Biggs Institute/South Texas ADRC Brain Bank

A single clinical diagnoses of dementia subtype, fails to reflect pathologic complexity found at autopsy

Need biomarkers of various types of dementia



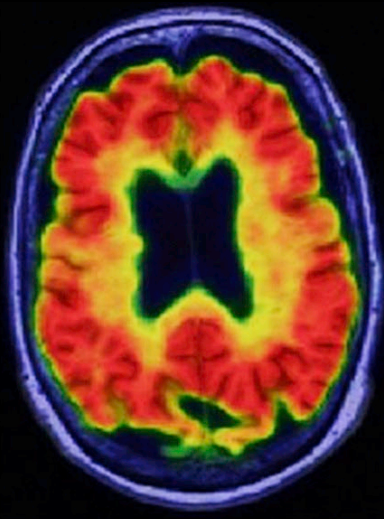
First 141 cases

Multiple Etiology Dementia is the Most Common Type

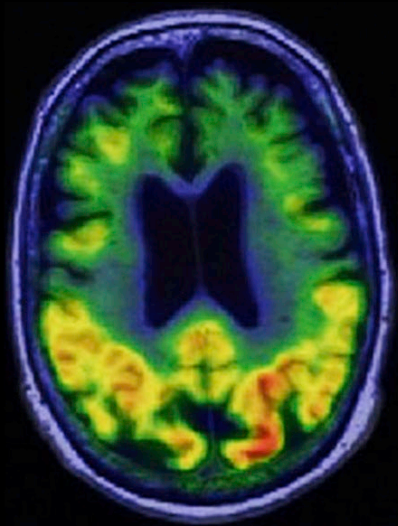
2018 ATN Alzheimer Disease Criteria

A+ (amyloidosis) =
preclinical,
prodromal or
clinical Alzheimer

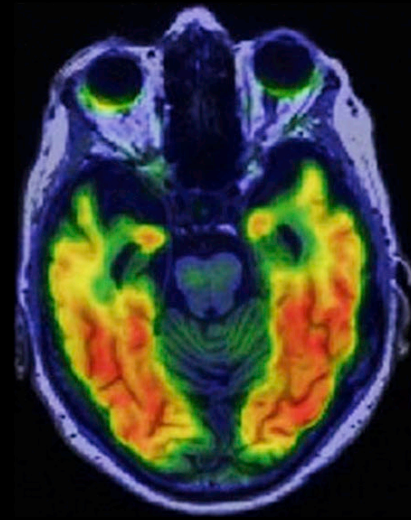
Amyloid+



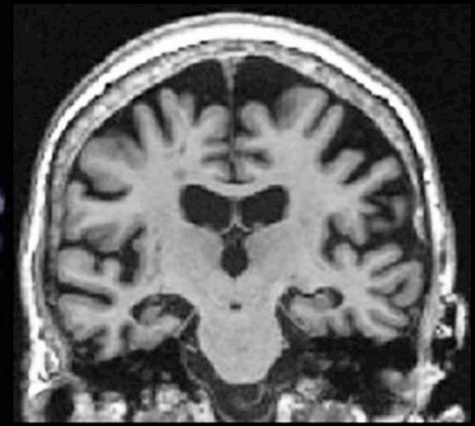
Tau +



Tau +



Neurodegeneration+

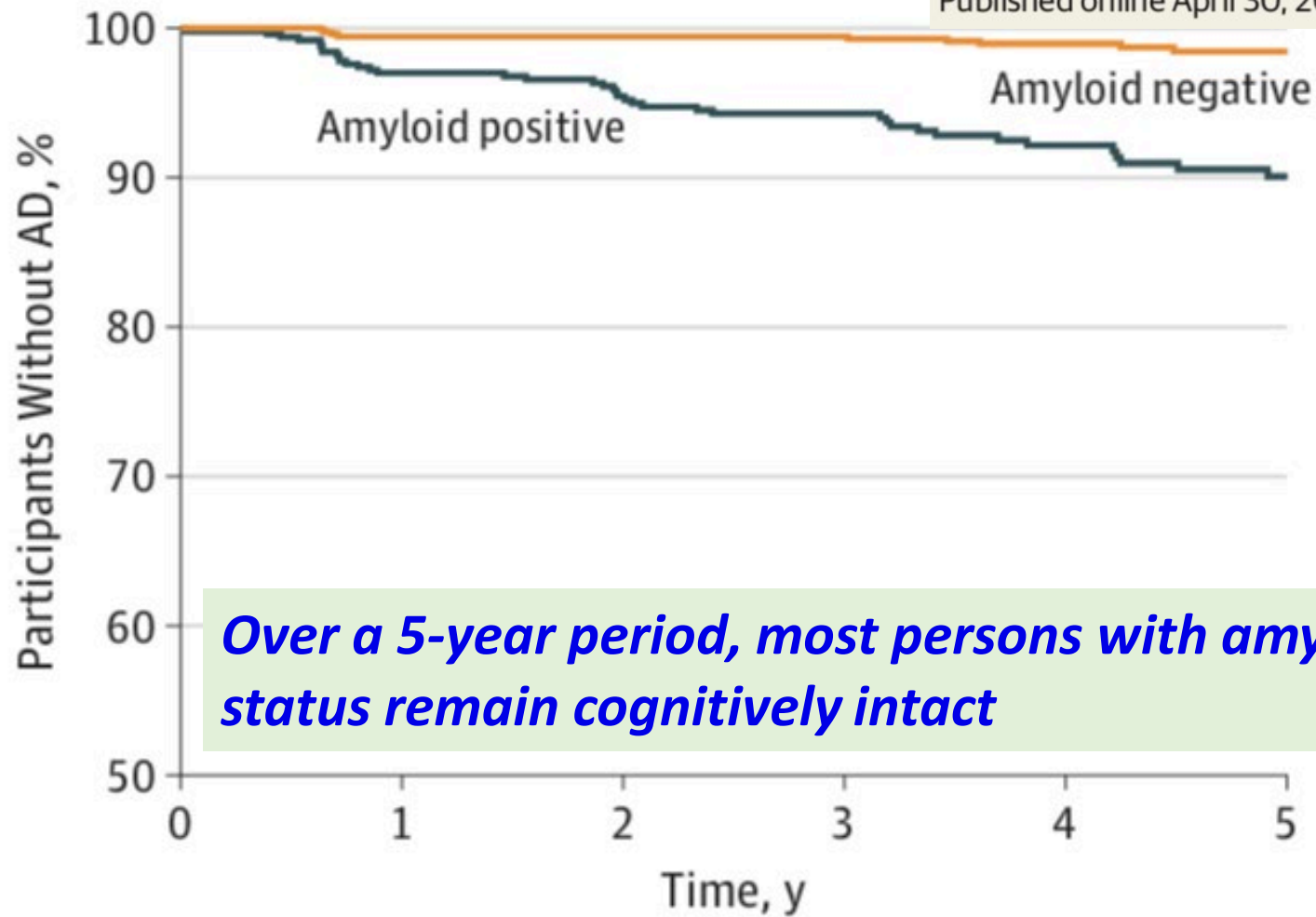


Draft 2023 'AD' Criteria; adds V, I and S

Biomarker category	fluid	imaging
Core Biomarkers		
A (Ab proteinopathy)	Ab42/40	Amyloid PET
T (AD tau proteinopathy)	ptau 181, 217	Tau PET
Non - specific biomarkers of tissue reaction involved in AD pathophysiology		
N (injury, dysfunction, or degeneration of neuropil)	NfL	Anatomic MR, FDG PET
I (inflammation) Astrocytic activation	GFAP	
Biomarkers of non-AD co-pathology		
V vascular brain injury		Anatomic infarction, WMH, abundant dilated perivascular spaces
S α -synuclein	α Syn-SAA*	

Percentage of participants with no cognitive impairment or aMCI without AD dementia over time

JAMA Neurol. 2018;75(8):970-979. doi:10.1001/jamaneurol.2018.0629
Published online April 30, 2018.



Population prevalence of amyloid +ve status in Rochester, MN:

3% at 50-59
41% at 80-89

Over a 5-year period, most persons with amyloid positive status remain cognitively intact

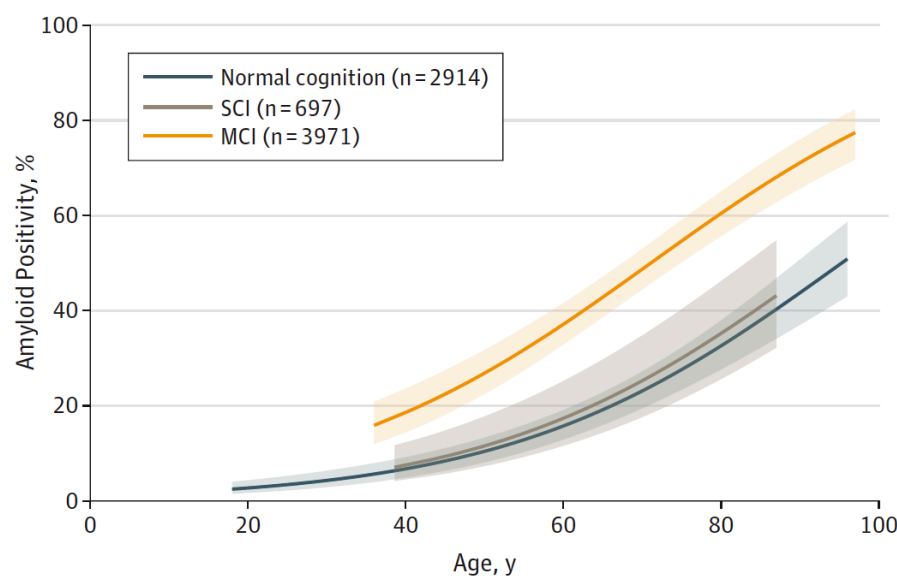
No. at risk (events)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Amyloid positive	520 (0)	481 (15)	420 (22)	334 (27)	248 (34)	193 (39)
Amyloid negative	1110 (0)	1048 (6)	903 (6)	669 (6)	418 (9)	294 (11)

Prevalence of Cerebral Amyloid Pathology in Persons Without Dementia

A Meta-analysis

Willemijn J. Jansen, MSc; Rik Ossenkoppele, PhD; Dirk L. Knol, PhD; Betty M. Tijms, PhD; Philip Scheltens, MD, PhD; Frans R. J. Verhey, MD, PhD; Pieter Jelle Visser, MD, PhD; and the Amyloid Biomarker Study Group

Figure 2. Association of Age With Prevalence Estimates of Amyloid Positivity According to Cognitive Status



The prevalence estimates were generated from generalized estimating equations. The model included age and cognitive status as predictors. Shading indicates 95% CIs; SCI, subjective cognitive impairment; MCI, mild cognitive impairment.

44% of 95-year-olds with normal cognition are amyloid positive

Cerebral amyloidosis is a strong predictor but not sufficient for dementia

Opinion

EDITORIAL

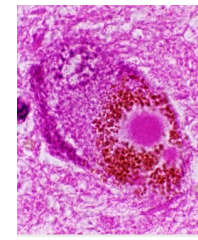
Prevention of Dementia—Thinking Beyond the Age and Amyloid Boxes

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Dementia in Oldest-Old has Additive or Synergistic Impact of Multiple Pathologies

Which Pathologies are most common?

Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB)



Lewy body
in neurons

- Attention, Executive Function
- Visuospatial Changes, Navigating
- Parkinsonism, falls
- Visual hallucinations
- Fluctuating Cognition, syncope



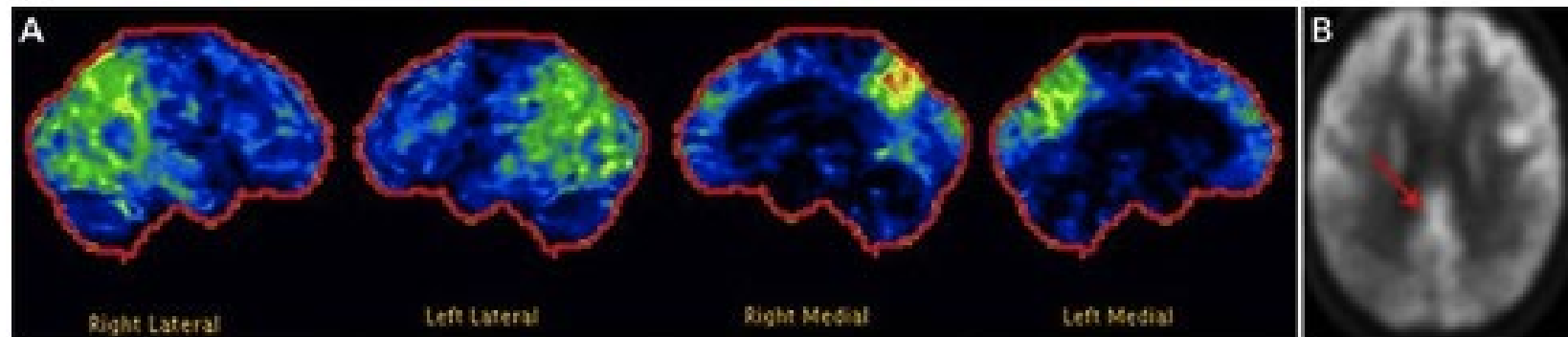
REM Sleep Behavior Disorder

Autonomic System Dysfunction

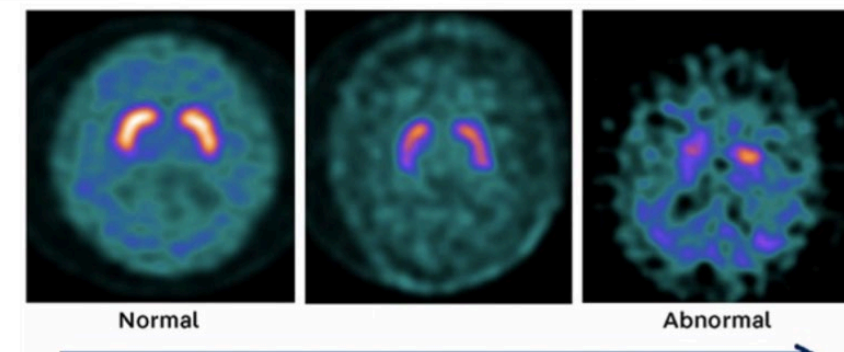
Anxiety and Mood Changes

Oversensitive to both Parkinson's
and behavior medications

FDG-PET

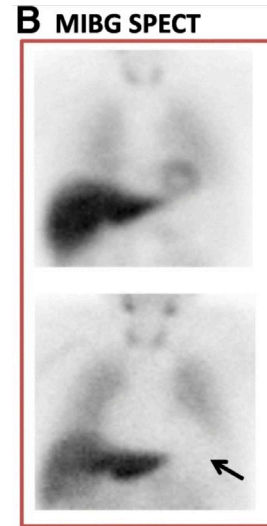


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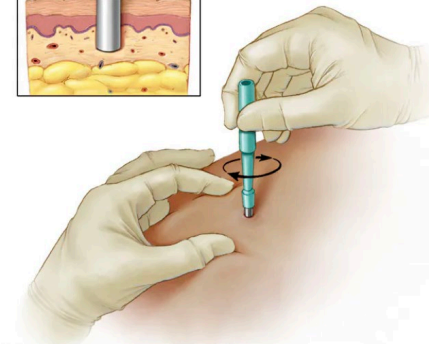
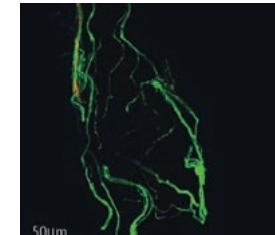
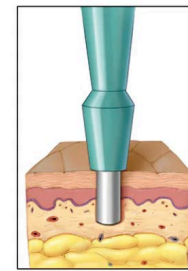
Additional DLB Preclinical and Predictive Tests

- Cardiac MIBG
- Seed Amplification and RT-QuIC/PRMA tests in CSF



Experimental Gerontology 165 (2022) 111842

- Skin biopsy (lower sensitivity)



- REM (muscle) atonia on Sleep Study

R. Kurapova et al.

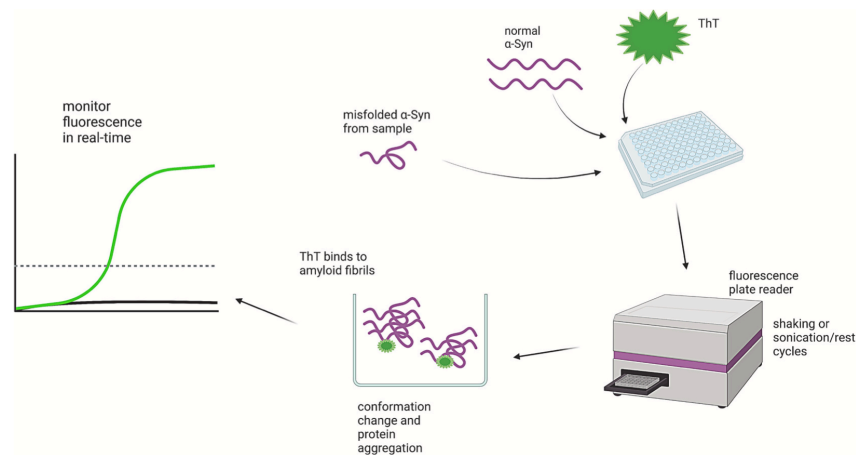


Fig. 1. The PMCA/RT-QuIC process: pathogenic (misfolded) α -syn protein is combined with normal α -syn protein and ThT. Shaking (RT-QuIC) or sonication/rest (PMCA) cycles induce prion-like propagation and amyloid fibril formation, which is measured in real-time with ThT fluorescence.

Limbic Predominant, Age-Related, TDP-43 Encephalopathy

TDP-43 proteinopathy **LATE**

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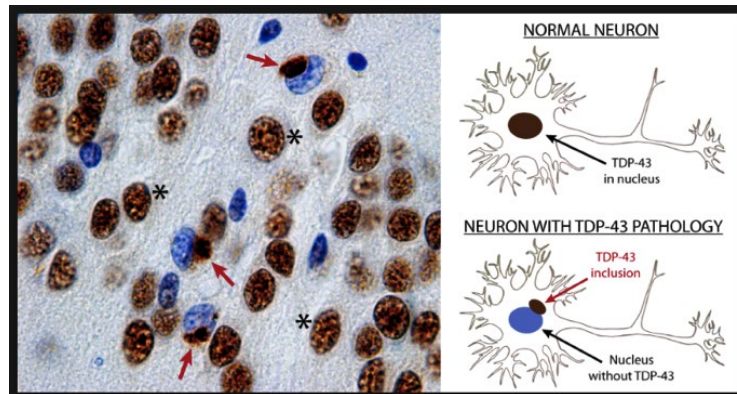
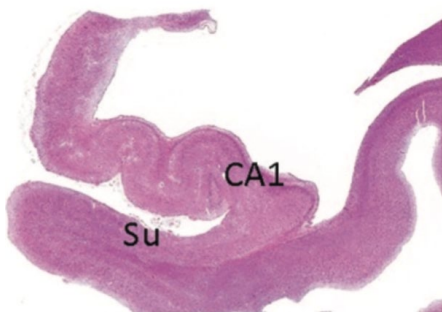
TAR DNA-binding protein 43 is normally in nuclei

Under stress conditions moves to cytoplasm and forms stress granules

No good in vivo biomarker, but

In CHS at exam 5, plasma TDP-43 levels were higher in African-Americans
? possibly linked to higher stress

B Hippocampal sclerosis



Ann Neurol. 2007 May; 61(5): 435–445; Lancet Neurol, 2018; Brain 2019,

Older patients, slower decline, 30%

5 genes altering risk for LATE-NC:

- GRN, TMEM106B, ABCC9, KCNMB2, and APOE

doi:10.1093/brain/awz099

BRAIN 2019; 142; 1503–1527 | 1503

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REVIEW

Limbic-predominant age-related TDP-43 encephalopathy (LATE): consensus working group report

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Vascular Cognitive Impairment and Dementia

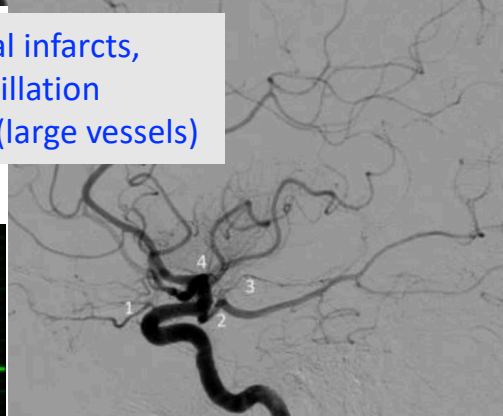
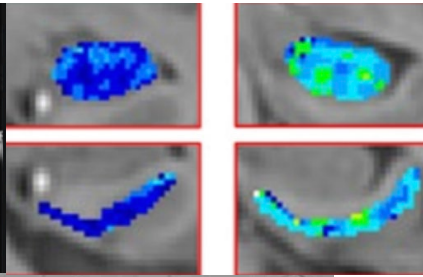
Heart or Blood Vessels,
Blood & Blood Brain Barrier

Vascular Risk Factors:
Hypertension, Diabetes,
Smoking

Vascular Brain Injury

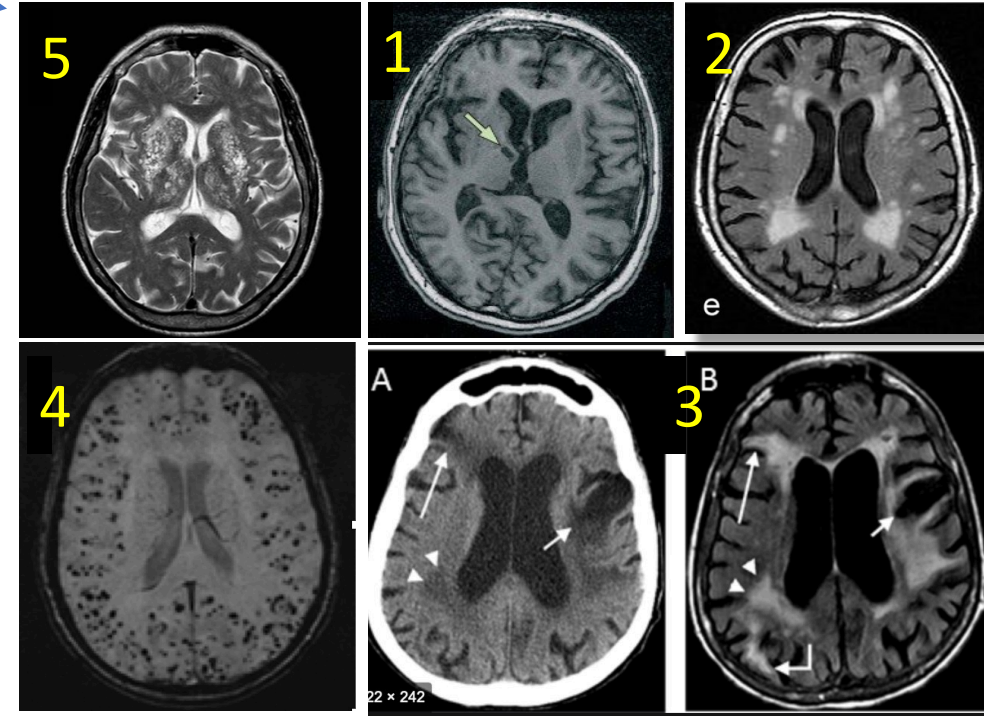
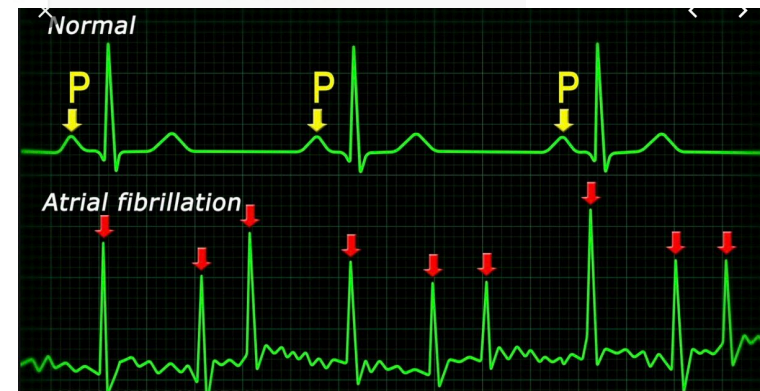


Heart failure, Myocardial infarcts,
Valve disease, Atrial fibrillation
Carotid atherosclerosis (large vessels)



Arteria

Small arteries
(arteriolosclerosis) and
capillaries



On CT or MRI seen as
(1) lacunes, (2) white matter hyperintensities,
(3) multiple strokes, (4) microbleeds, (5) enlarged perivascular spaces
amyloid angiopathy (amyloid in small vessels)

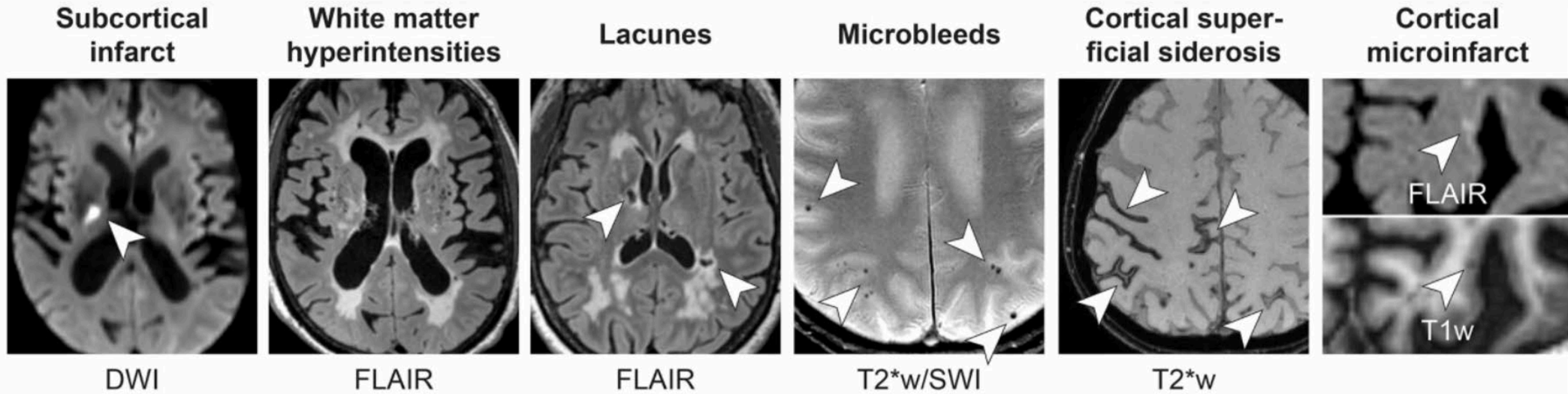
Vascular Cognitive Impairment (VCI)

Today's Inclusive Definition

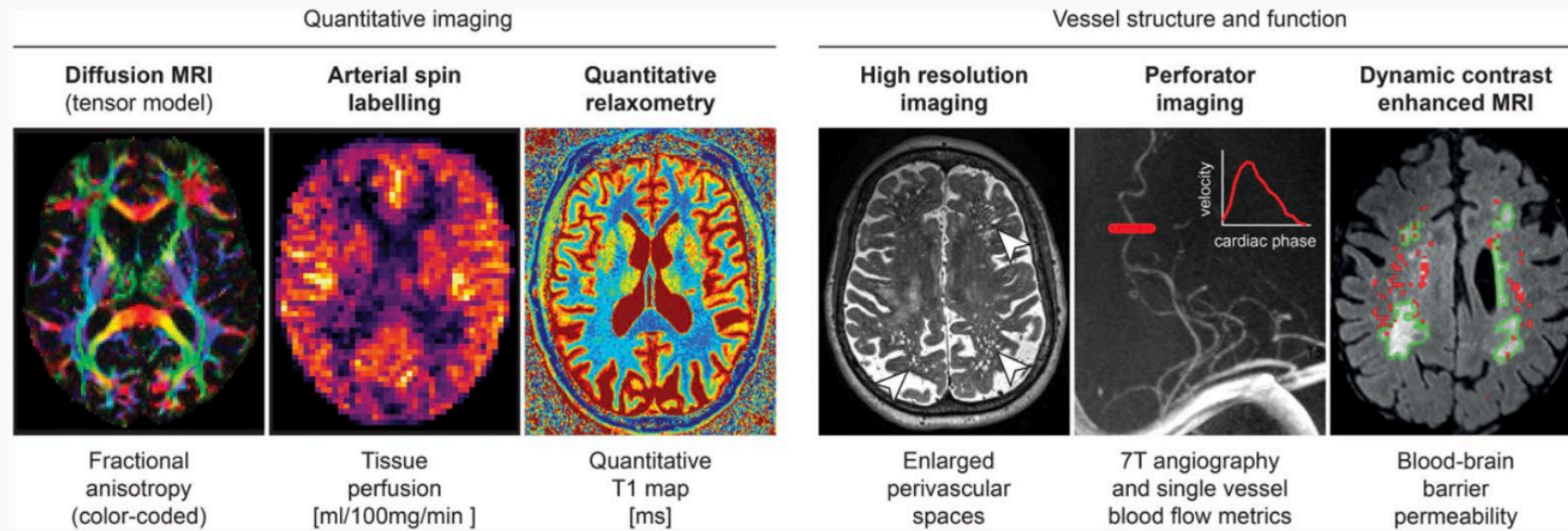
- Cognitive or behavioral problems
- Disease affecting blood vessels or blood flow to part or all of the brain
- Evidence of damage to part or all of brain due to vascular factors

Brain (MRI) Imaging
Others under development

Imaging Markers of VCID

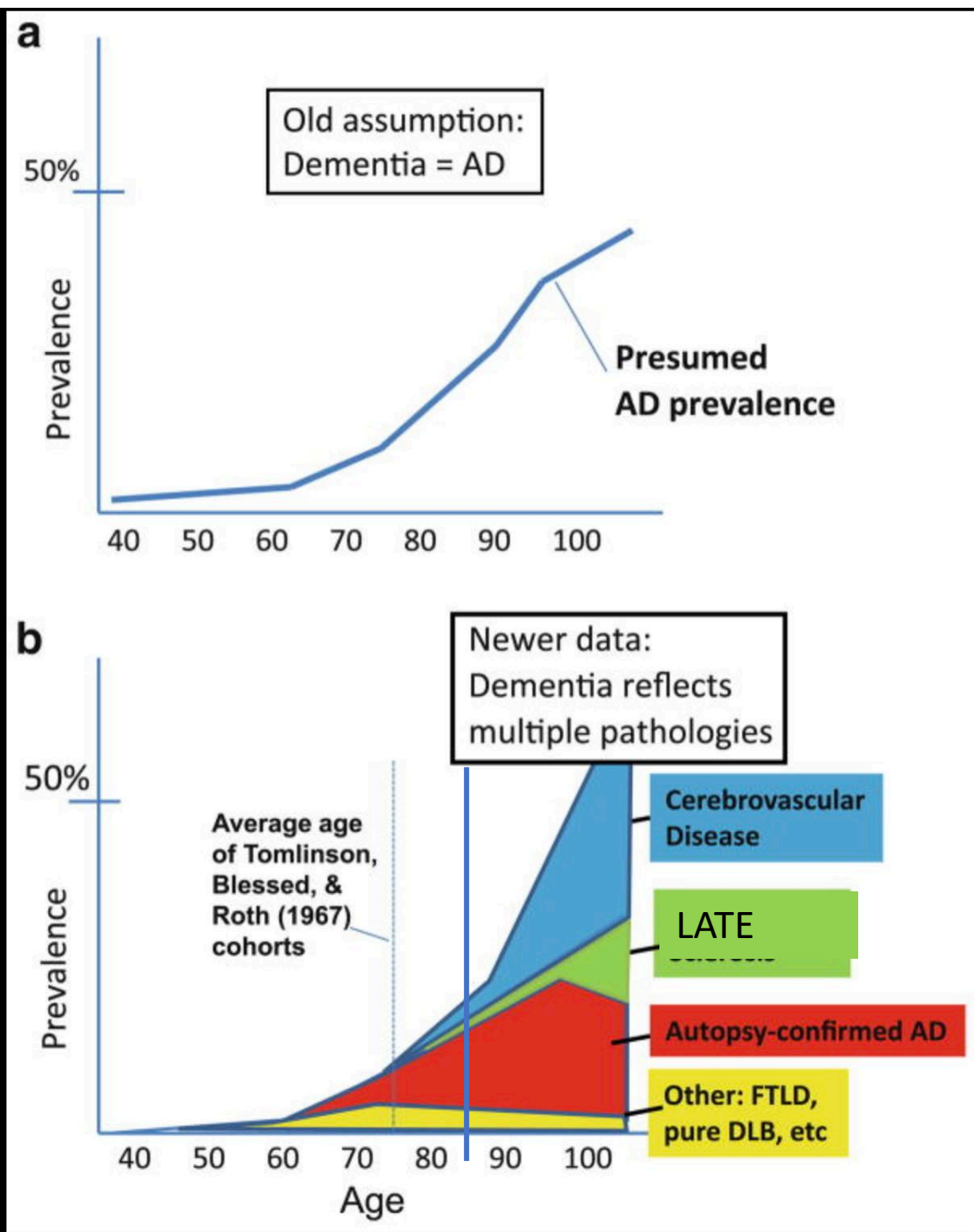


As Imaging Modalities become more sensitive proportion with vascular brain injury grows



Imaging Markers of Vascular Brain Health: Quantification, Clinical Implications, and Future Directions; Stroke: 2022;53:416–426.

The right question may be 'how much', 'what type' rather than *'if'* someone has VCID

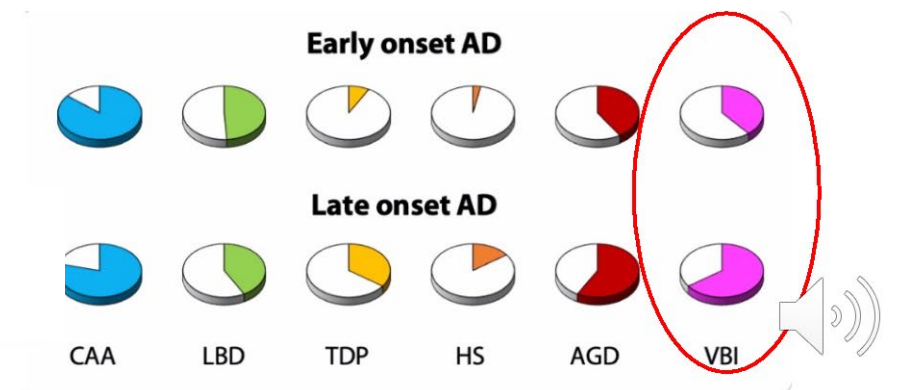


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Comorbid neuropathological diagnoses in early versus late-onset Alzheimer's disease

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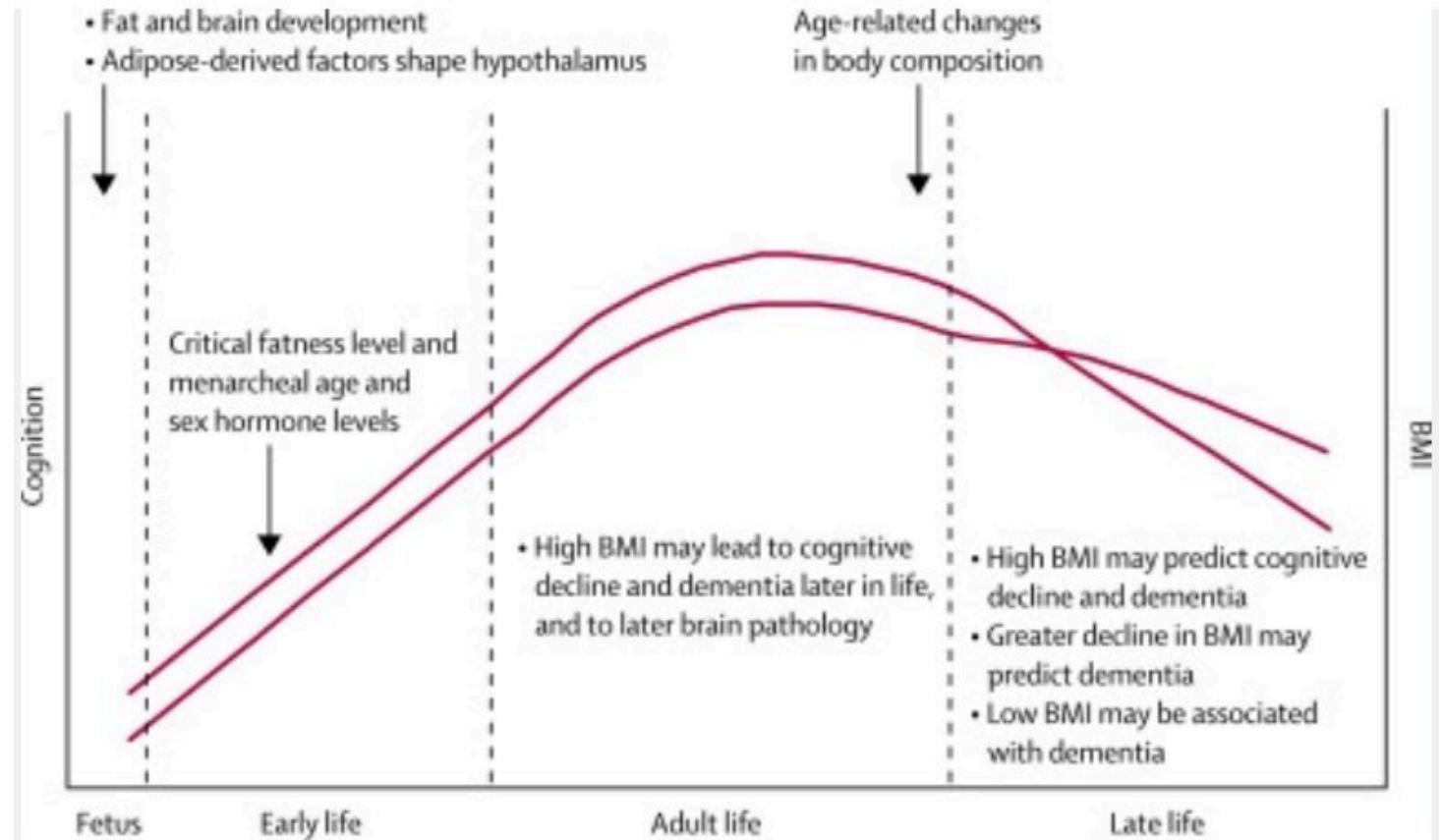


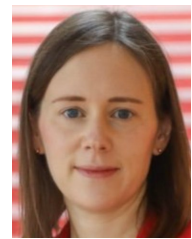
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Direction of Association Changes in Oldest-old

- Obesity





Contribution of Vascular RFs to Dementia

May Vary Across Lifespan Mid- to Later-Life

Emer McGrath, MD, PhD

FHS participants 55 (4899, 57%F) to 80 (2386, 62% F)

Stepwise Cox PH models:

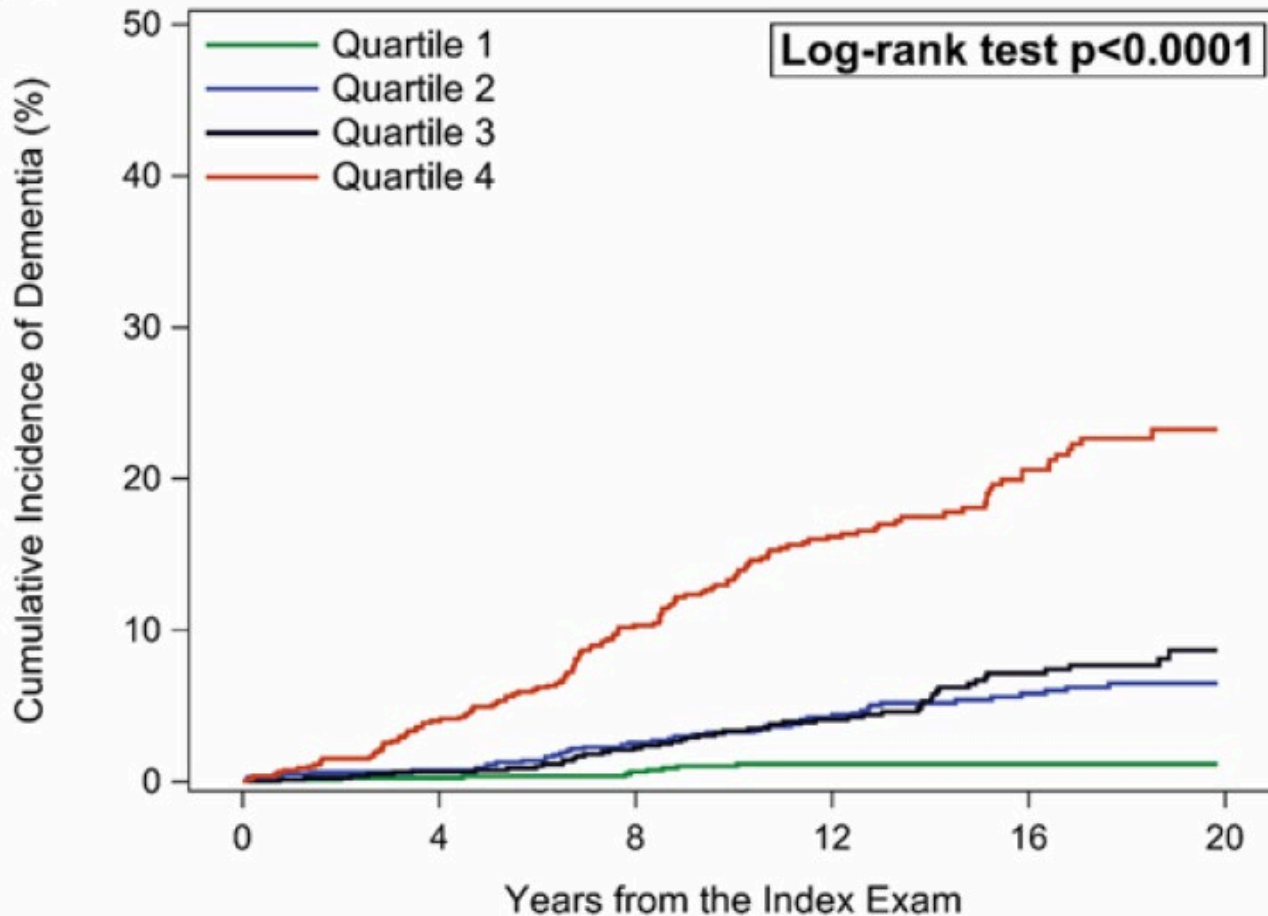
Most important RFs for inclusion in age-specific dementia risk scores



Age 55	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80
Systolic BP	All CVD	Stroke	Stroke	Stroke
1.17 (1.05-1.32)	2.21 (1.35-3.32)	2.43 (1.29-4.59)	1.78 (1.12-2.83)	1.57 (1.04-2.35)
Diabetes mellitus		Diabetes mellitus	Diabetes mellitus	Diabetes mellitus
3.35 (1.52-7.36)		1.97 (1.37-2.83)	1.56 (1.14-2.15)	1.45 (1.06-1.97)
				Anti-HTN non-use
				1.47 (1.20-1.82)

Insulin, Metformin, Pramlintide, Semaglutide, Dapagliflozin

In older persons burden of accrued injury matters!



No. at risk

	0	4	8	12	16	20
Quartile 1	808	794	769	716	556	
Quartile 2	810	785	736	638	442	
Quartile 3	810	782	717	611	376	
Quartile 4	808	715	589	450	246	

7283 participants (age 50±9, 53% F); 253 events, ~15 yrs

Arterial Stiffness increased risk of Dementia by 30%

3 million fewer patients if HTN reduced by 25% but

Blood pressure from mid- to late life and risk of incident dementia

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Midlife or sustained high SBP increased late life dementia risk

Steep decline in BP from mid to late life in normotensives also increased risk

Blood pressure, glycemic control, and white matter hyperintensity progression in type 2 diabetics

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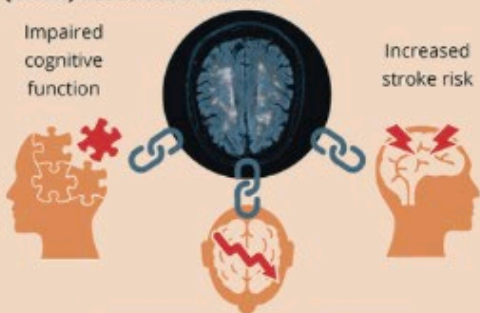
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Blood Pressure and WMH in Type 2 Diabetes

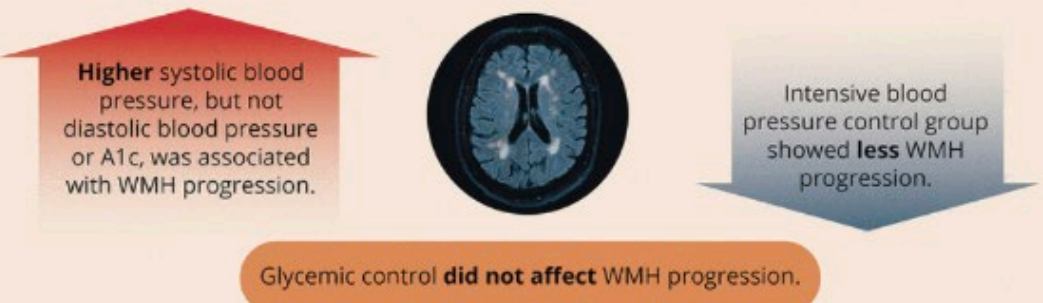
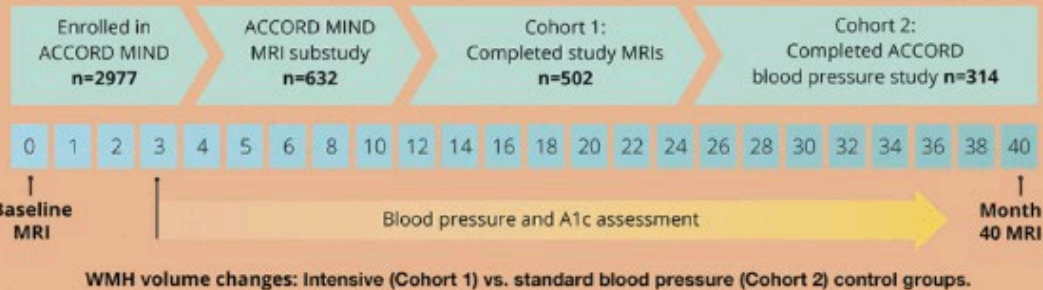
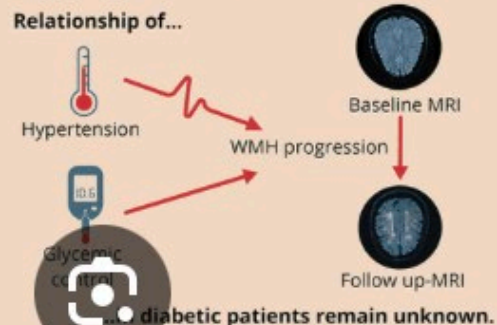
Study question

Is blood pressure or glycemic control associated with WMH progression in diabetic patients?

Increased white matter hyperintensity (WMH) associated with...



Controlling hypertension and blood sugar may prevent WMH progression.



Intensive blood pressure control in diabetic patients reduces WMH progression.

Is BP or BS more imp?

Take Home Message

In DM and prediabetic states, **prevention of stroke & control of HTN** are important to preserve cognition

An 18-year follow-up of Overweight and Risk of Alzheimer's Disease

Gustafson et al., Arch Neurol 2003;163:1524-28

Obesity and Vascular Risk Factors at Midlife and the Risk of Dementia and Alzheimer Disease

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Obesity, diabetes and cognitive deficit: The Framingham Heart Study

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Original Cohort

18 year follow-up

Adverse effects of obesity seen only in men

No DM/Obesity interactions observed

Central Obesity and Hypertension: A double whammy!!

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Relation of Obesity to Cognitive Function: Importance of Central Obesity and Synergistic Influence of Concomitant Hypertension. The Framingham Heart Study

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Combined Impact of Waist-Hip Ratio & HTN on Visual Reproductions – Delayed Recall



1814 persons
WHR in 1988-90 at
age 50

Cognitive tests 12 yrs
later

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Higher Dietary Inflammatory Index scores are associated with brain MRI markers of brain aging: Results from the Framingham Heart Study Offspring cohort*

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The graphic titled 'ANTI-INFLAMMATION FOODS' is divided into two sections: 'FIGHT' (green) showing vegetables and fruits, and 'CAUSE' (red) showing processed meats, sugary drinks, and refined grains.



Original Contribution

Sugar- and Artificially Sweetened Beverages and the Risks of Incident Stroke and Dementia
A Prospective Cohort Study

Increasing Risk With Increasing Intake

Risk of both dementia & of milder memory loss increased



Association of Red Blood Cell Omega-3 Fatty Acids With MRI Markers and Cognitive Function in Midlife
The Framingham Heart Study

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DHA: an omega-3 fatty acid found in fish
If level in top fifth, 5 more years AD free





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Research Article

Physical Activity, Brain Volume, and Dementia Risk: The Framingham Study

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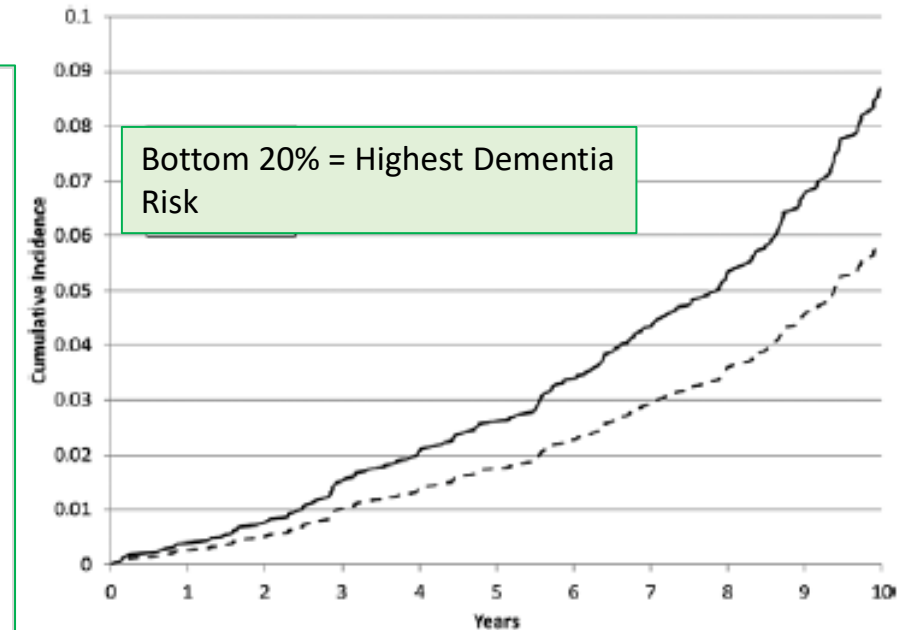
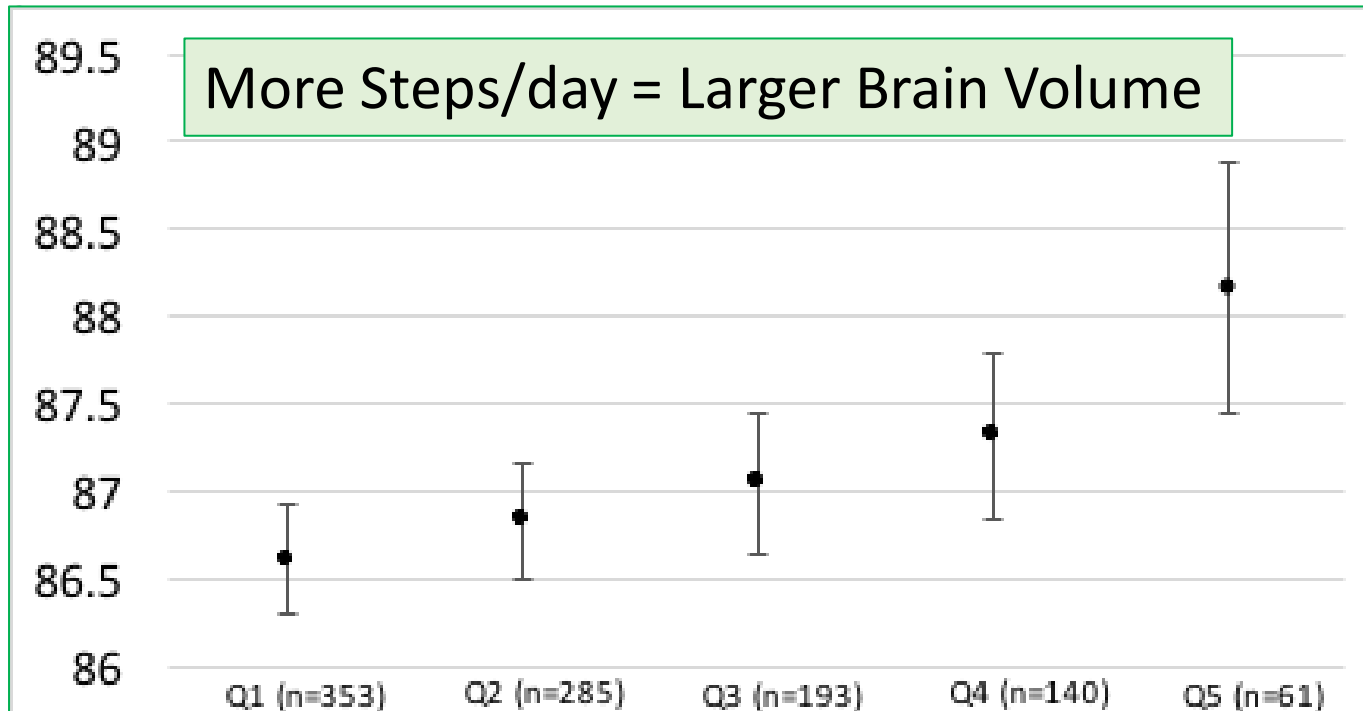


Figure 1. Ten-year cumulative incidence of dementia: Lowest quintile (Q1) of physical activity index (PAI) versus upper four quintiles (Q2–Q5), adjusted for age and sex.

Sedentary time is bad; avoiding that is more important than reaching specific activity levels

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Association of Multimorbidity, Disease Clusters, and Modification by Genetic Factors With Risk of Dementia

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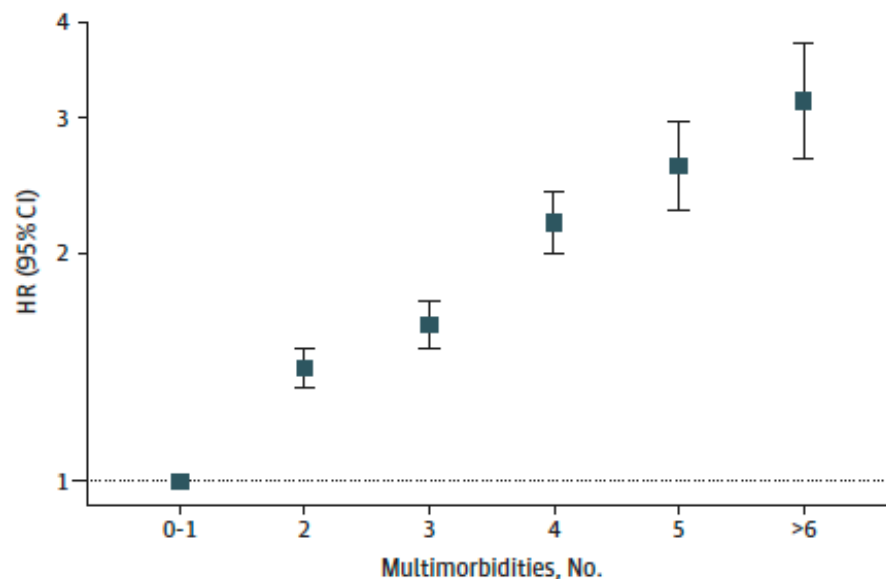
Hospital Records, over 200,000 persons

Doubling of dementia risk in those with low genetic risk

40% in persons with high genetic risk

Not specific to Oldest-old

Figure 2. Cox Proportional Hazards Models for the Association Between Number of Multimorbid Conditions and Incident Dementia



All models adjusted for age, ethnicity, education, socioeconomic status, and APOE-ε4 status. Dementia cases, sample size, hazard ratios, and incidence rates within each number of multimorbidities group are presented in eTable 5 in the Supplement.

Associations between physical frailty and dementia incidence: a prospective study from UK Biobank

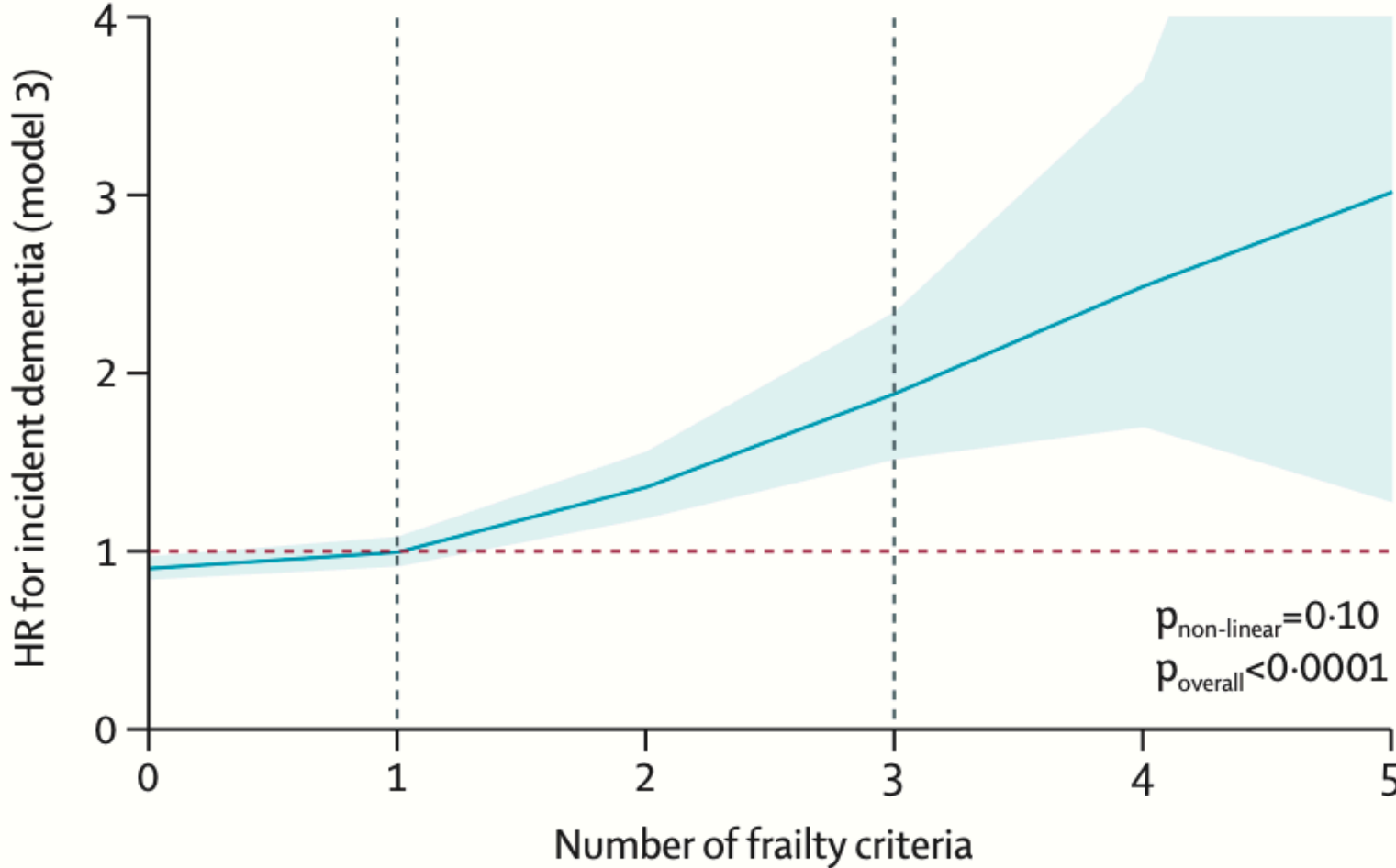
Fanny Petermann-Rocha, Donald M Lyall, Stuart R Gray, Irene Esteban-Cornejo, Terence J Quinn, Frederick K Ho*, Jill P Pell*, Carlos Celis-Morales*

(weight loss, tiredness, physical activity, gait speed, and grip strength),

Even in fully adjusted models, frailty was a predictor of dementia risk

Greater number of frailty criteria being positive increased risk

Causal or marker?



Outline

- Why is Dementia in the 'Oldest-Old' Important to Study?
- What do we know about Biology of Dementia in Oldest-Old?
- Prevention: Life Course Risk Factors, Multimorbidity
- **Promotion of Brain Health: Biomarkers, Resilience Factors, Genetics**

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A Precision, Personalized Approach to Dementia Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment

2021 NIH Alzheimer's Research Summit: Path to Precision Medicine for Treatment and Prevention



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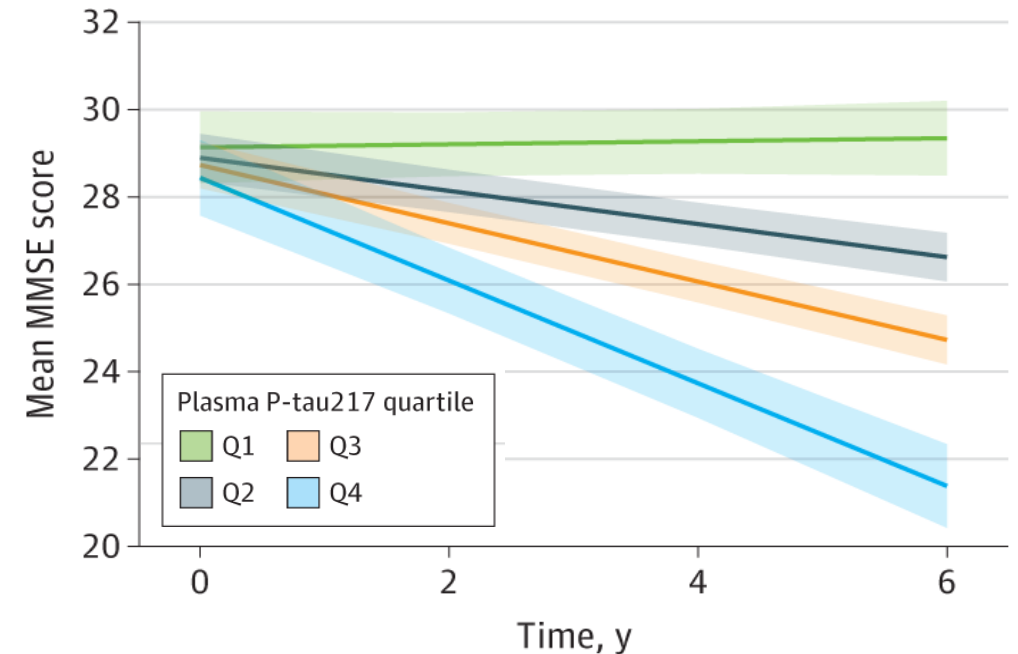
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Considering all causes of Dementia

- Searching for biomarkers of -
 - **Amyloid and Tau** →
 - Inflammatory
 - Synaptic
 - Other genetic, omic, molecular markers
- Other diseases (VCID, DLB, LATE, PART, AGD)
- Environmental (built, social, behavioral)
- Behavioral (sleep, physical activity, diet)

D Plasma P-tau217 and longitudinal MMSE



1984
A β plaques
Neurofibrillary tangles
(NINCDS-ADRDA)

1992 CSF A β
CSF analysis based on immunoassay

1993 CSF t-tau
CSF p-tau

1995 CSF p-tau

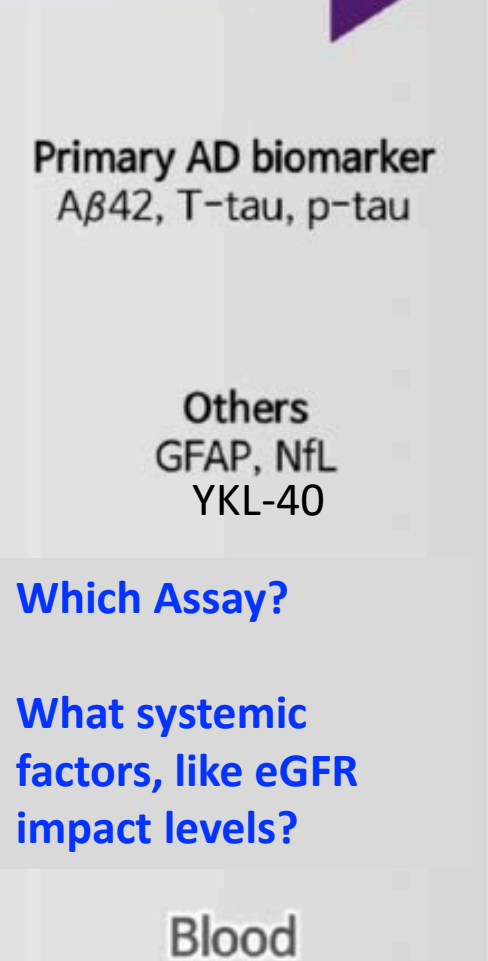
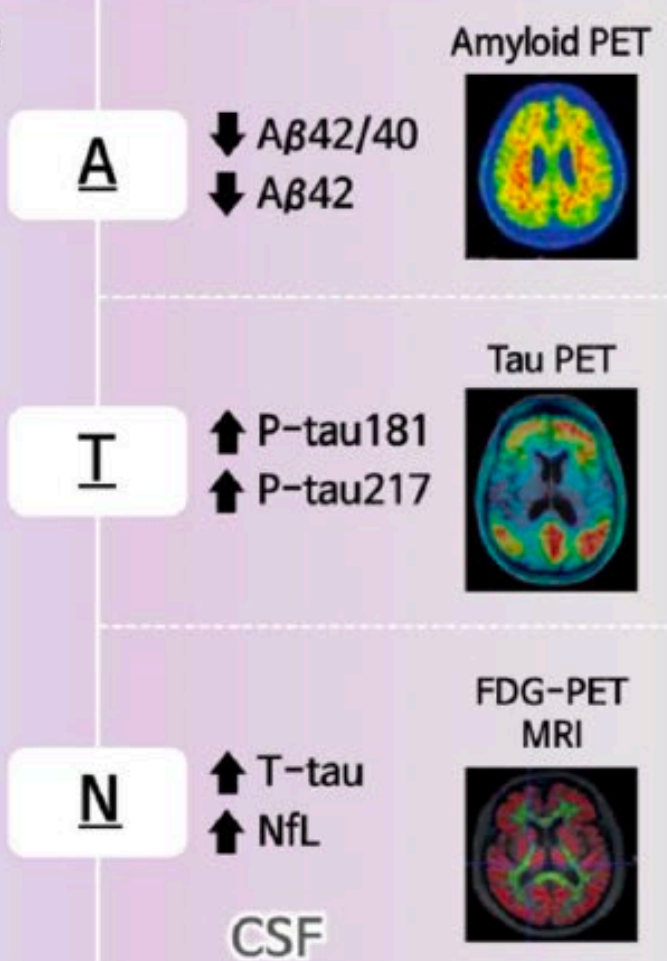
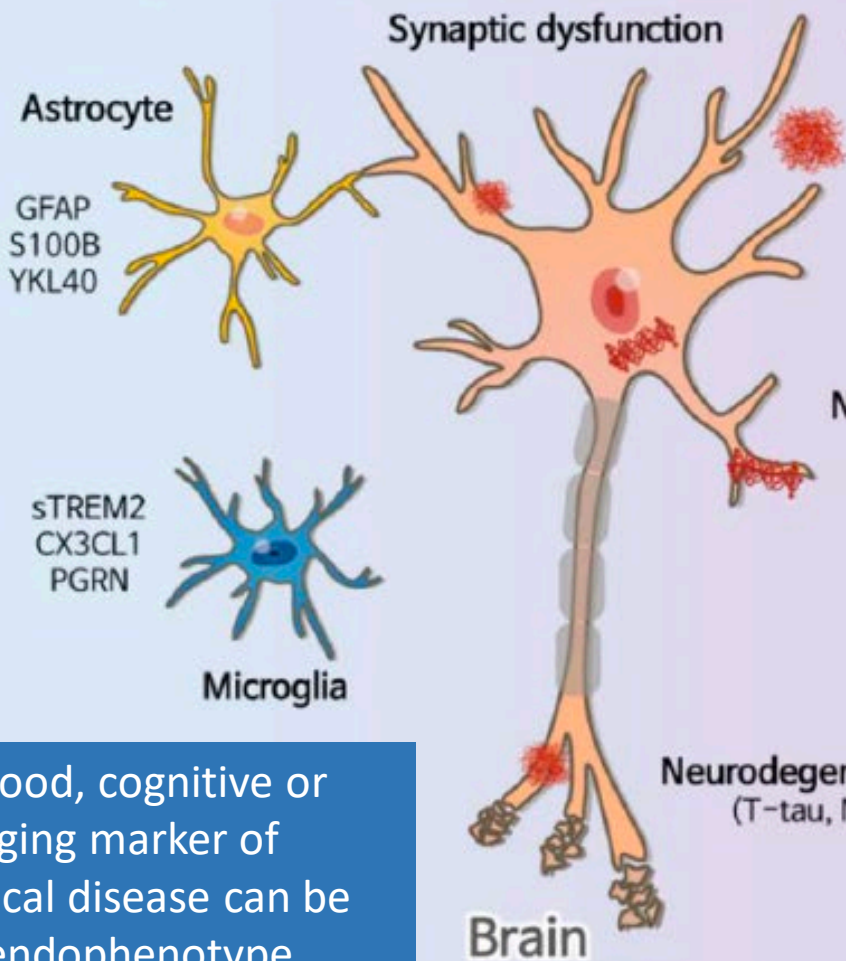
2011 CSF A β
CSF tau
(NIA-AA)

2012 DIAN results

2018 ATN system
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Current - Future
Blood-based biomarkers

Alzheimer's disease biomarkers development timeline past-present-future

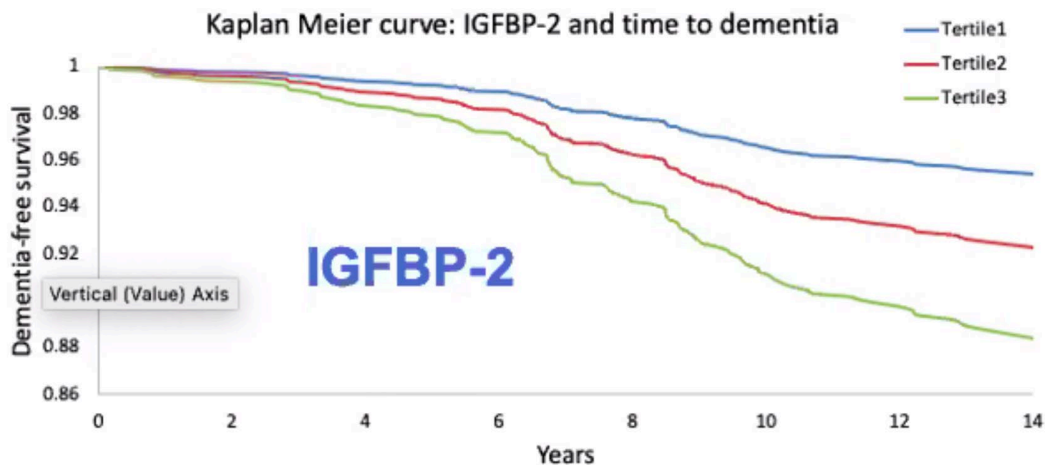
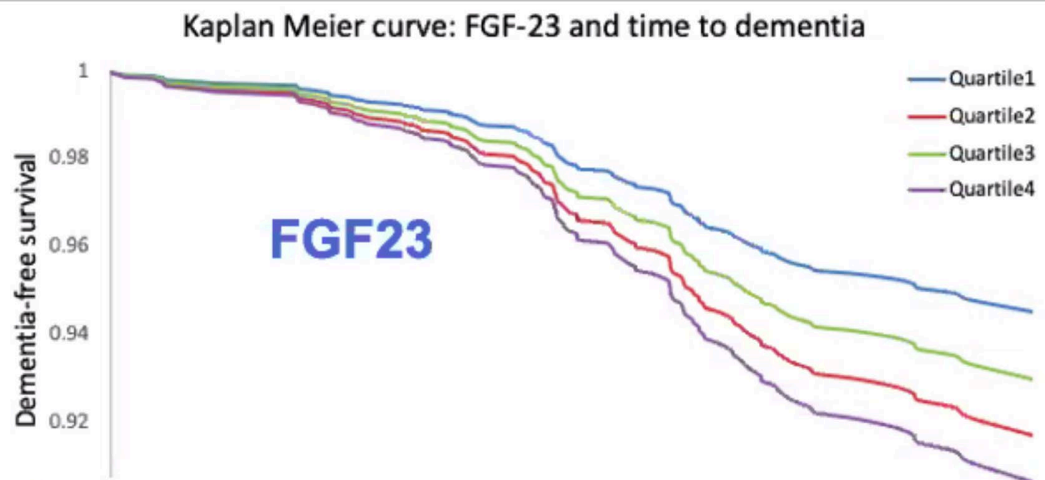
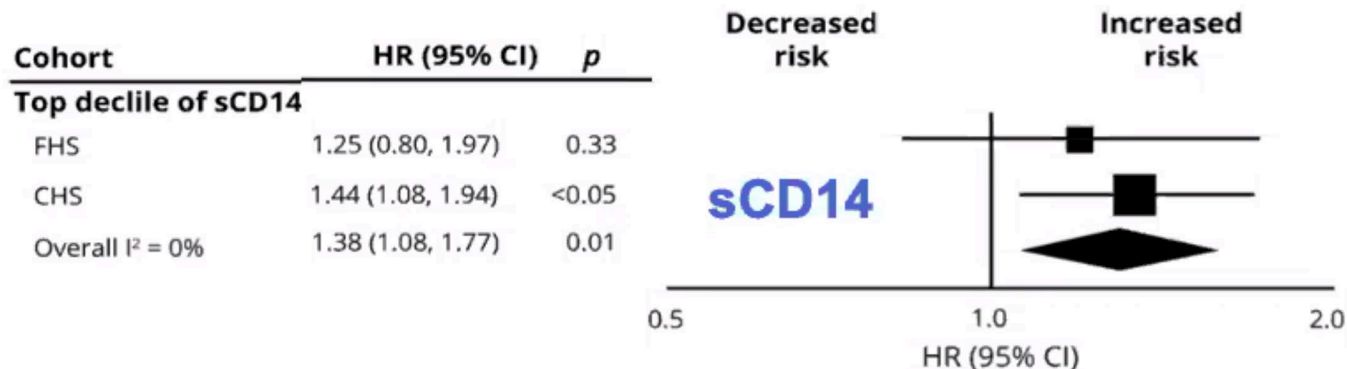


A blood, cognitive or imaging marker of clinical disease can be an endophenotype

Other potential candidate BMs

Neurodegeneration	Neuronal injury	Inflammation	Vascular/ Thrombosis	Neurotrophic factors	Hormones and metabolic factors
A β 42	GFAP	CRP	Fibrinogen	BDNF	Cortisol
A β 40	NFL	IL-6	D-dimer	VEGF	Estrogen
Tau	NSE	MCP-1	NT-proBNP	B-NGF	FGF-23
P-tau species	MBP	OPG	ST2	IGF-1	HbA1c
NT-1		P-selectin	Trop I	IGFBP-1	Insulin
Clusterin		TNF- α	Homocysteine	IGFBP-2	Adipokines
A β 37		GDF-15	Lipids, ceramides	IGFBP-3	
A β 38		sCD14	PAI-1		
		YKL-40	MMP-9		
		sCD40L	sCD40L		

Figure 2 Association of soluble cluster of differentiation 14 (sCD14) with incident dementia



GDF-15
NT-proBNP

Table 2. GDF15 and NT-proBNP and Risk of Incident Dementia

Biomarker	Model 1		P Value
	HR (95% CI)	P Value	
GDF15			
Per SDU increase	1.57 (1.30–1.90)	<0.0001	1.54
T2 vs T1	1.26 (0.78–2.02)	0.35	1.33
T3 vs T1	2.49 (1.61–3.87)	<0.001	2.36
NT-proBNP			
Per SDU increase	1.40 (1.14–1.71)	0.001	1.33

Table 3. Association of Plasma Total Tau With Cognition and Hippocampal Volume in the Framingham

Outcome	T-tau	Model 1 ^b	
		β (SE)	<i>P</i> Value
Episodic memory			
Logical memory, No. correct		-0.12 (0.06)	.049
Paired associate learning, No. correct		-0.05 (0.02)	.04
Verbal reasoning: similarities, No. correct		-0.18 (0.05)	<.001

Table 3. Ceramide ratios and MRI markers of structural brain injury.

Ceramides	TBV		Hippocampal volume	
	$\beta \pm SE$	<i>P</i> -value	$\beta \pm SE$	<i>P</i> -value
Ceramide 24:0/16:0	0.03 \pm 0.05	0.44	-0.001 \pm 0.001	0.46
Ceramide 22:0/16:0	0.07 \pm 0.05	0.17	-0.0004 \pm 0.001	0.74

Machine learning approaches to dementia risk prediction

Biomarker	Inter-assay CV (%)	Intra-assay CV (%)	Biomarker	Inter-assay CV (%)	Intra-assay CV (%)
A β 40 (pg/mL)	10.5	3.2	IGFBP-1 (pg/mL)	5.4	2.5
*Aβ42 (pg/mL)	7.6	2.6	*IGFBP-2 (pg/mL)	8.7	6.0
*Aβ42/40	-	-	IGFBP-3 (pg/mL)	18.0	4.4
Adiponectin (ug/mL)	9.6	6.2	IL-6 (pg/mL)	9.0	3.7
Apo A1 (pg/mL)	7.3	11.8	Insulin (pmol/L)	6.1	3.9
ApoB (pg/mL)	13.4	6.6	*Leptin (pg/mL)	7.0	3.2
BDNF (pg/mL)	7.6	4.8	*MCP-1 (pg/mL)	11.1	3.8
BNP (pg/mL)	7.2	10.3	MMP-9 (pg/mL)	10.0	3.9
CD14 (pg/mL)	14.5	3.6	MPO (ng/mL)	NR	3.2
CD40L (ng/mL)	14.1	4.9	OPG (pmol/L)	NR	3.7
Clusterin (pg/mL)	12.6	9.1	*PAI-1 (pg/mL)	10.8	3.6
CRP mg/L	5.3	3.2	P-selectin (ng/mL)	NR	3.2
*Cystatin C (mg/L)	3.3	2.4	Resistin (ng/dL)	11.0	4.6
FGF-23 (pg/mL)	13.4	5.5	TC (mg/dL)	1.5	0.7
Fibrinogen (mg/dL)	4.4	1.1	*TNF-α (pg/dL)	11.3	7.6
GDF-15 (pg/mL)	2.9	2.3	TNFR-2 (pg/mL)	NR	2.3
HbA1c (%)	<2.5	<2.5	VEGF (pg/mL)	14.7	4.3
*HDL-C (mg/dL)	2.8	0.9	Vitamin B12 (pg/mL)	10.0	8.5
*Homocysteine (umol/L)	7.0	4.5	Vitamin D (ng/mL)	8.5	NR
ICAM-1 (ng/mL)	6.0	3.9	T-tau (pg/mL)	7.5	4.1
IGF-1 (ng/mL)	4.5	3.4			

1642 Framingham Offspring cohort participants

243 developed dementia (mean f/u 12 \pm 5yr)

ML methods (SVM, XGB, ANN), 41 candidate biomarkers for incident dementia

10 most informative BMs identified including **A β 42, A β 42/40, Cystatin C, sCD40L, IGFBP-2, Leptin, MCP-1, PAI-1, TNF- α , HDL-C**

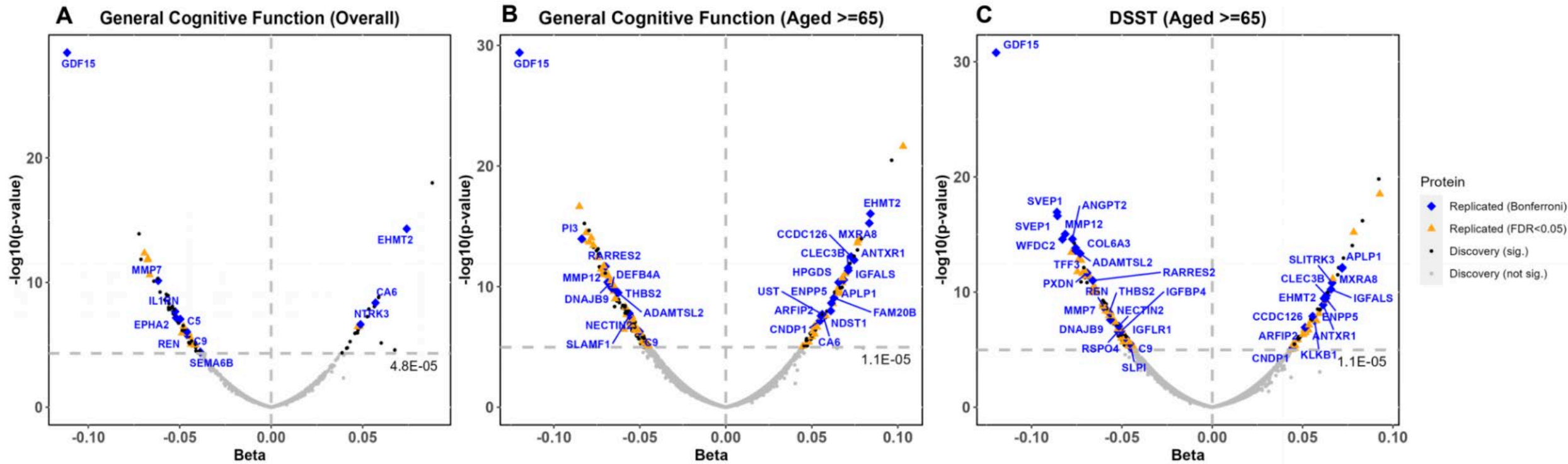


Figure 2. Volcano plots showing the beta coefficients and p-values from the discovery meta-analyses with colors indicating whether a protein was replicated. The three discovery analyses were for general cognitive function among aged ≥ 25 (A) and aged ≥ 65 (B), and Digit Symbol Substitution Test (C).

Somascan in ~ 8000 , replication in ~ 9000
 Olink validation in ~ 3000 persons

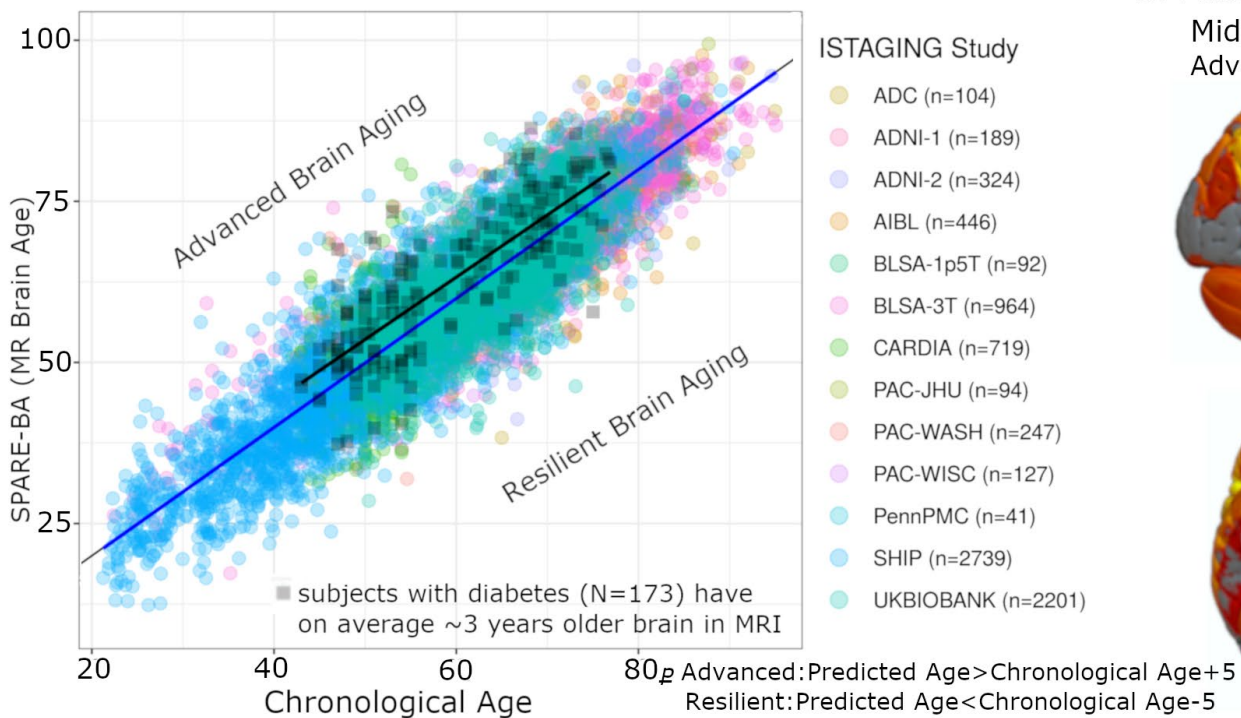
Consistent Pattern: NECTIN2, lower CRP, 22 proteins in all

Preclinical AD patterns predicted with AI: brain age for 8287 healthy subjects from 10 cohorts

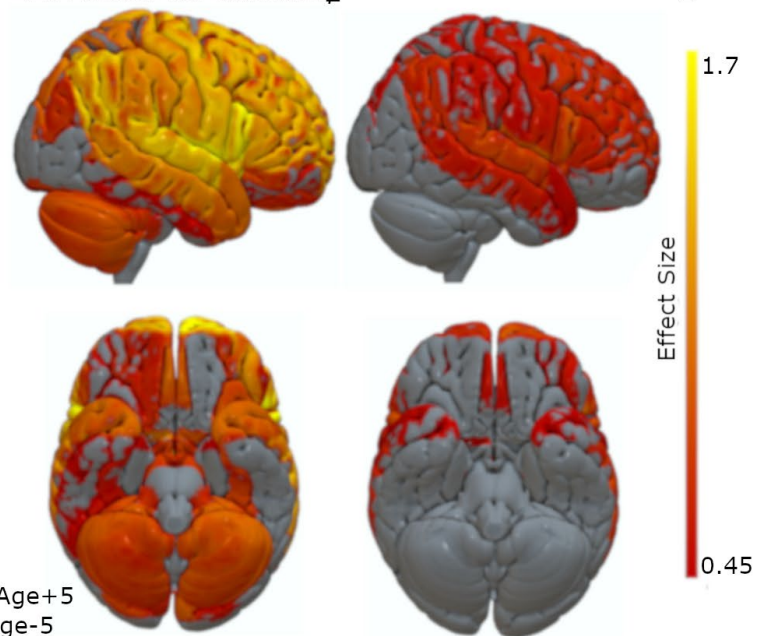
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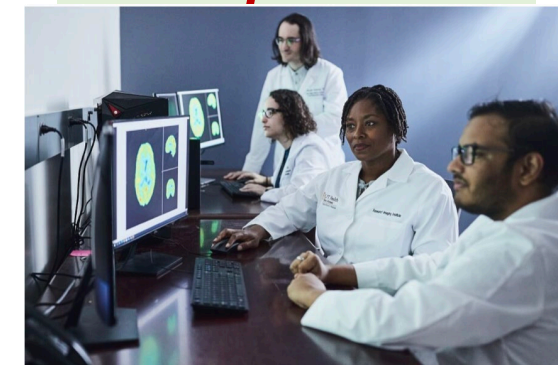
Patterns of Advanced Brain Aging



B. Pattern of Reduced Grey Matter in Advanced BA



Artificial Intelligence (AI) based tools can permit measurements & comparisons



Neuroimaging researchers, UT Health San Antonio

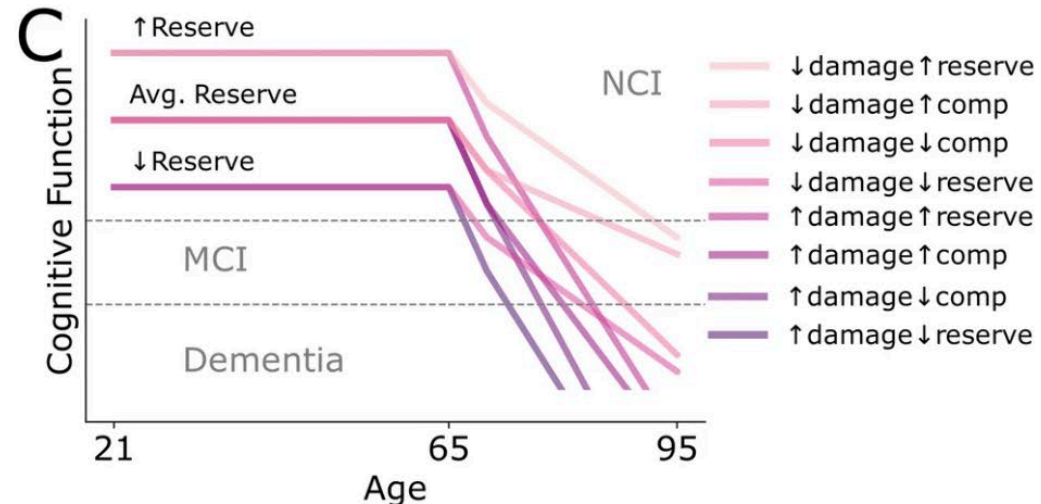
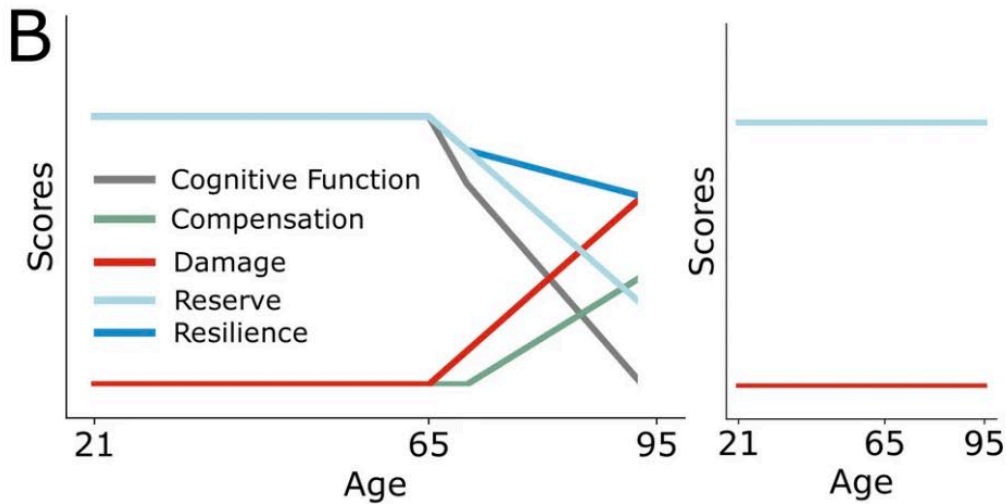
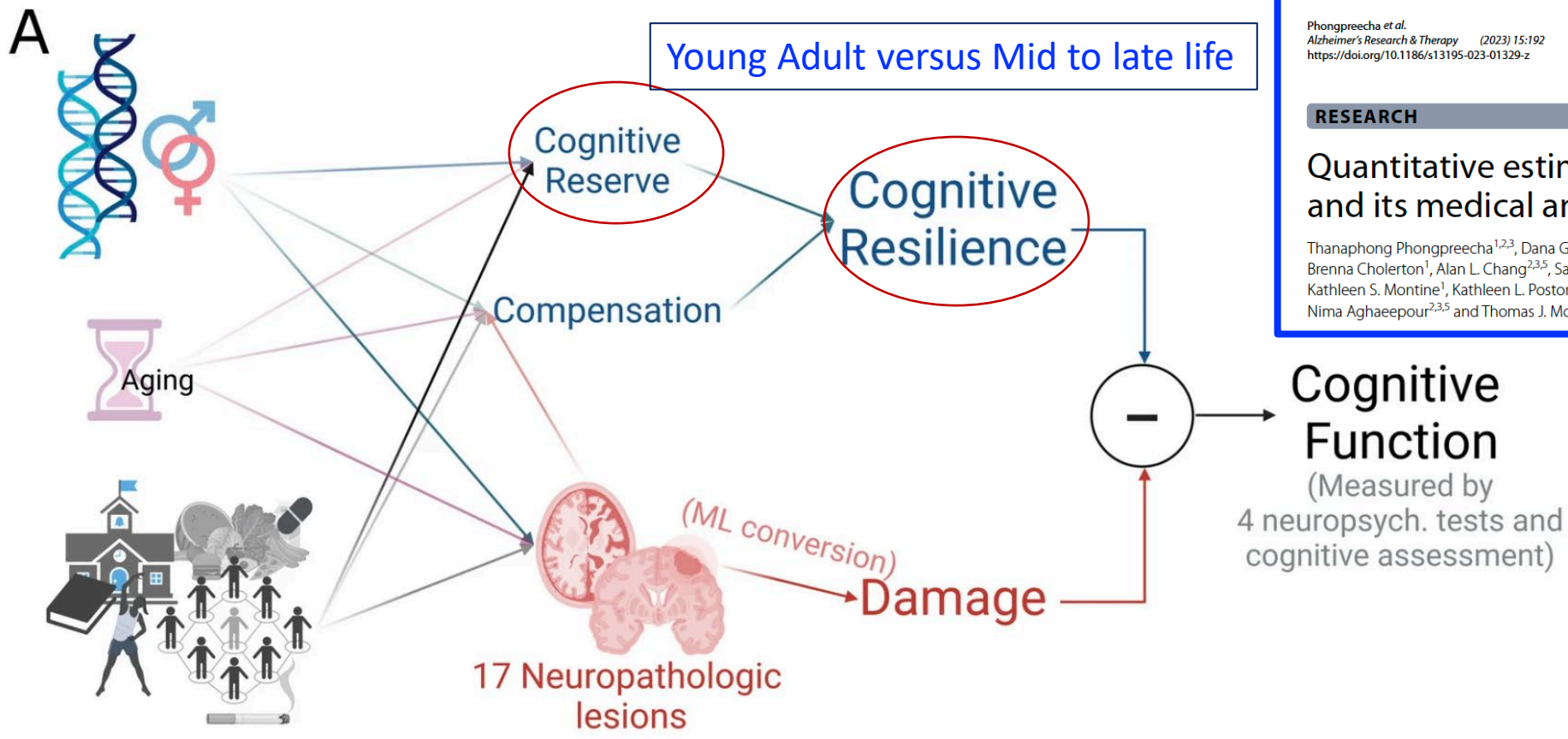
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RESEARCH

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Quantitative estimate of cognitive resilience and its medical and genetic associations

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Cognitive Reserve

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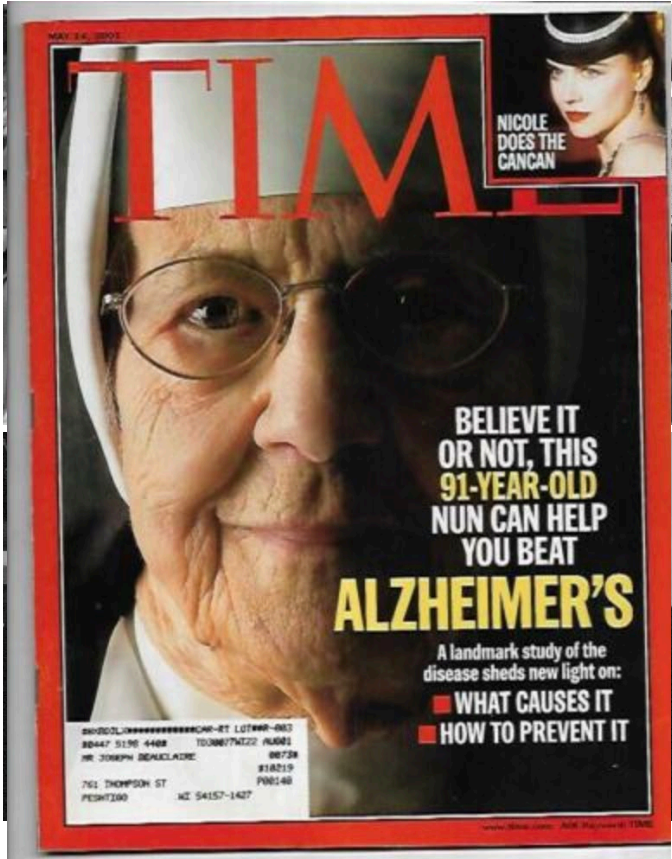
Cognitive Resilience

May be assessed together

What Determines Resilience: Lessons from The Nun Study

- School Sisters of Notre Dame congregation
- 678 women aged 75+, enrolled in 1991
- 20+ years of cognitive and other assessments
- Similar living condition, healthcare & lifestyle
- Observation from healthy to dementia

90% Brain Donors, Dementia results when disease > reserve
Now these data and brain specimens are being studied at the Biggs



Petrie Dish

San Antonio researchers revive 1979 Heart and Mind Study



Societal Prevention:

Behavioral and Social Determinants

Loneliness decreases brain resilience

At same brain volume, cognition was better with 'someone to talk to'

2300 persons in
Framingham study

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Association of Social Support With Brain Volume and Cognition

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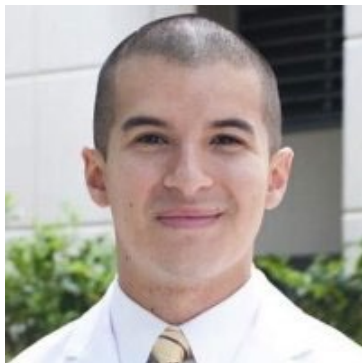
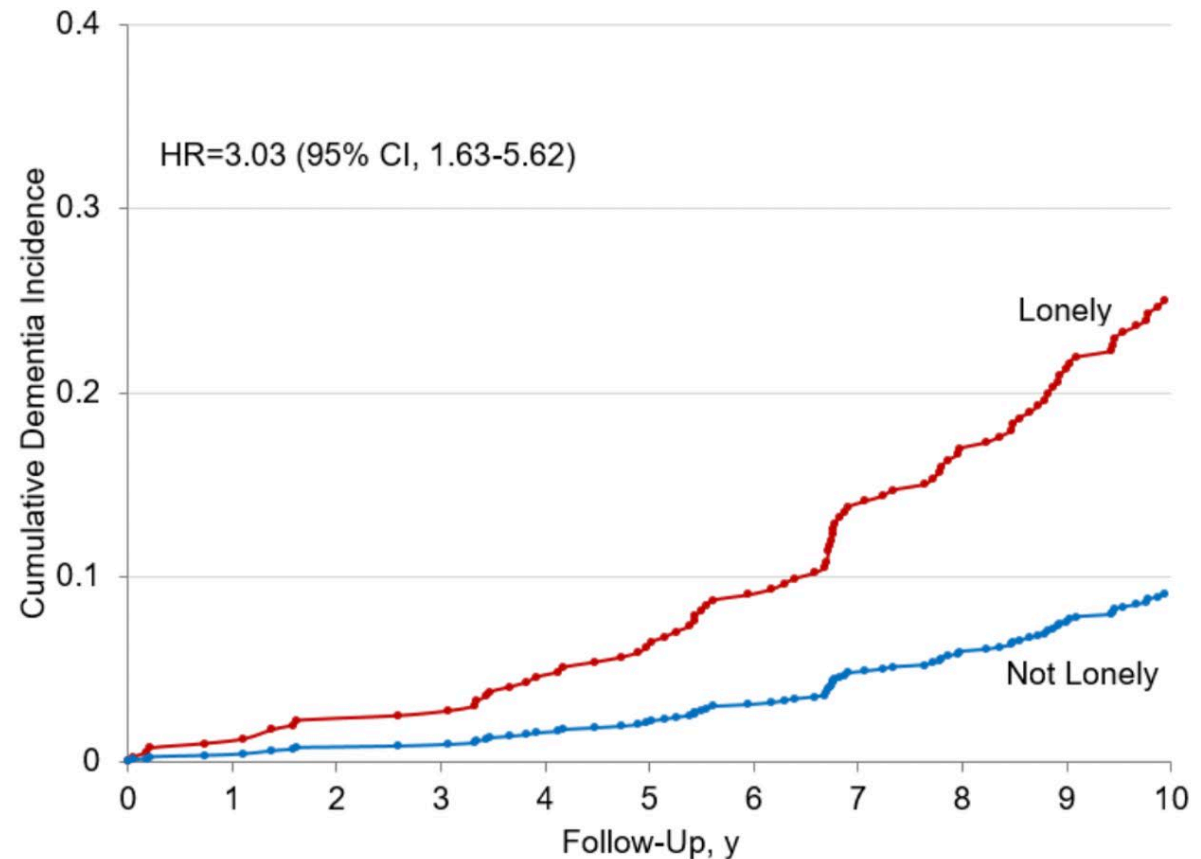
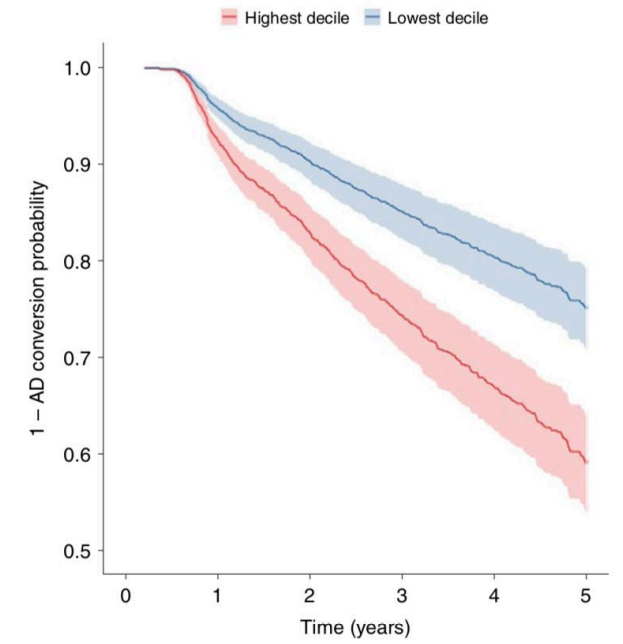
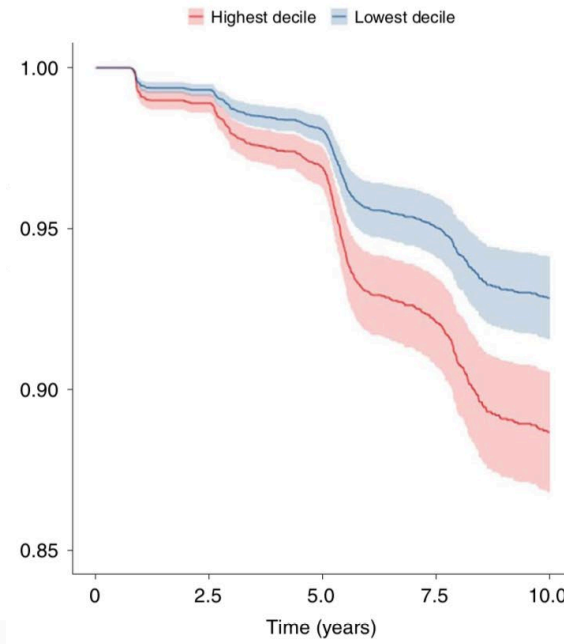
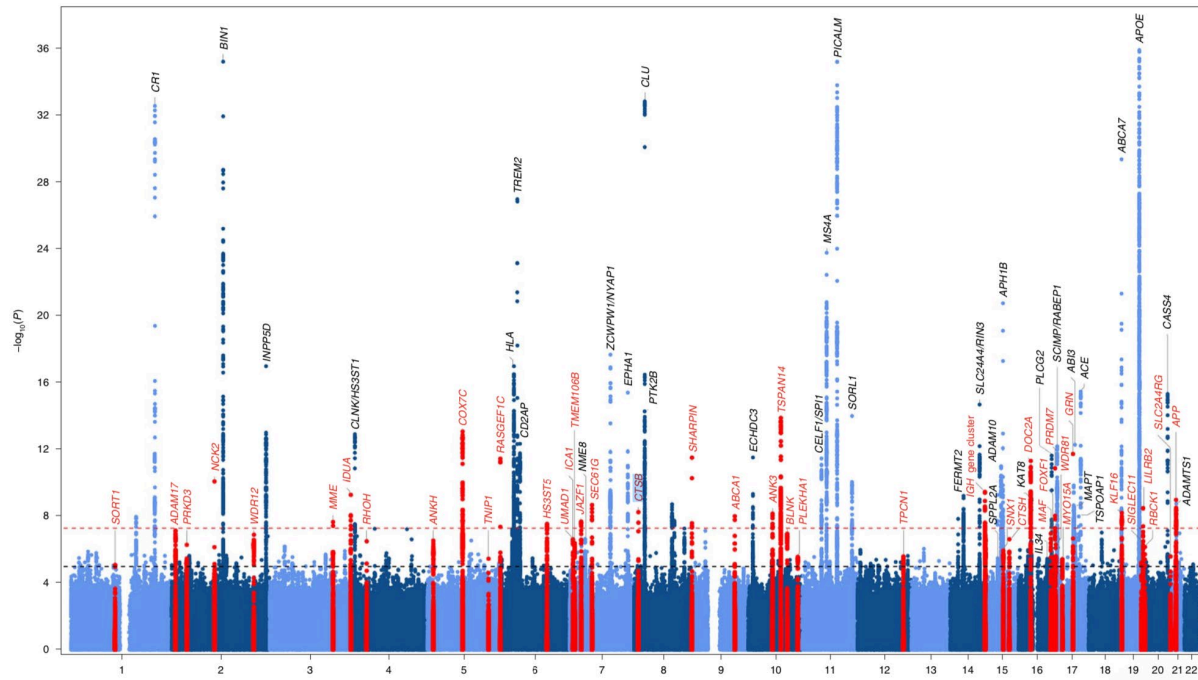


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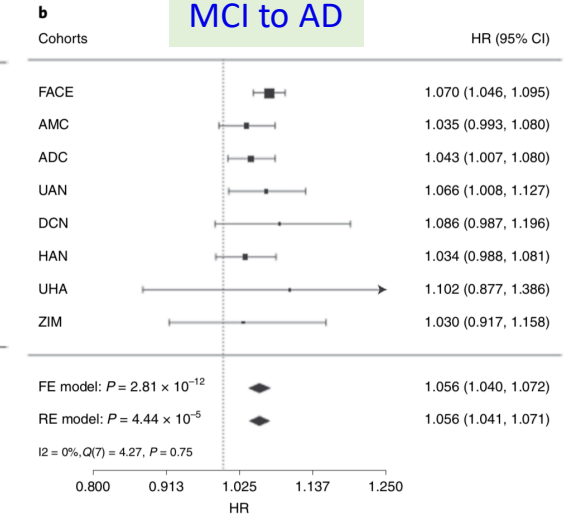
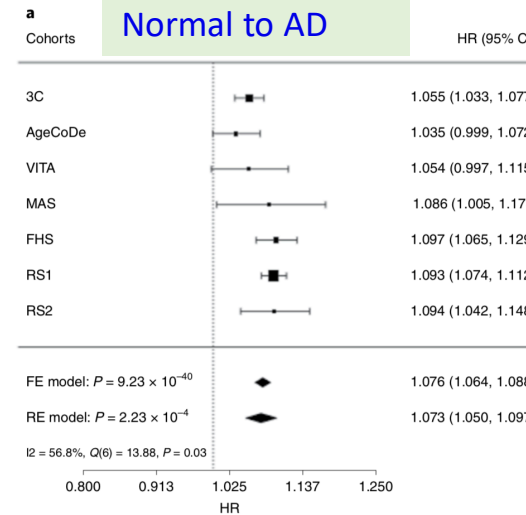


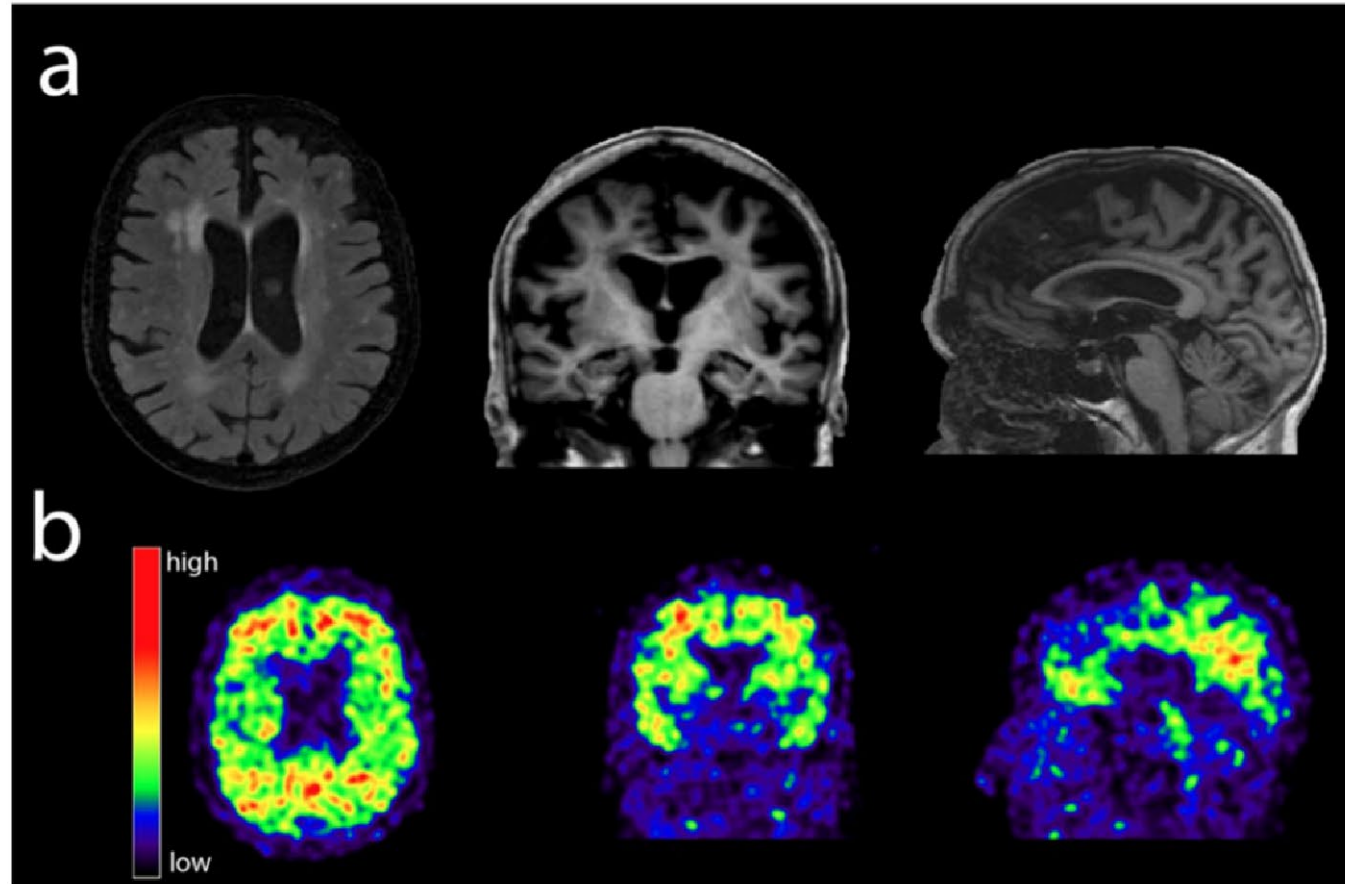
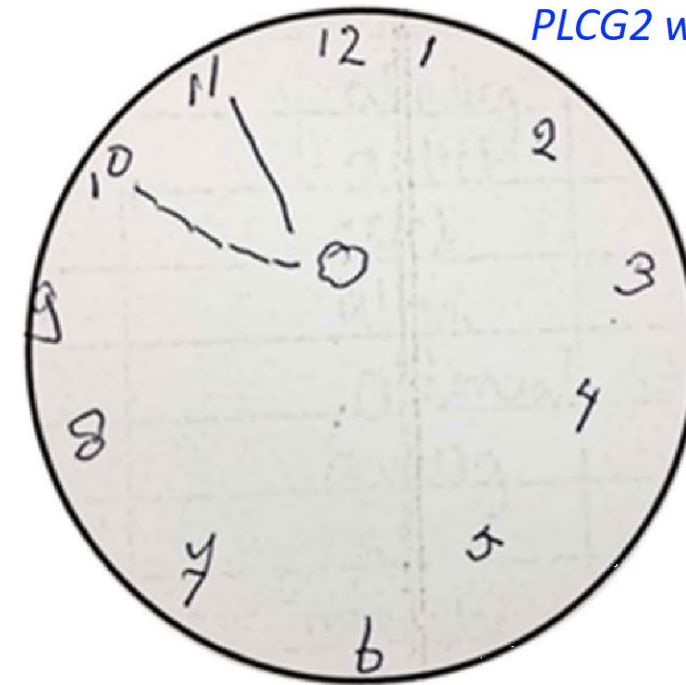


New insights into the genetic etiology of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias

Bellenguez et al.,

Over 90 AD risk genes Polygenic risk scores



**C**

10 minutes before 11

102 year old E4/4 carrier
with protective variant in
PLCG2 with Normal Cog

A nonsynonymous mutation in *PLCG2* reduces the risk of Alzheimer's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia, and increases the likelihood of longevity

Genes Altering Resistance to all
Dementias

'Age at Onset' is an Endophenotype

Association with:	N-cases	N-controls	Odds-ratio	P-value
Alzheimer's disease (AD)	4,985	8,492	0.57 [0.41-0.78]	0.00063*
Dementia with Lewy-bodies (DLB)	1,446	5,286	0.54 [0.30-0.99]	0.045*
Frontotemporal dementia (FTD)	2,437	10,647	0.61 [0.41-0.89]	0.011*
Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP)	882	3,187	1.46 [0.83-2.58]	0.19
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	10,953	20,673	1.07 [0.87-1.33]	0.52
Parkinson's disease (PD)	28,448	108,438	1.18 [0.97-1.44]	0.10
Multiple sclerosis (MS)	4,476	5,714	0.99 [0.74-1.32]	0.95
Reaching the age of >90 years	3,516	9,677	1.50 [1.13-2.00]	0.0051*

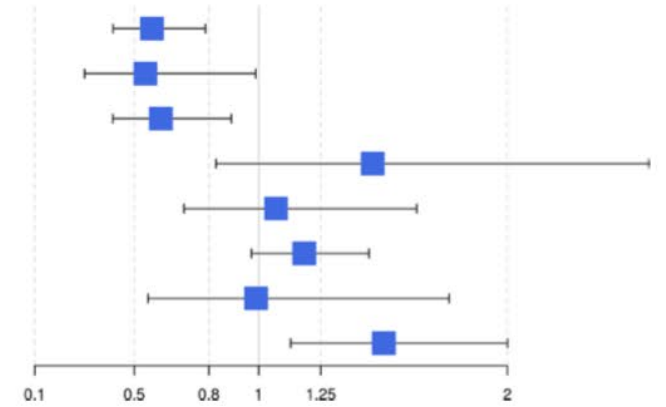
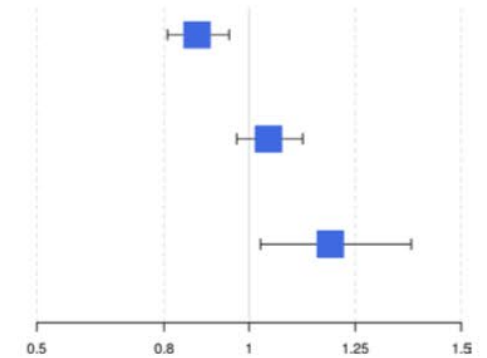


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PLCG2 protective against all types of dementia and increasing longevity?

Association with:	Comparing:	Odds-ratio	P-value
Parental dementia	16,968 father cases vs. 358,468 father controls + 32,262 mother cases vs. 346,999 mothers controls	0.88 [0.81-0.95]	0.0018*
Parental age >90 years	17,558 father's age =90 years vs. 353,100 father age <90 years + 35,256 mother's aged =90 years vs. 342,810 mother's aged <90 years	1.05[0.97-1.13]	0.24
Parental age >95 years	3043 father's age =95 years vs. 353,100 father's age <90 years + 7790 mother's aged =95 years vs. 342,810 mother's aged <90 years	1.19 [1.03-1.38]	0.021*



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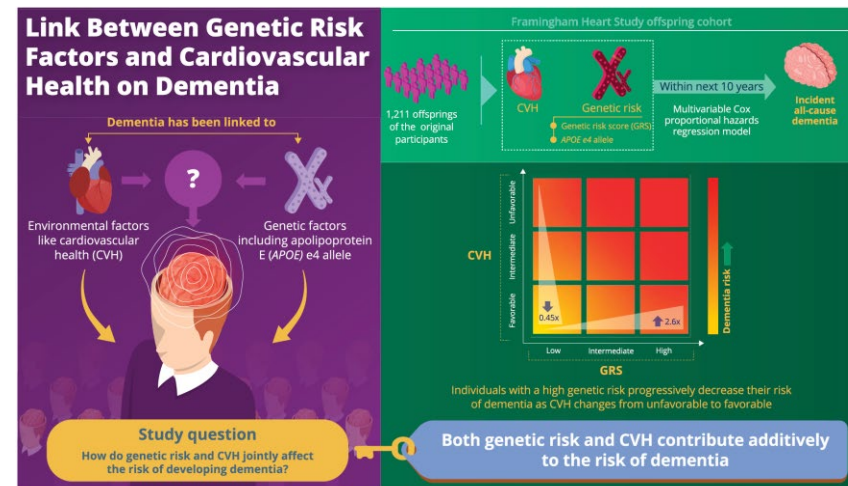
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Polygenic resilience scores capture protective genetic effects for Alzheimer's disease

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988 genetically high-risk “resilient” normal controls and 6541 genetic risk-matched LOAD cases

Polytranscriptomic Risk Score



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Epidemiology / Risk and protective factors in MCI and dementia

Impaired lung function as a risk factor for accelerated brain ageing

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Multomics and Biomarkers to Explore Biological Pathways

Table 1: Cohort	Acronym
Framingham Heart Study	FHS
Cardiovascular Health Study	CHS
Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility-Reykjavik Study	AGES
Three Cities study	3C
Rotterdam Study	RS
Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study	ARIC
Austrian Study of Stroke Prevention	ASPS
Study of Health in Pomerania	SHIP

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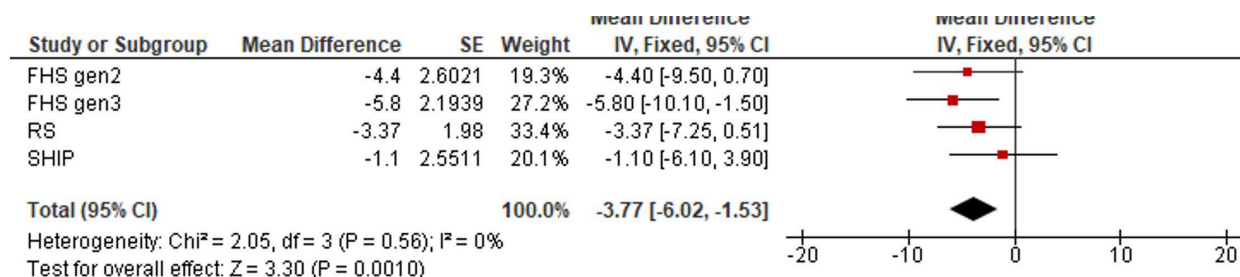
San Antonio Heart Mind Study (SAHMS)

San Antonio Family Heart Study (SAFHS)

Multiethnic Study of Aging (MESA)

Strong Heart Study

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, Liver fibrosis and measures of brain aging: the Cross-Cohort Collaboration



Various Brain MRI measures

LV Ejection Fraction and Heart Failure

Renal Function

Social Networks, Physical Activity, Marital Status, Bone density, Sleep

Diets: MIND, Inflammatory Index, Ultra-processed foods

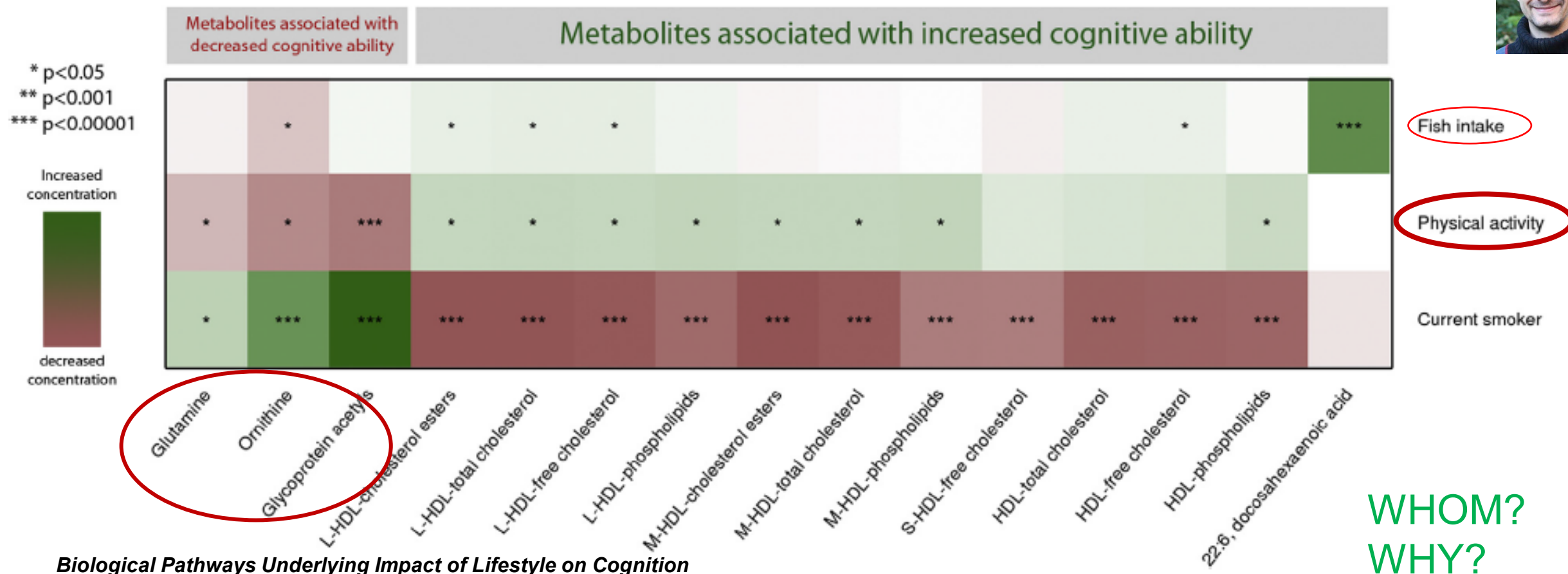
CRP and Other Inflammatory Markers

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Evidence from 11 cohort studies

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Association of branched-chain amino acids and other circulating
metabolites with risk of incident dementia and Alzheimer's disease: A
prospective study in eight cohorts





Biological Pathways Underlying Impact of Lifestyle on Cognition

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Menopause Status Moderates Sex Differences in Tau Burden: A Framingham PET Study

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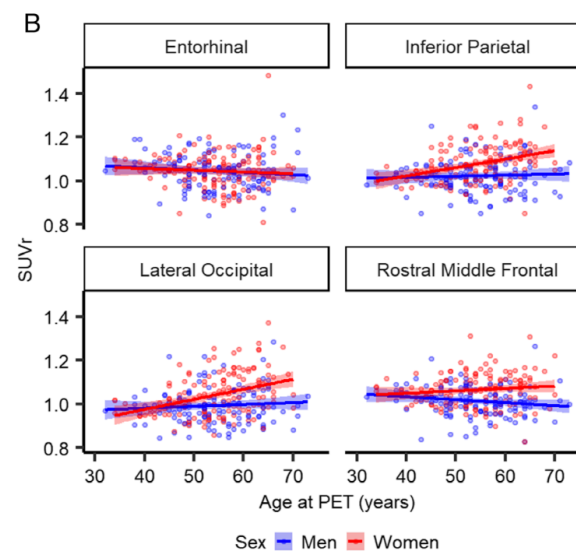
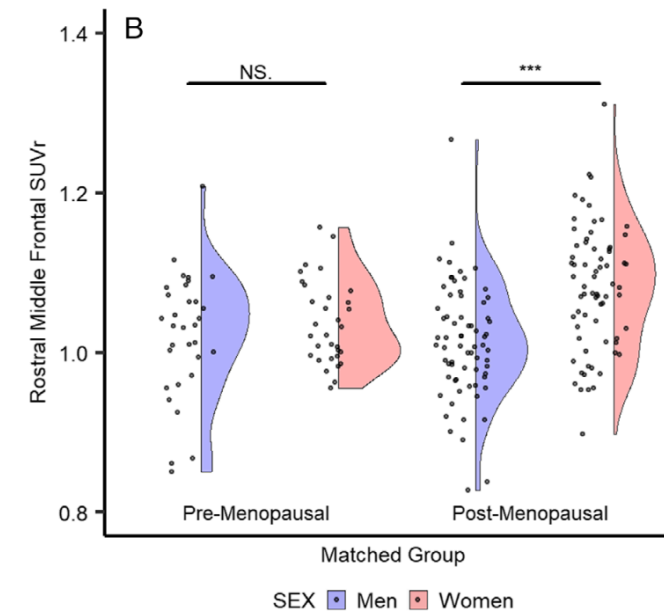
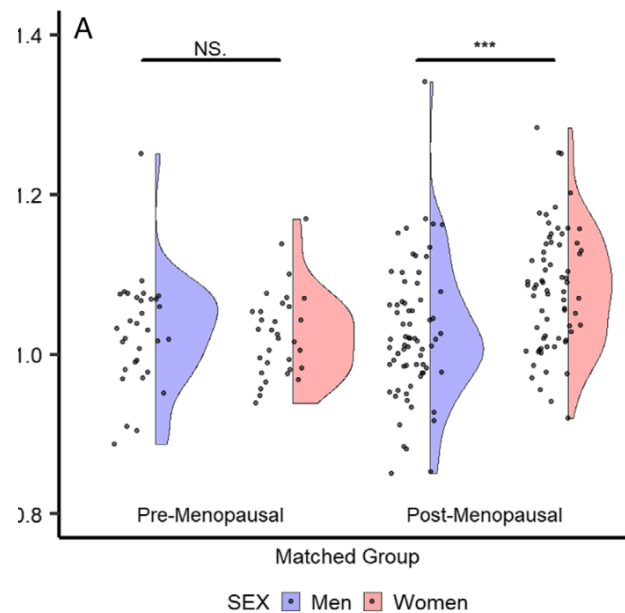
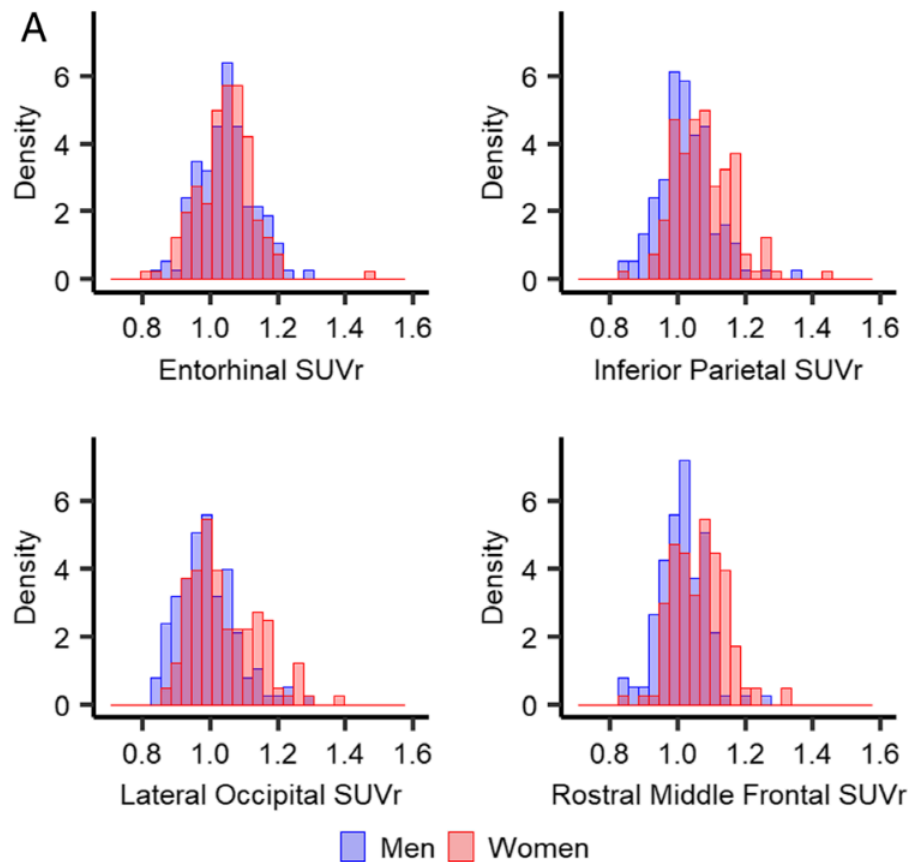


FIGURE 1: Multi-panel histogram/scatterplots of entorhinal, rostral middle frontal, inferior parietal and lateral occipital (unadjusted, raw scores) by (A) sex and (B) sex across the age span.

**Cognitively normal persons
in FHS; Age 35-75**

**Post-menopausal women
have more tau than age-
matched men**

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, Liver Fibrosis, and Regional Amyloid-β and Tau Pathology in Middle-Aged Adults: The Framingham Study

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Mean age=52±9y; 43% women

Table 2
Association between NAFLD and PET Amyloid-β and tau (N = 169)

	Model 1		Model 2	
	B ± SE	p	B ± SE	p
Amyloid FLR ^a	0.02 ± 0.16	0.92	0.06 ± 0.19	0.75
Inferior temporal amyloid ^a	-0.07 ± 0.13	0.60	0.03 ± 0.16	0.83
Parahippocampal amyloid	0.05 ± 0.17	0.78	0.13 ± 0.20	0.50
Entorhinal amyloid	0.16 ± 0.16	0.34	0.20 ± 0.19	0.30
Inferior temporal tau	0.15 ± 0.19	0.42	0.18 ± 0.22	0.42
Parahippocampal tau	-0.13 ± 0.20	0.53	-0.05 ± 0.24	0.84
Entorhinal tau	0.04 ± 0.21	0.85	-0.01 ± 0.25	0.96
Rhinal tau	0.07 ± 0.20	0.71	-0.10 ± 0.24	0.69

NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; PET, positron emission tomography; SE, standard error; FLR, frontal, lateral, and retrosplenial. Model 1: Adjusted for age, sex, time between exposure and PET, and camera. Model 2: Adjusted for age, sex, time between exposure and PET, camera, body mass index, alcohol consumption, smoking, cardiovascular disease, c-reactive protein, total to HDL-cholesterol ratio, diabetes, and hypertension. ^alog transformed.

Table 3
Association of liver fibrosis with PET Amyloid-β and tau (N = 177)

	Fib-4 score ^a				Fib-4 > 1.3			
	Model 1		Model 2		Model 1		Model 2	
	B ± SE	p	B ± SE	p	B ± SE	p	B ± SE	p
Amyloid FLR ^a	0.06 ± 0.24	0.82	0.10 ± 0.27	0.71	0.09 ± 0.20	0.66	0.17 ± 0.22	0.43
Inferior temporal amyloid ^a	-0.04 ± 0.19	0.82	-0.11 ± 0.21	0.59	0.05 ± 0.16	0.75	0.11 ± 0.17	0.52
Parahippocampal amyloid	-0.12 ± 0.24	0.62	-0.20 ± 0.26	0.44	-0.01 ± 0.20	0.96	0.06 ± 0.21	0.76
Entorhinal amyloid	-0.34 ± 0.24	0.16	-0.52 ± 0.26	0.05	-0.16 ± 0.20	0.42	-0.13 ± 0.21	0.55
Inferior temporal tau	0.52 ± 0.27	0.06	0.80 ± 0.31	0.01	0.16 ± 0.28	0.56	0.28 ± 0.28	0.33
Parahippocampal tau	0.65 ± 0.29	0.03	0.88 ± 0.32	0.01	0.32 ± 0.30	0.28	0.44 ± 0.30	0.13
Entorhinal tau	0.39 ± 0.30	0.20	0.82 ± 0.35	0.02	0.20 ± 0.31	0.51	0.39 ± 0.31	0.22
Rhinal tau	0.72 ± 0.30	0.02	1.03 ± 0.33	0.002^b	0.12 ± 0.30	0.68	0.26 ± 0.30	0.39

PET, positron emission tomography; FIB-4, Fibrosis-4 score; SE, standard error; FLR, frontal, lateral, and retrosplenial. Model 1: Adjusted for age, sex, time between exposure and PET, and camera. Model 2: Adjusted for age, sex, time between exposure and PET, camera, body mass index, alcohol consumption, smoking, cardiovascular disease, c-reactive protein, total to HDL-cholesterol ratio, diabetes, and hypertension. ^alog transformed. ^bSignificant at FDR-corrected $\alpha = 0.05$ level. Bold values indicate p -value < 0.05.

Table 4
Association of liver fibrosis with PET Amyloid-β and tau in subjects with prevalent NAFLD (N = 41)

	Fib-4 score ^a		Fib-4 > 1.3	
	B ± SE	p	B ± SE	p
Amyloid FLR ^a	1.93 ± 0.47	<0.001^b	1.33 ± 0.44	0.005^b
Inferior temporal amyloid ^a	1.59 ± 0.38	<0.001^b	1.10 ± 0.36	0.005^b
Parahippocampal amyloid	1.52 ± 0.54	0.008^b	1.00 ± 0.49	0.05
Entorhinal amyloid	0.89 ± 0.44	0.05	0.61 ± 0.39	0.13
Inferior temporal tau	2.01 ± 0.47	<0.001^b	2.57 ± 0.56	<0.001^b
Parahippocampal tau	1.60 ± 0.53	0.007^b	1.72 ± 0.70	0.02^b
Entorhinal tau	1.59 ± 0.47	0.003^b	1.97 ± 0.58	0.003^b
Rhinal tau	1.60 ± 0.42	0.001^b	1.59 ± 0.59	0.01^b

PET, positron emission tomography; NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; FIB-4, Fibrosis-4 score; SE, standard error; FLR, frontal, lateral, and retrosplenial. Adjusted for age, sex, time between exposure and PET, and camera. ^alog transformed. ^bSignificant at FDR-corrected $\alpha = 0.05$ level. Bold values indicate p -value < 0.05.

Large Consortia are needed to find small effects!

Summary

- Half of all dementia will soon be in the oldest-old
- Multiple Etiology Dementia is the norm
- Genetic and lifestyle, environmental risk and resilience factors modify clinical expression; usually present as multimorbidity
- Large collaborations are needed to identify nuances, understand biology leading to targeted prevention trials

