



# "Alzheimer's Disease and the need of New Technologies"

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**Among the 10 more  
important medical topics  
on AGEING**

*The first is:*

**Dementia**

# Outline

- Epidemiology-Ageing: E-Education
- Diagnosis (MCI and AD)
- Prevention
- Current Management
  - Pharmacological
  - Non-Pharmacological
- Future Directions

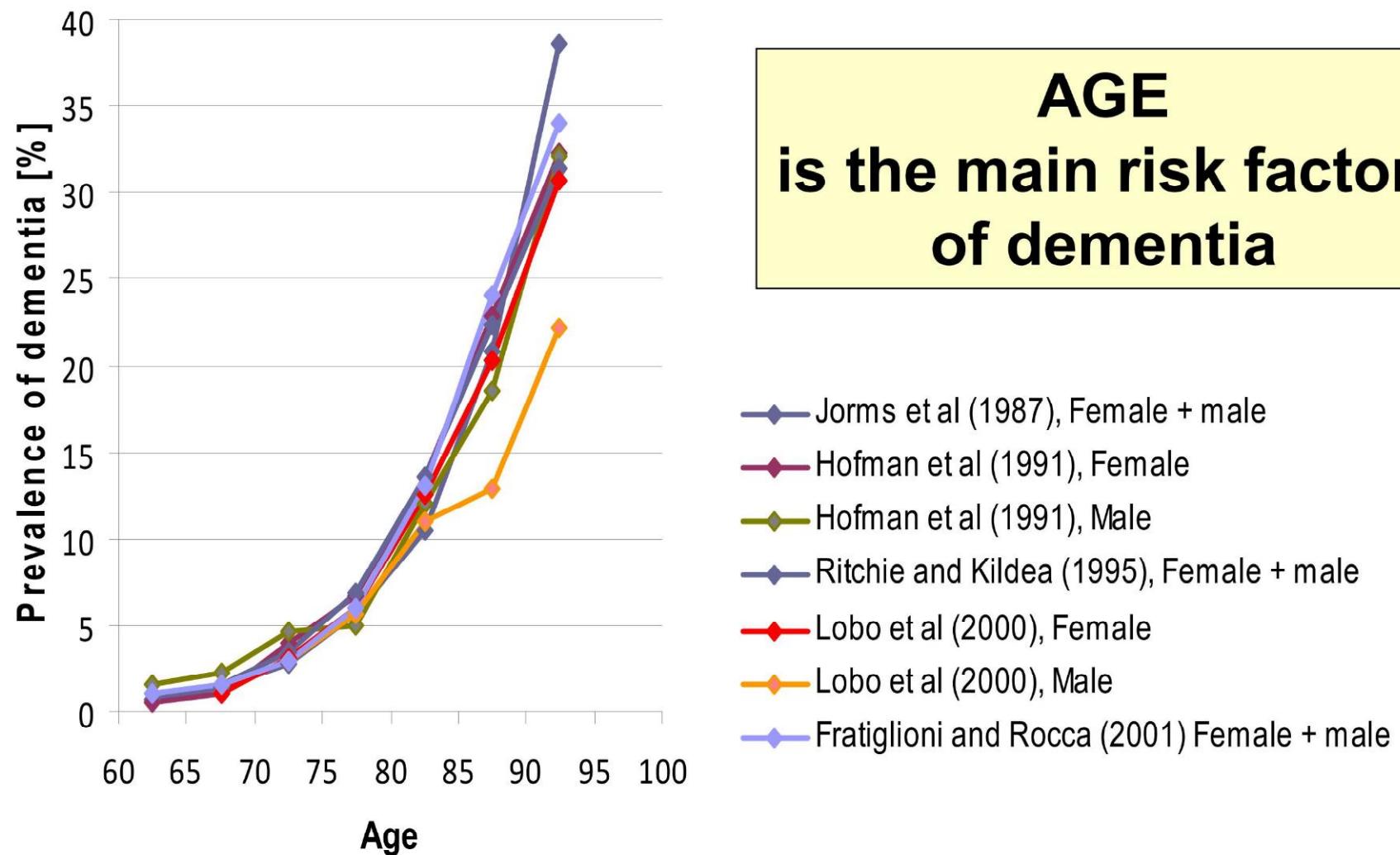
# Prevalence in Greece

- Municipality of Pylea
- Total            9,5% >70, (1992-94)
- Municipality of Alexander the Great
- Total            3,6% >65 (2009)
- Tsolaki M et al. 1999, 2010, 2013

# **Prevalence in Crete, 2012**

- 8 villages
- Mountain area of Rethymnis
- 546 live in other towns
- 468 were absent
- 170 denied to respond
- 8 had dementia
- 534 responded

# Prevalence of dementia according to the main published meta-analyses



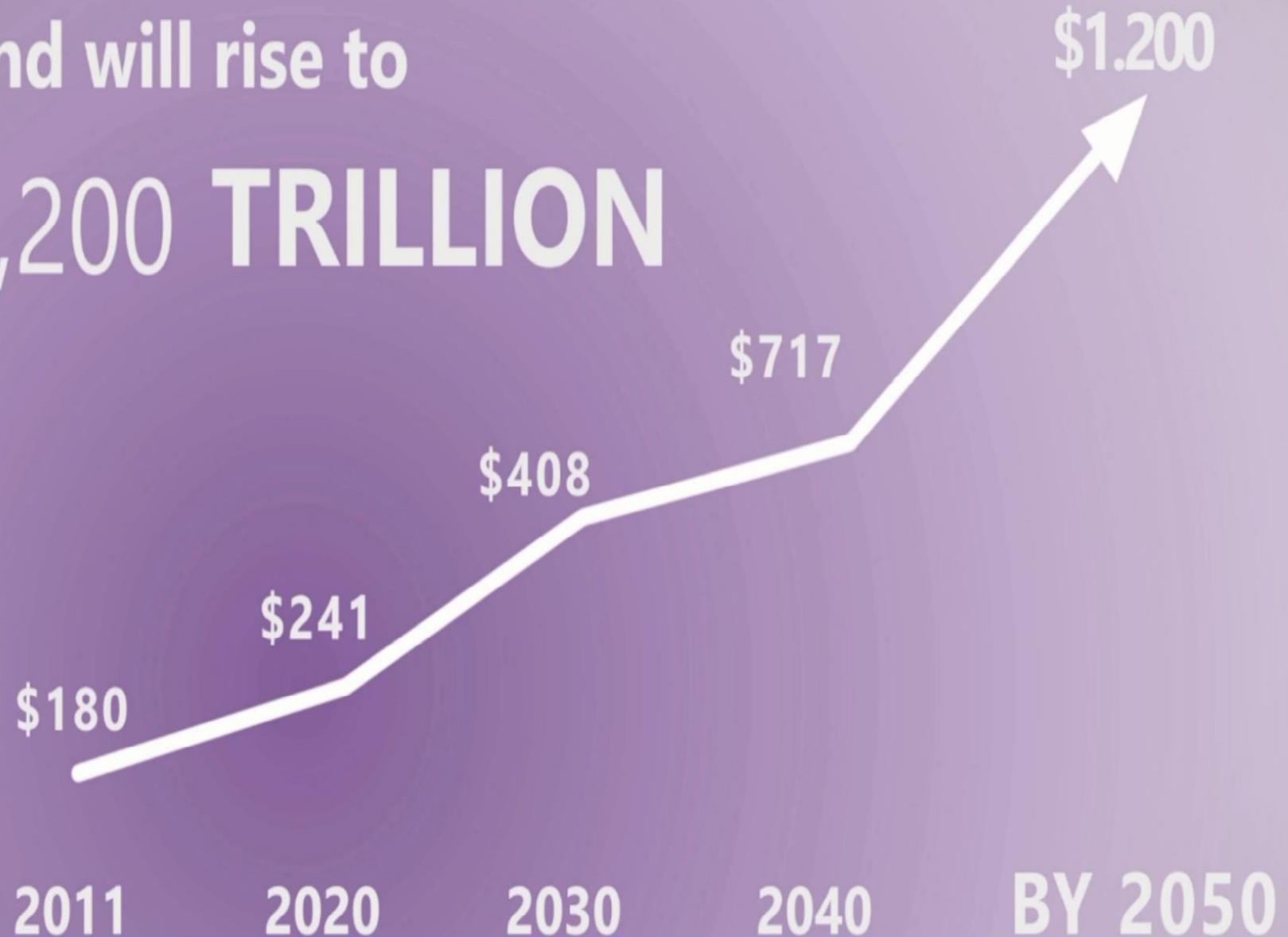
**AGE  
is the main risk factor  
of dementia**



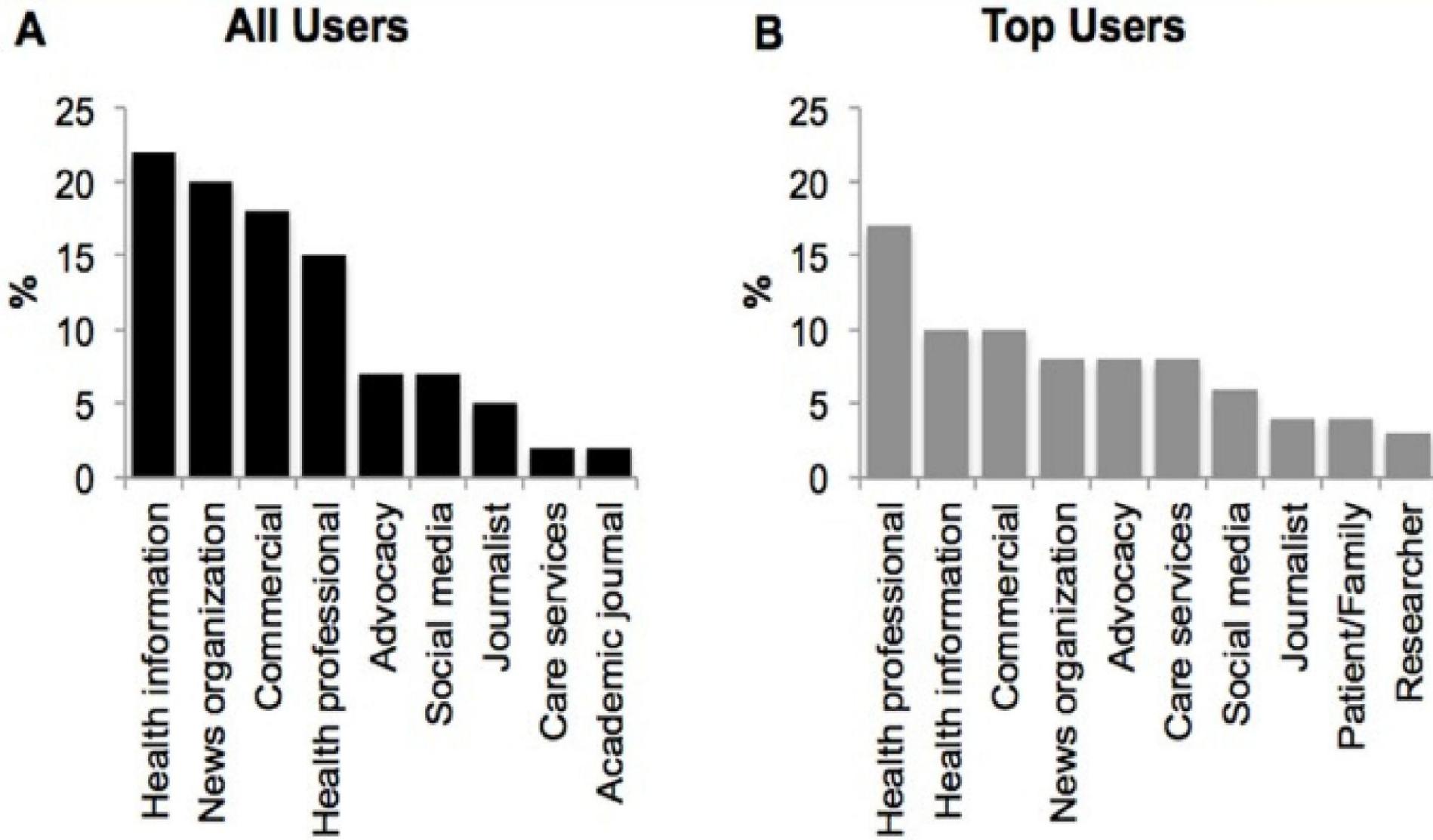
Every 68:00"  
One person is diagnosed with  
Alzheimer's Disease

And will rise to

1,200 TRILLION



# Aging 2.0: Health Information about Dementia on Twitter.



# Numbers in Greece (Our experience)

- Only 5% of elderly know to use PC
- Only 15% have used PC in Day Centers
- **But**
- 90% believe that the use of PC can help them
- 100% say that it is very easy
- 100% want to use it again

# **1<sup>st</sup> Question**

## **New technology and**

- **Privacy and security:** How can technology help people with dementia share health-related information while addressing privacy and security concerns that families have about home monitoring?

## **2nd Question**

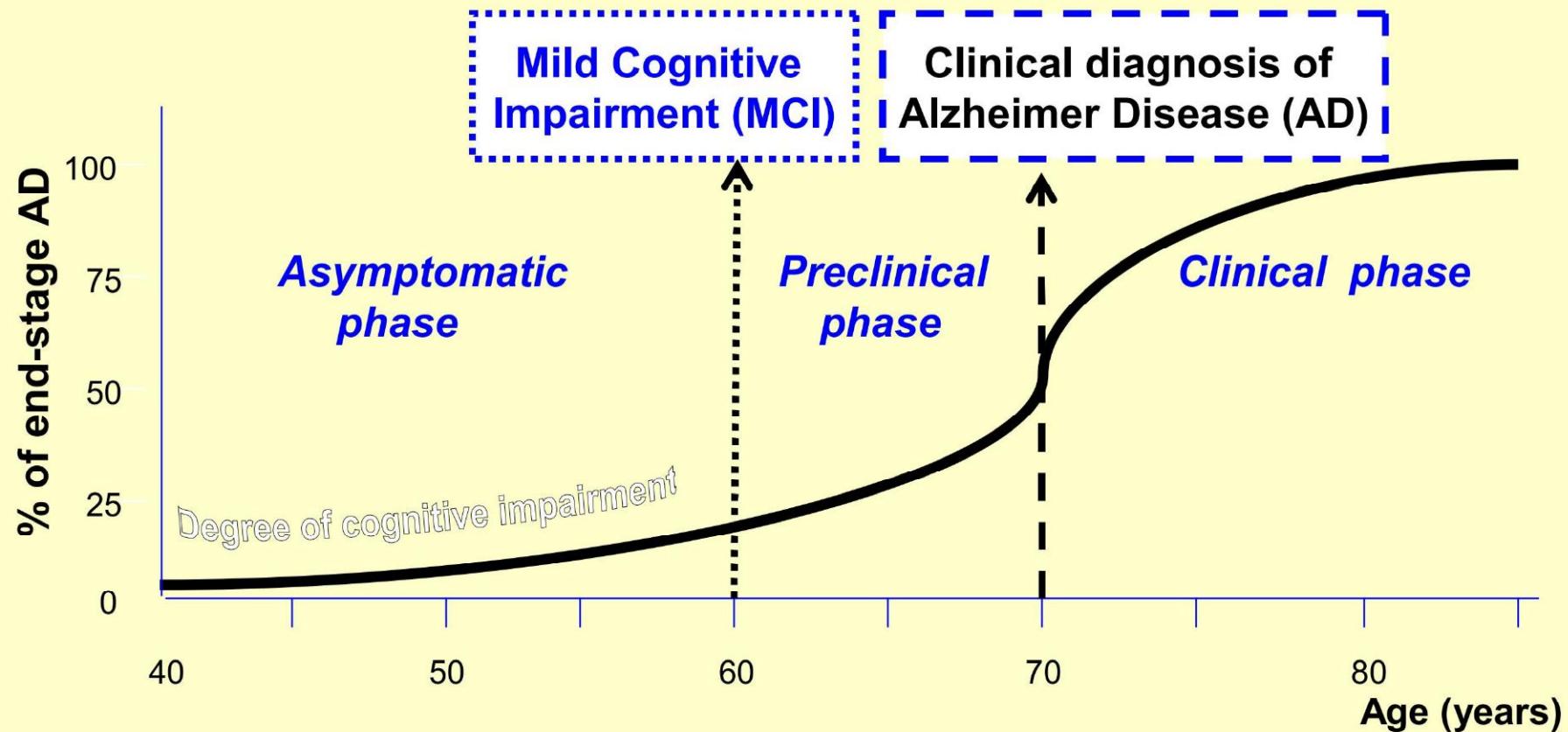
What happens with Aging?  
Can we change it?  
Can we do something more  
than education with new  
technologies?

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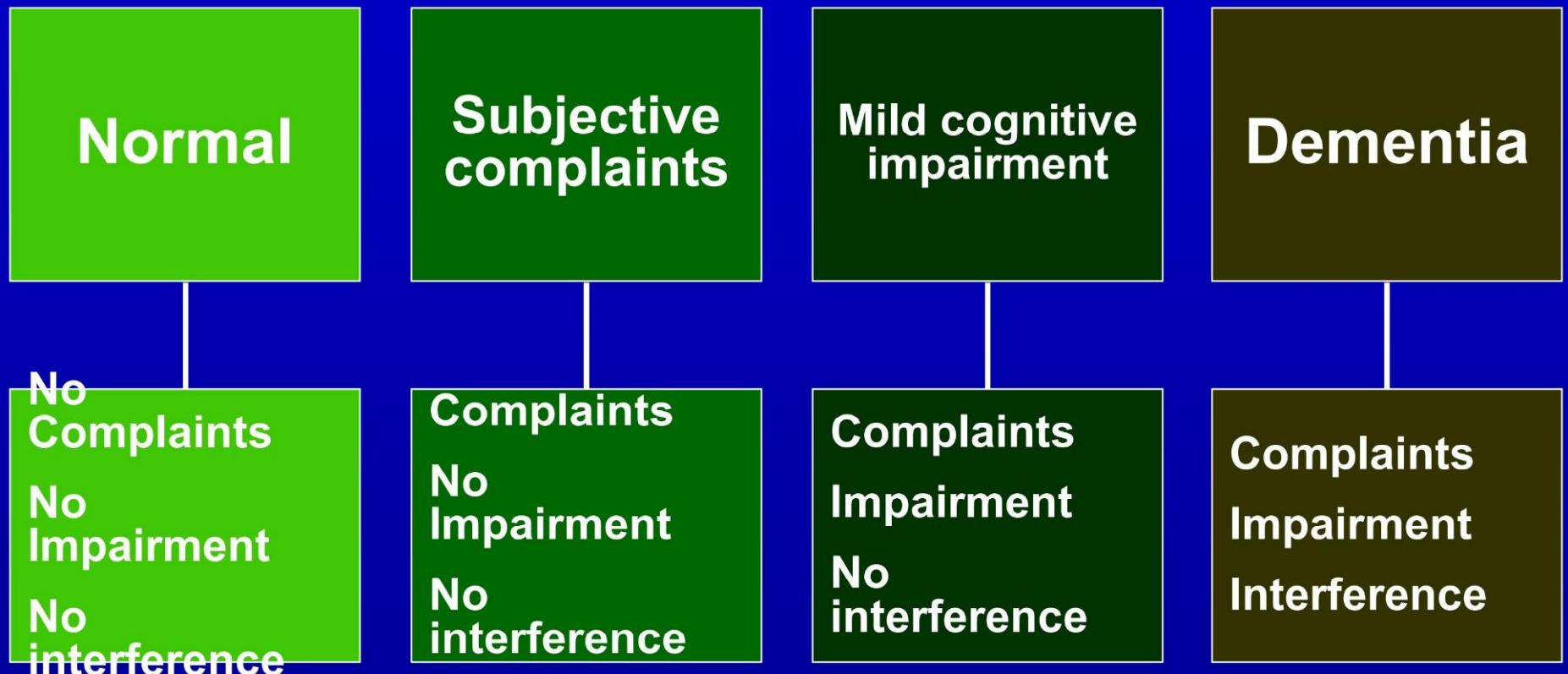
# Alzheimer's Disease

## A Lifelong Commitment



Modified from PJ VISSER 2000 and M KIPIVELTO 2005

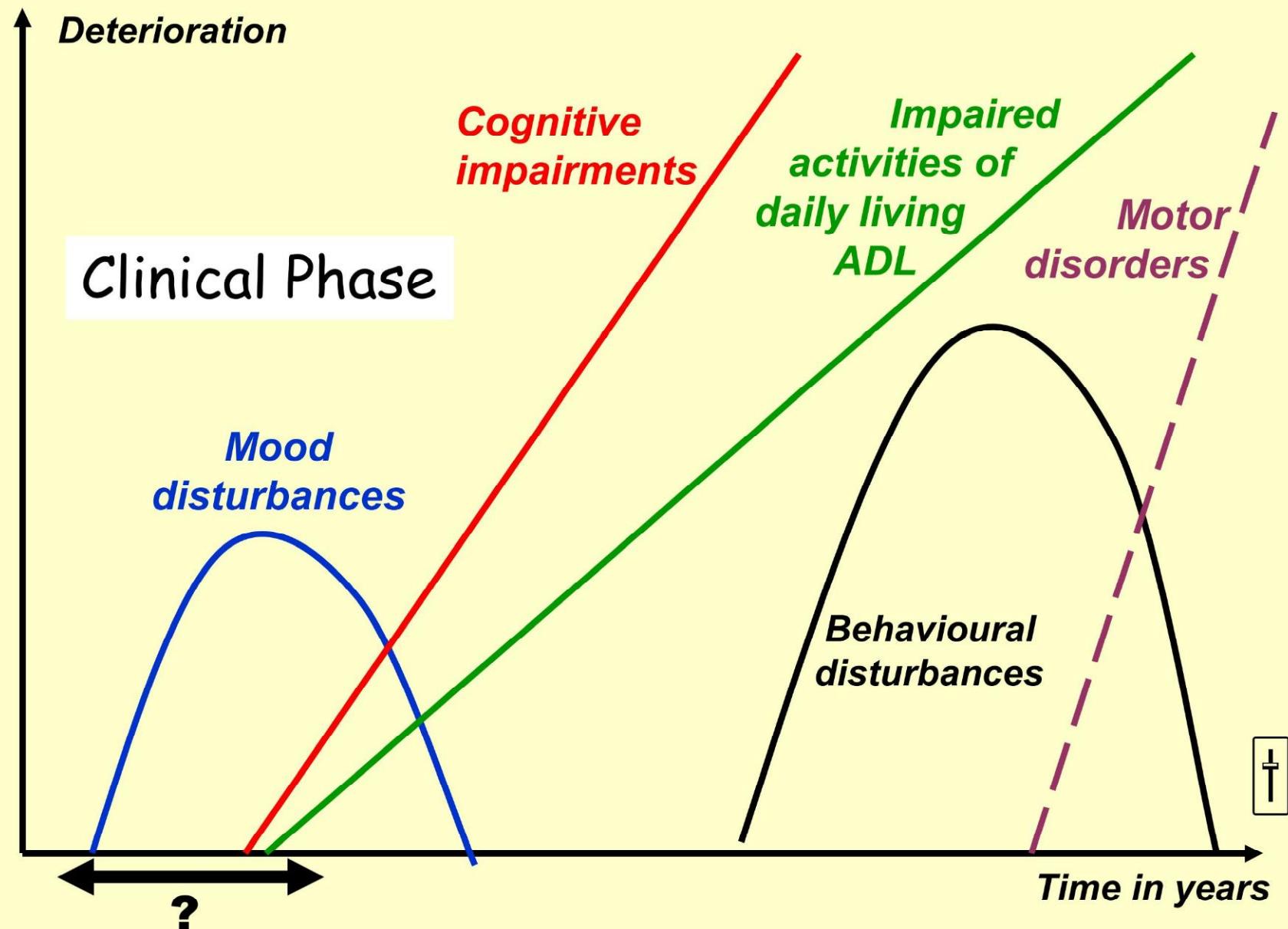
# What is MCI? (P. Visser, 2010)



# Outline

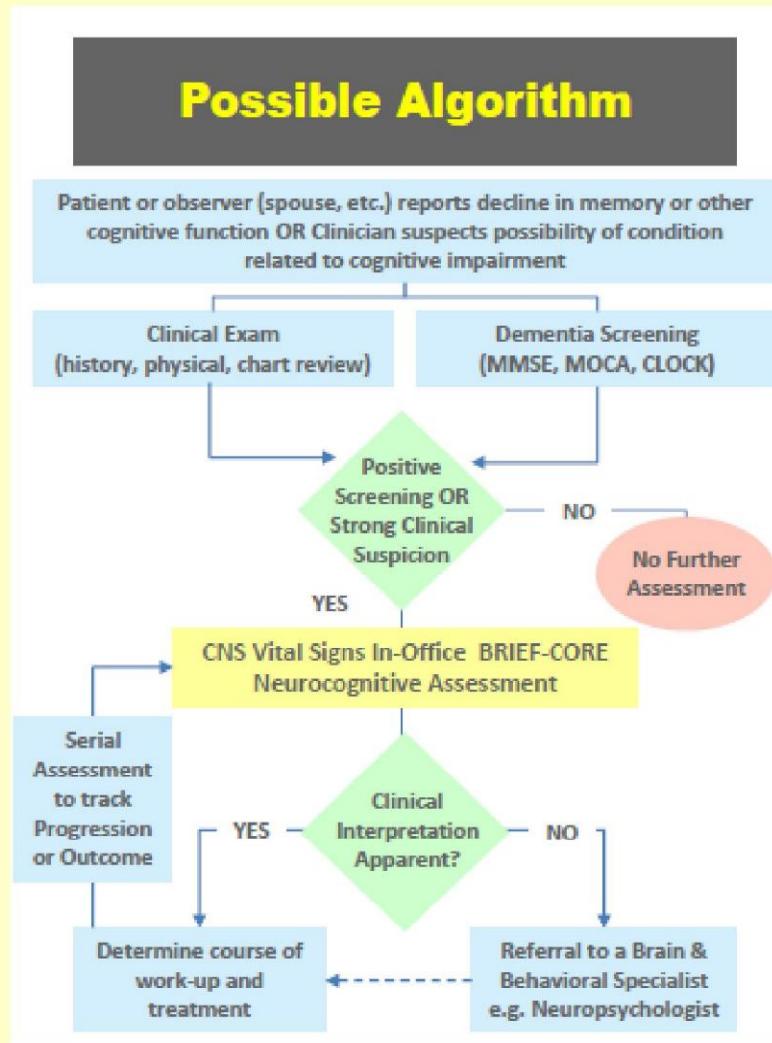
- Epidemiology-**Education**
- Diagnosis (MCI and AD),  
**Neuropsychology, Genetics,  
Neuroimaging**
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# Alzheimer Disease Progression

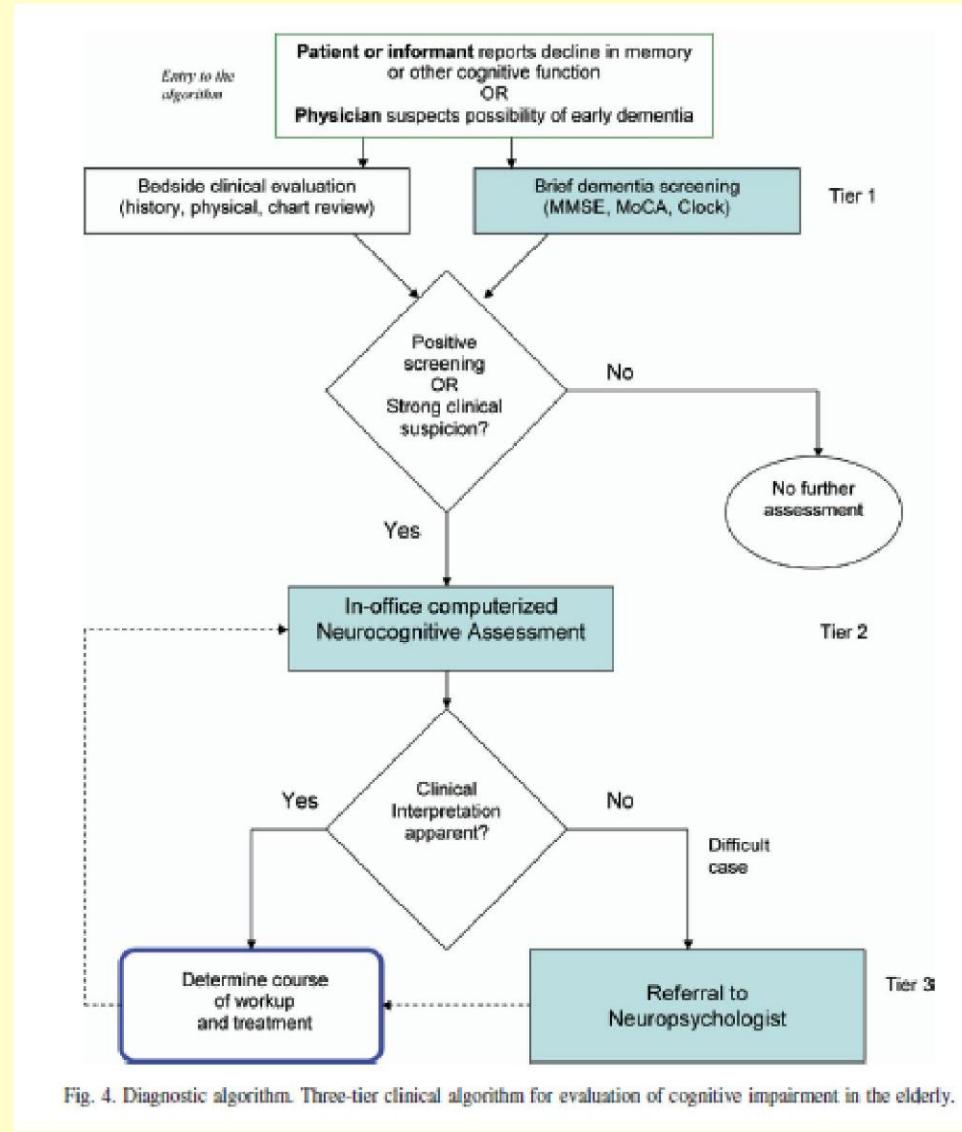


From S GAUTHIER 1996

# CNS Vital Signs



# Mindstreams



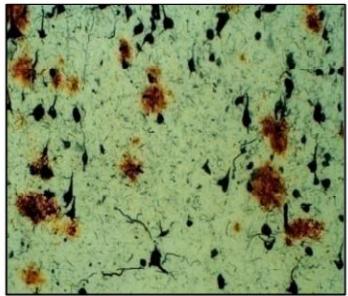
## Cognitive Function Test

# Our Experience (Collaboration program)

Cognitive Tests with PC	Our new efforts
<i>CAMCOG-CAT</i>	Amsterdam for ADL
<i>ANAM</i>	
<i>CANTAB</i>	
<i>CNSVS</i>	Salonica Test for ABC
<i>CogniScreen</i>	
<i>CALLS</i>	
<i>COGDRAS</i>	
<i>CSI</i>	
<i>COGselftest</i>	
<i>CogState</i>	
<i>CNTB</i>	
<i>CANS-MCI</i>	
<i>CAMCI</i>	
<i>MCI Screen</i>	
<i>MicroCog</i>	
<i>Mindstreams</i>	
<i>TDAS</i>	
<i>CAT</i>	
Cognitive Function test	

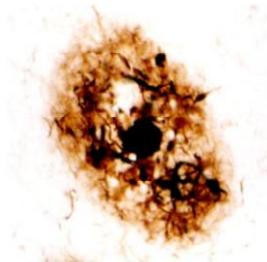
## **3<sup>rd</sup> Question**

- **Early detection:** How can caregivers capture behavioral data from everyday devices like cell phones and home camera systems?

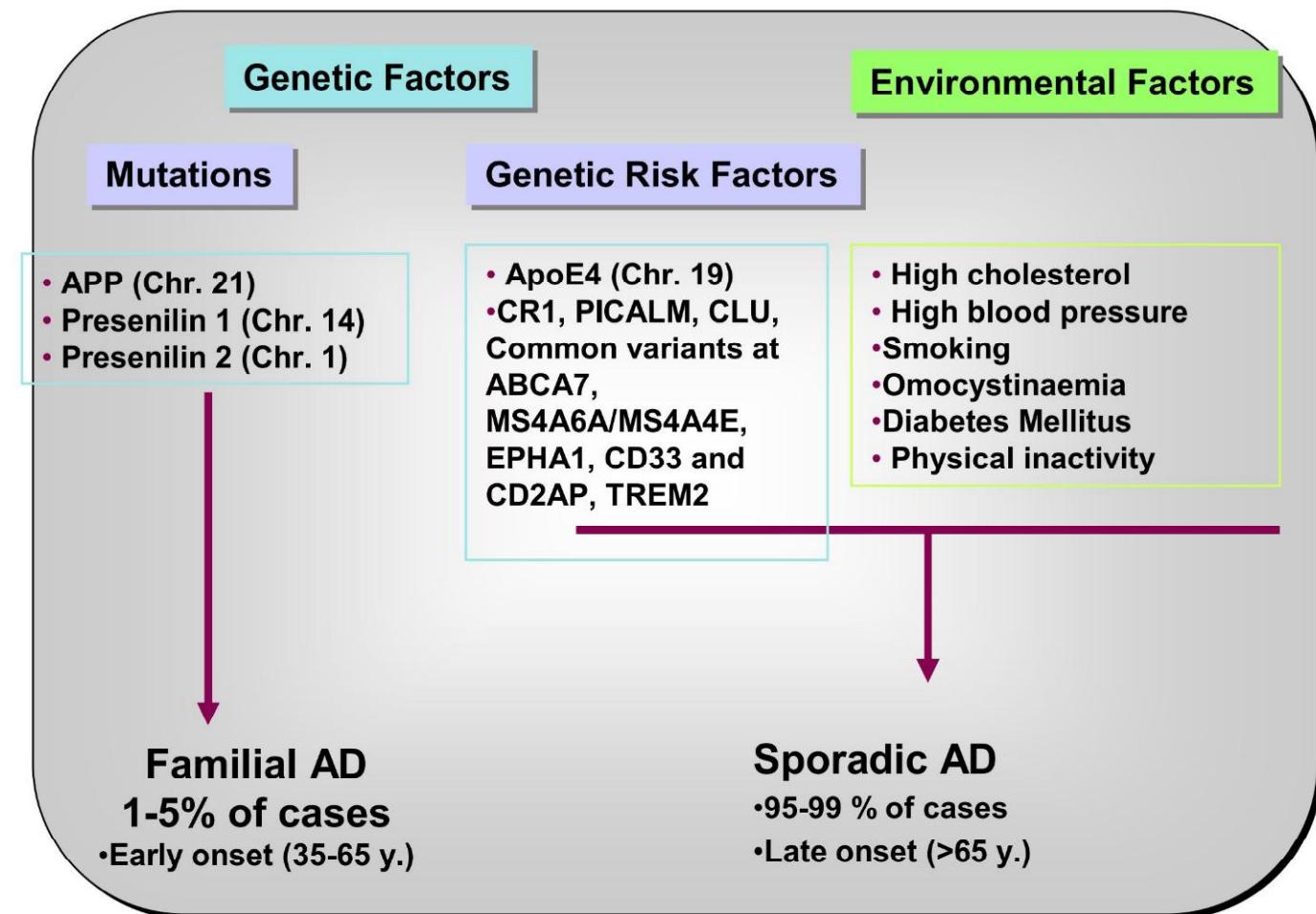


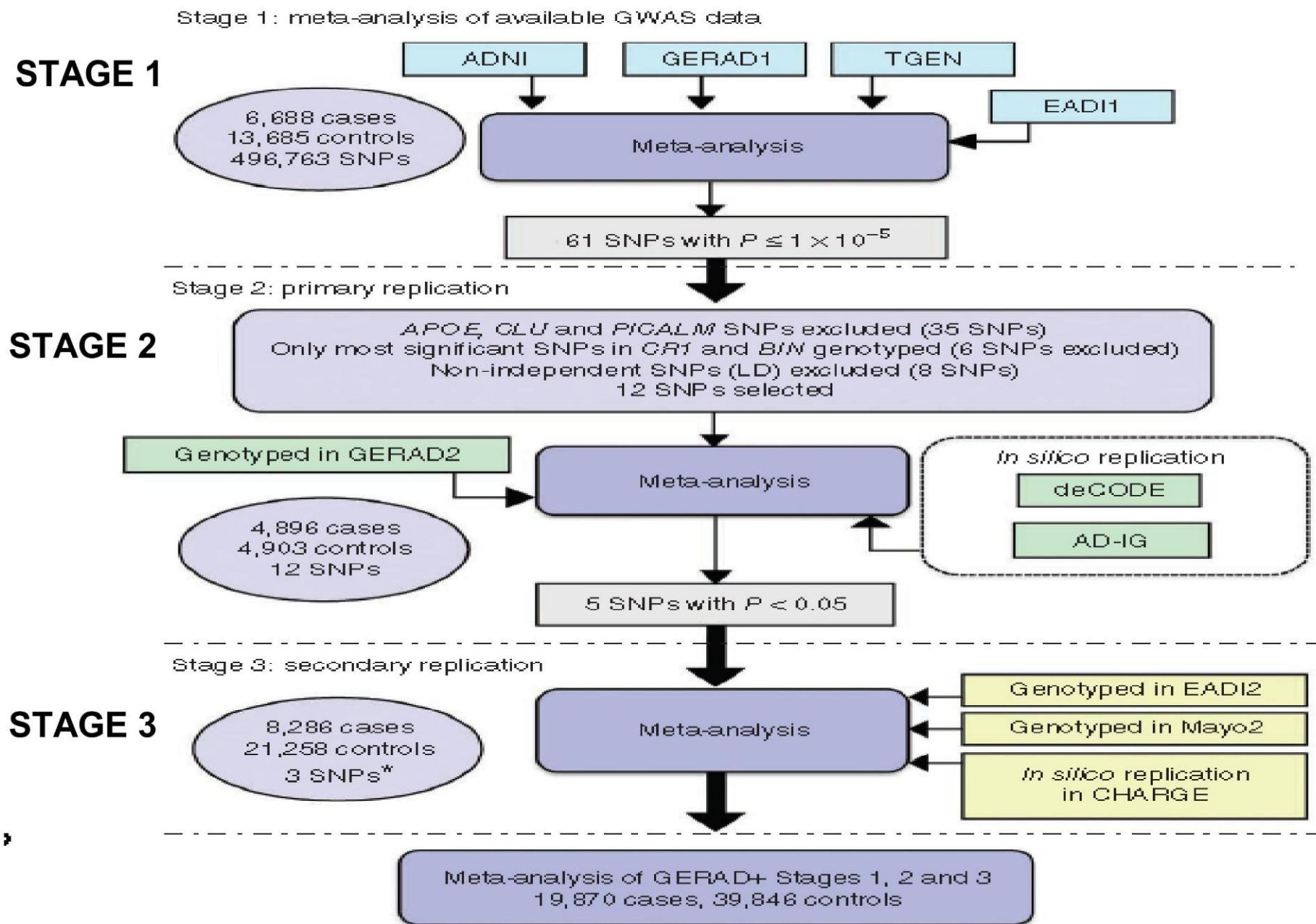
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Beta-amyloid plaques

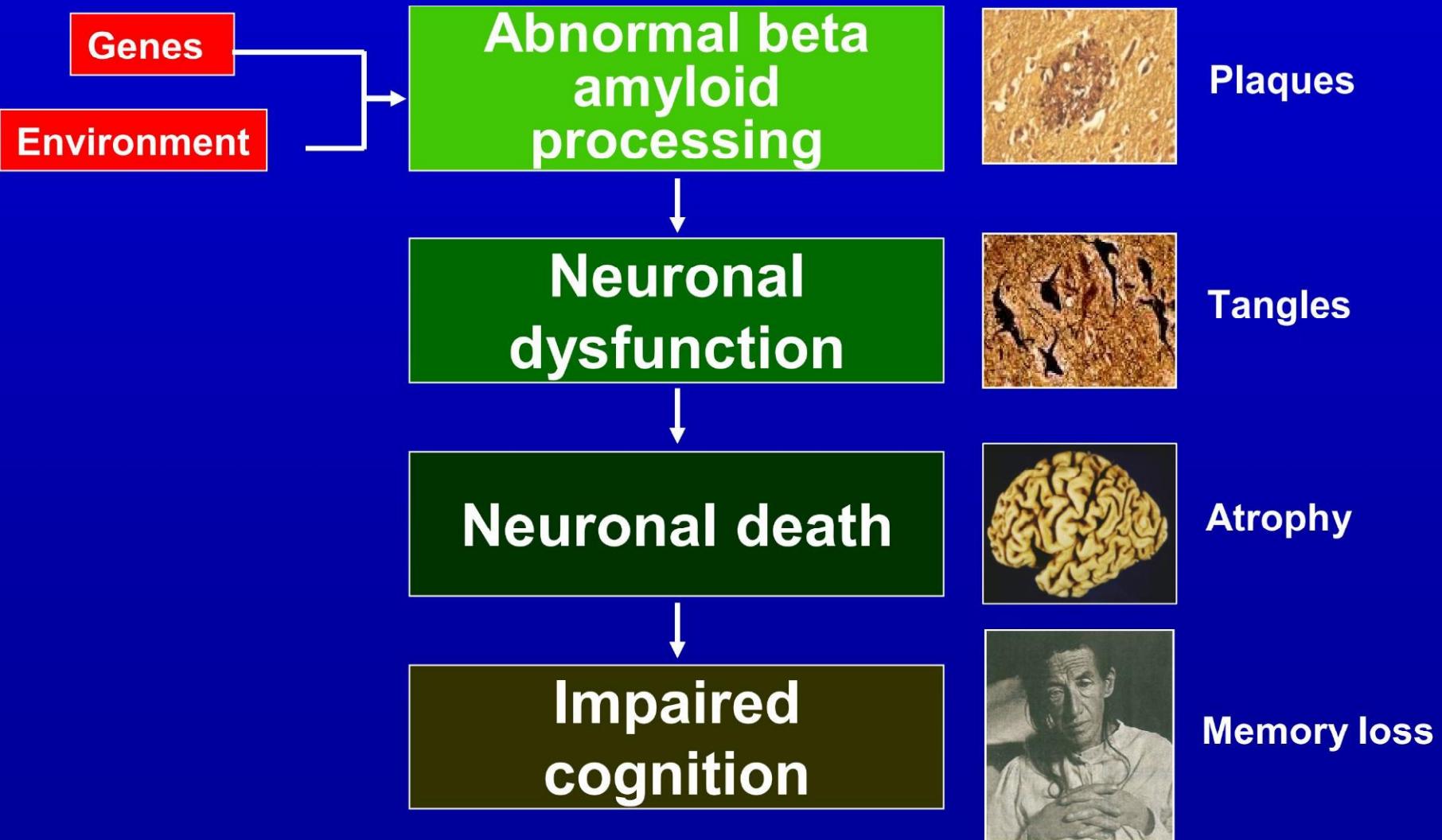


Neurofibrillary Tangles



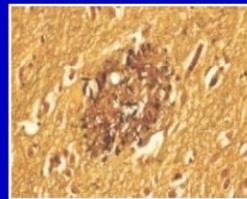


# Alzheimer's disease



# Alzheimer's disease

Abnormal beta  
amyloid  
processing



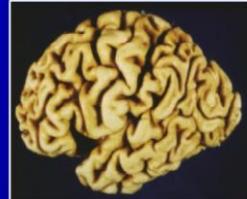
Plaques

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Neuronal  
dysfunction



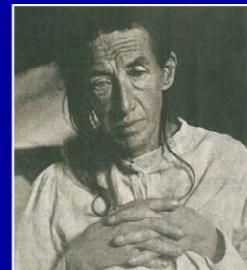
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Neuronal death



Atrophy

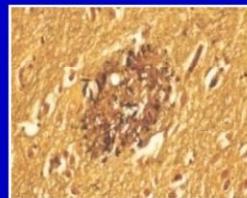
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Impaired  
cognition



Memory loss

# Alzheimer's disease

Abnormal beta  
amyloid  
processing



Plaques →

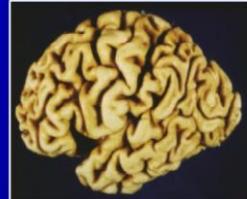


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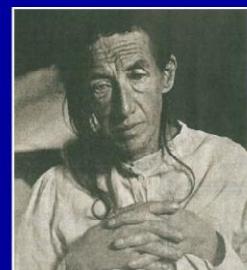
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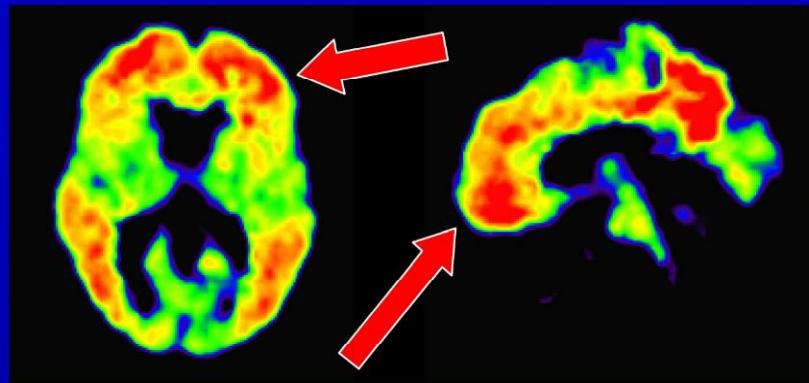
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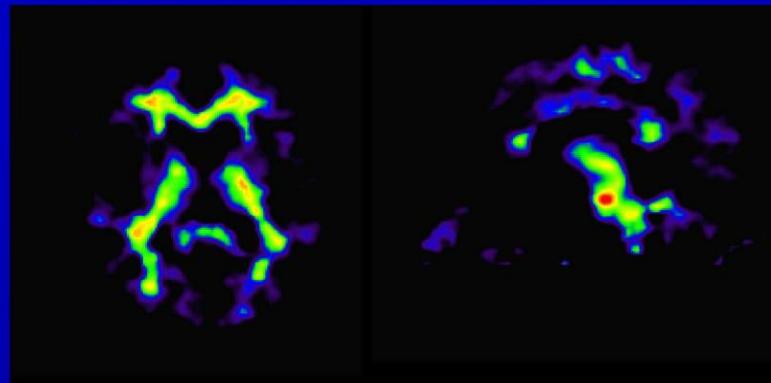


Memory loss

# PET PiB scan



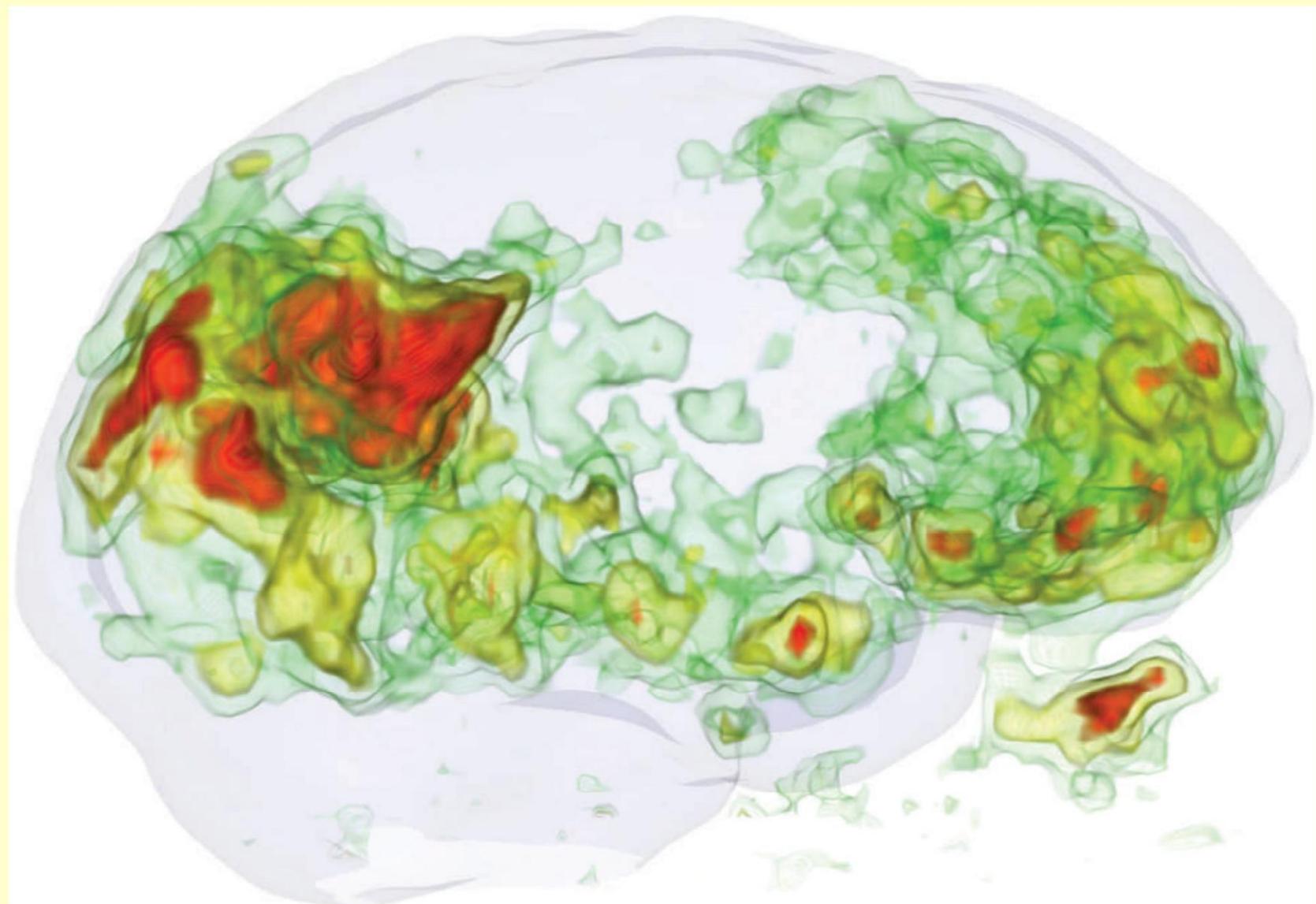
Alzheimer



Control

Plaques

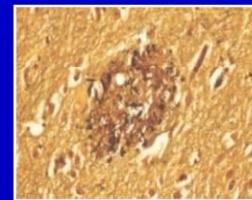
# **PIB PET $\Rightarrow$ Ligands bind to amyloid peptides**



*IKONOMOVIC MD et al Brain 2008; 131: 1630-45*

# Alzheimer's disease

Abnormal beta  
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processing



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Neuronal  
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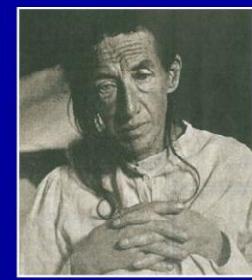
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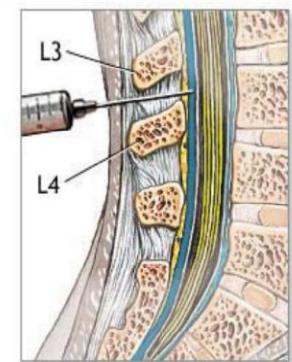
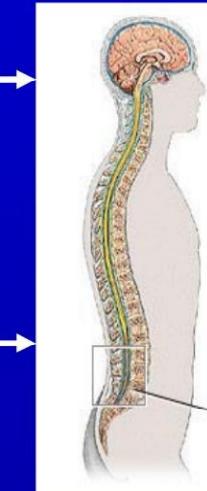


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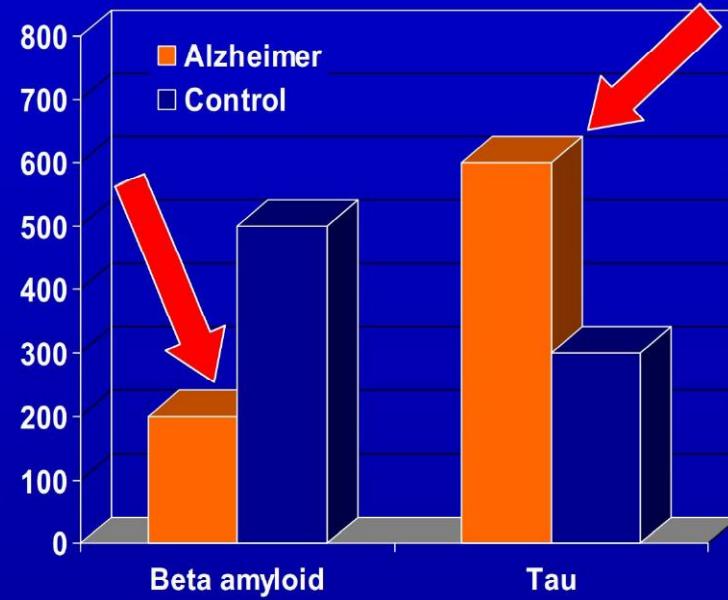


Memory loss



Lumbar puncture

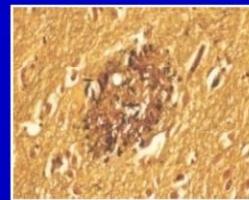
# Lumbar puncture



Markers in cerebrospinal fluid

# Alzheimer's disease

Abnormal beta  
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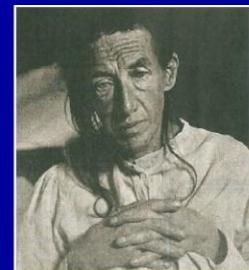


Atrophy



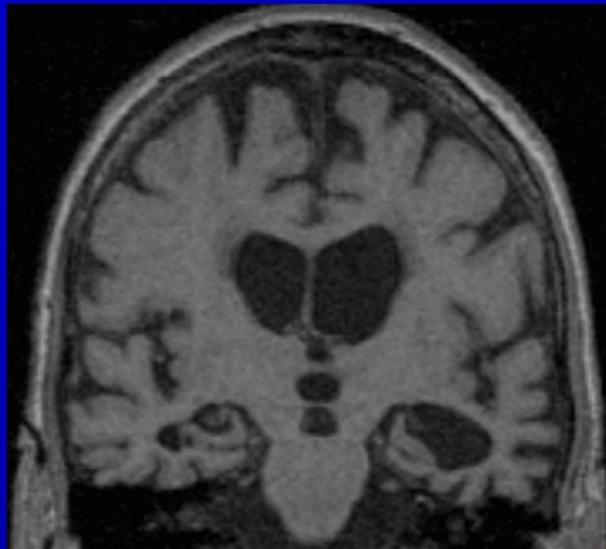
MRI scanner

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Impaired  
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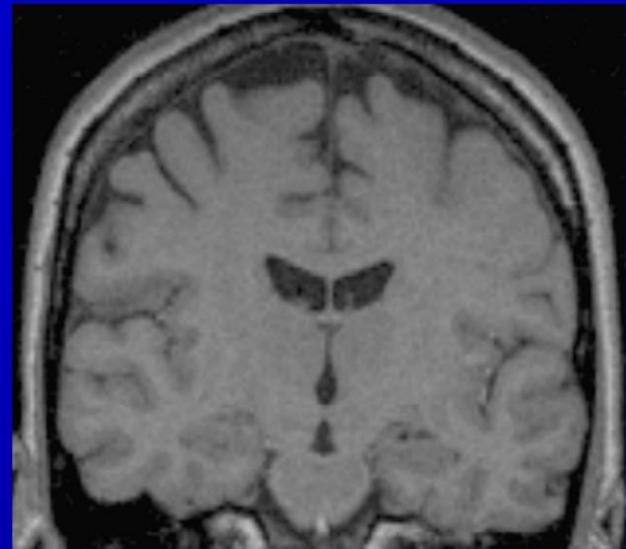


Memory loss

# MRI scan



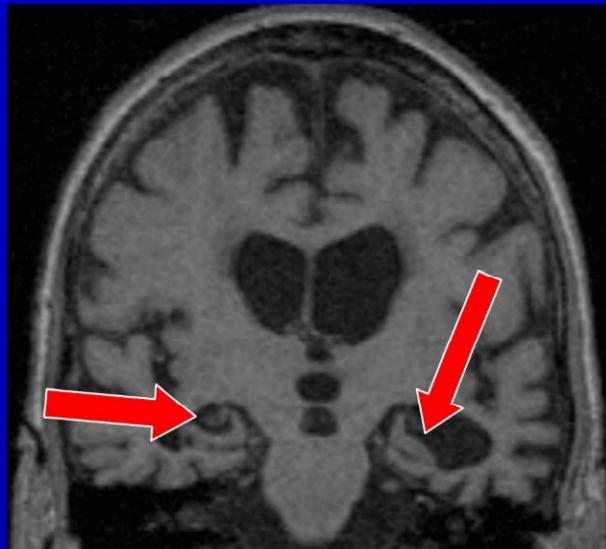
Alzheimer



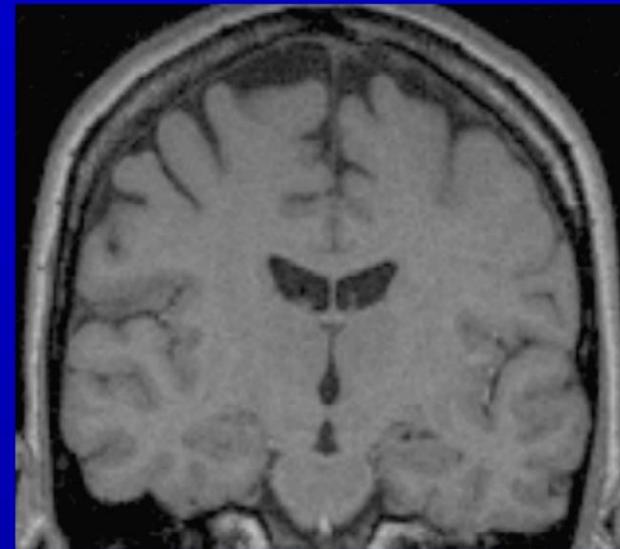
Control

**Atrophy**

# MRI scan



Alzheimer



Control

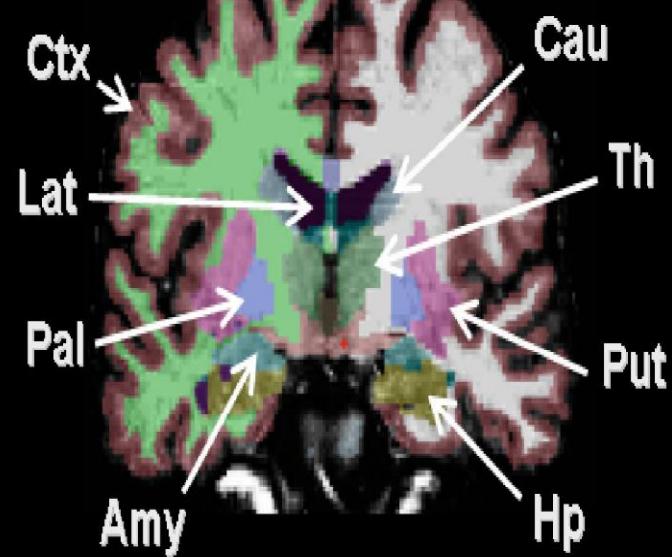
**Medial temporal lobe atrophy**

# Medial Temporal Atrophy in Dementia

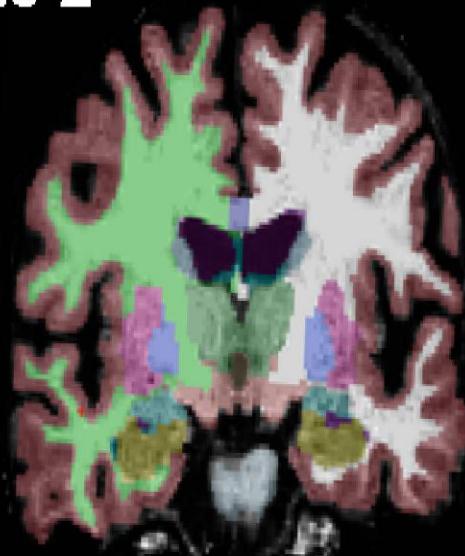
AD	<b>28/28</b>	(100%)
VaD	<b>21/24</b>	(87.5%)
DLB	<b>16/26</b>	(62%)
Controls	<b>1/26</b>	(4%)

*Barber et al. Neurology 52:1153, 1999*

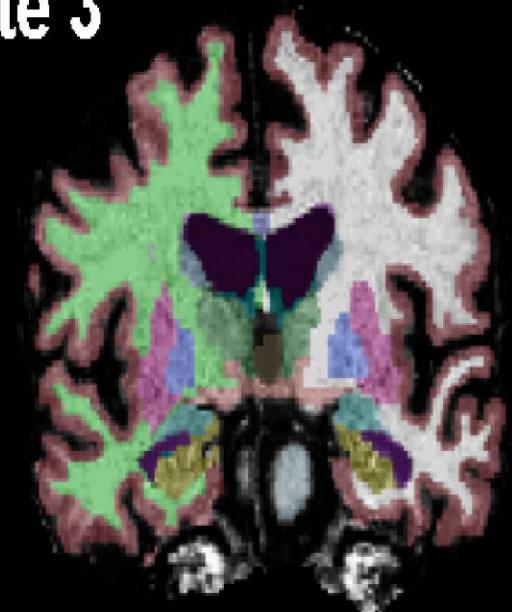
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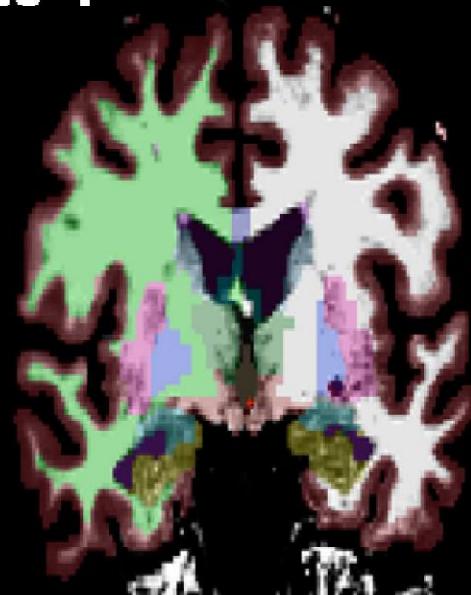
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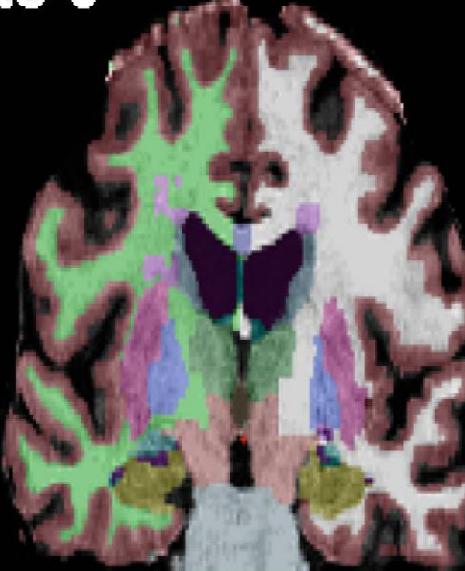
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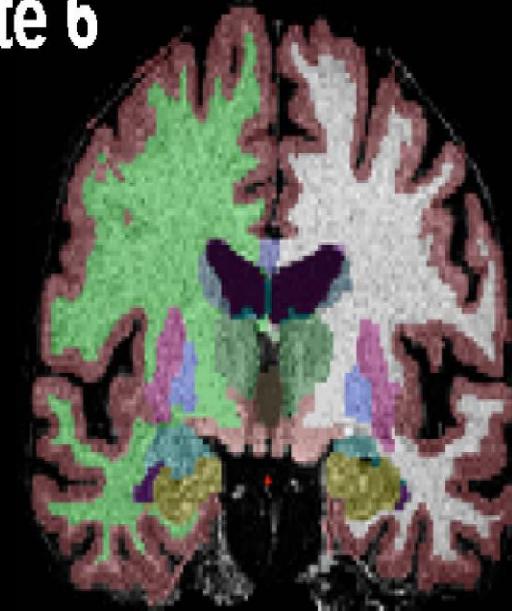
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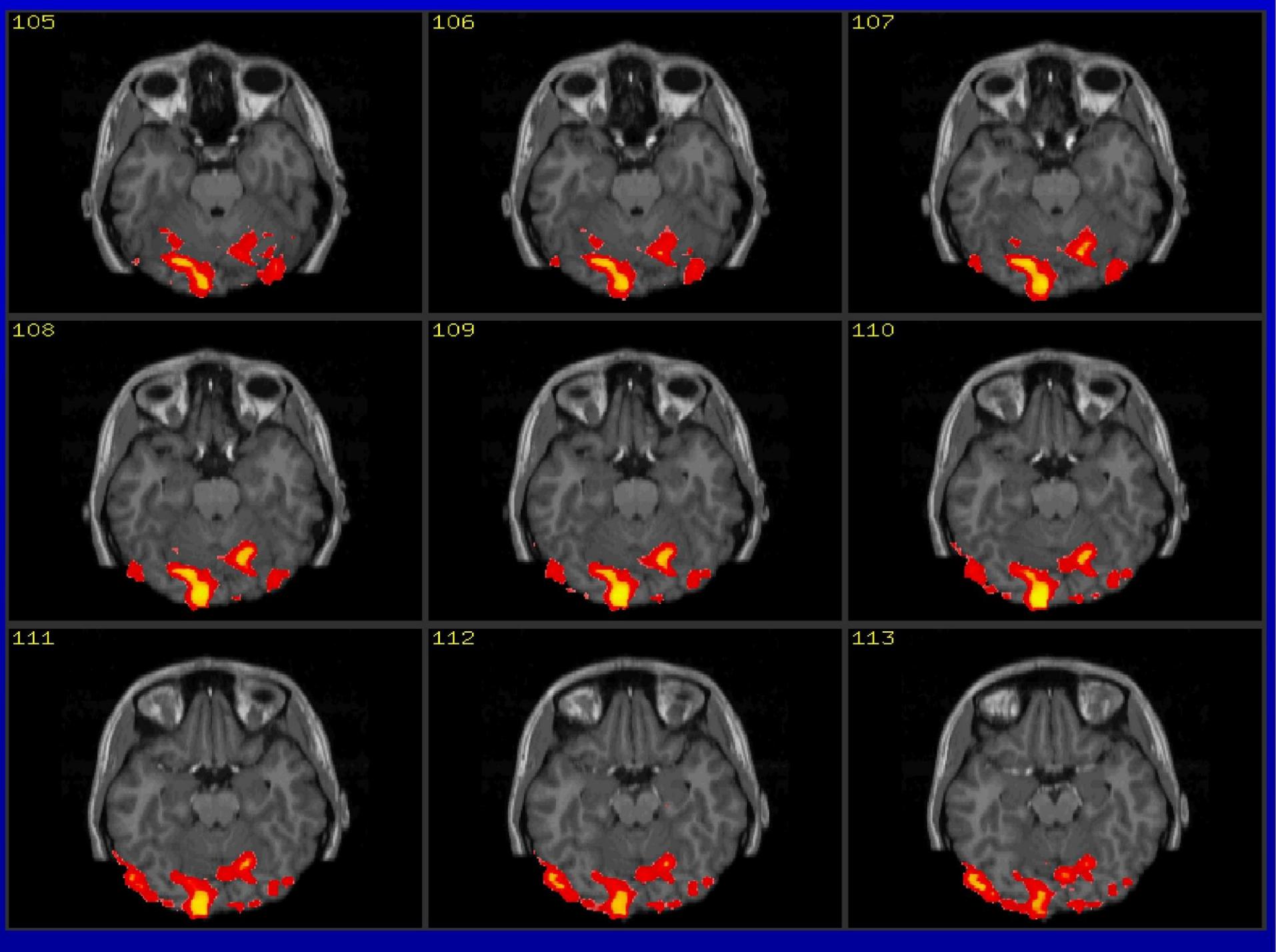


# Site 5



# Site 6





## 4th Question

Can we find a better method for an earlier diagnosis and ability to do a better differentiation?

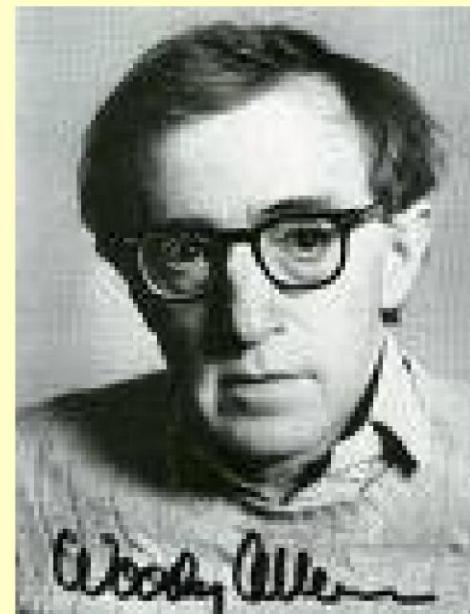
Can technology help us?

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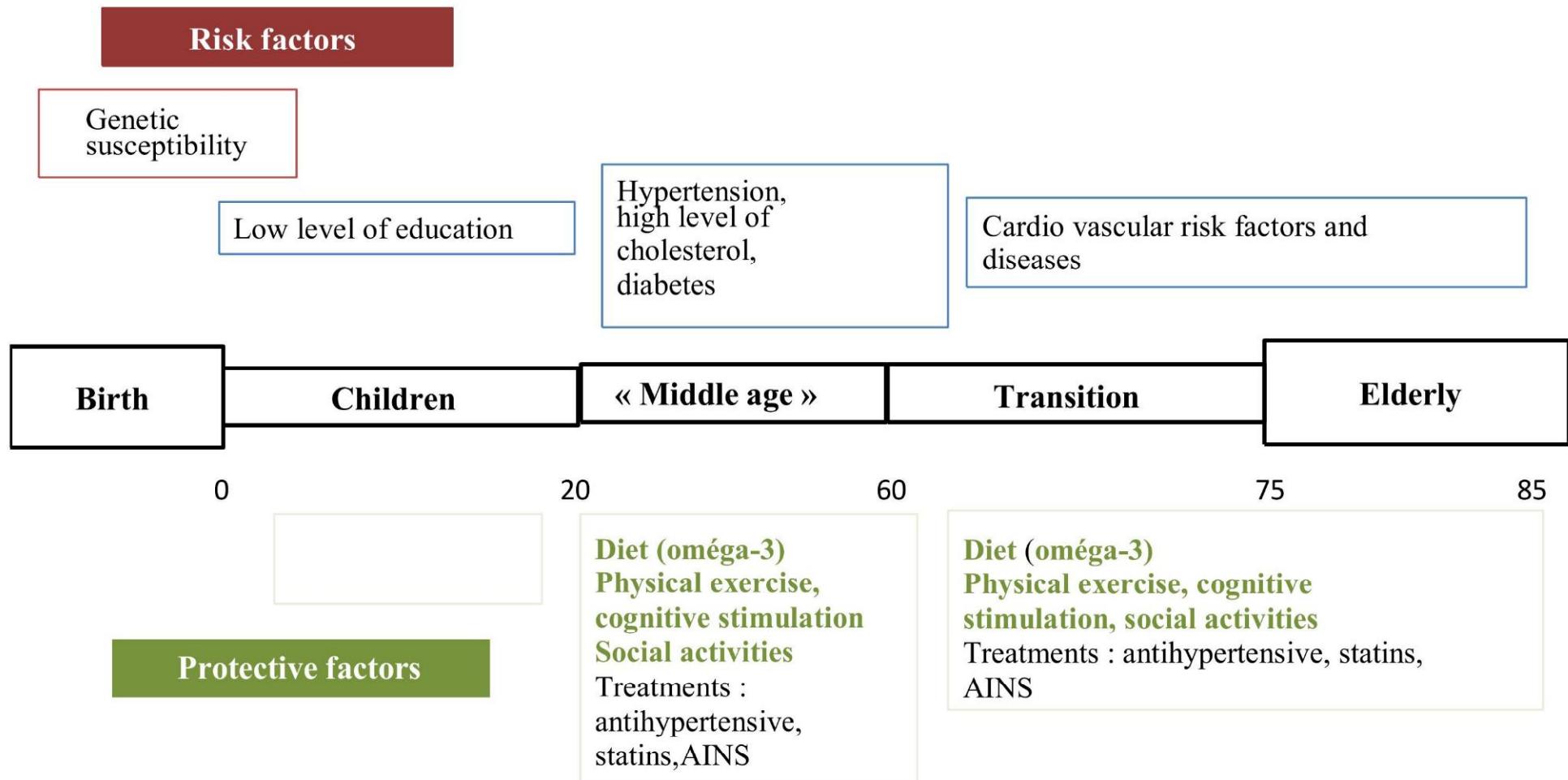
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**I'm interested in the future  
because that is where I plan to  
spend my next years.**

**Woody Allen**

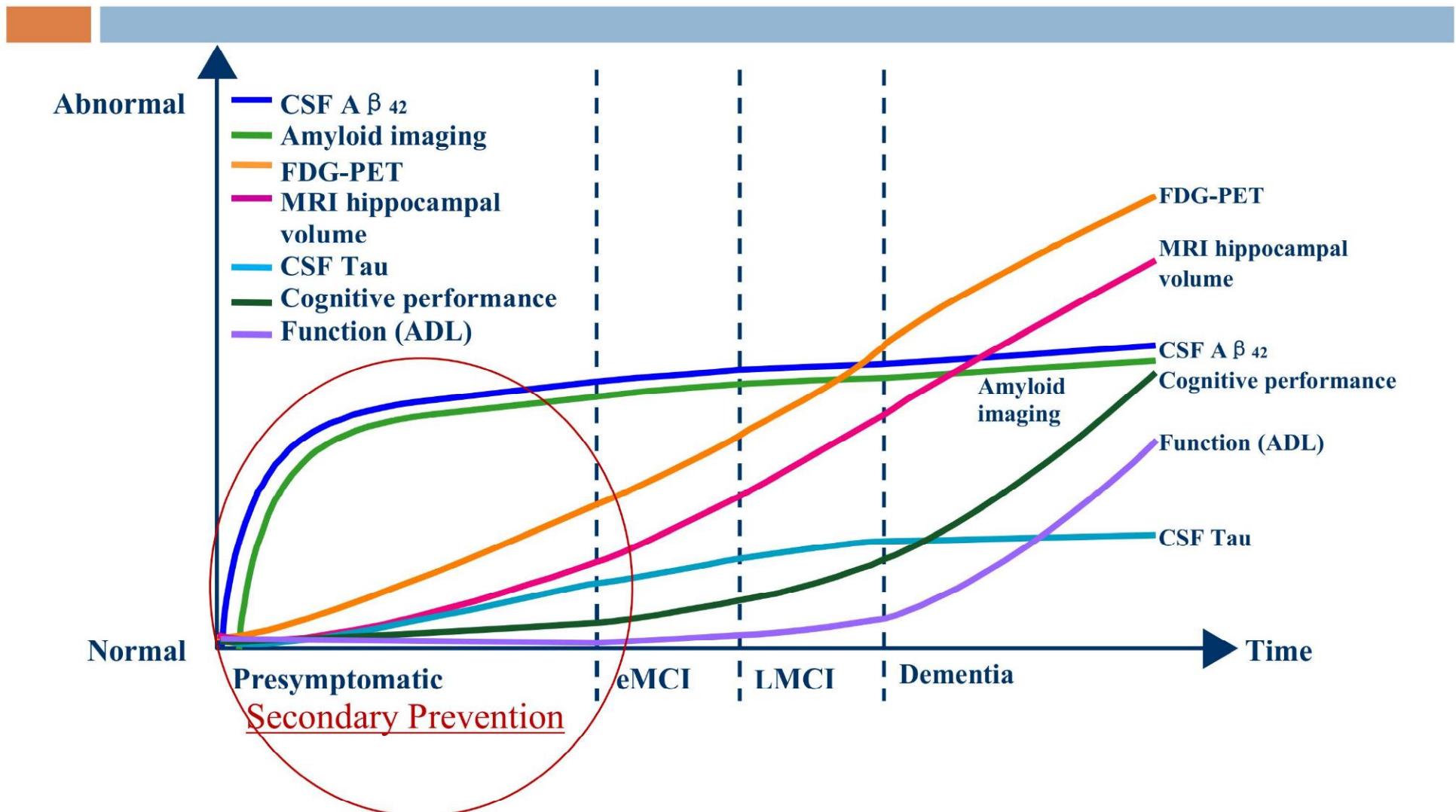


# Late onset of AD is a multifactorial disease



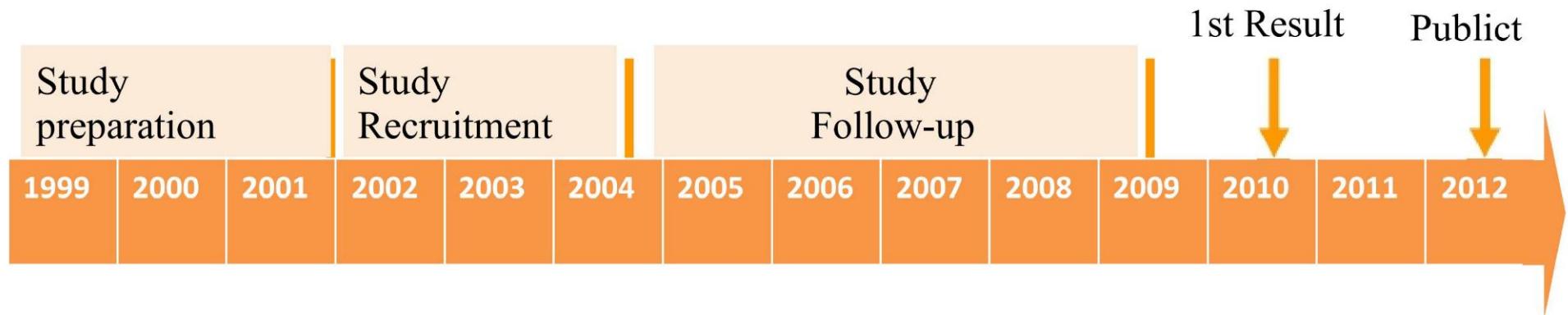
(Fratiglioni L et al, 2004; Fratiglioni L et al, 2007)

# AD Progression

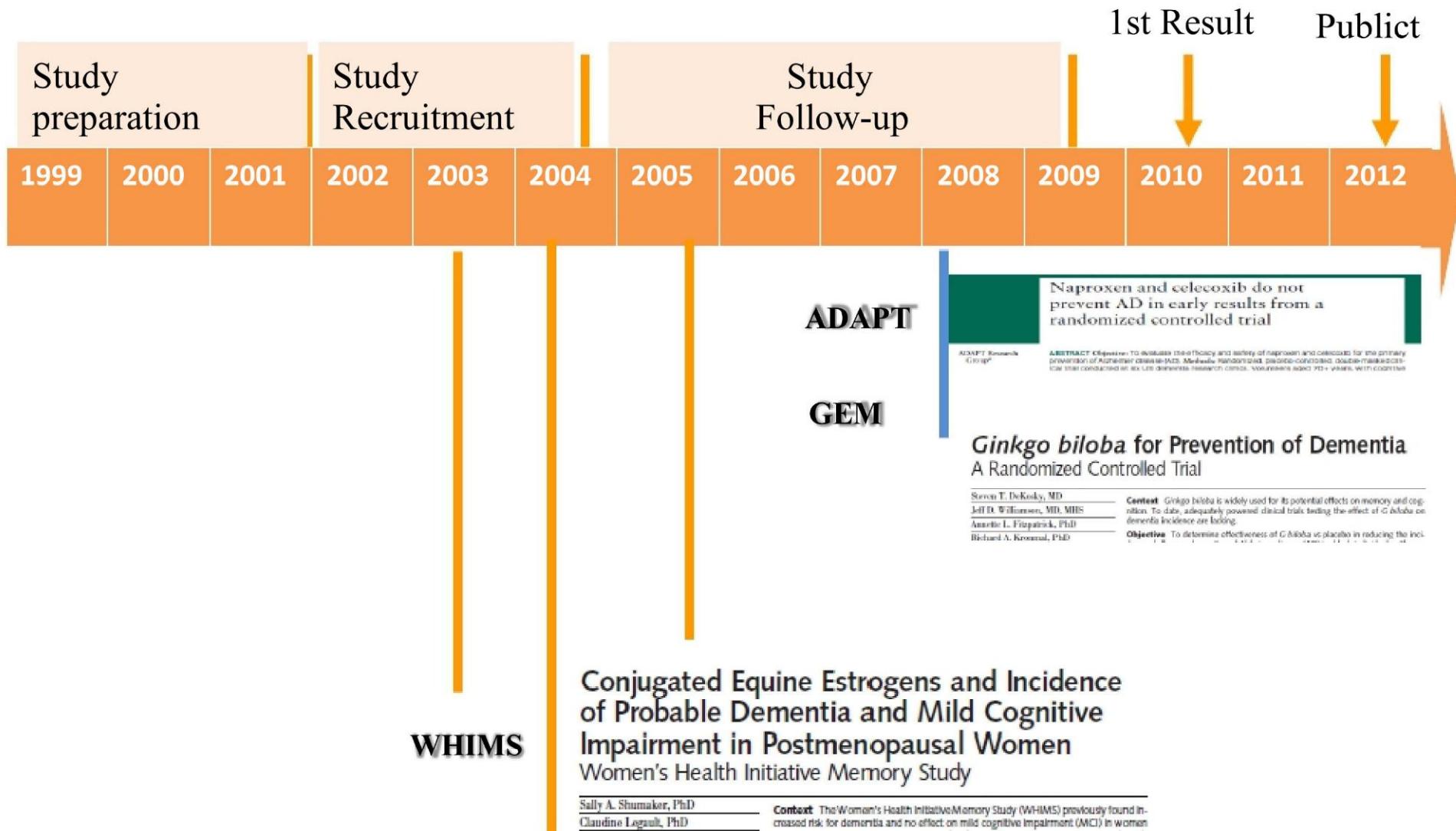


Aisen PS, Petersen RC, Donohue MC, et al. *Alzheimers Dement*. 2010;6:239-246.

# Recent prevention trial, ex guidage timeline



# Recent prevention trial, ex guidage timeline



# Recent prevention trials



Ongoing trials

Future trials

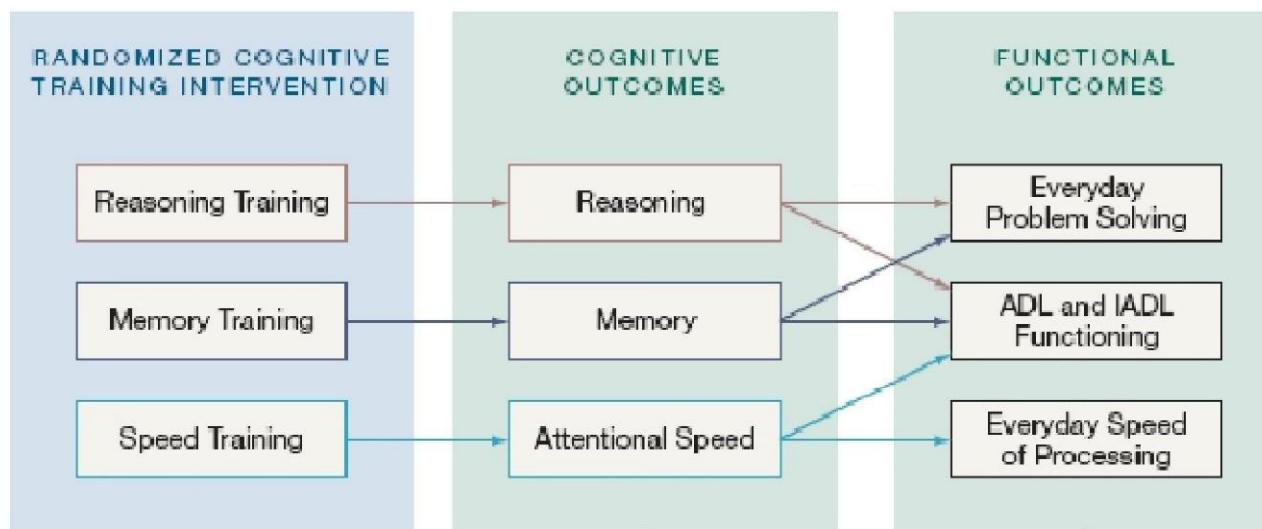
# AD large preventive trials, outcome = incidence of AD

	<b>drug</b>	<b>inclusion</b>	<b>enrichment</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>duration</b>	<b>status</b>
<b>PreADVISE</b> >SELECT	Vitamin E Selenium Vitamin E + Se	> 55 y Men		10 800 (7500)	9-12 yr	Stopped AE
<b>WHIMS</b> > WHI	Estrogen Estrogen-Progesterone	> 65 y Women		4 532	6 yr	Negative /increase the risk
<b>PREPARE</b>	Estrogen-Progesterone Estrogen	> 65 y Women	Family history of memory problem		3 yr	Stopped /whims results
<b>ADAPT</b>	Naproxen Celecoxib	> 70	Family history of dementia (1 <sup>st</sup> degree)	2 625	5 yr	Stopped AE
<b>GEM</b> > CHS	Ginkgo biloba	> 75		3 072	5-7 yr	Negative / power?
<b>GuidAge</b>	Ginkgo biloba	> 70	Memory complaint	2 854	5 yr	Negative / power?

# **Effect of cognitive stimulation (ACTIVE trial)**

**Method:** 2832 persons (mean age, 73.6 years), living independently in 6 US cities, was recruited and randomized in 4 groups (3 active and 1 control)

**Figure 1.** Conceptual Model of ACTIVE Trial



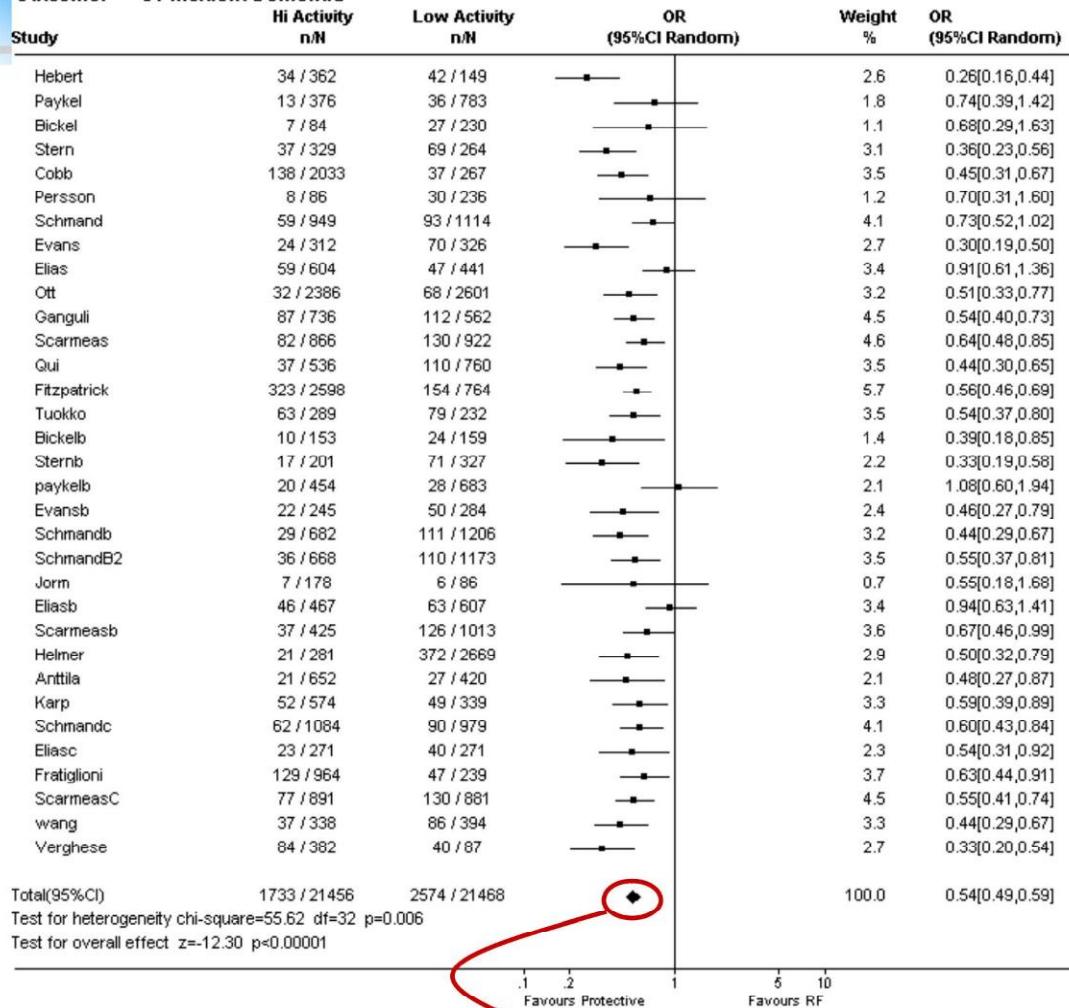
## **Results:**

- The reasoning group reported significantly less difficulty in the instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (effect size, 0.29; 99% [CI], 0.03-0.55).
- Each intervention maintained effects on its specific targeted cognitive ability through 5 years.

**Willis S, JAMA, 2006**

# Cognitive Lifestyle

Comparison: 06 Overall effect of Brain Reserve  
Outcome: 01 Incident Dementia



Valenzuela & Sachdev. *Psychological Medicine* (2006)

# Cognitive Lifestyle is Neuroprotective

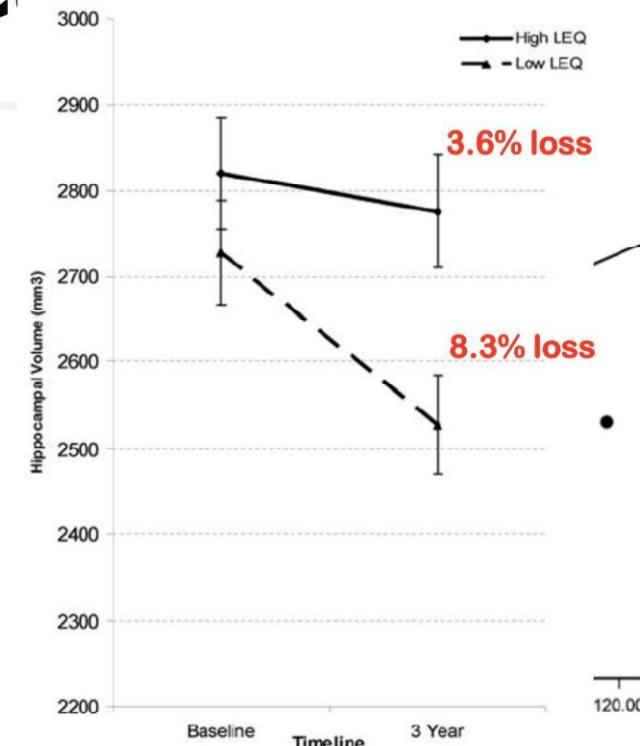
## Hippocampal Volume

High Mental Activity:  
LEQ 110.4

Volume: 2966mm<sup>3</sup>

Low Mental Activity:  
LEQ 62.2

Volume: 2232mm<sup>3</sup>



## Four Nations Collaboration

CFAS Study, UK

Washington Heights/North Manhattan Ageing Study,  
NYC USA

ESPIRIT Study, Montpellier, France

Memory & Ageing Study, Sydney Australia

Figure 1. Average hippocampal volume (across right and left me at sides) in high (solid) and low (dashed) LEQ groups at baseline and 3 year follow-up. Error bars represent standard error of mean.  
\*p-value after covariate control for age, gender, hypertension, baseline volume and total intracranial volume.  
doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0002598.g001

Valenzuela et al. PloS One 2008

## **Effect of physical exercise (FABS trial)**

- **Methods:**

- 170 volunteers who reported memory problems (mean age, 68.6 years), were randomized in 2 groups (6 months home-based program of physical activity, versus education and usual care).

- **Results:**

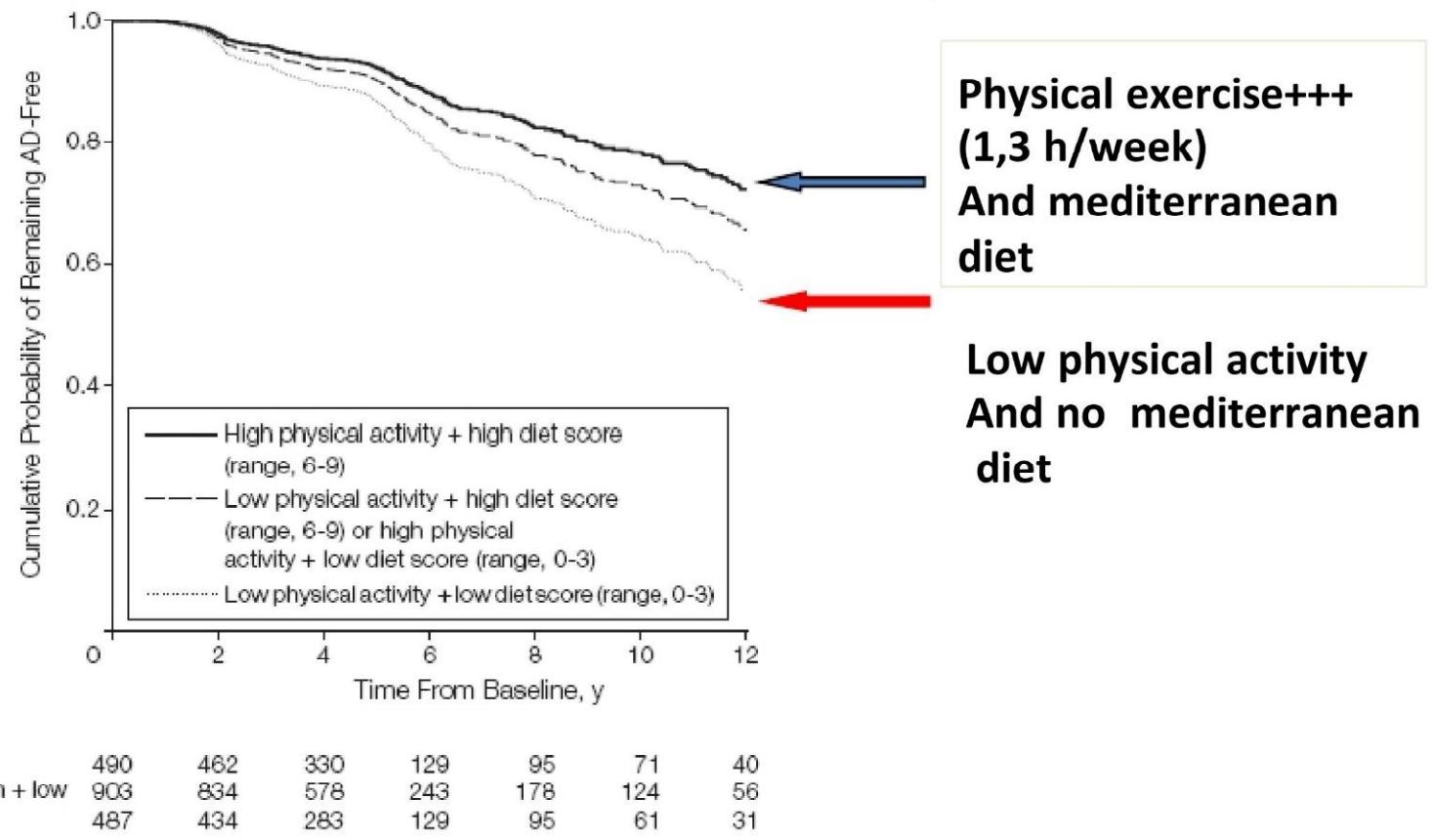
- At 18 months, participants in the intervention group improved 0.73 points (95% CI, -1.27 to 0.03) on the ADAS-Cog, and versus 0.04 points (95% CI, -0.46 to 0.88) in the usual care group.
  - The average improvement of 0.69 points on the ADAS-Cog score compared with the usual care control group is small (but modest amount of physical activity ).

# **Effect of nutrition (ancill. Facit trial)**

- **Methods:**
  - 818 participants (mean age, 60 years) were randomized (**800 µg daily oral folic acid or placebo**) for 3 years, in the Netherlands.
  - The effect on cognitive performance was measured as the difference between the two groups in the 3-year change in performance for memory, sensorimotor speed, complex speed, information processing speed, and word fluency.
- **Results:**
  - The 3-year change in memory (difference in Z scores 0·132, 95% CI 0·032 to 0·233), information processing speed (0·087, 0·016 to 0·158) and sensorimotor speed (0·064, –0·001 to 0·129) **were significantly better in the folic acid group than in the placebo group.**

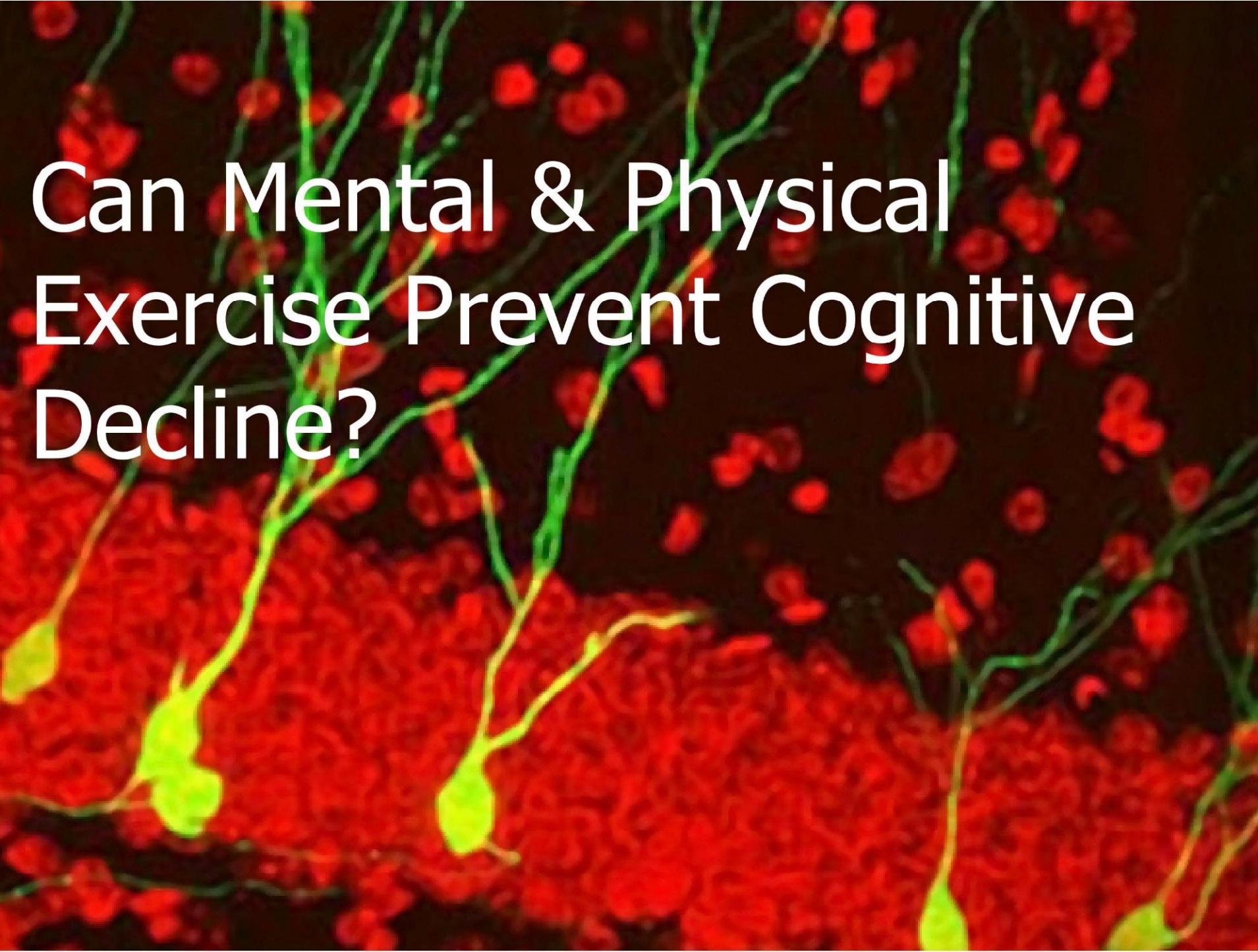
# Synergic effect of diet and physical exercise suggested in cohort studies

**Figure 2.** Alzheimer Disease (AD) Incidence by High or Low Physical Activity Levels and Mediterranean-Type Diet Adherence Scores



Survival curves are based on Cox analysis. Low physical activity was defined as a median of 0 hours per week of activity; high physical activity, a median of 1.3 hours per week of vigorous, 2.4 hours per week of moderate, or 3.8 hours per week of light activity, or a combination thereof.

**SCARMEAS, JAMA 2009**



A microscopic image showing a cluster of neurons. The cell bodies (soma) are stained red, and the long, thin processes (axons) are stained green. The image provides a detailed view of the cellular structure and connectivity within the brain tissue.

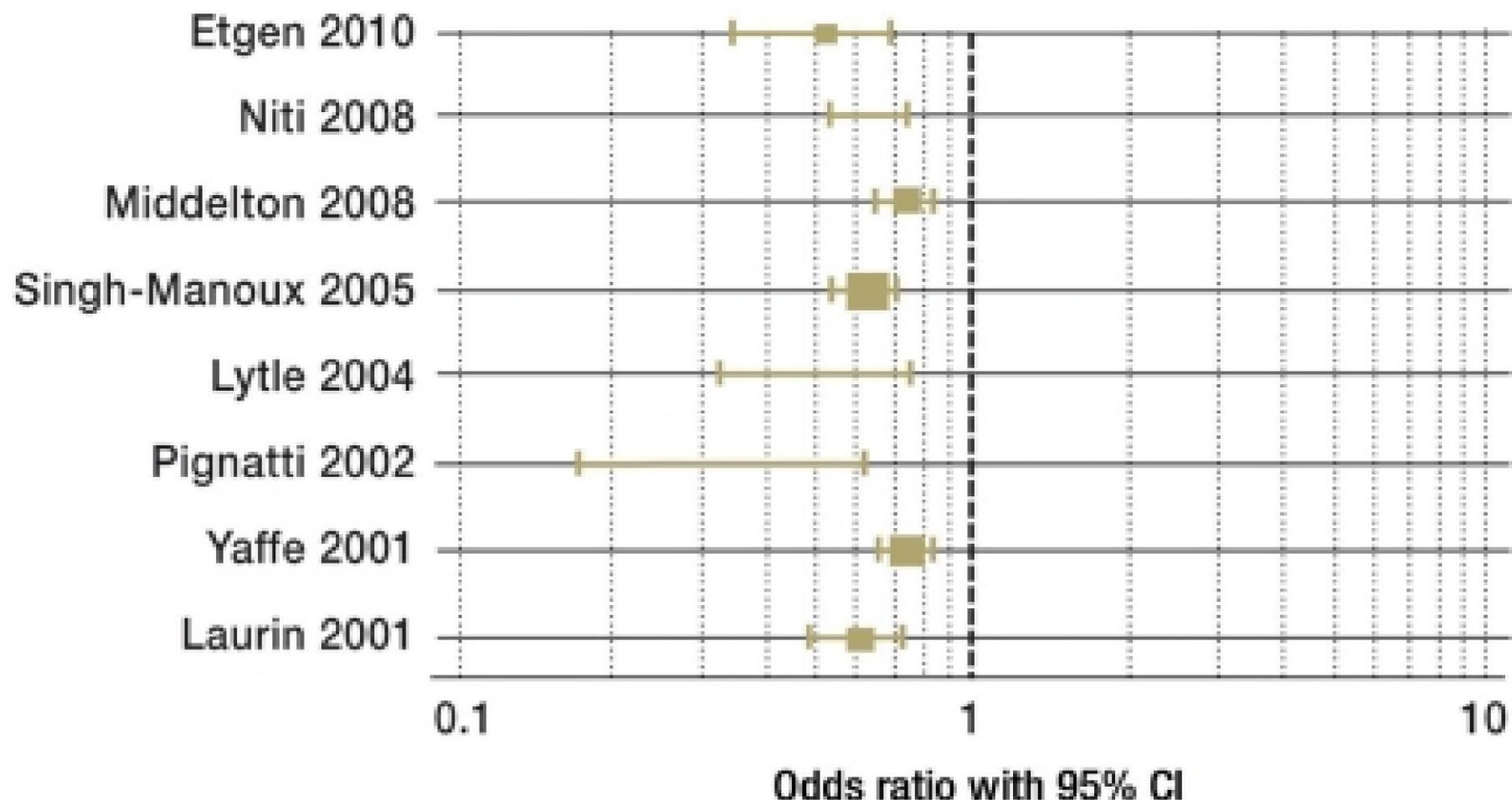
Can Mental & Physical  
Exercise Prevent Cognitive  
Decline?

## **MENTAL AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY over time**

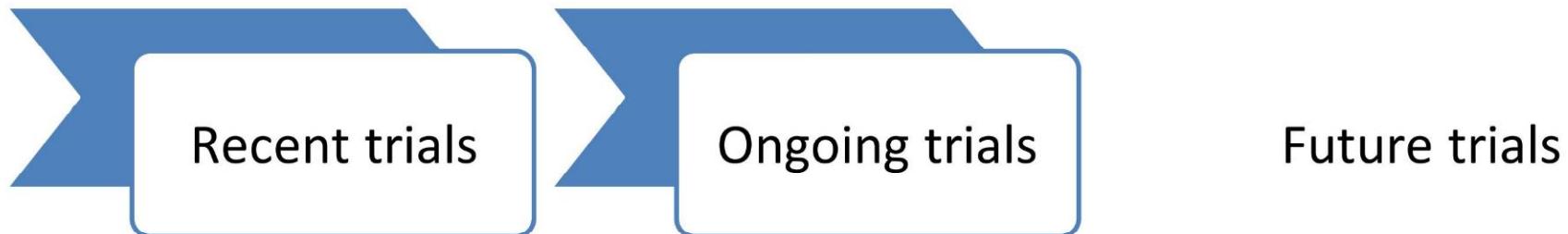
- Cross sectional and prospective cohort studies consistently identify both
  - reduced risk of dementia and
  - reduced rate of cognitive decline
- ...in individuals who have engaged in
  - mentally and physically active pursuits over their lifetime, or even in late life

**(Valenzuela & Sachdev, 2006a,b,c)**

# PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE EXERCISE (> 1000 PARTICIPANTS).



# Ongoing prevention trials





## Multidomain Ongoing trials

	Intervention	Target	Measures	Subjects	Int/FU
<b>MAPT</b>	1.Multidomain  (cognitive training + physical exercise+ nutrition)  2. Omega3  3. Association  Multidomain+Omega3  Versus : PBO	> 70 y  Frail  Subjective memory complaint  Slow walking speed  Difficulties in IADL	Cognitive decline  (FCSRT)  IRM  PET-FDG  PET-AV45  Biobanque	1680	3y/5y
<b>FINGER</b>	1.Multidomain  (nutritional guidance + increased physical activity + cognitive training, + increased social activity) + intensive monitoring of vascular and metabolic risk factors.  Versus Standard health counseling at baseline	aged 60-77  <u>dementia Risk Score</u>  <u>6 points or more</u>  at least one of the CERAD criteria: i) MMSE: 20-26 points ii) word list memory task (3x10 words): 19 words or less iii) delayed recall: 75% or less	Cognitive impairment ; Neuropsychological Test Battery, and Stroop and Trail Making tests.  Neuro-imaging	1200	2/7 y



## Multidomain Intervention - ongoing

	Intervention	Target	Assessment	n	FU
<b>PREDIVA</b>	1. Multidomain Intensive vascular care for elderly people <u>by nurse</u> <u>practitioners</u> in general practice  2. Versus : regular care	Age: 70-78 years	Incidence of dementia	3534	6y



# Example of sharing data



## European Dementia Prevention Initiative

[www.edpi.org](http://www.edpi.org)

- **FINGER** Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability
- **preDIVA** Prevention of Dementia by Intensive Vascular Care
- **MAPT** Multidomain Alzheimer Preventive Trial



- HATICE Project (Edo Richard, Miia Kivipelto, Sandrine Andrieu)
  - Healthy Aging Through Internet Counselling of the Elderly



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# Future prevention trials



**Target:** Younger ?

**Duration:** Longer ?

**Sample Size:** Larger ?



# Non pharmacological OUR EXPERIENCE



- MCI 5 month intervention
  - Improvement in general cognitive performance, attention, language, verbal memory, executive function, visual perception and ADL

*(Tsolaki et al, 2011. Neurodegenerative diseases)*



# Participants

1255 patients

547 were excluded

708 were included, but

517 living in  
rural areas

30 no available  
caregiver

22  
died

60  
institutionalized

52 serious  
medical  
problem

574 patients were included in 5 months follow – up

253 MCI

321 MD

122 nPhTh

13 PhTh

39 combined

77 nPhTh

41 PhTh

114 combined

79 no therapy

89 no therapy



# Neuropsychological assessment

- **CAMCOG** (Roth, Huppert, Tum, & Mouthjoy, 1988)
- **MMSE** (Folstein et al., 1975)
- **ROCF** (Rey, 1941)
- **RBMT** (Wilson, Cockburn, Baddeley, & Hiorns, 1989)
- **RAVLT** (Rey, 1958)
- **MoCA** (Z. Nazreddine, MD. 2004)
- **Verbal Fluency**
- **Alternating hand movement** (Luria, 1966)
- **Luria 3 step** (Luria, 1966)
- **WCST** (Berg, 1948)
- **TEA** (Robertson, Ward, Ridgeway, Nimmo-Smith, 1996)
- **WAIS – R** (Wechsler, 1981)
- **STROOP** (Stroop, 1935)
- **BNT** (Kaplan, Goodglass, & Weintraub, 1983)
- **PPT** (Howard, Patterson, 1992)
- **BDAE** (Goodglass & Kaplan, 1983)
- **TRAIL MAKING A, B** (Armitage, 1946)
- **GDS** (Sheikh, & Yesavage, 1986)
- **FUCAS** (Kounti, Efklides, Kazis, Tsolaki, & Kiosseoglou, 2002)
- **FRSSD** (Hutton, 1990)
- **NPI** (Cummings, 1997)

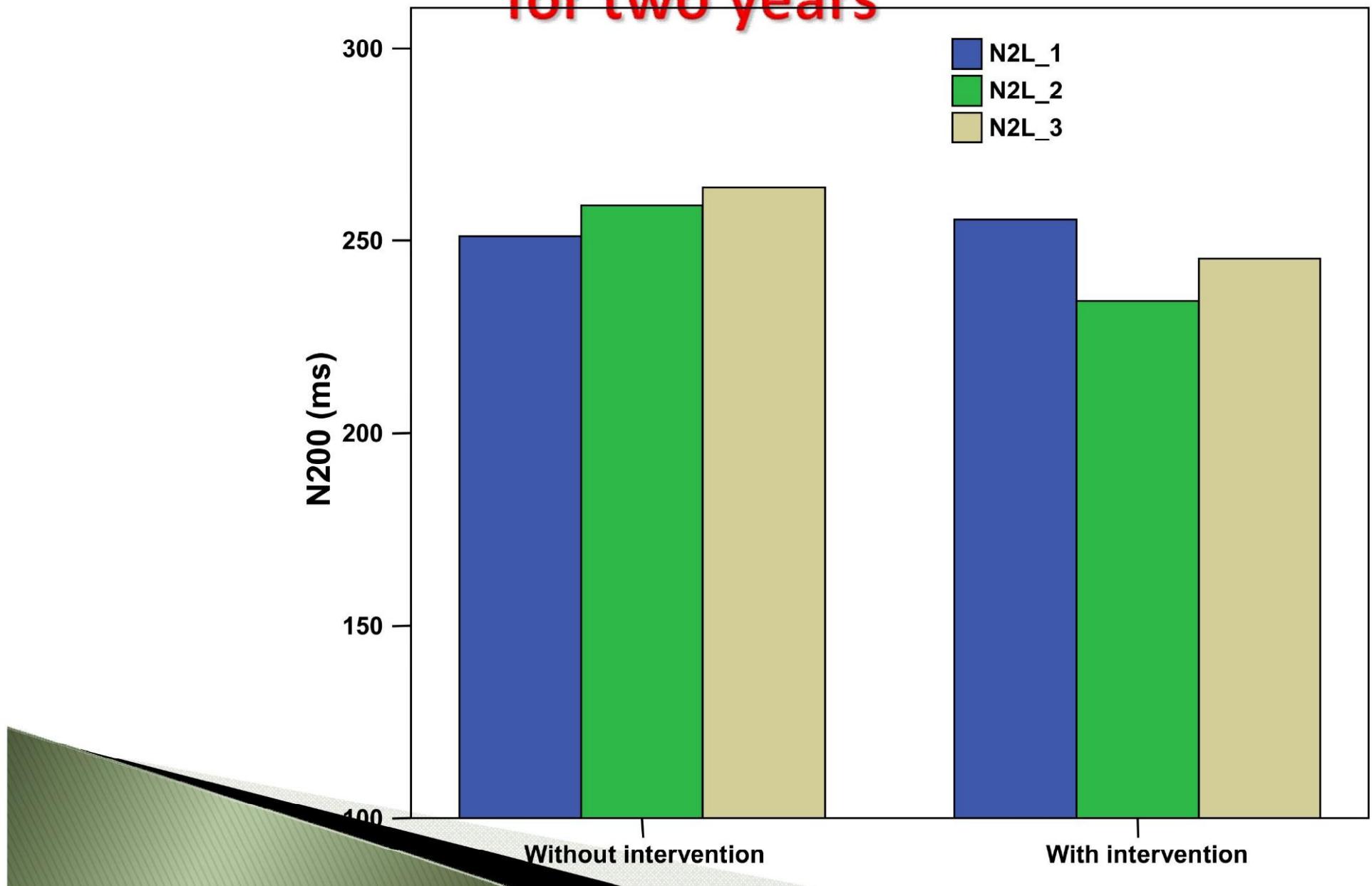


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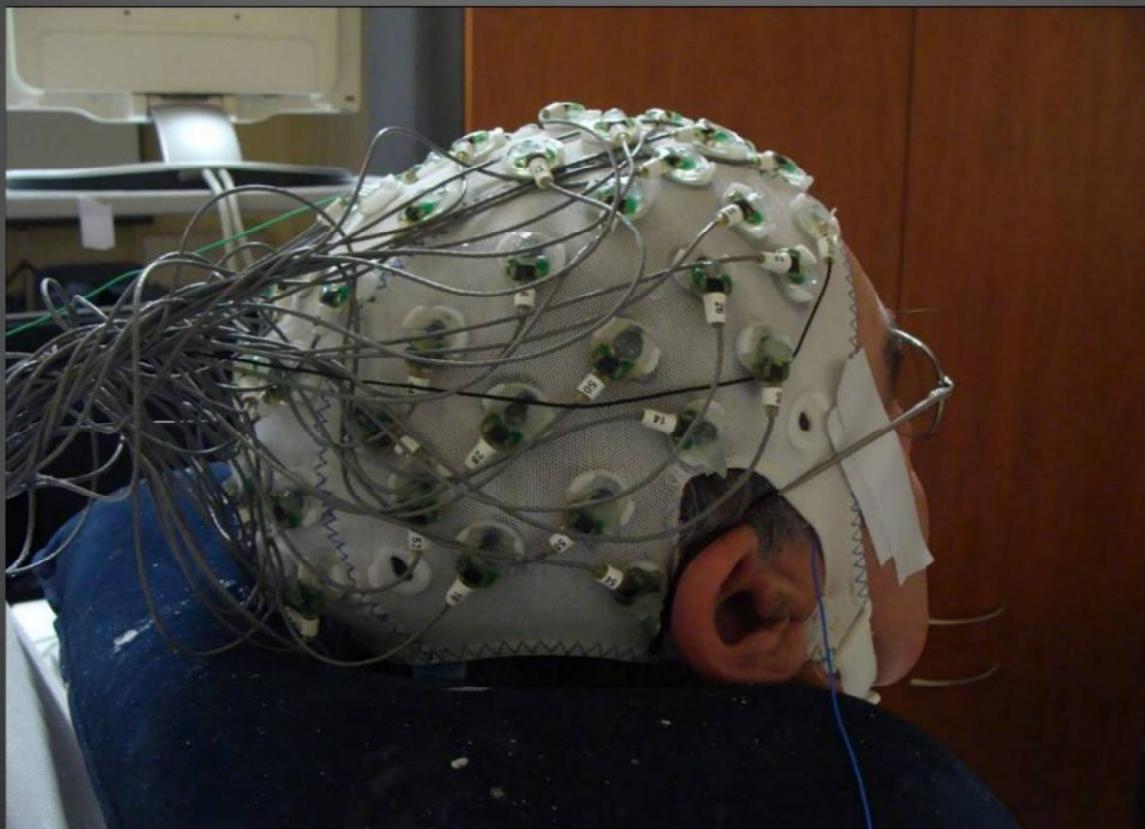
- ▶ **Effectiveness of Nonpharmacological Approaches in Patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment.**
  - ▶ Tsolaki M, Kounti F, Agogiatou C, Poptsi E, Bakoglidou E, Zafeiropoulou M, Soumbourou A, Nikolaidou E, Batsila G, Siambani A, Nakou S, Mouzakidis C, Tsiakiri A, Zafeiropoulos S, Karagiozi K, Messini C, Diamantidou A, Vasiloglou M.
  - ▶ **Neurodegener Dis. 2011; 8(3):138-45.**



# Patients with MCI are stable for two years



# Neurophysiological Assessment- EEG





ΕΑΝΗΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΝΟΣΟΥ ALZHEIMER ΚΑΙ ΣΥΓΓΕΝΕΩΝ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΩΝ

# EFNS recommendations for Prevention, Sorbi et al. 2012



## Guidelines for primary and secondary prevention

There is no treatment, no lifestyle, which could have an effect in prevention or delay of onset of different forms of dementia until today.

Finally we wait results from 36 studies

## **5<sup>th</sup> Question**

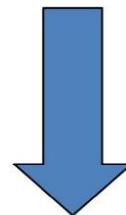
### **Prevention and new Technologies**

How can technology provide the kind of engagement that could prevent or delay Alzheimer's?



# Possible Neuroprotective Mechanisms

Complex Mental Activities



1. Disease modification
2. Resistance to toxicity
3. Neurogenesis, synaptogenesis, angiogenesis



Volumetric differences in hippocampus



Functional Effects



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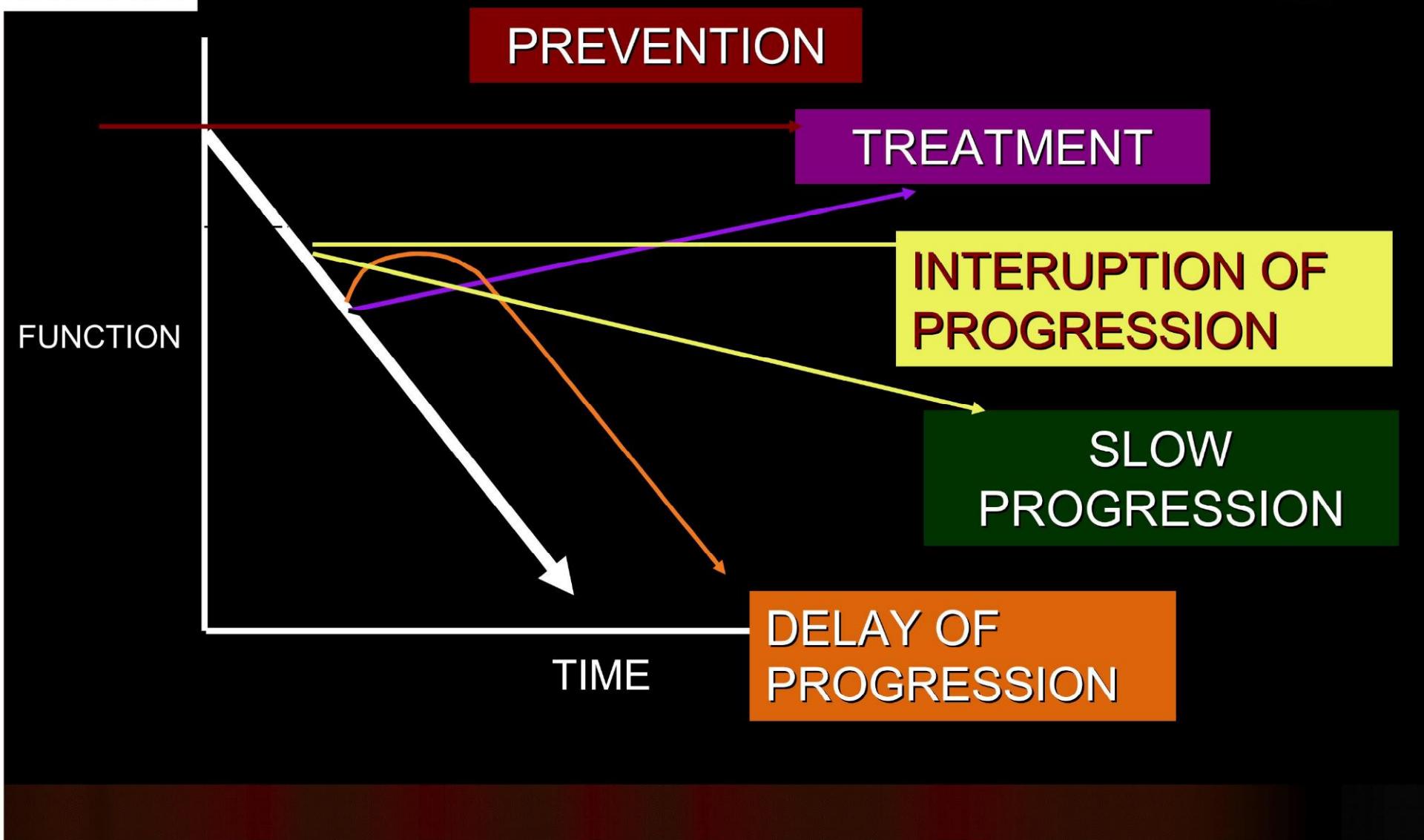


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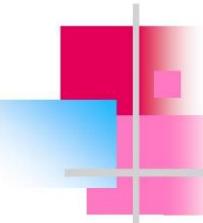


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# Management of AD- 21<sup>ος</sup> CENTURY



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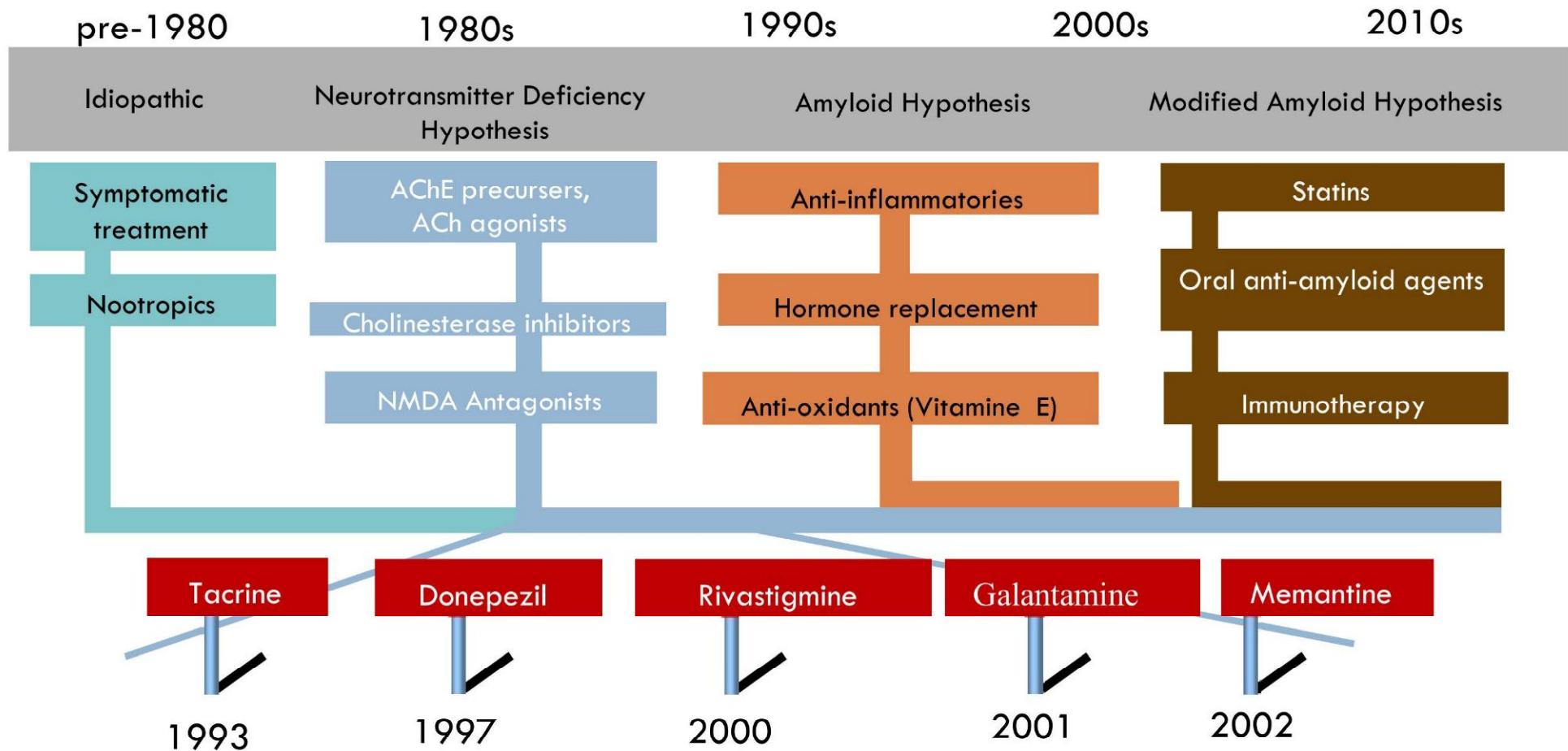


# Brief History of AD Therapeutics

- 1906: Dr. Alois Alzheimer describes AD
- 1906-1970's: General assumption that this is an unusual and untreatable degenerative disease of middle age
- 1970's: Cholinergic hypothesis suggests treatment strategy
- 1976: Dr. Robert Katzman editorial: The Prevalence and Malignancy of Alzheimer's Disease
- 1986: First positive (?) treatment study (Dr. William Summers)
- 1993: Tacrine is approved; 3 other similar drugs follow
- 2003: Memantine is approved, representing a second therapeutic class for AD
- 2003 to 2011: Nothing
- 2012: Immunotherapy phase III?

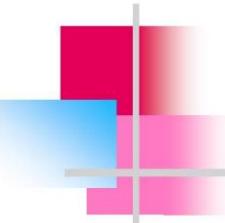


# Development of Alzheimer Pharmacotherapy

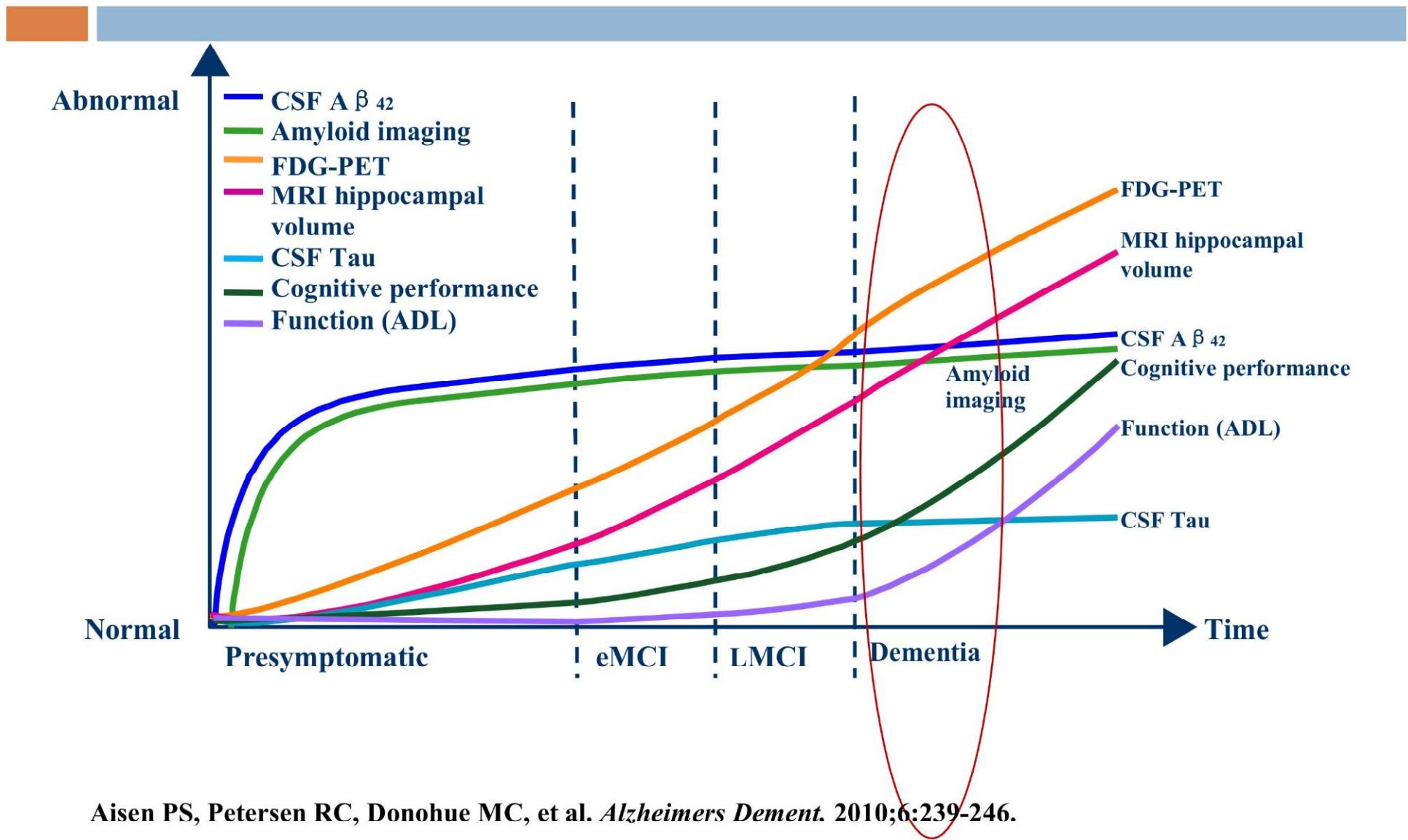


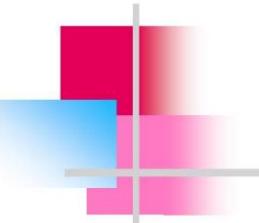
Relkin, ADAD 2006

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# AD Progression





# Cholinergic changes in Alzheimer's disease

- In the cerebral cortex and hippocampus of patients with AD
  - Decline in ChAT activity<sup>1</sup>
  - Decreased levels of AChE<sup>1</sup>
  - *Increased* levels of BuChE<sup>1</sup>
- Depletion of ACh-positive neurons in the basal forebrain: especially in moderate to severe disease stages<sup>2</sup>

1. Perry EK, et al. *Neuropathol Appl Neurobiol* 1978;4:273–7

2. Whitehouse PJ, et al. *Science* 1982;215:1237–9



# EFNS recommendations for the treatment of dementia (2007)

## Alzheimer's disease

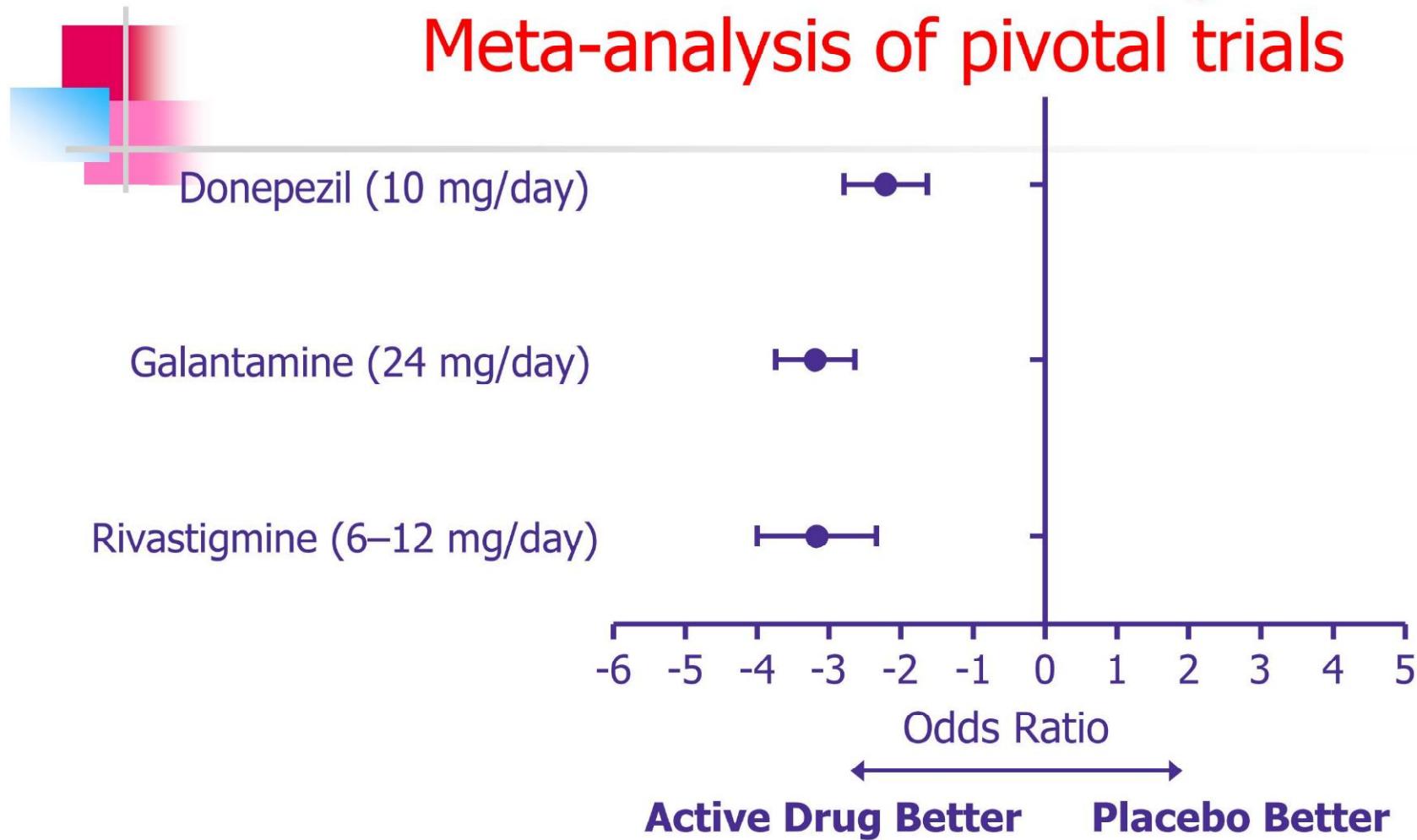
ChEIs (rivastigmine, donepezil, galantamine, tacrine) at diagnosis  
Memantine alone, or in combination with a ChEI, in patients with  
moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease

Insufficient evidence for the use of ginkgo biloba, anti-  
inflammatory drugs, nootropics, selegiline, oestrogens, vitamin  
E or statins

## Parkinson's disease dementia

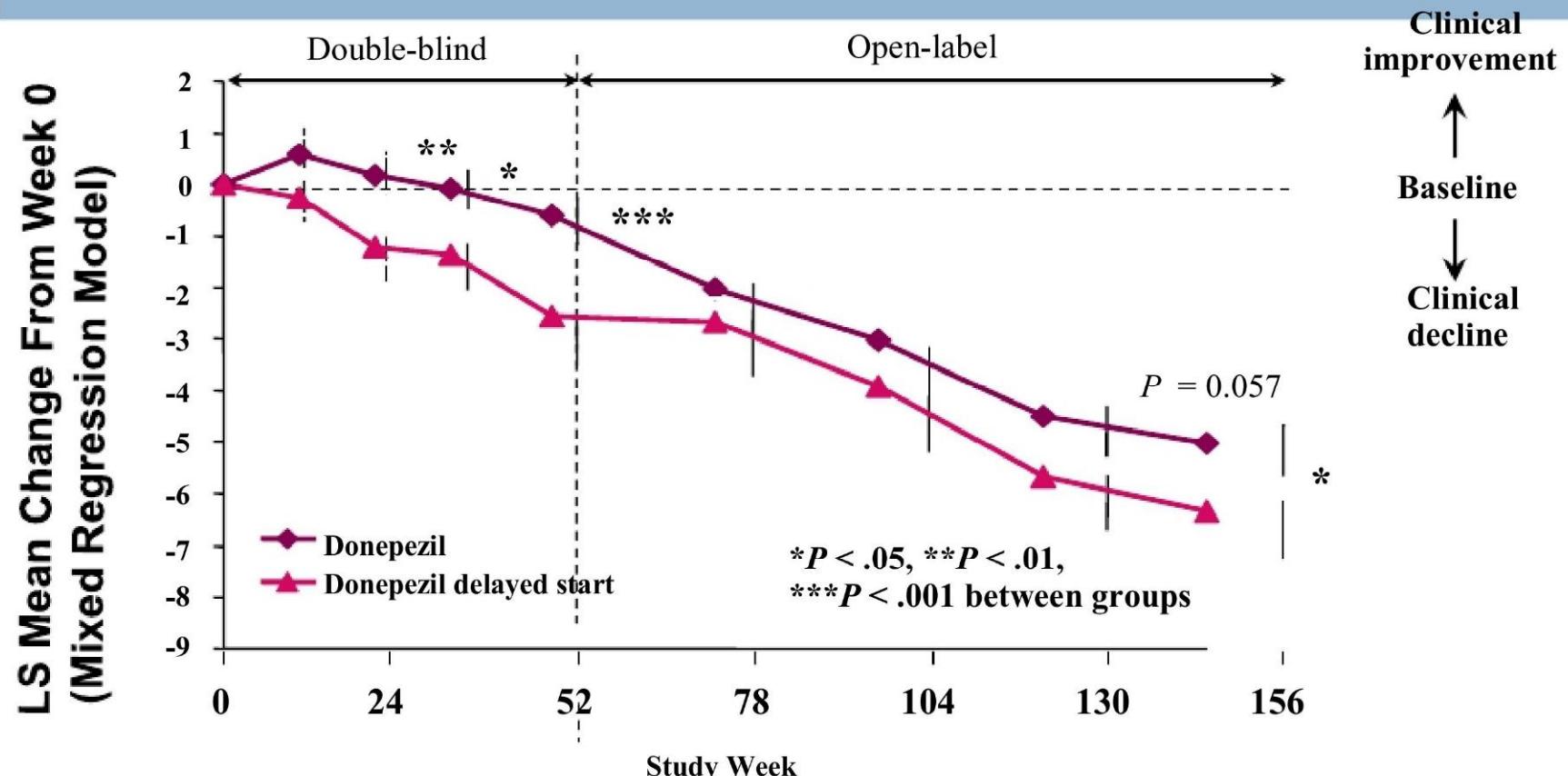
- ChEIs (rivastigmine is the only ChEI approved for PDD)
- Insufficient evidence for the use of memantine

# Effects of oral ChEIs on cognition: Meta-analysis of pivotal trials



Ritchie CW, et al. *Am J Geriatr Psychiatry* 2004;12:358–69

# Donepezil in Mild and Moderate AD - a longterm study (MMSE score)



Donepezil	n = 135	121	91	76	69	63	54
Delayed start	n = 137	120	98	68	64	60	52

Winblad et al, Dementia and Ger Cogn Dis 2006



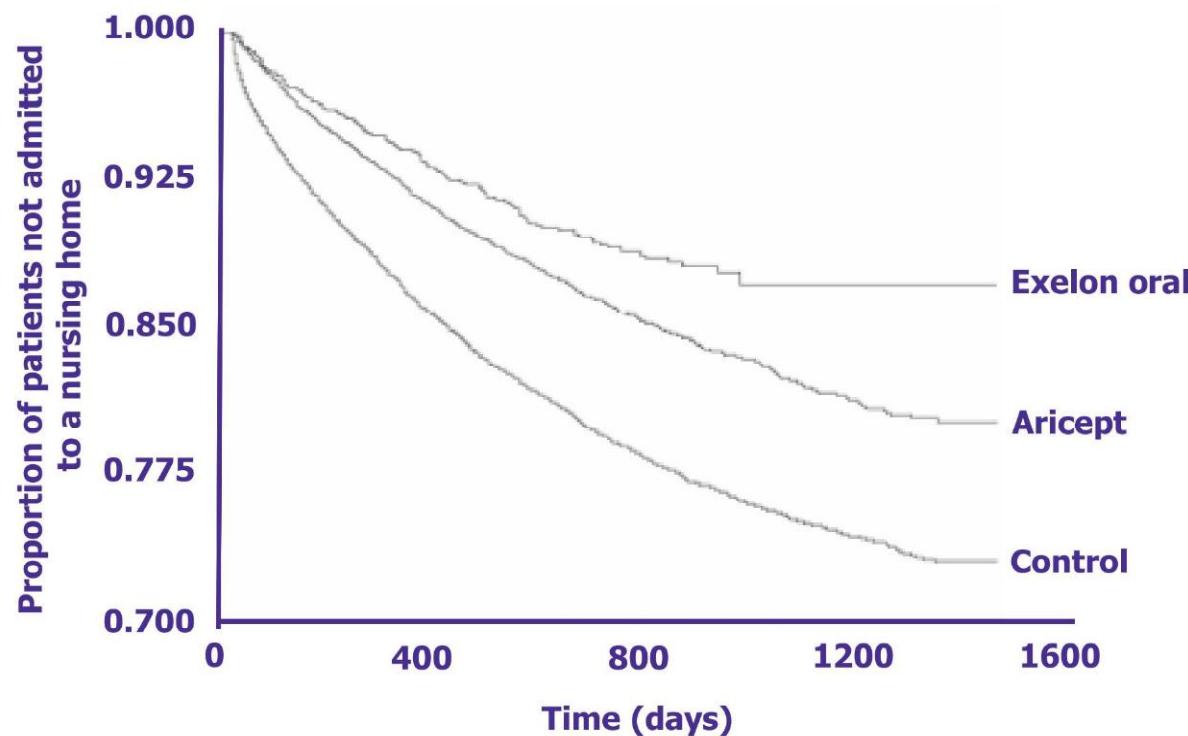
# RIVASTIGMINE FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



- Nine trials involving 4775 patients support that rivastigmine appears **to be beneficial** for people with mild to moderate AD. In comparisons with placebo improvements were seen in the rate of decline of cognitive function, activities of daily living and severity of dementia with daily doses 6-12 mg
  - There is evidence that the lower dose smaller patch is associated with fewer side effects than the capsules or the higher dose larger patch and has comparable efficacy to both.
- 
- **Birks J., Grimley E.J., Iakovidou V., Tsolaki M., Holt FE.**
  - Cochrane Database 2009 Apr. 15 2009

# ChEIs may reduce nursing home placement (and associated costs)

Kaplan-Meier plot of time to nursing home placement in patients on oral rivastigmine or donepezil compared with no ChEI therapy (control)



Retrospective observational evidence from California Medicaid data  
Singh G, et al. *J Am Geriatr Soc* 2005;53:1269–70

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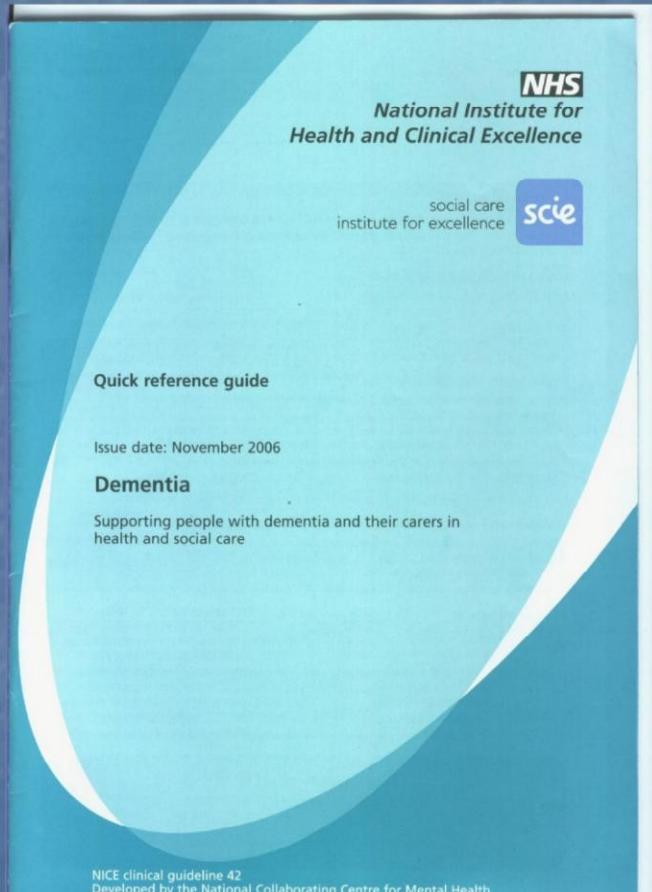
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# NICE-SCIE guidance on the management of the dementias (UK) (2006) [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)



- *People with mild/moderate dementia of all types should be given the opportunity to participate in a structured group cognitive stimulation programme ... provided by workers with training and supervision ... irrespective of any anti-dementia drug received ...'*





# 7TH PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY



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# Non-pharmacological intervention to Alzheimer patients

Takeda et al., 2012

Therapy	<u>Cognitive</u>	<u>ADL</u>	<u>BPSD</u>
ADL, activities of daily living; BPSD, behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia			
<i>Snoezelen/multisensory stimulation</i>	+	+	+
<i>Reality orientation</i>	+	+	+
<i>Reminiscence therapy</i>	+	-	+
<i>Physical activity</i>	+	+	+
<i>Light therapy</i>	+	-	+
<i>Aromatherapy</i>	-	-	+
<i>Animal-assisted therapy</i>	-	-	+
<i>Music therapy</i>	+	-	+



# DAY CENTERS



- ✖ 4 Day Centers in Thessaloniki
- ✖ 1 for patients with moderate – severe dementia
- ✖ 2 funded from Ministry of Health and European Union





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# Group games



# Group games



# Reality Orientation in Current events













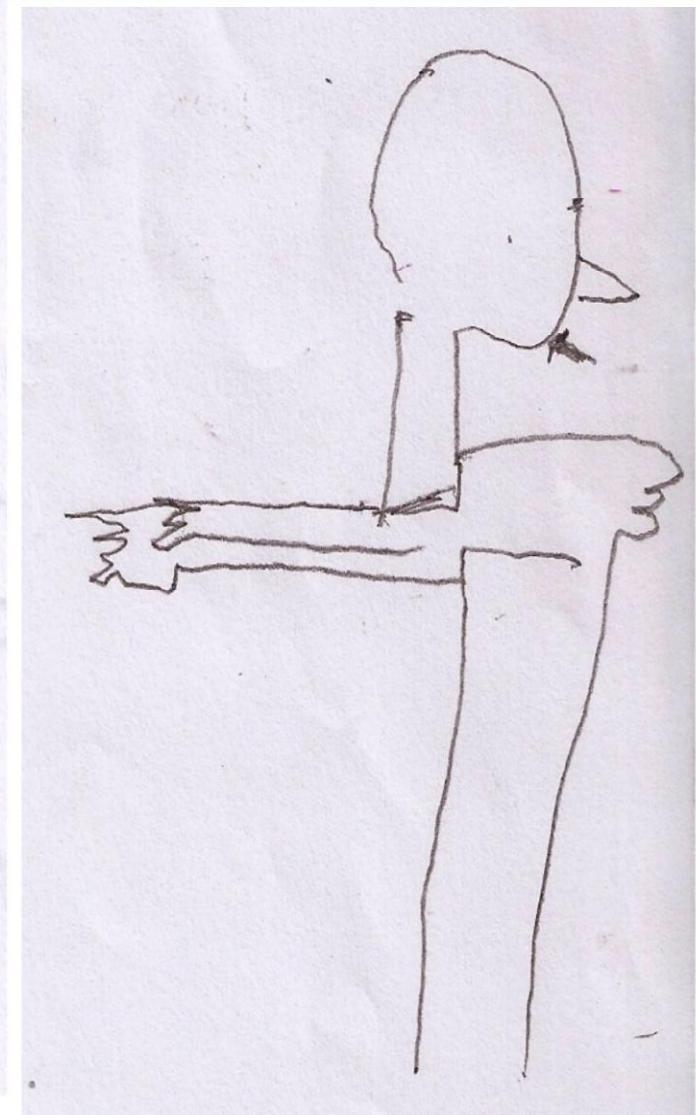
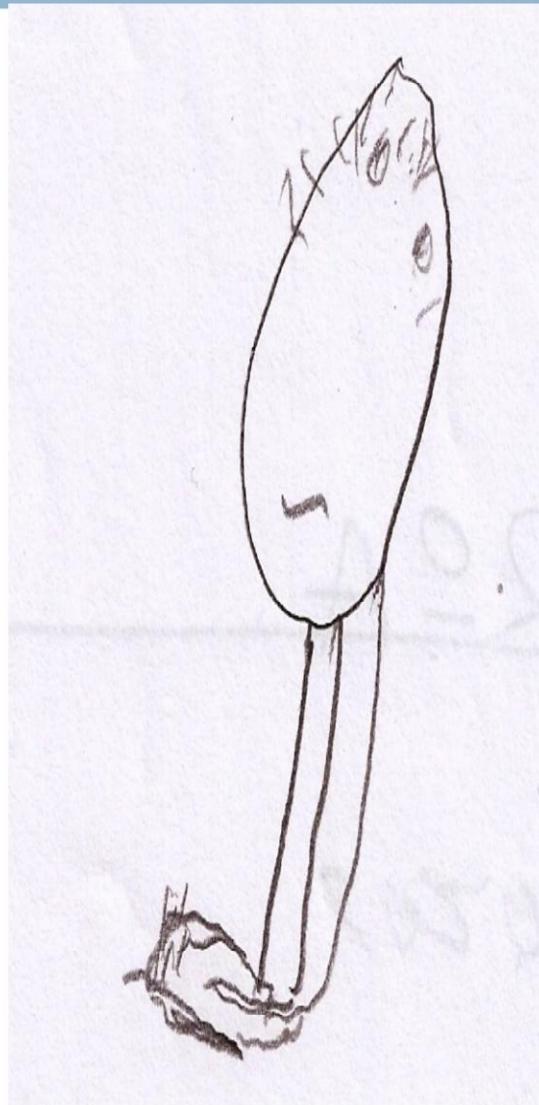




# Painting Myself



# Painting Myself



# Theatre Therapy

(Blatner A., 2001. Blatner H, 1973)

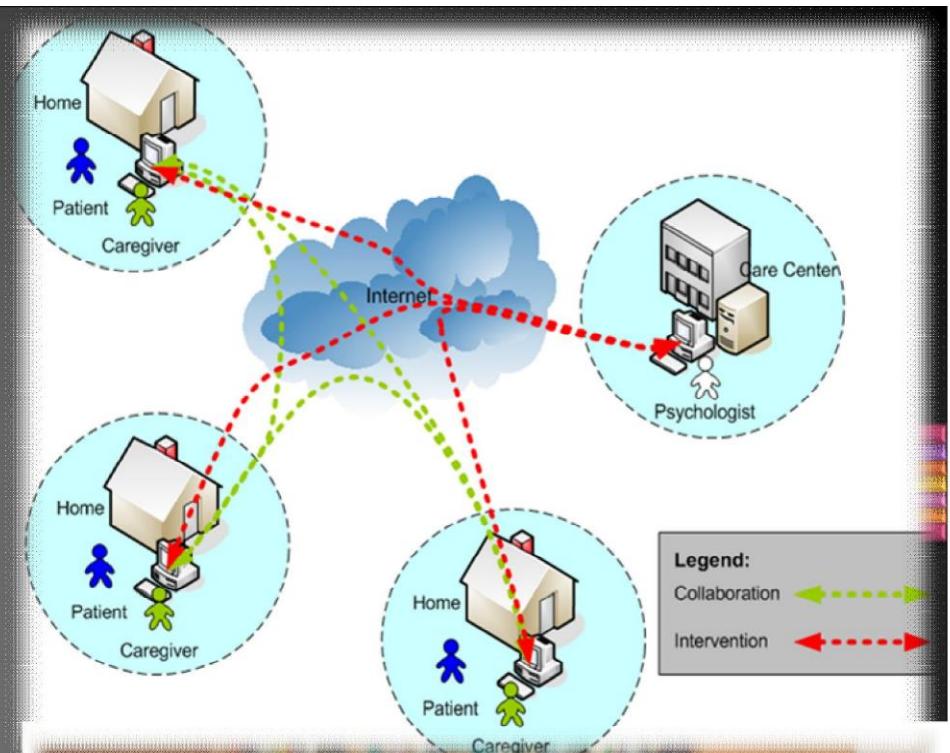
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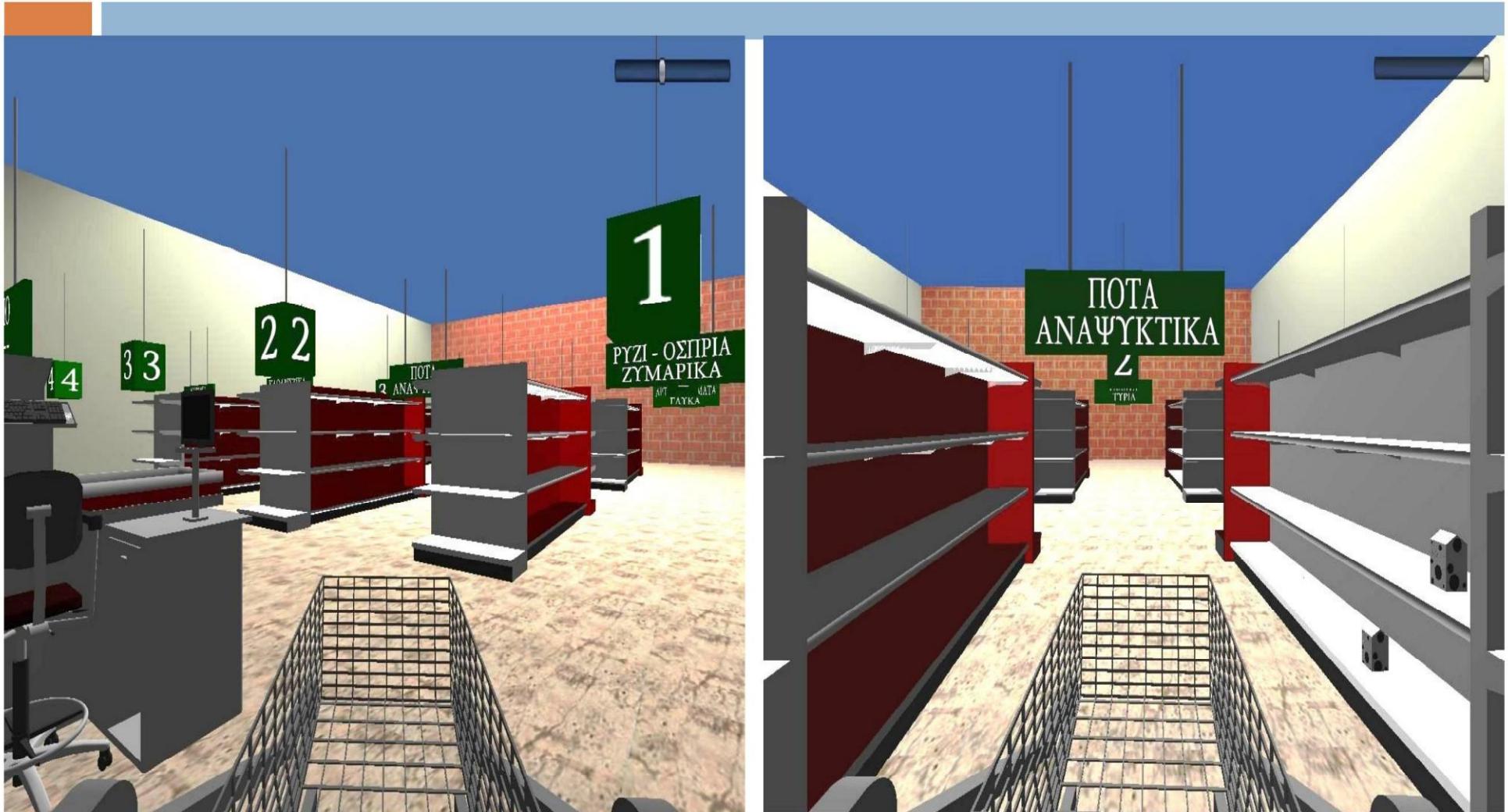


## **6<sup>th</sup> Question**

### **New technology and**

**□ Patterns of lucidity:** How can technology help identify the optimal times for an individual with Alzheimer's to conduct complex household tasks or interact with others?

# Activities of Daily Living



# 5 groups of 8 exercises

Complete Brain Workout

The software interface features a blue header bar with the title "Complete Brain Workout". Below the header is a grid of 16 icons arranged in four rows of four. Each icon has a colored border and a small description below it.

- Row 1:** Verbal (anagrams), Numerical (number sequences), Spatial (3D puzzle), Memory (color-coded squares).
- Row 2:** Logic (color-coded shapes), Code Word (grid of letters and numbers), Stroop (color words), Wordex (word search grid).
- Row 3:** Spelling Test (checkmark and letters), Split Words (ABC/CBA), Word Ladder (ladder icon), Word Search (grid of letters).
- Row 4:** Word Wise (hexagons with letters), BACK button, Volume button, Help button, and Close button.

**COMPLETE BRAIN WORKOUT**

Mr Smith

Registered to: s.zafeiropoulos@alzheimer-hellas.gr Registration code: OJV209-DVHJ7R-7FYRU7-AG04CY-ZRB0DX

# Language exercises

ΕΠΙΛΟΓΗ ΠΑΙΧΝΙΔΙΟΥ

ΛΕΞΟΜΑΝΤΕΙΑ      ΑΝΤΙΣΤΟΙΧΙΣΗ      ΚΡΥΠΤΟΛΕΞΟ

ΤΟΠ ΣΚΟΡ ΠΑΙΧΝΙΔΙΟΥ      ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΑ ΤΟΠ ΣΚΟΡ

ΠΑΙΧΤΗΣ

ΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ

ΔΥΣΚΟΛΙΑ

1      2      3      4      5

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ΕΞΟΔΟΣ      ΑΛΛΑΓΗ ΠΑΙΧΤΗ

ΟΔΗΓΙΕΣ      ΕΝΑΡΞΗ











## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Questions

### Late stages and technology

- **Safety:** How can new technologies add to or improve on existing safety monitoring systems?
- **Independence:** How can wireless sensor technologies support activities of daily living? How can current technologies be improved?



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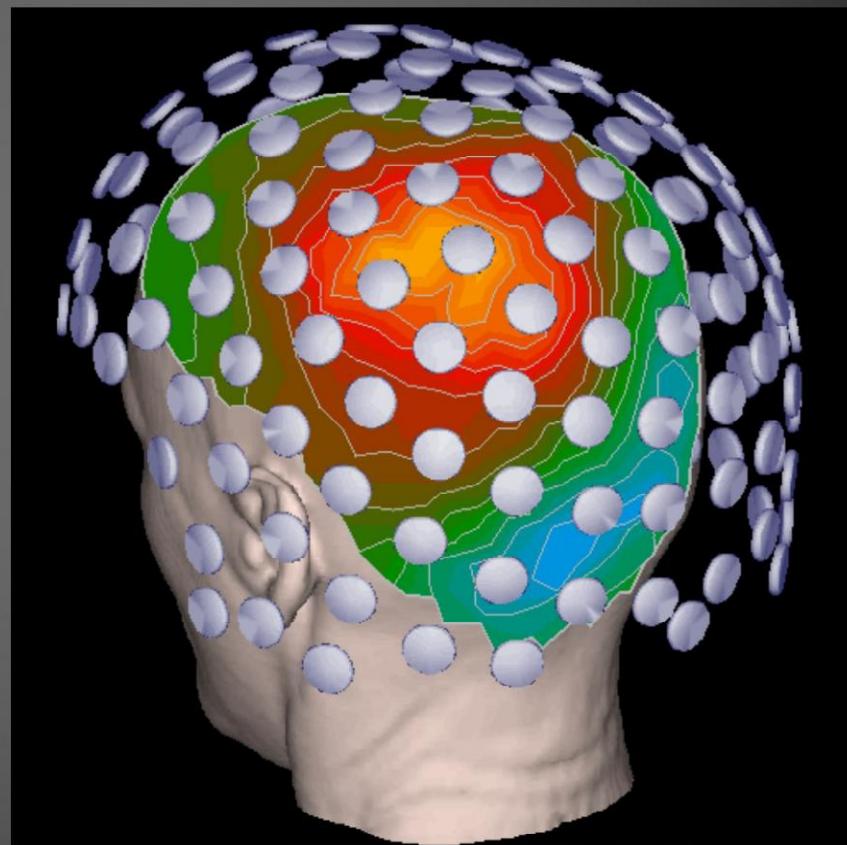


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# Neurophysiological Assessment-EEG

Group therapy  
41 participants  
 $\text{MMSE} > 20$   
Once a week  
1 ½ hour  
24 therapies

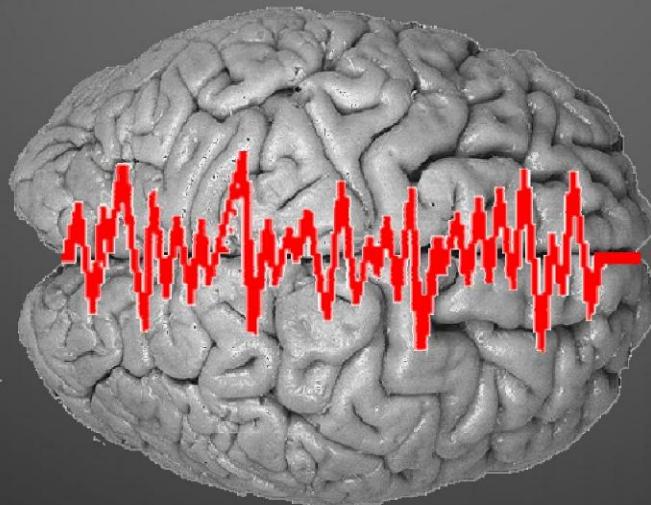


# Participants

	Experimental group N=41	Control group N=26	p
Gender M/F	A7/Γ34	A4/Γ22	0.560
Age (years)	68.78 (7.66)	67.23 (8.20)	0.150
Education (years)	11.41 (4.85)	11.30 (4.13)	0.430
MMSE	28.34 (1.52)	28.03 (1.21)	0.100

# Results

Significant improvement  
mainly in right hemisphere  
nets ( $p=0.002$ )



# **Right parietal-occipital and right parietal and right frontotemporal- frontal**

	<b>before</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>p</b>
FT8-F8	0.469	0.344	0.002
PO4-P8	0.456	0.319	0.002

# Left parietal-occipital and right frontal and parietal area

	before	after	.p
PO3-FC6	0.462	0.324	0.001
P6-P8	0.444	0.317	0.001



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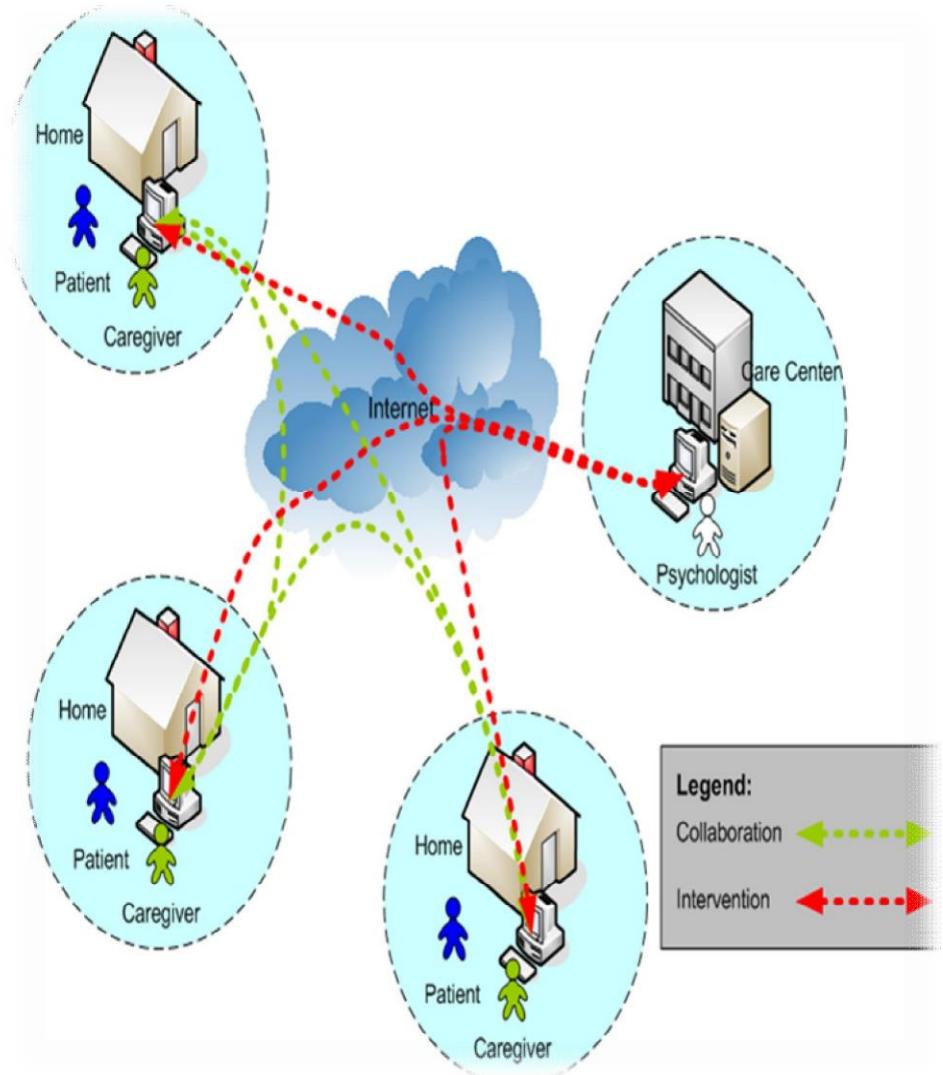
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# Caregivers



- Psycho-education
- Support group (CBT)
- Family therapy
- Relaxation techniques
- On line support groups



# Support group on line

Users: 5

Role	Name	Status
Συγγραφέας	Zografia Giannoula	Online
Παρακαλητής	Fanioti Vasiliki	Online
Καυσταρίτης Κώστας	Kostas Kavtaridis	Online
Επιχειρηστής	Epithetis Maria	Online
Φορεσιά Κανοκάτη	Canocati Fanoula	Online

Listeners: 5

Role	Name	Status
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Switch Presenter

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Question

# New Technology and

- **Social support:** How can face or audio recognition technology provide real-time feedback reminders and support for social interactions?



# World Alzheimer' s Day





# ZUMBATHON



# Theatre for our Caregivers



# Theatre by children for caregivers





# Music Evening for Caregivers



# Music Evening for Caregivers



# Tango night with Staff dancing





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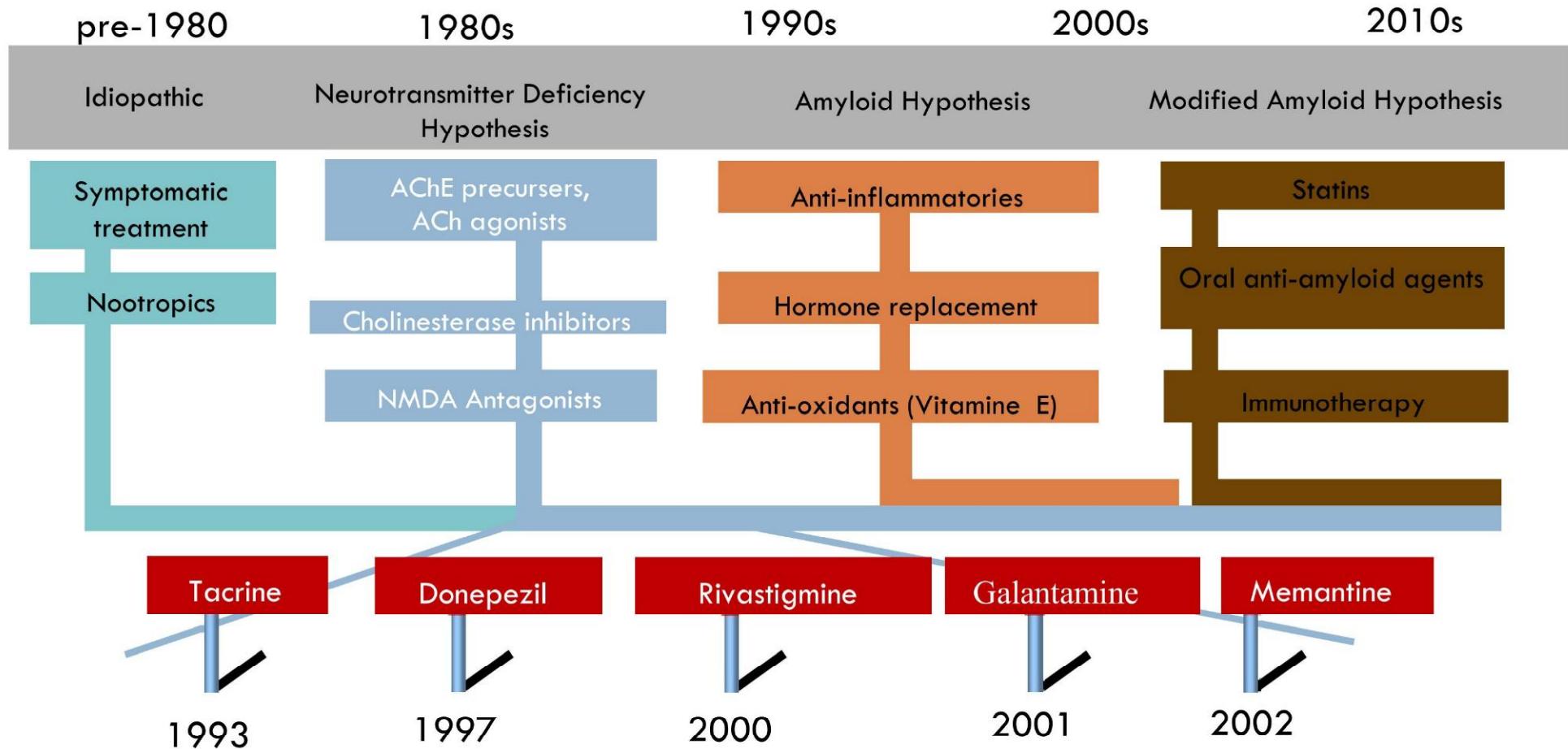
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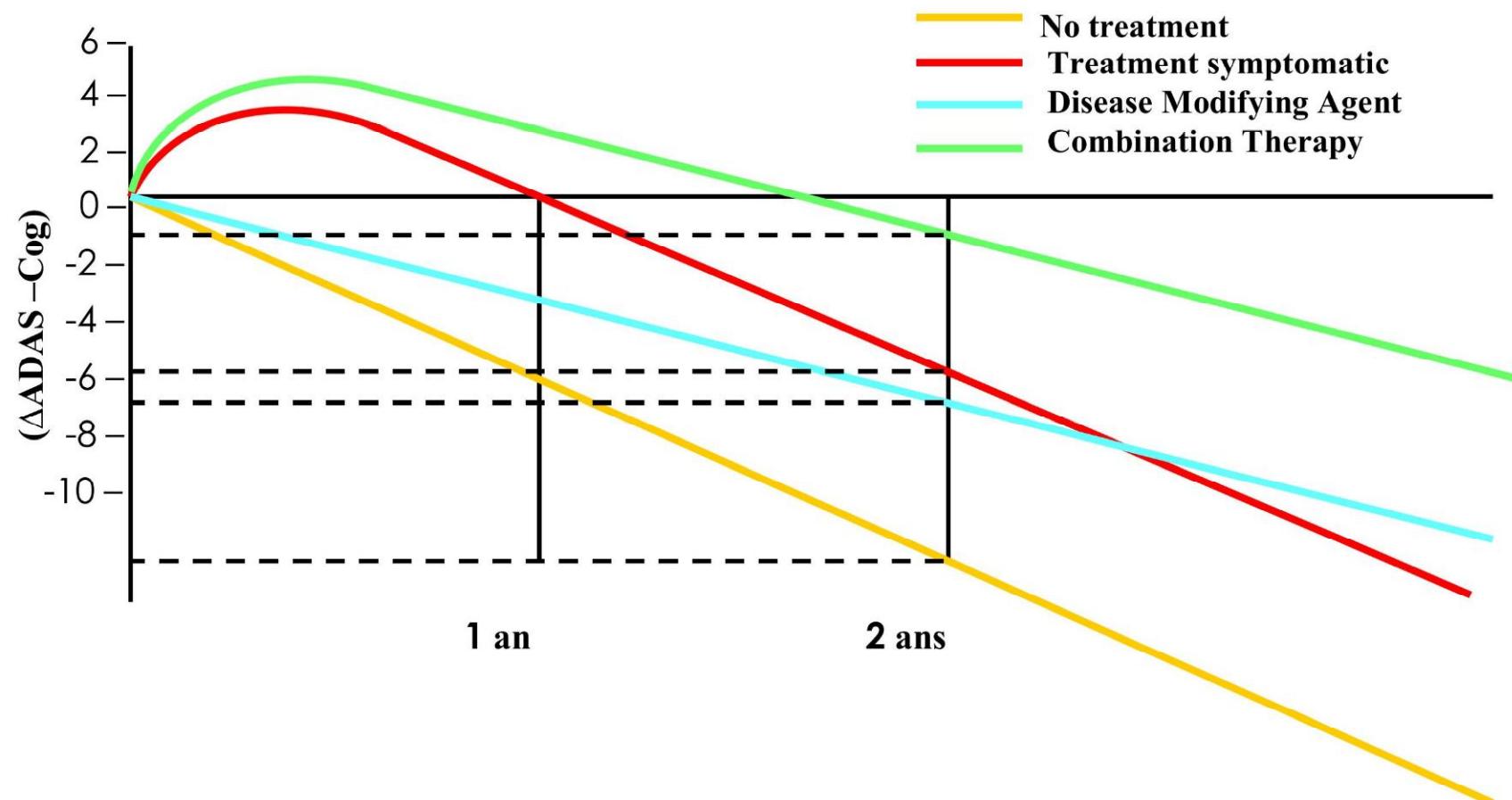


# Development of Alzheimer Pharmacotherapy



Relkin, ADAD 2006

# Disease Modifying drugs

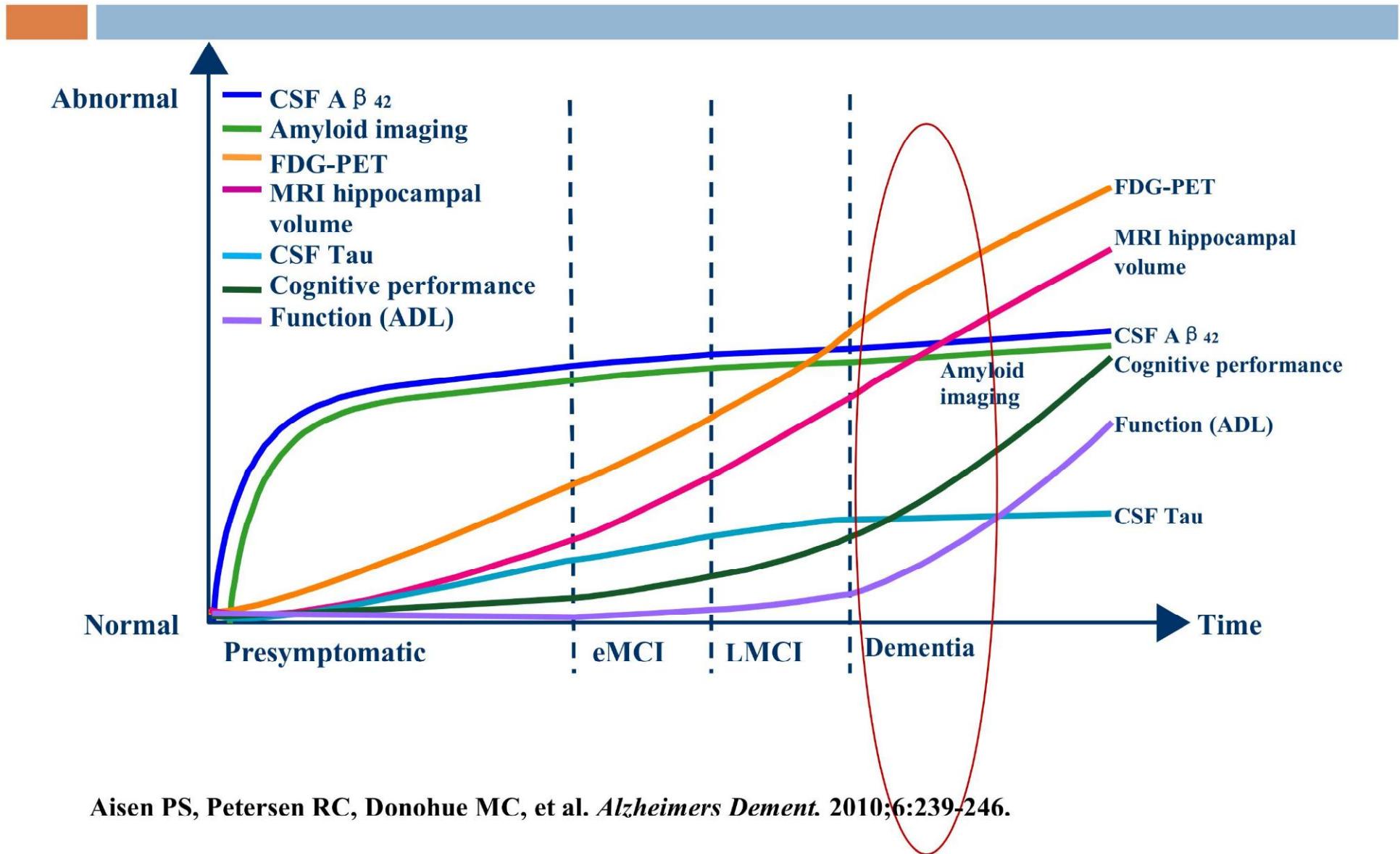


# The Concept of disease Modifying treatment



- **Difficult to define and subject of much debate**
- **Able to reduce the progression rate**
- **Effect on the physiopathological mechanism of the disease**
- **Able to have a long-lasting effect on disability**

# AD Progression



# Recent AD Trials: promising targets, mostly negative trials

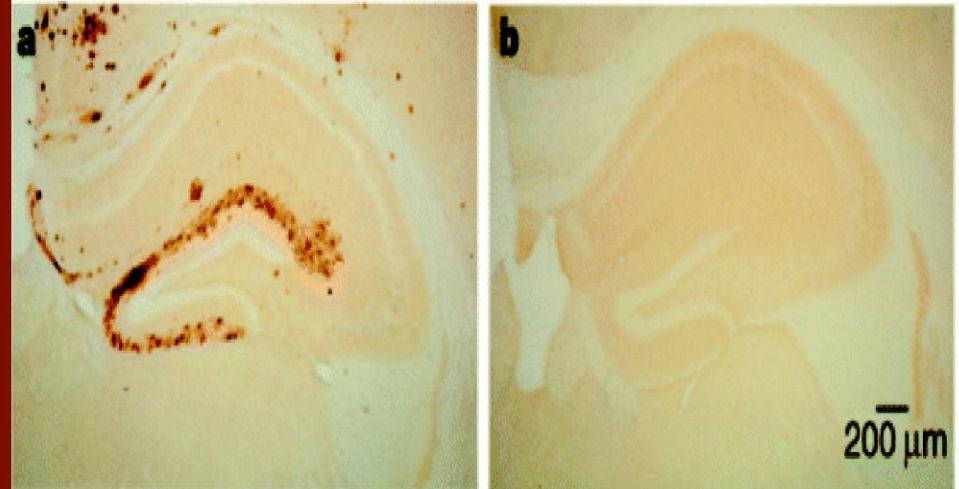
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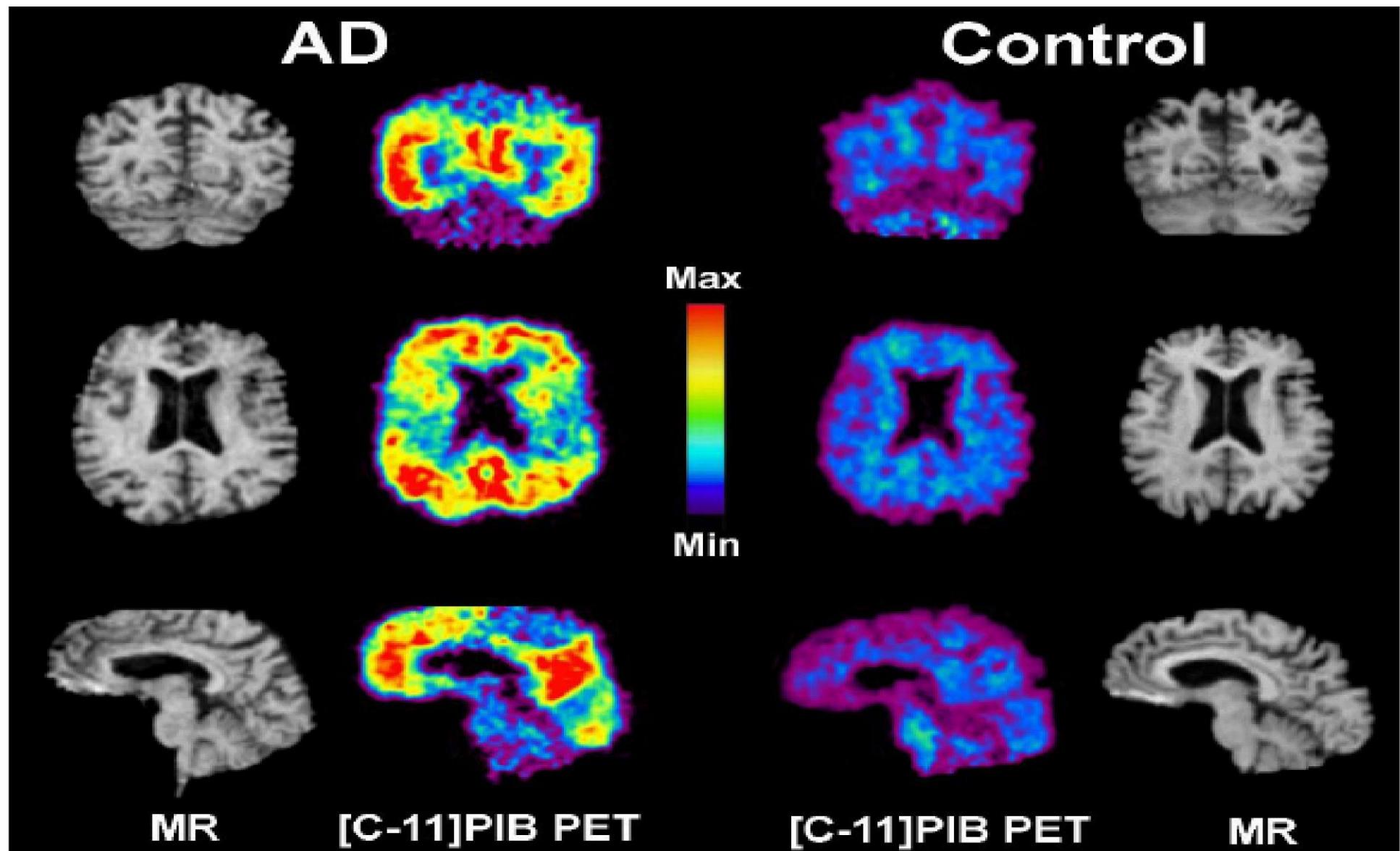
- Xaliproden (neuroprotection)
- Tramiprosate (amyloid anti-aggregation)
- Tarenflurbil (gamma secretase inhibitor)
- Rosiglitazone (metabolic, anti-inflammatory)
- Leuprolide (endocrine)
- Dimebon (mitochondrial?)
- Semagacestat (gamma secretase inhibitor)
- Dimebon (add-on)

# *History of immunization*

## *A. In animals with AD*

- Schenk D. Decrease of Amyloid beta with active immunization
- Nature 1999; 400: 173-177



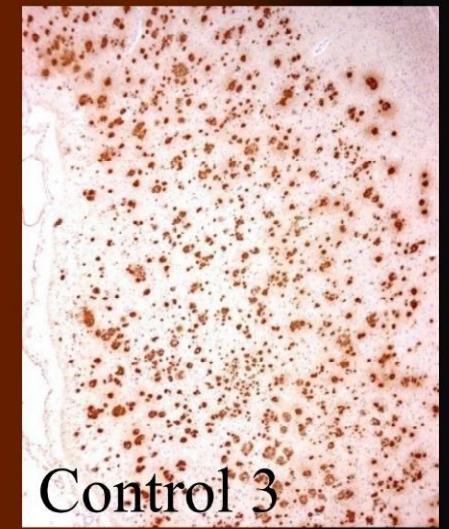
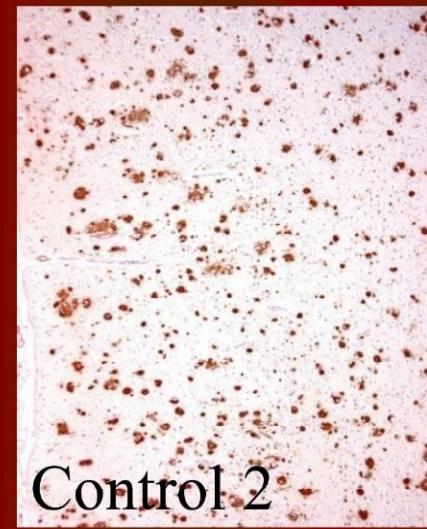
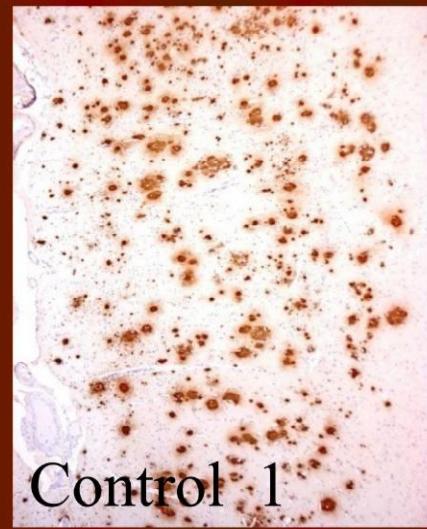


University of Pittsburgh  
*PET Amyloid Imaging Group*

Klunk et al., Annals of Neurology 2004

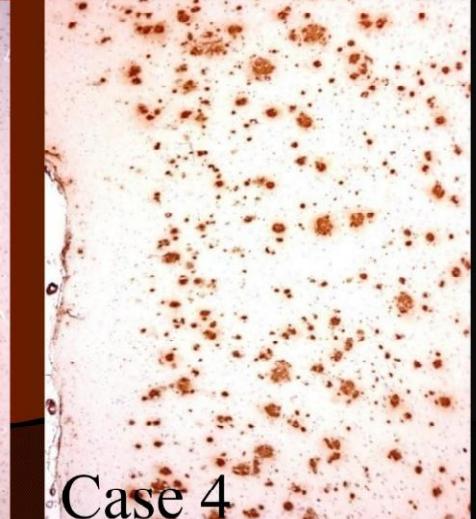
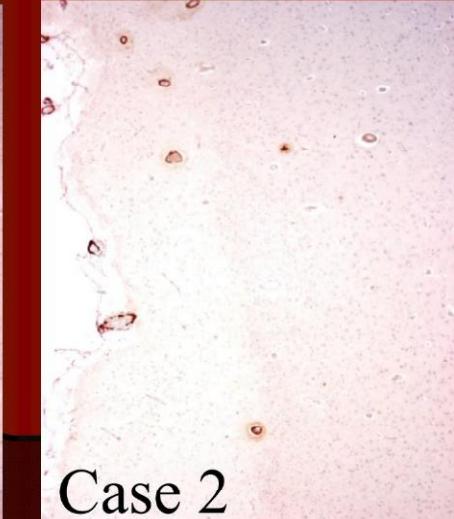
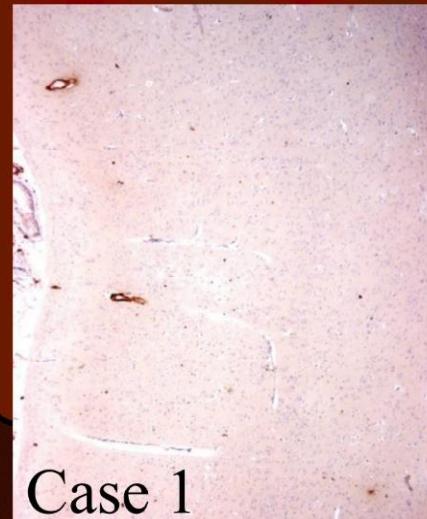
## **B. In AD patients**

Without  
immunization



With  
immunization

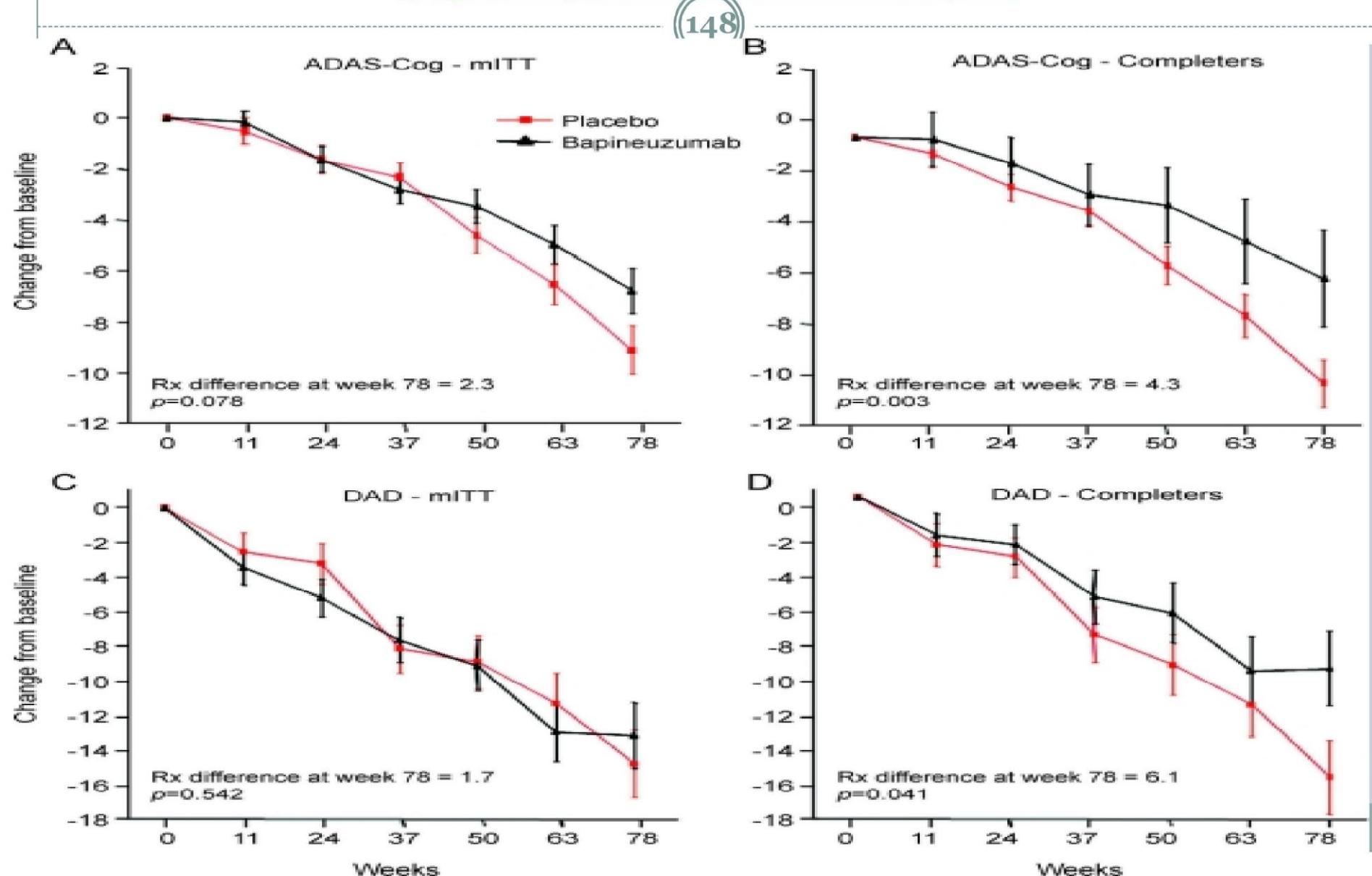
21F12 (anti-A $\beta$ 42)



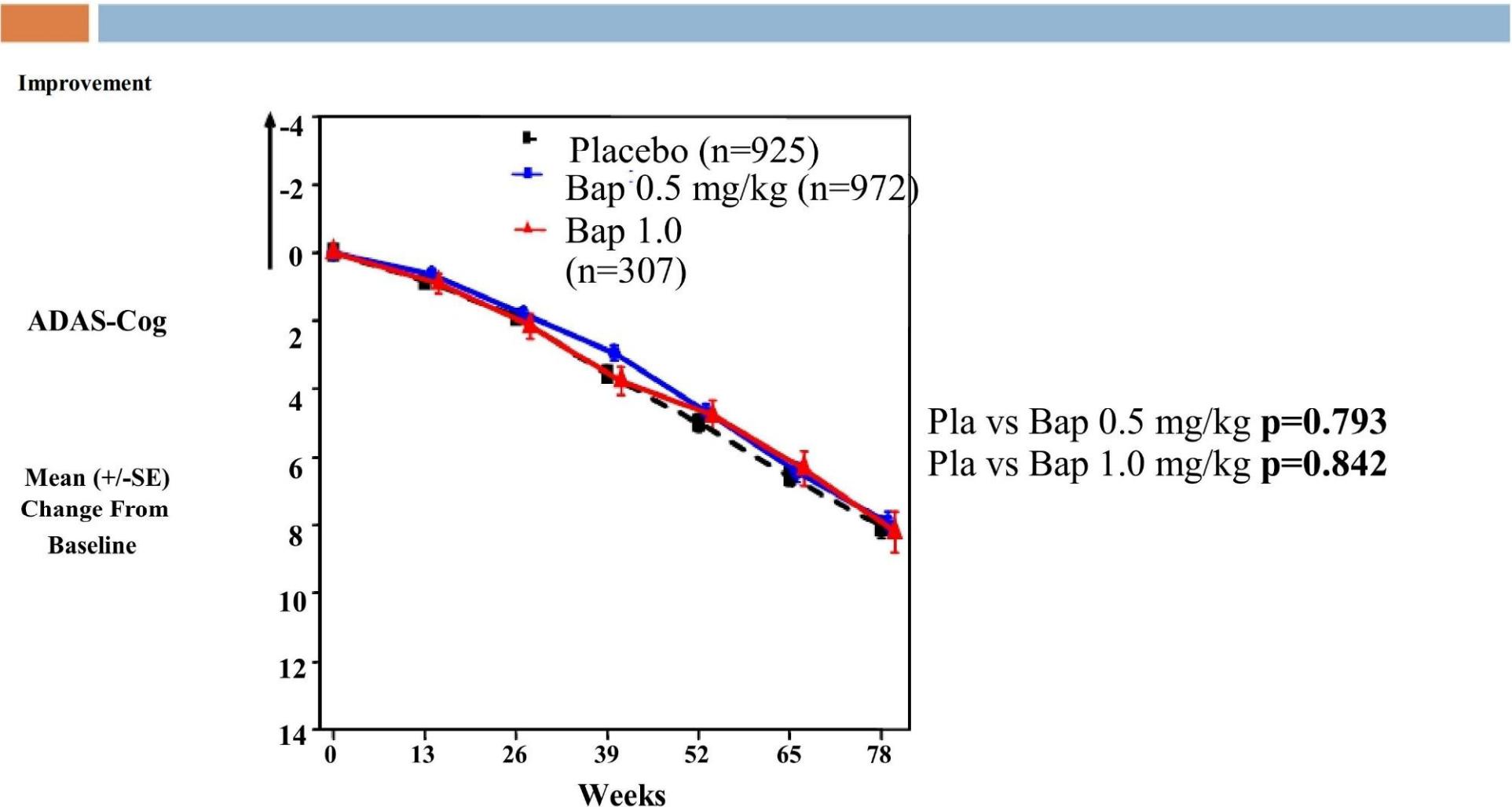
# A $\beta$ Immunotherapies in development.

Drug Name	Sponsor	Characteristics		Phase	References
<i>Monoclonal Antibodies</i>					
		<i>Epitope*</i>	<i>Isotype</i>		
<b>Bapineuzumab (AAB-001)</b>	Janssen/Elan/Pfizer	1–5 (free N- terminus)	IgG1	III	[1,53]; NCT00575055 and NCT00574132
Solanezumab (LY2062430)	Eli Lilly	13–28	IgG1	III	[37–40]; NCT00905372
PF-04360365	Pfizer	33–40 (free C- terminus)	IgG2	II	[42,62]; NCT00722046
MABT5102A	Genentech	NP	NP	I	[43,63]; NCT00736775
GSK933776A	GlaxoSmithKline	NP	NP	I	NCT00459550
Gantenerumab (R1450/RO4909832)	Hoffmann-La Roche	NP	IgG1	I	NCT00531804
<i>Intravenous Immunoglobulin</i>					
Gammagard	Baxter; NIH Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study			III	[46]; NCT00818662
Octagam	Octapharma			II	NCT00812565
<i>Active Vaccines</i>					
		<i>Fragment*</i>			
CAD106	Novartis	1–6		II	[64]; NCT00795418
ACC001	Pfizer	1–7		II	NCT00498602
UB311	United Biochemical	1–14		I	NCT00965588
V950	Merck	NP		I	NCT00464334
AD01/AD02	Affiris	**		I	[47]; NCT00711139/NCT00711321

# Phase II: Neurology. 2009 December 15; 73(24): 2061–2070



## Phase 3: Bapineuzumab Pooled 302/301 ADAS-Cog Change from Baseline





ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΝΟΣΟΥ ALZHEIMER ΚΑΙ ΣΥΓΓΕΝΩΝ ΔΙΑΤΑΡΑΧΩΝ

# No Results

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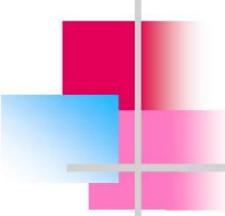
Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Eli Lilly studies of  
5 years with 2 medications and 2400 patients.

The disappearance of  $\beta$ -amyloid (20 molecules)  
With a cost of 270.000.000 \$

**NO RESULTS**

**Nature 04-09-12** (*Callaway E., Alzheimer's drugs take a new tack. 489:13–14  
doi:10.1038/489013a*)

- 9 of 9 studies phase III with no results



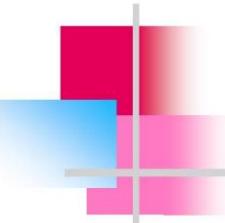
## **BAXTER ANNOUNCES TOPLINE RESULTS OF PHASE III STUDY OF IMMUNOGLOBULIN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

DEERFIELD, Ill., May 7, 2013 – Baxter International Inc. (NYSE:BAX) today announced that its Phase III clinical study of immunoglobulin (IG) did not meet its co-primary endpoints of reducing cognitive decline and preserving functional abilities in patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. The Gammaglobulin Alzheimer's Partnership (GAP) study was conducted by Baxter in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study (ADCS), a clinical trial consortium supported by the United States National Institute on Aging in the National Institutes of Health.

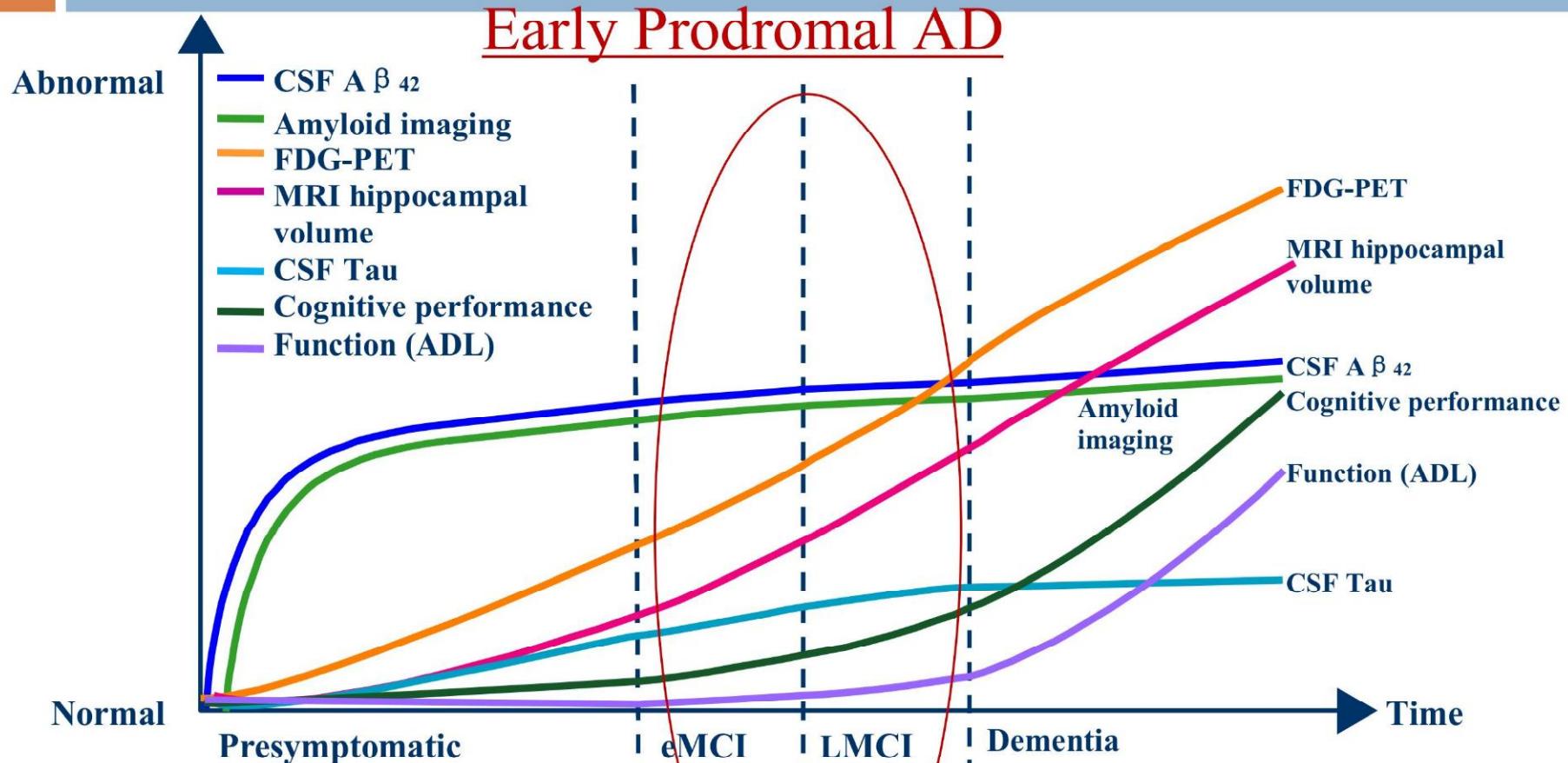
# Is dementia too late to treat?

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- Neuropathology of AD in the dementia stage is characterized by widespread neurodegeneration and irreversible neuronal loss
  - This stage may be too advanced in order to demonstrate clinically relevant benefit with disease-modifying therapies that do not also show symptomatic effects.
  - Non-clinical studies suggest immunotherapy with anti-amyloid mAbs produces greater benefit with earlier intervention.

# OUTLINE

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- MANAGEMENT
    - HISTORY
    - PREVENTION
    - CURRENT TREATMENT
      - Pharmacological
      - Non-Pharmacological
        - Education
        - Interventions for patients
        - Care for caregivers
    - **FUTURE DIRECTIONS-EARLY and LATE future**

# AD Progression



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# Current Phase II Predementia AD Trials

Experimental agent	BMS-708163	ACC-001	NewGam 10% IVIG	Gantenerumab
Sponsor	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Pfizer, JANSSEN	Sutter Health	Hoffmann-La Roche
AD stage	Prodementia AD	Early AD	Amnestic MCI	Prodromal AD
Sample size	270	108	50	360
Clinical criteria	Memory complaint MMSE 24-30 WMS Logical Memory or FCSRT Not AD dementia	Reported change in cognition MMSE $\geq 25$ Global CDR=0.5 Not AD dementia	Petersen criteria of aMCI ( $\geq$ domain) CDR=0.5 MMSE 24-30	Caregiver reported decrease in memory over 12 months MMSE $\geq 24$
Biomarker criteria	CSF – A $\beta$ 42 <200pg/mL – or t-tau/A $\beta$ 42 $\geq 0.39$ CT or MRI scan consistent with AD	Positive AD amyloid-PET scan	No moderate or severe cortical or hippocampal atrophy	Amyloid PET



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## WHAT COULD HELP US;

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**CSF FINDINGS have 50-70% of patients with MCI  
PET Fibrillar beta amyloid 40-70%**

**Both examinations suggest the MCI patients who will progress  
to AD De Mayer G 2010**

Biological markers of beta Amyloid: **A $\beta$  CSF, A $\beta$  PET**

Biological markers of brain injury: **Tau CSF, atrophy in  
hippocampus , FDG PET**

**There is a big need for early diagnosis**

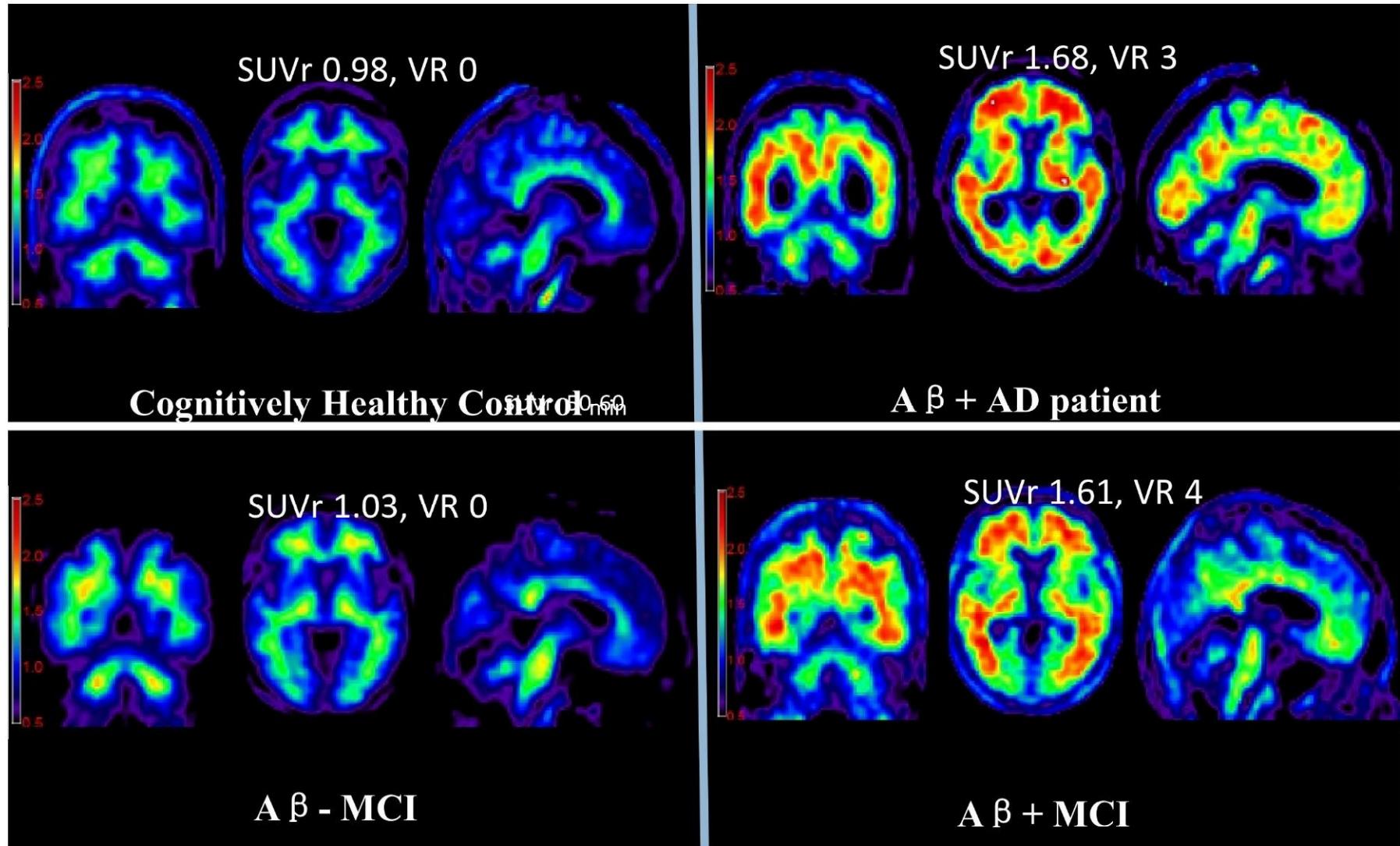


MRI 3T  
Neuropsychological Battery (Three hours)  
EEG, ERPs  
CSF  
Blood

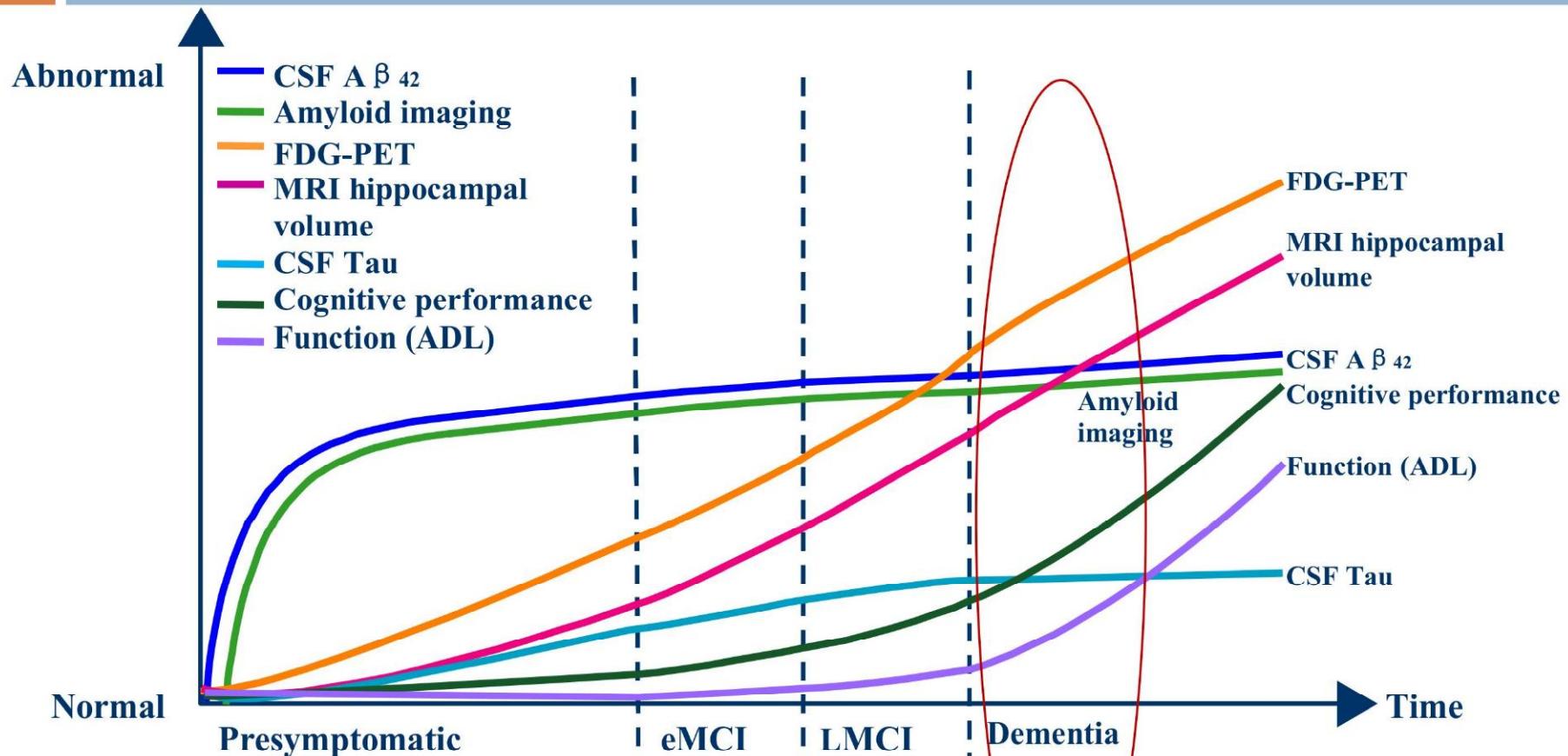
Advancing science and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease



# Amyloid Imaging with Florbetapir F 18



# What about new medications for AD?



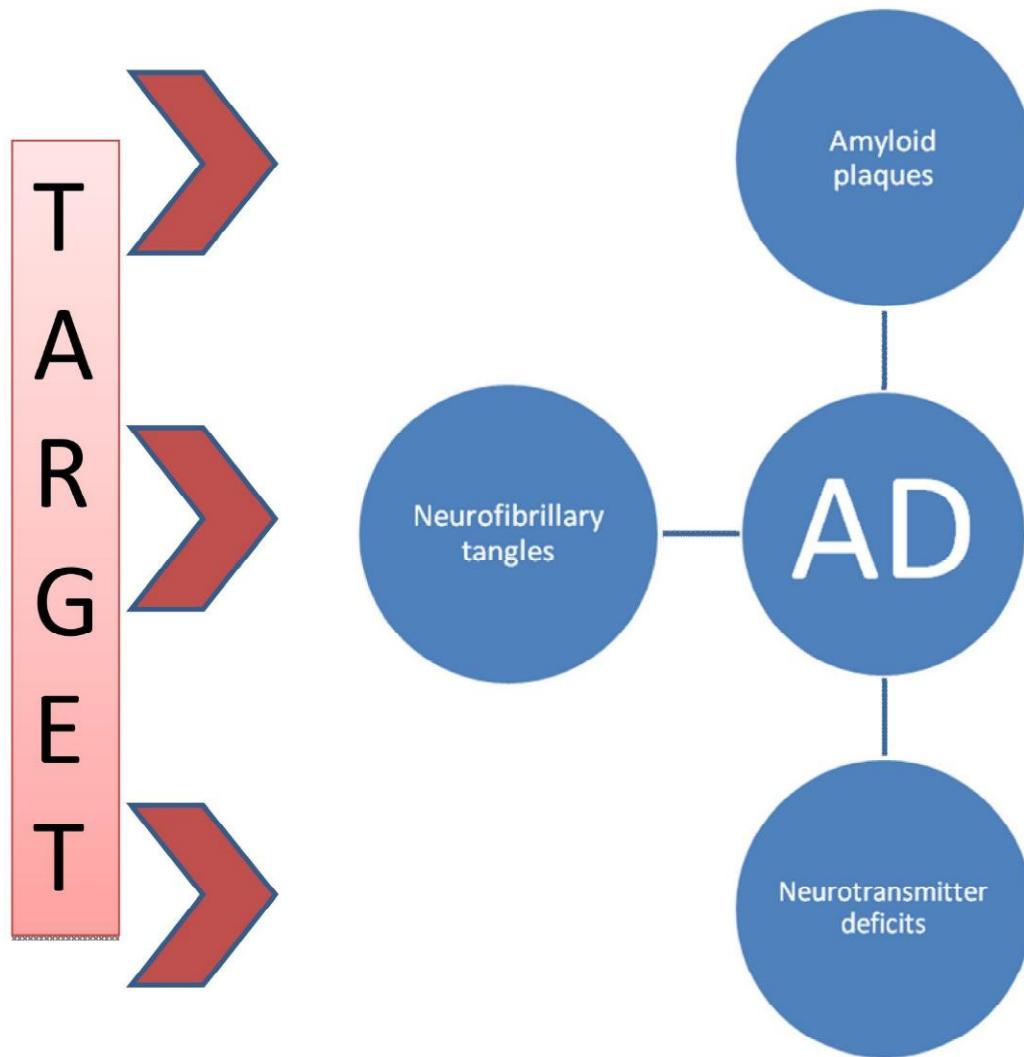
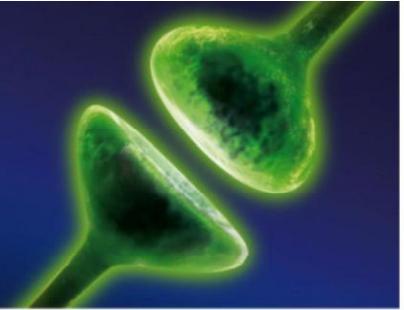
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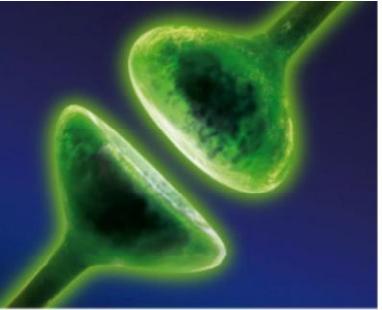
# A new nutritional approach targeting Synapse loss

 NUTRICIA  
**Souvenaid®**

# AD Management: Approaches



# Souvenaid - designed to support synapse formation



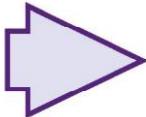
- Souvenaid, a multi-nutrient drink, hypothesis driven
- Based on 10 years' pre-clinical work

## Fortasyn™ Connect

- Uridine (UMP)
- Omega-3 fatty acids
- Choline
- Phospholipids
- B vitamins
- Antioxidants

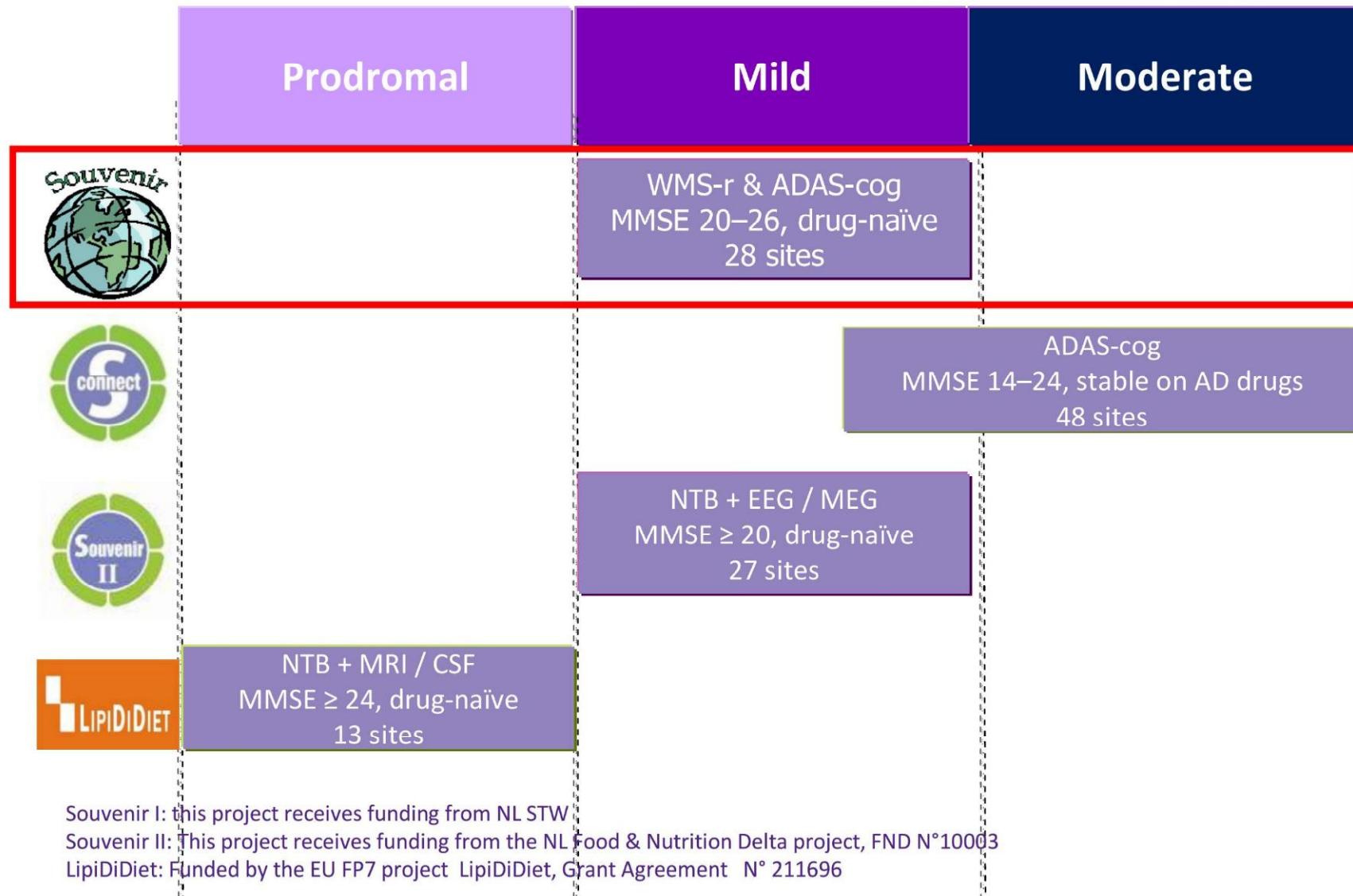
## Targeted to

Support formation  
of synapses



Various international pre-clinical research consortia  
Including Lipidiet, LipiDiDiet, Dementia, Neuronutrients  
Dr Kiliaan, Professor Soininen, Professor Hartmann

# Full clinical trial programme across the AD spectrum



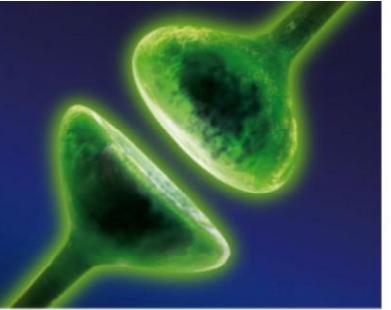


## Efficacy of a medical food in mild Alzheimer's disease: A randomized, controlled trial

Philip Scheltens<sup>a,\*</sup>, Patrick J. G. H. Kamphuis<sup>b</sup>, Frans R. J. Verhey<sup>c</sup>, Marcel G. M. Olde Rikkert<sup>d</sup>, Richard J. Wurtman<sup>e</sup>, David Wilkinson<sup>f</sup>, Jos W. R. Twisk<sup>g</sup>, Alexander Kurz<sup>h</sup>

1. Very good safety and tolerability profile:
  - No differences in AEs
  - Very high compliance (94%)
2. Expected nutritional and biochemical changes
3. Significant effect on end point 1 Memory (WMS-r)
4. No effect on end point 2 Cognition (ADAS-cog)
  - Baseline as predictor
5. Additional analysis on subgroups and behaviour:
  - Cognition in subgroup of moderate AD = Paper # 2 - published
  - Effect on BMI = Paper # 3 - published
  - ADL in low BMI subgroup = Paper # 3 - published
  - Memory effect in very mild AD = Paper # 4 - published

# Souvenir II: Effect of Souvenaid on memory in patients with mild AD



Significant effect on NTB memory domain score during 24 weeks ( $p=0.023$ )



Souvenir II: Statistical analysis re-run by Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center  
ITT, Mixed Model for Repeated Measures, 2 df contrast (trajectory of change, mean  $\pm$  SE)

# Souvenir II: Summary

- Souvenaid improves memory during 24 weeks in mild AD patients
- Very positive safety profile
- Very high adherence

# LipiDiDiet: EU funded running long-term trial

Principal investigator: Professor Hilkka Soininen, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland

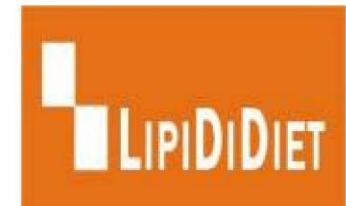
Multi-country, multi-centre study (13 sites in The Netherlands, Germany, Sweden and Finland)

24-Months randomised, controlled trial in 300 people with prodromal AD



## Eligibility:

- Prodromal Alzheimer diagnosis (Dubois et al, 2007)
- MMSE  $\geq 24$



## Outcome measures:

- **Primary:** z-score of a Neuropsychological Test Battery
- **Secondary:** Progression to AD, functional (ADCS-ADL) nutritional biomarkers, safety and adherence
- **Biomarkers:** CSF and MRI



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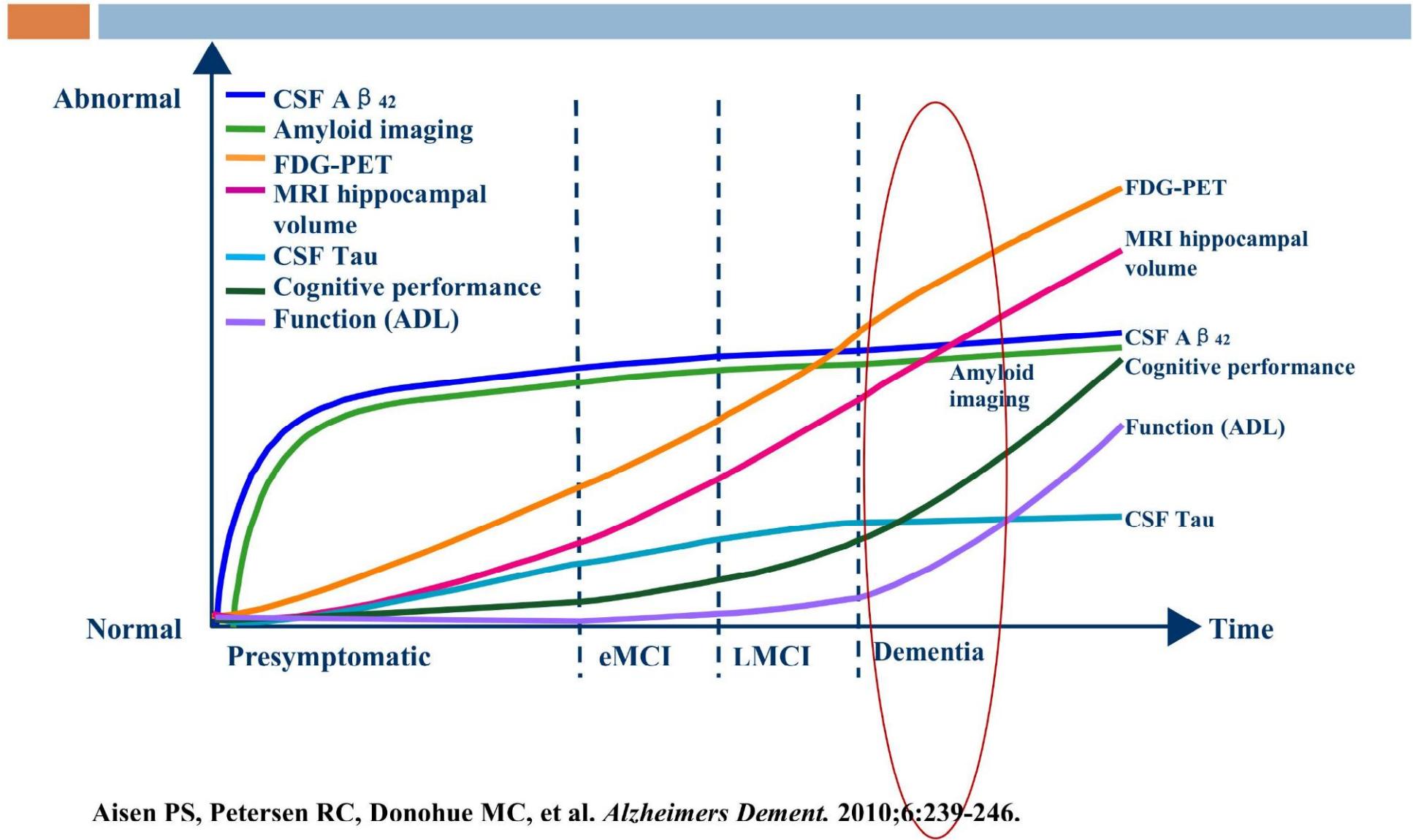


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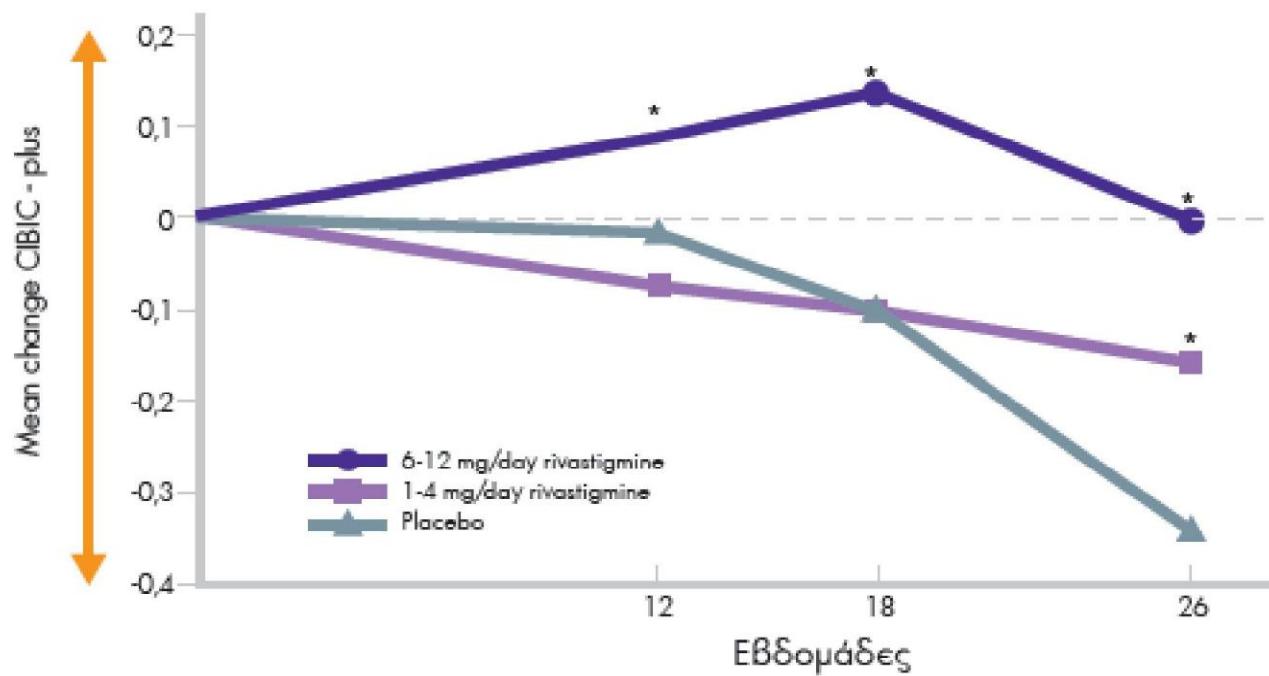
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# What about AD?



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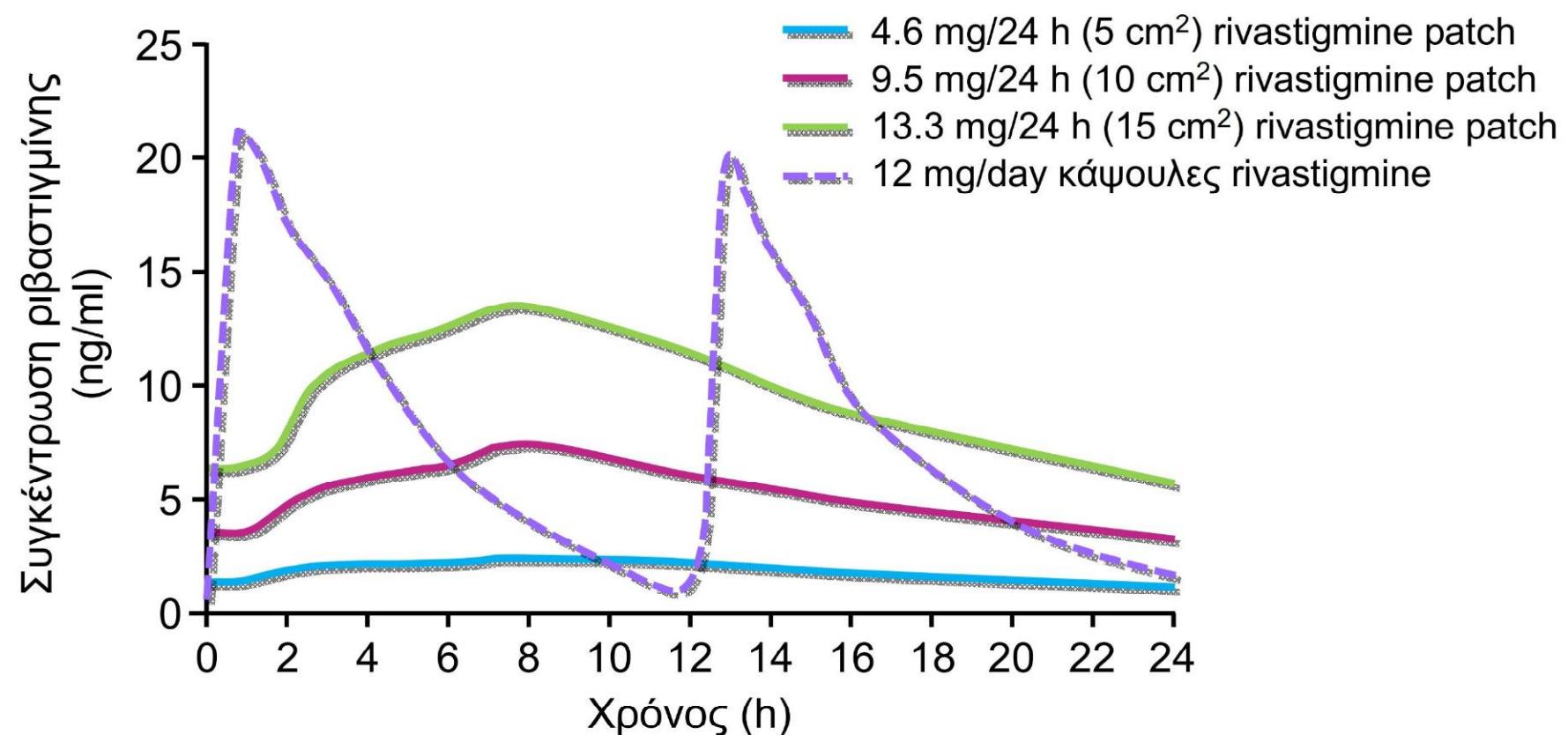
# Rivastigmine and dose-depended results



Αποτελέσματα από τυχαιοποιημένη μελέτη ριβαστιγμίνης (Exelon) έναντι placebo διάρκειας 26 εβδομάδων

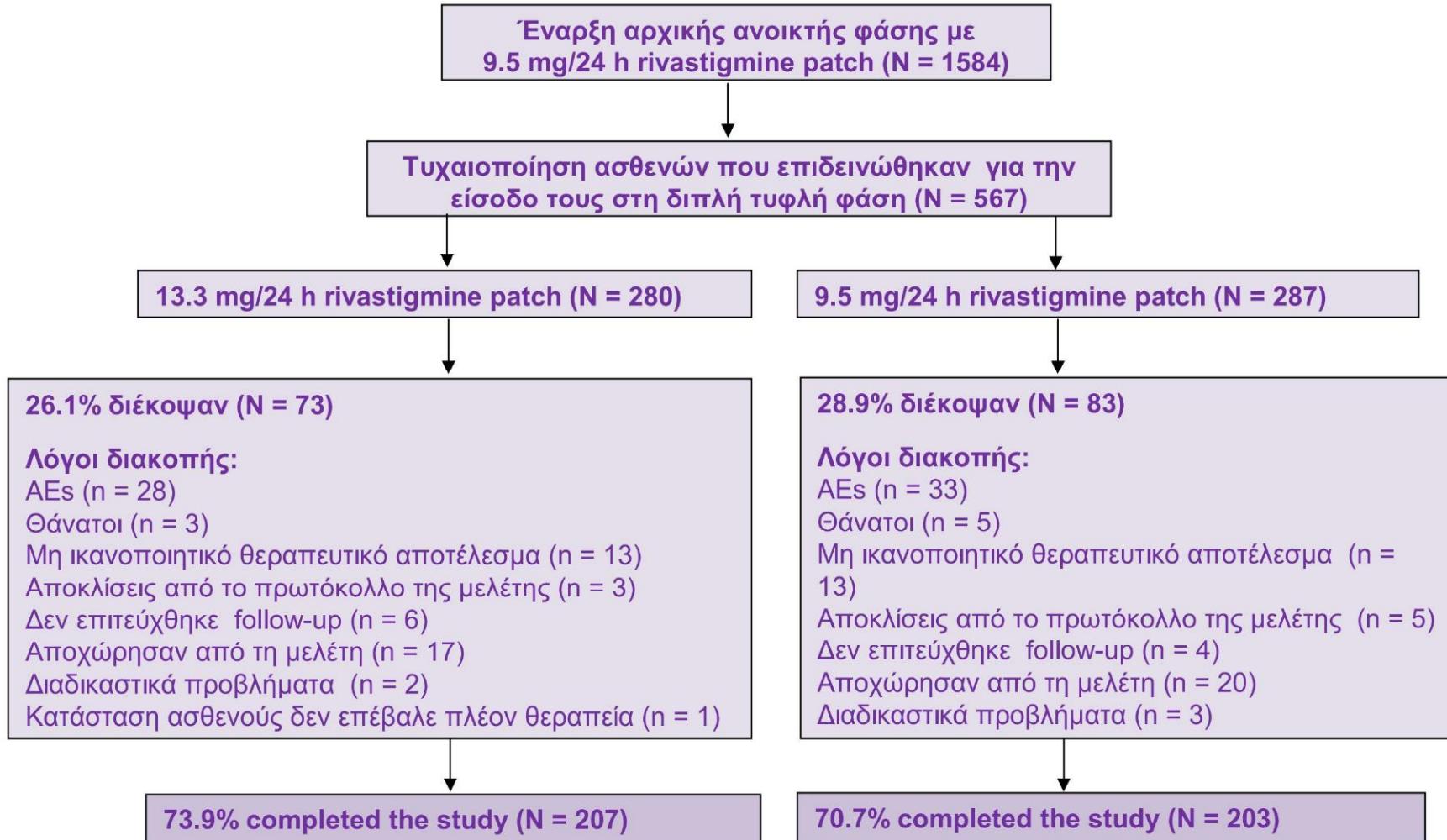
Προσαρμογή από Schneider et al.<sup>4</sup>

## The best pharmacokinetic profil with rivastigmine patch

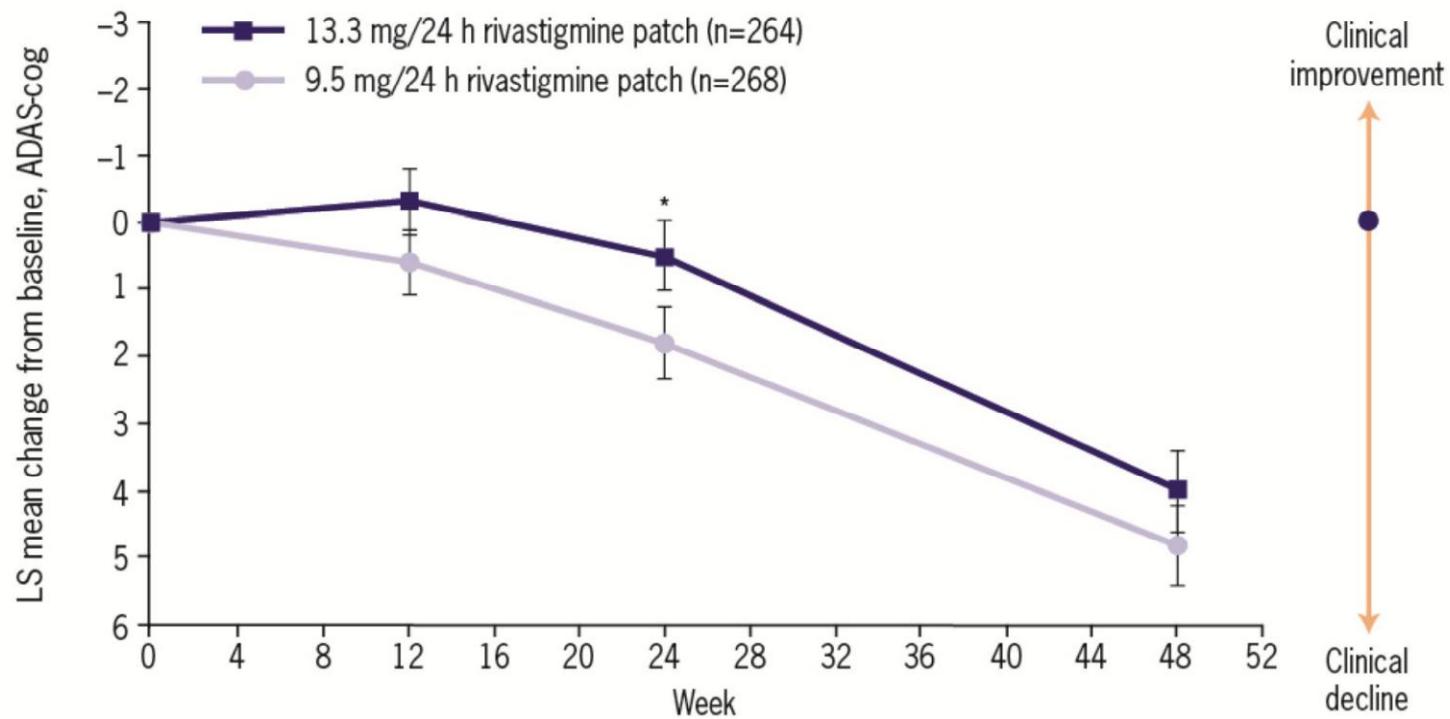


<sup>1</sup>Mercier F et al. Curr Med Res Opin 2007;23(12):3199–204. <sup>2</sup>Novartis, data on file.

# Participants



## More delay in deterioration of cognitive function with Exelon Patch 13,3 mg



ITT-DB, Intention-To-Treat double-blind; LOCF, Last Observation Carried Forward; ADAS-cog, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale—cognitive subscale; LS, least-squares; error bars represent the standard error of the mean; \* $p = 0.027$  13.3 mg/24 h versus 9.5 mg/24 h patch. P-value based on an analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) model adjusted for country and baseline ADAS-cog score.

# Summary drug treatment

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- AD is a multifactorial disease
- There is a need for

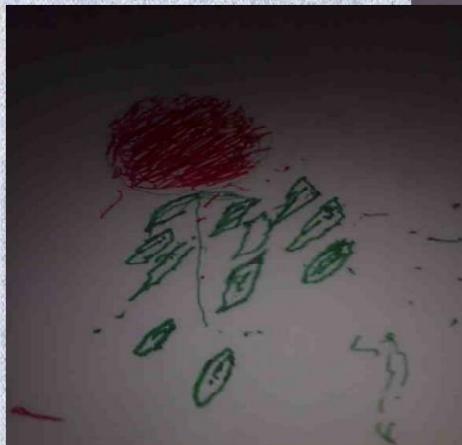
## DISEASE MODIFYING DRUGS

- With different modes of action and perhaps also individualized regimens



- In parallel, there is a need for **EARLY DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS / BIOMARKERS**

**This disease touch the button “delete”  
of the computer of our life**



**We have something to do. We are all  
candidates...**

Dwayne J. Clark, Αύγουστος, 2012



The patient with  
dementia suffers.

We have to do  
something for him  
today







- Considering the increased knowledge on AD causes and treatment possibilities during the last 30 years - even though many trials lately have been negative - there are all reasons to be optimistic about the future!

but.....

- MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED!



Thank you for your attention