Relationship of biomarker classification for AD to longitudinal decline among clinically normal older participants

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Outline

- Biomarker classification in clinically normal participants
- Longitudinal decline by NIA-AA preclinical stages
- Associations between Aβ, ND, & Tau PET
- Early Aβ related cognitive changes (among Stage 1)

Classification of CN





NIA-AA preclinical staging

	MRI (hippocampus, AD-lik FDG (AD-like) CSF (Tau, pTau)		mpus, AD-like) D-like) u, pTau)
		ND-	ND+
<mark>Amyloid PET</mark> CSF Aβ	Αβ-	Stage 0	SNAP
	Αβ+	Stage 1	Stage 2

NIA-AA preclinical stages across cohorts



Longitudinal decline by NIA-AA preclinical stages

Greatest functional progression in Stage 2



AIBL: Burnham 2016, N=62/573 (11%), 6 years

Harvard Aging Brain Study (HABS)

Baseline Criteria CDR=0 Age 60-90 MMSE>25



	SNAP	Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2
N	64 (25.9%)	117 (47.4%)	31 (12.6%)	35 (14.2%)
Age	76.5 (71.1, 81.3)	70.0 (66.9, 75.3)	72.3 (69.3, 77.2)	76.9 (73.0, 82.2)
Female	46.9%	62.4%^	58.1%	60%
Education	16 (12, 18)	16 (13, 18)	16 (14, 18)	16 (16, 18)
APOE4+	17.8%	15.0%	64.3%	53.1%
Follow Up	3.6 (2.2, 4.2)	3.9 (2.1, 4.4)	4.0 (2.7, 4.2)	4.1 (3.0, 5.0)

Functional progression in HABS (follow up=4 years)

Time to CDR 0.5

Time to "consistent" CDR 0.5



	Ν	HR
Stage 0	14%	-
Stage 1	32%	2.23*
Stage 2	38%	2.90*
SNAP	28%	2.16*

	Ν	HR
Stage 0	5%	-
Stage 1	6%	1.26
Stage 2	29%	6.92*
SNAP	9%	2.14

Summary of Progression by NIA-AA preclinical stages



Cognitive decline by NIA-AA Stages



HABS: Multi-domain decline in Stage 2

Stage O vs.

		Stage 1 Aβ+/ND-	Stage 2 Aβ+/ND+	SNAP Aβ-/ND+
	MMSE	0.61	-4.40**	-1.83
	FC SRT(Free Recall)	-1.20	-5.17**	-0.88
	FC SRT (Total Recall)	-0.04	-5.96**	-0.42
Memory	6-SRT Total Recall	-2.33	-5.11**	-2.47*
	6-SRT Delayed Recall	-2.51*	-6.21**	-2.72**
	6-SRT MC	-0.44	-1.81	-0.15
	Logical Memory II	-0.14	-4.41**	-2.88**
Language	Category Fluency	-3.06**	-4.76**	-2.81**
	Boston Naming Test	-1.72	-3.60**	-2.50*
Attention	Digits Forward	-0.59	-1.12	-0.73
	Digits Backward	0.26	-1.98	-0.98
	Trail Making Test A	-0.73	-1.55	-1.79
	Letter Number Sequencing	-0.44	-1.47	-1.11
Executive Functions	Trail Making Test B	-1.82	-2.56**	-1.87
	Letter Fluency (F-A-S)	-0.44	-2.57*	-1.25
	Digit Symbol	0.35	-3.70**	-1.56
Visuospatial	Visual Form Discrimination	-0.06	-0.58	1.15

Papp in prep

Associations between Aβ, ND, & Tau PET

Tau PET Imaging in HABS



Sperling, Mormino, & Johnson, 2015 Neuron

	All	Αβ-	Αβ+
Ν	134	92	42
Age	76.2 (6.2)	75.3 (6.4)	78.3 (5.4)
Female	75	51	24
Ed	15.9 (3.0)	15.7 (3.1)	16.2 (2.7)

HABS T807 Sample

PIB

T807

Tau PET (T807) more specific for Aβ than ND markers



Mormino 2016 JAMA Neurol

IT Tau associated with hippocampus volume only in Aβ+

Αβ- CN

 $A\beta + CN$



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Evidence for early Aß related cognitive changes

Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test (FCSRT)



Aβ group difference emerges earlier for Free Recall



Papp Under Review

Aβ related change among CDR stable subgroup

Free Recall

Total Recall



Summary

- Biomarker staging criteria enables direct comparisons across studies and provides framework for prevention trials.
- Greatest decline in NIA-AA Stage 2 (both functional and cognitive)
- Inconsistent patterns of decline for NIA-AA Stage 1 and SNAP

Summary Cont.

- Commonly used NIA-AA ND markers not aligned with Tau PET
 - Tau PET more specific for Aβ; ND markers influenced by multiple etiologies
 - Among Aβ+, ND may be more likely to be Tau related (but still doesn't rule out other etiologies)
- Although Aβ effects on decline are largely mediated/ exacerbated by ND and Tau, early Aβ associated with subtle cognitive changes
 - Ability to measure will depend on sensitive tests (not necessarily tests that are honed to predict progression to MCI/AD dementia)



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