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Ethnic Diversity in Latin America

(F. Lizcano Fernandez (Univ. Mexico), data 2014)

Country	Population	Whites	Mestizos	Mulattoes	Amerind.	Blacks	Asians	Creoles
Argentina	41,769,726	85.0%	11.1%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%
Bolivia	10,118,683	15.0%	28.0%	2.0%	55.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Brazil	203,429,773	53.8%	0.0%	39.1%	0.4%	6.2%	0.5%	0.0%
Chile	16,888,760	52.7%	39.3%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Colombia	44,725,543	20.0%	53.2%	21.0%	1.8%	3.9%	0.0%	0.1%
Costa Rica	4,576,562	82.0%	15.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	2.0%
Cuba	11,087,330	37.0%	0.0%	51.0%	0.0%	11.0%	1.0%	0.0%
Do.Rep	9,956,648	14.6%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	7.7%	0.4%	2.3%
Ecuador	15,007,343	9.9%	42.0%	5.0%	39.0%	5.0%	0.1%	0.0%
El Salvador	6,071,774	1.0%	91.0%	0.0%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Guatemala	13,824,463	4.0%	42.0%	0.0%	53.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.2%
Honduras	8,143,564	1.0%	85.6%	1.7%	7.7%	0.0%	0.7%	3.3%
Mexico	121,724,226	15.0%	70.0%	0.5%	14.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
Nicaragua	5,666,301	14.0%	78.3%	0.0%	6.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.6%
Panama	3,460,462	10.0%	32.0%	27.0%	8.0%	5.0%	4.0%	14.0%
Paraguay	6,759,058	20.0%	74.5%	3.5%	1.5%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
Perú	30,814,175	12.0%	32.0%	9.7%	45.5%	0.0% 🚺	0.8%	0.0%
Puerto Rico	3,989,133	74.8%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	15.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Uruguay	3,308,535	88.0%	8.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Venezuela	27,635,743	16.9%	37.7%	37.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.2%	0.0%
Total !	579,092,570	36.1%	30.3%	20.3%	9.2%	3.2%	0.7%	0.2%





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LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CEREBROSPINAL FLUID BIOMARKERS

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	Mild Cognit	ive Impairment		AD, n = 7 Dementia, r		
	Progressed to AD, n = 5	Did Not Progress to AD, n = 5				
far ker	Mean ± SD		A-Value	Mean ± SD		
imyloid-beta 42, pg/mL lotal tau, pg/mL	355 ± 88 304 ± 242	800 ± 345 189.6 ± 113	.02 .21	443.6 ± 65.8 358.6 ± 218	855 ± 270 108.3 ± 45	
lyperphosphorylated tau, pg/mL myloid- beta 42/hyperphosphorylated tau cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers for AD profile	66.2 ± 52.1 12.7 ± 12.8 0.68 ± 0.41	35.8 ± 18.5 30.6 ± 22.1 1.9 ± 1.17	.30 .11 .02	42.8 11.8 ± 5.7 0.75 ± 0.32	18.3 48.5 ± 6.9 2.3 ± 0.50	

AD = Alzheimer's disease; SD = standard deviation.

points for the group with AD, and 22 for the group with FTD. CDR was 0.5 for the group with MCI and 1 for the other groups, RAVLT mean results were 31 points for the group with MCI, 20 for the group with AD, and 15 for the group with FTD.

AB42, t-tau, and p-tau were quantified in CSF using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. Ratios of AB-42 to p-tau and CSF AD profile (AB42/(240 + [1.18 × t-tau]))10 were calculated. (A CSF ratio <1.3 was considered suggestive of AD pathology.) The Mann-Whitney one-tailed test was used to determine the difference between groups.

Mean clinical follow-up was 4.7 years (range 1-8 years). As expected, functional status and overall courttive tests deteriorated over time for individuals with AD and FTD. CDR was 2 for the groups with AD and FTD. For the group with MCI, participants were classified based on clinical and cognitive evolution into a group that progressed to AD (n = 5), with a mean MMSE score of 24 and CDR of 1, and a group that did not (n = 5), with MMSE and CDR scores that did not change from baseline.

The mean value of biomarkers and the ratios were not significantly different in the three main groups (AD, MCI, FTD) because of the high dispersion observed in the MCI

clusions of this study should be taken cautiously because of the small sample size and lack of confirmatory pathological examination, but active patient recruitment is underway to strengthen these observations. Overall, this first AD biomarker study in Latin America supports that combined analysis of all three core AD biomarkers represent a powerful tool in clinical setting.

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CSF x Lumbar Puncture







11^c-PiB PET Scan

04/10/2012





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Review Article

The Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative: A review of papers published since its inception

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Research News

Creation of the Argentina-Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative

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BIOCHEMICAL PLATFORM

Cerebrospinal fluid:



- ✓ Aβ42
 ✓ phosphorylated-tau
 ✓ total Tau
- ✓ α -synuclein
 - Neurofillaments light chain



Lab Kaj Blennow (Sweden)



Lumbar Puncture







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NEFL synthesis and degradation NEFL NEFL ell body 0 NEFL in CSF

Amyotrophic Lateral Alzheimer's disease Huntington's disease Sclerosis

Brief Report

Evaluation of Cerebrospinal Fluid Neurofilament Light Chain as a Routine Biomarker in a Memory Clinic

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Serum neurofilament dynamics predicts neurodegeneration and clinical progression in presymptomatic Alzheimer's disease

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Neurofilament light chain (NfL) is a promising fluid biomarker of disease progression for various cerebral proteopathies. Here we leverage the unique characteristics of the Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network and ultrasensitive immunoassay technology to demonstrate that NfL levels in the cerebro-









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2019: > 900 Amyloid PET Scan





Concordance Between ¹¹C-PIB-PET and Clinical Diagnosis in a Memory Clinic

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LOW PRETEST PROBABILITY GROUP



Amyloid PET Leads to Frequent Changes in Management of Cognitively Impaired Patients: the Imaging Dementia—Evidence for Amyloid Scanning (IDEAS) Study

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Rabinovici et al. JAMA 2019 321(13): 1286-1294

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Familial Dementia With Frontotemporal Features Associated With M146V Presenilin-1 Mutation

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Format: Abstract -



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A biological classification for Alzheimer's disease - Amyloid, Tau and Neurodegeneration (A/T/N): results from the Argentine-Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative.

Allegri RE¹, Pertierra L¹, Cohen G¹, Chrem Méndez P¹, Russo MJ¹, Calandri I¹, Bagnati P¹, Tapajóz E¹, Clarens E¹, Campos J¹, Nahas FE¹, Surace E², Vázquez S³, Sevlever G².

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ATN in Argentine ADNI Cohort Results from 60 months - follow-up (Allegri et al. submited)

	Controls	e-MCI	I-MCI	DAT	F(p)	(<.005)
Demographics						
NE	14	10	13	12		
Age, years	70.1(8.2)	73.0(8.8)	74.8(6.3)	77.9(5.5)	2.562 (ns)	
Sex, (male/female)	4/10	6/4	5/0	5/7		
Education, years	14.1 (2.8)	12.8 (5.3)	14.3(4.2)	12.3 (4.0)	0.702 (ns)	
Clinical						
CDR	0	0.5	0.5	1		
MMSE	29.6 (0.8)	29.3 (0.8)	28.1 (1.4)	22.5 (3.3)	34.470 (<.000)	c.e.f
NPI-Q	0.4 (1.0)	3.8 (4.7)	5.7(7.9)	5.9 (4.7)	2.222 (ns)	
GDS	1.2 (1.1)	2.3 (2.1)	2.7(2.5)	1.8 (1.7)	0.830 (ns)	
FAQ	0.0 (0.0)	3.0 (3.6)	3.1(3.0)	8.3 (6.7)	6.119 (<.005)	¢
Cognitive						
RAVLT delay recall	8.3 (2.7)	3.6 (1.8)	2.0 (2.3)	0.4 (0.8)	29.701(<.000)	8, 5, 6, 6, 1
RAVLT recognition	13.3 (1.2)	11.3 (2.7)	8.1 (4.1)	6.0 (3.6)	11.310(<.000)	D, C, F
BNT	28.5 (2.1)	26.9 (3.2)	24.6 (4.9)	20.0 (6.2)	7.047(<.001)	6.1
SVF (animals)	22.0 (3.2)	18.5 (2.8)	17.1 (3.4)	11.5 (4.0)	17.420 (<.000)	D, C. F
FVF ("p")	19.7 (4.4)	14.4 (6.5)	16.5 (4.0)	13.8 (5.4)	2.861 (<.05)	
Span direct	5.6 (1.2)	5.5 (1.1)	5.3 (1.0)	5.3 (1.0)	ma	
TMT A (seconds)	32.5 (9.7)	47.6 (20.1)	47.7 (20.8)	131.9 (121.3)	3.614 (<.002)	
TMT B (seconds)	69.1 (23.1)	150.0(125.6)	129.2(61.1)	332.1 (134.5)	17.497 (<.000)	6,7
Biomarkers						
ApoE						
Carrier e4, % Volumetric MBI	35.7%	40%	53.0%	50%	ns	ns
Left Hissocramous	4 216/0 6011	3 311/0 656)	1 369/0 5071	2 545(0 710)	8.000(<.000)	e
Right Hinggramous	4 156(0.609)	\$ 272(0.525)	1,250/0,7601	2 462(0.509)	13.052(<.000)	0.0.0
CSF biomarkers						
Ad a pe/ml	734.6(243.6)	614.2(263.1)	627.9(359.3)	423 7(269.3)	es	ns
t-tau pe/ml	224.8(100.6)	258.4(115.8)	450.2(312.9)	596.3(261.2)	3.848(<.004)	¢
p-tau pg/ml Amyloid PET(PIB)	38.2(14.4)	34.7(14.6)	74.6(50.2)	78.4(27.1)	4.285(<.05)	-
% monitive	14%	30.0%	53.0%	48.83	12.410(<.000)	

Reference: eMCI: early mild cognitive impairment: IMCI late mild cognitive impairment; DAT: dementia of Alzheimen type: CDR: clinical dementia rating; MMSE Mini Mental State Exam; NH-G: Neuropsychiatric Inventory; GDS: Geriate: Depression Scale; FAQ Functional Activities Questionnaire; RAVLT: Rey Audotry Verbal Learning Text; BMT: Boston naming text; SMT: semantic verbal fluency (animals); PMF: phonologic verbal fluency (p)); TMT A and B: tail making text: A and B; Rey (Figure of Rey.

Mean (SD): p (ANOVA) and ' Bonterroni post hoc; a controls vs eMCl; b controls vs IMCl; c controls vs DAT; d eMCl vs LMCl; e eMCl vs DAT; f IMCl vs DAT.







ATN in Argentine ADNI Cohort Results from 60 months - follow-up (Allegri et al. submited)







Figure 2: Survival Analysis in MCI: (Follow-up – 60 months)

by phenotype (e-MCI vs I-MCI) vs by Multimodal Approach (Biomarkers)





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Biomarkers



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Dementia in Latin America

Assessing the present and envisioning the future

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Table 1	Diagnostic procedures followed by experts from the participating countries	

	Diagnostic workup: Steps to achieve a diagnosis		Biomarkers					
LAC		Cognitive screening tests and neuropsychiatric scales	CSF	Amyloid/ tau-PET	FDG- PET	MRI	EEG	
Argentina	The diagnosis is usually made by the GP relying on the clinical history, laboratory tests, and a CT scan. The GP rarely requests a full neuropsychological assessment.	MMSE; ACE-R; IFS	Yesad	Yes ^{ac}	Yes ^{a,c}	Yesa	Yes ^b	
Brazil	Diagnosis is usually based on information of cognitive decline provided by informants, clinical examination, cognitive screening tests, blood tests, and CT or MRI.	MMSE; MoCA; Brief Cognitive Screening Battery	Yesar	Yes ^{ac}	Yes ^b	Yesa	No	
Caribbean	The criterion validity of 10/66 diagnosis was superior to that of DSM-IV. ¹⁶	Community Screening Instrument for Dementia, CERAD; cognitive test; Geriatric Mental State; and structured neurologic examination	Yesar	Yes ^{ac}	Yes ^b	Yes	No	
Chile	At the primary health level, people >65 years undergo medical and functional examination (EMPAN and EFAM). They can be either referred to memory stimulation groups or to secondary health care. This pathway is available to approximately 40.3% of the population at risk. At the secondary level, diagnosis is based on neuropsychological assessment, laboratory tests, and CT or MRI scans.	EFAM includes an abbreviated version of the MMSE, the Pfeffer Functional Assessment Scale, and the evaluation of the risk of falls; the Chilean version of the ACE-R; The T-ADLQ; AD-8-Ch; Picture and Verbal Version of the Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test	No	No	Yes ^b	Yes	No	
Colombia	The diagnosis relies on the clinical history gathered from patient and family members, neuropsychological assessment, brain neuroimaging, and laboratory tests. Some groups have implemented a genetic interview (i.e., genealogy).	CERAD neuropsychological battery, MoCA, and IFS	Yes ^b	Yes ^b	Yes ^b	Yesª	Yes ^b	
Cuba	The criterion validity of the 10/66 diagnosis was superior to that of DSM-IV. ¹⁶	Community Screening Instrument for Dementia; CERAD; cognitive test Geriatric Mental State; and structured neurologic examination	Yesad	Yes ^{ac}	Yes ^b	Yesa	No	
Mexico	The criterion validity of the 10/66 diagnosis was superior to that of DSM-IV. ¹⁶	Community Screening Instrument for Dementia; CERAD; cognitive test Geriatric Mental State; and structured neurologic examination	Yesa	Yesac	Yes ^b	Yes	No	
Peru	Three successive steps: screening, diagnosis, and classification (i.e., dementia subtypes). All patients with cognitive impairment identified by the screening tests carry out the evaluations proposed in steps 2 and 3. Diagnosis is based on cognitive screening tests, laboratory tests, and CT or MRI scans.	Screening phase: MMSE; the Clock Drawing Test, Mano version; the Pfeffer Functional Activities Questionnaire; the Memory Alteration Test; diagnosis phase: the Beck Depression Index; ACE	No	No	Yes	Yesª	No	

Abbreviations: ACE-R = Addenbrooke's Cognitive Examination-revised; CERAD = Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease; DSM-V = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th edition; GP = general practitioner; IFS = INECO Frontal Screening; LAC = Latin American countries; MMSE = Mini-Mental State Examination; MoCA = Montreal Cognitive Assessment.

In several LAC (e.g., Bolivia, Costa Rica, el Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay), we were unable to find sufficient evidence to include these countries in the table. * Employed for clinical purposes.

^bOnly for research purposes.

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^cRestricted to a few health institutions.





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We must Develop the Emerging Biomarkers in Latin America...



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Editorial

No se puede tapar el sol con las manos... Nuevos criterios diagnósticos en la enfermedad de Alzheimer

You can't hide the sun with their hands.... New diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer's Disease

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