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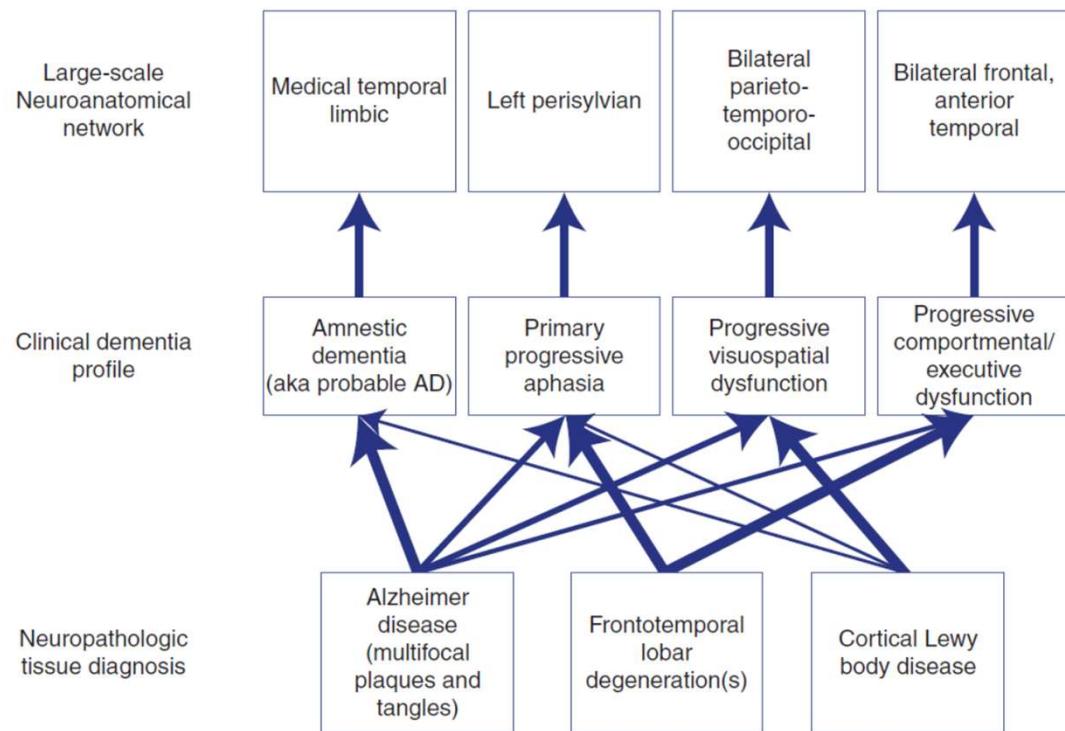
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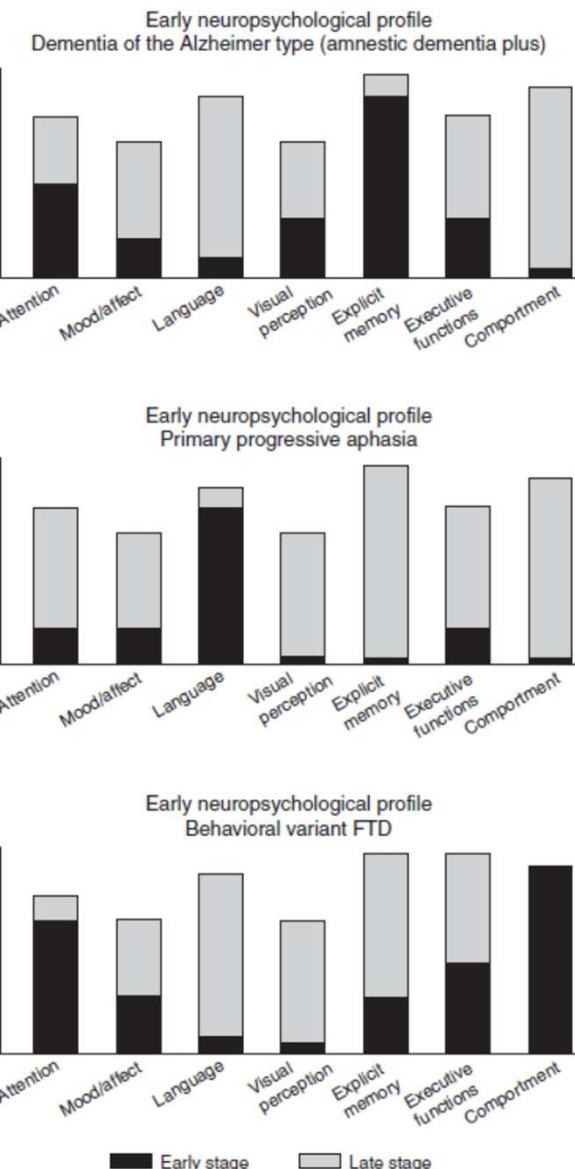
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# The Neuropsychological Profile of Alzheimer Disease

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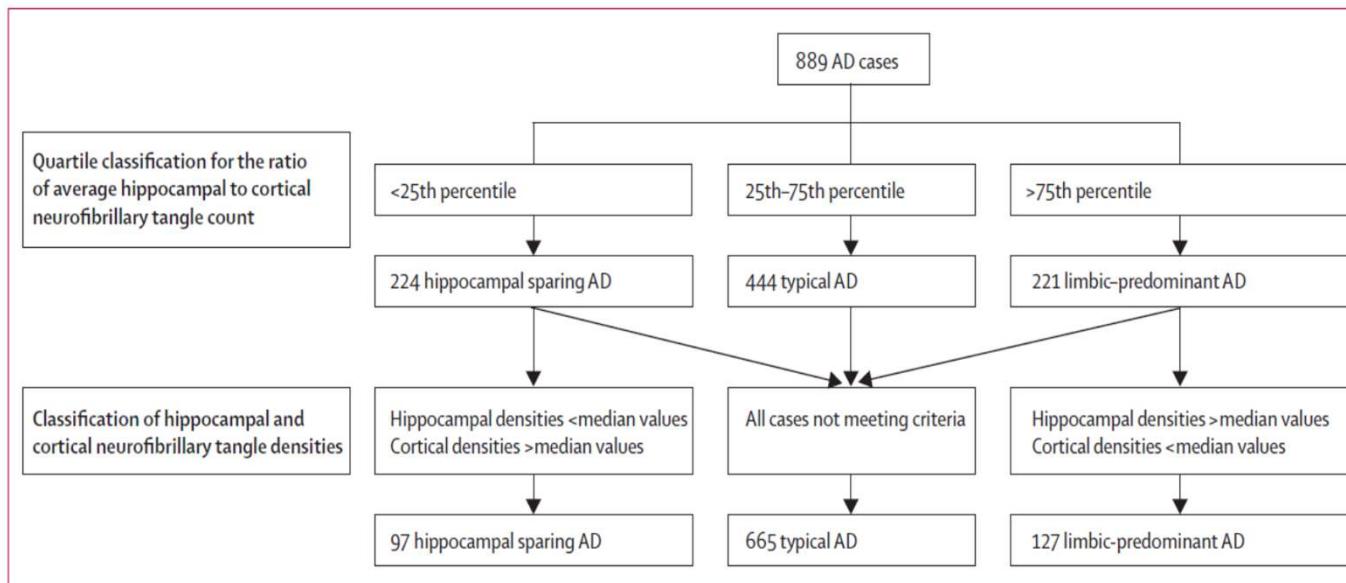
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# Neuropathologically defined subtypes of Alzheimer's disease with distinct clinical characteristics: a retrospective study

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Il 25% dei soggetti con una diagnosi neuropatologica di AD non ha una distribuzione tipica degli aggregati neurofibrillari. L' Hippocampal sparing ha un relativo risparmio delle aree ippocampali ed un maggiore coinvolgimento delle aree corticali (superior temporal, inferior parietal, middle frontal). Il 75% dei casi ha una distribuzione tipica. Un terzo gruppo ha un maggiore carico di placche neurofibrillari nelle zone ippocampali rispetto a quelle corticali.

I casi con risparmio ippocompale avevano anche una minore atrofia ippocampale rispetto alla variante limbica. I pazienti con risparmio ippocompale erano più giovani al momento della morte ( $72 \pm 10$ ) con una maggiore percentuale di uomini (61 [63%]), mentre quelli "Limbici" erano più anziani con una maggiore percentuale di donne (87 [69%]).

FCSRT  
(Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test)  
Test di Grober-Buschke

## Perchè il Test di Grober-Buschke?

Permette di identificare i soggetti con deficit lieve di memoria che svilupperanno un AD

- 1) Un profilo di **memoria episodica** caratterizzato da un  
**basso punteggio al richiamo libero che si normalizza o**  
**migliora significativamente col suggerimento semantico**  
**che identifica i soggetti con MCI due to AD**

- 2) La **presenza di biomarker** che supportano l'ipotesi di AD

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Research criteria for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease:  
revising the NINCDS-ADRDA criteria

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Advancing research diagnostic criteria for Alzheimer's disease: the IWG-2 criteria

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same semantic cues).<sup>31</sup> There is evidence to support the choice of the FCSRT as a valid clinical marker of typical AD. On one version of the test applied in patients

referred to a specialised memory clinic, a low total recall performance, despite retrieval facilitation with cueing, had an excellent specificity for AD,<sup>32</sup> whereas a low free recall had a specificity of 92% for identification of people with amnestic MCI who would progress to AD dementia.<sup>33</sup> The FCSRT had better reported

**REVIEW**

## Early neuropsychological detection of Alzheimer's disease

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Lifestyle modification offers a promising way of preventing or delaying Alzheimer's disease (AD). In particular, nutritional interventions can contribute to decrease the risk of dementia. The efficacy of such interventions should be assessed in individuals thought to be prone to AD. It is therefore necessary to identify markers that may help detecting AD as early as possible. This review will focus on subtle neuropsychological changes that may already exist in the predementia phase, and that could point to individuals at risk of dementia. Episodic memory decline appears consistently as the earliest sign of incipient typical AD. An episodic memory test that ensures deep encoding of information and assesses retrieval with free as well as cued recall appears as a useful tool to detect patients at an early stage of AD. Beyond the memory domain, category verbal fluency has been shown to decline early and to predict progression to AD. Moreover, in line with current diagnosis criteria for prodromal AD, combining neuropsychological scores and neuroimaging data allows a better discrimination of future AD patients than neuroimaging or neuropsychological data alone. Altogether, the detection of cognitive changes that are predictive of the typical form of probable AD already in the predementia stage points to at risk people who are the best target for therapeutic interventions, such as nutrition or physical exercise counseling or dietary interventions.

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### Review Article

#### Innovative diagnostic tools for early detection of Alzheimer's disease

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ical diagnosis [26]. Thus, use of an episodic memory test such as the Wechsler Logical Memory test or the FCSRT allows early detection of subtle cognitive deficits in both, familial AD and sporadic AD, favoring inclusion of one of these tests in a screening battery for detection of preclinical and early symptomatic AD.

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# Amnestic syndrome of the medial temporal type identifies prodromal AD A longitudinal study

**Conclusions:** The amnestic syndrome of the medial temporal type, defined by the Free and Cued Selective Recall Reminding Test, is able to distinguish patients at an early stage of Alzheimer disease from mild cognitive impairment non-converters. *Neurology*® 2007;69:1859–1867

# A normative study of the Italian printed word version of the free and cued selective reminding test

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# Memory impairment on free and cued selective reminding predicts dementia

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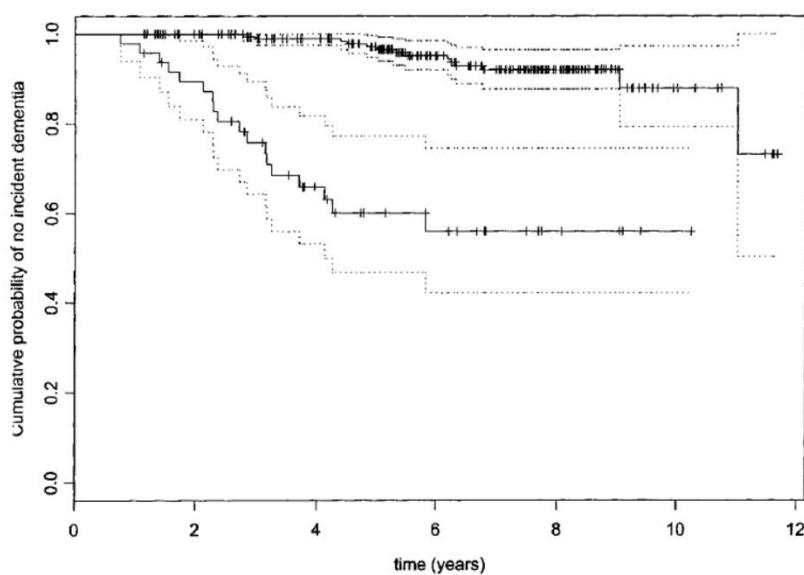


Figure. Kaplan-Meier survival curves for the development of dementia for subjects with memory impairment (free recall  $\leq 24$ ) and without (free recall  $> 24$ ).

**Table 1** Baseline characteristics of the nondemented elderly subjects grouped by memory impairment defined by the sum of free recall over three test trials on FCSR

Characteristic	No memory impairment ( $> 24$ )	Memory impairment ( $\leq 24$ )	t Value, p value
n	196	68	—
Sex, % F	65	49	2.39, $p = 0.018$
Baseline age, y	76.6 (0.44)	79.4 (0.78)	3.15, $p = 0.002$
Education, y	12.4 (0.23)	11.3 (0.31)	2.42, $p = 0.016$
BIMC	1.29 (0.12)	2.94 (0.28)	6.2, $p < 0.001$

Standard errors are in parentheses.

FCSR = Free and Cued Selective Reminding; BIMC = Blessed Information Memory and Concentration.

Valutazione longitudinale di 264 soggetti inizialmente non dementi arruolati nell'Einstein Aging Study con una valutazione clinica e psicométrica ogni 12–18 mesi sino a 10 anni.

Le curve Kaplan Maier indicano che i soggetti con alterazione della rievocazione libera al baseline ( $< 24$ ) ha un rischio relativo maggiore di conversione nei 5 anni successivi rispetto ai soggetti con rievocazione libera intatta ( $> 24$ ) corretta per età genere ed educazione.

Temporal unfolding of declining episodic memory on the Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test in the pre dementia phase of Alzheimer's disease: Implications for clinical trials

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SOMI stages and memory impairment defined by pFCSRT + IR performance with respect to time to diagnosis

SOMI		Free recall scores Maximum score 48	Total recall scores Maximum score 48	Years to diagnosis Mean (SD)
0	No memory impairment None detected by pFCSRT + IR	>30	>46	6.90 (2.62)
1	Subtle retrieval impairment Free recall declines as patients experience increasing difficulty carrying out internally driven cognitive processes needed to effectively search memory. Storage is preserved as reflected by normal performance on cued recall.	25–30	>46	4.89 (2.48)
2a	Moderate retrieval impairment Rate of free recall decline doubles, and the rate of executive dysfunction accelerates. Storage is preserved.	20–24	>46	4.03 (2.62)
2b	Moderate retrieval impairment and subtle storage impairment Cuing fails to normalize total recall.	20–24	45–46	2.35 (2.04)
3	Significant storage impairment compatible with dementia For persons with dementia, intellectual decline accelerates heralding IADL impairment.	Any	33–44	0.98 (1.35)

Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer's disease; FR, free recall; pFCSRT + IR, picture version of the Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test with immediate recall; SOMI, stages of objective memory impairment severity.

I valori di TOTAL RECALL e FREE RECALL sono stati ricavata di due precedenti studi rispettivamente il Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging e l' Anti-Amyloid Treatment in Asymptomatic AD ("A4") study .

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Table 1

SOMI stages and expected associations with A $\beta$  biomarkers (A), tau pathology biomarkers (T), and markers of neurodegeneration or neuronal injury (N) compared to the National Institute of Aging and Alzheimer's Association and the international working group preclinical staging systems

SOMI	Expected biomarker associations with SOMI	Sperling et al, 2011 Preclinical stages	Dubois et al, 2016 Stages
0			
No memory impairment	A $\beta$ ? Tau− ND−		Clinically normal A $\beta$ − Tau−
1		1	
Subtle retrieval impairment	A $\beta$ + Tau− ND−	Asymptomatic cerebral amyloidosis, No evidence of subtle cognitive change.	AR-AD A $\beta$ + Tau−
2a		2	
Moderate retrieval impairment	A $\beta$ + Tau? ND−	Asymptomatic amyloidosis + neurodegeneration, no cognitive change.	Preclinical Before onset of phenotype A $\beta$ + Tau+
2b		3	
Moderate retrieval and subtle storage impairment	A $\beta$ + Tau+ ND?	Asymptomatic amyloidosis + neurodegeneration + cognitive change	Clinical Clinical phenotype of AD including prodromal and dementia stages
3			
Significant storage impairment compatible with dementia	A $\beta$ + Tau+ ND+		

Abbreviations: A $\beta$ , amyloid  $\beta$ ; AD, Alzheimer's disease; SOMI, Stages of Objective Memory Impairment; FDG PET, [18F]-fluorodeoxyglucose positron-emission tomography; AR-AD, asymptomatic at risk for clinical AD; fMRI, functional magnetic resonance imaging; ND, neurodegeneration.

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Il modello SOMI applicato ai soggetti Einstein Aging Study evidenzia buoni livelli accuratezza nell'identificare soggetti MCIAD o AD nelle prime fasi di alterazioni con una sensibilità e specificità del 93%

SOMI 2b FR 20-24 TR 45-46

SOMI 3 FR qualsiasi TR 33-44

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Table 5

Distribution of assessments classified into SOMI stages at the diagnostic wave of 118 AD cases and last follow-up for 1263 robust controls from the EAS\*

SOMI stage	AD cases (n = 118) at diagnosis	Robust normals (n = 1263) at last follow-up
Intact total recall	9	1179
SOMI 0-2a		
Impaired total recall	109	84
SOMI 2b, 3		
Total assessments	118	1263

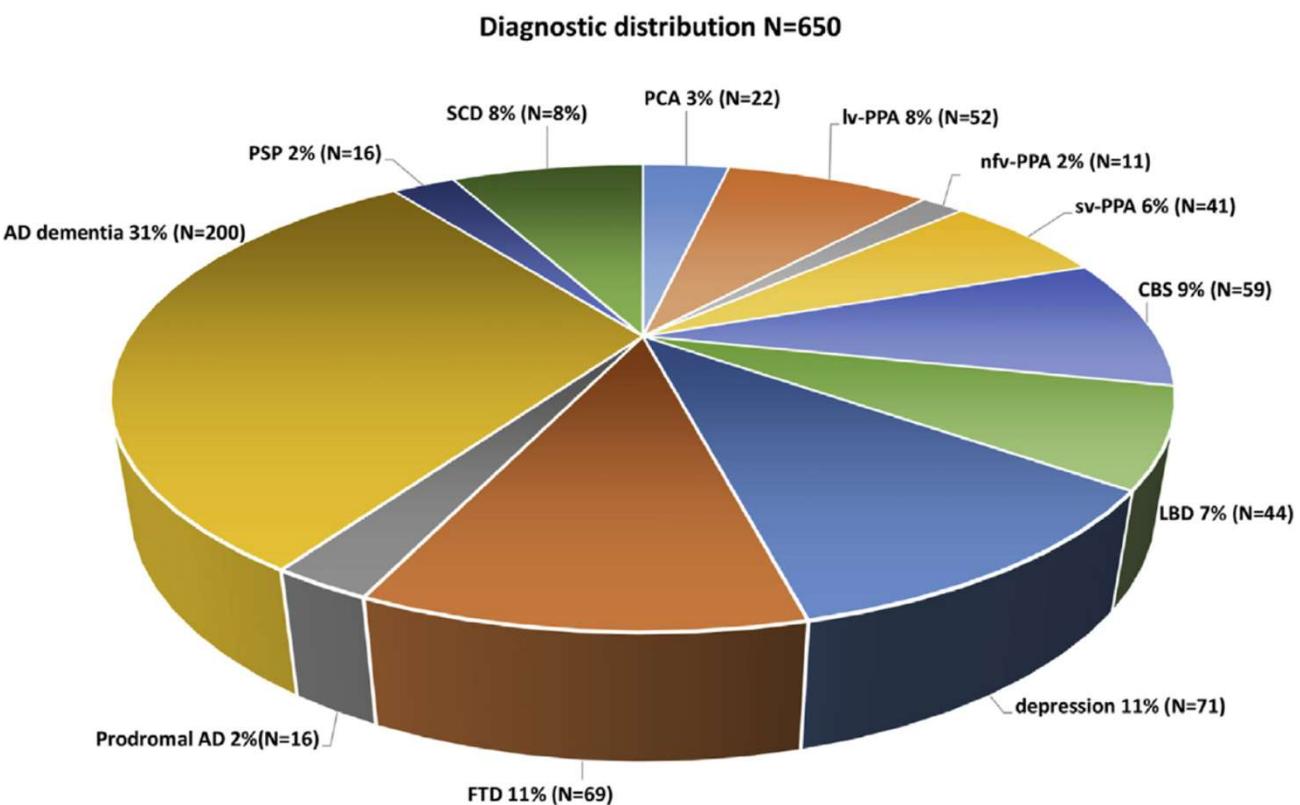
Abbreviations: AD, Alzheimer's disease; EAS, Einstein Aging Study; SOMI, stages of objective memory impairment.

NOTE. Sensitivity: 109/118 = 93%; specificity: 1179/1263 = 93%.

\*Nine percent of the assessments were unclassified. Including them as errors reduces sensitivity to 81% and specificity to 86%.

# Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test – accuracy for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's and neurodegenerative diseases: a large-scale biomarker-characterized monocenter cohort study (ClinAD)

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Abnormal FCSRT scores, that is, free recall less than 17/48 or total recall less than 40 /48, had by definition a sensitivity of 100%, but a lower specificity of 74.8%, to identify typical AD, at dementia and prodromal stages, among all other degenerative diseases.

More specifically, FCSRT scores indicative of an amnesic syndrome of the hippocampal type were found in patients with LBD (40.9%), PSP (37.5%), bv-FTD (31.9%), nfv-PPA (27.3%), PCA(22.7%), sv-PPA (22%), CBS (22%), and lv-PPA (5.8%).

## PRIORITY COMMUNICATION

# Two Distinct Amnesic Profiles in Behavioral Variant Frontotemporal Dementia

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**Background:** Whether or not episodic memory deficit is a characteristic of behavioral variant frontotemporal dementia (bvFTD) is a crucial question for its diagnosis and management.

**Methods:** We compared the episodic memory performance profile of bvFTD patients with healthy control subjects and patients with Alzheimer's disease (AD) as defined by clinical and biological criteria. Episodic memory was assessed with the Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test, which controls for effective encoding and identifies memory storage ability resulting from consolidation processing. One hundred thirty-four participants were evaluated: 56 patients with typical clinical presentation of AD and pathophysiological evidence as defined by cerebrospinal fluid AD biomarker profile and/or significant amyloid retention on Pittsburgh Compound B positron emission tomography; 56 patients diagnosed with bvFTD with no evidence of AD-cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers when a profile was available (28/56), including 44 progressive (bvFTD) and 12 nonprogressive (phenocopies) patients; and 22 control subjects with negative amyloid imaging.

**Results:** Memory scores could not differentiate bvFTD from AD patients (sensitivity and specificity <50%). Taking into account the individual distribution of Free and Cued Selective Reminding Test scores, half of bvFTD patients had a deficit of free recall, total (free + cued) recall, and delayed recall as severe as AD patients. The other half had subnormal scores similar to phenocopies and a delayed recall score similar to control subjects.

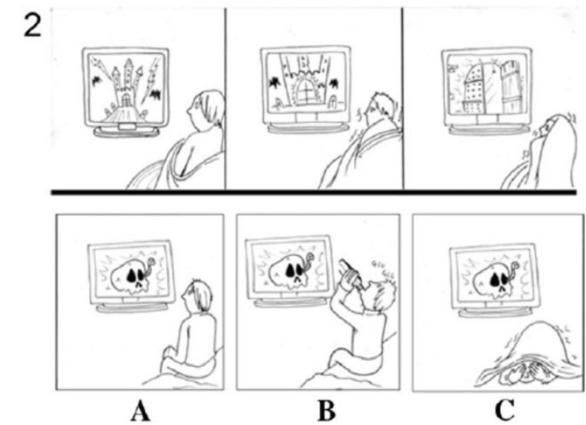
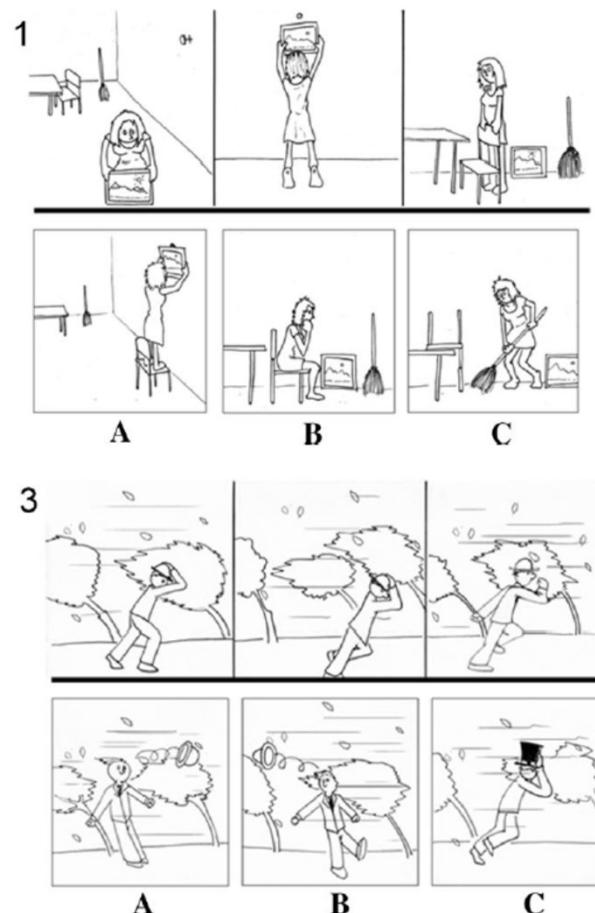
**Conclusions:** We observed two distinct amnesic profiles in bvFTD patients that could reflect two types of hippocampal structure and Papez circuit involvement. These findings on episodic memory profiles could contribute to discussions on the recent international consensus criteria for bvFTD.

# A novel task assessing intention and emotion attribution: Italian standardization and normative data of the Story-based Empathy Task

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La teoria della mente Theory of Mind (ToM), è un insieme di processi mediante i quali un individuo attribuisce stati mentali a se stesso e ad altri è considerato un costrutto multidominio con due aspetti principali cognitivo (attribuzione di intenzioni) e affettivo (attribuzione di emozioni).



**Questo test potrebbe essere utile nella valutazione degli aspetti cognitivi ed affettivi della ToM nelle alterazioni comportamentali**

## SAND: a Screening for Aphasia in NeuroDegeneration. Development and normative data

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**Abstract** Language assessment has a critical role in the clinical diagnosis of neurodegenerative diseases, in particular, in the case of Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA). The current diagnostic criteria (Gorno-Tempini et al., 2011) identify three main variants on the basis of clinical features and patterns of brain atrophy. Widely accepted tools to diagnose, clinically classify, and follow up the heterogeneous language profiles of PPA are still lacking. In this study, we develop a screening battery, composed of nine tests (picture naming, word and sentence comprehension, word and sentence repetition, reading, semantic association, writing and picture description), following the recommendations of current diagnostic guidelines and taking into account recent research on the topic. All tasks were developed

with consideration of the psycholinguistic factors that can affect performance, with the aim of achieving sensitivity to the language deficit to which each task was relevant, and to allow identification of the selective characteristic impairments of each PPA variant. Normative data on 134 Italian subjects pooled across homogeneous subgroups for age, sex, and education are reported. Although further work is still needed, this battery represents a first step towards a concise multilingual standard language examination, a fast and simple tool to help clinicians and researchers in the diagnosis of PPA.

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# Clinical validity of delayed recall tests as a gateway biomarker for Alzheimer's disease in the context of a structured 5-phase development framework

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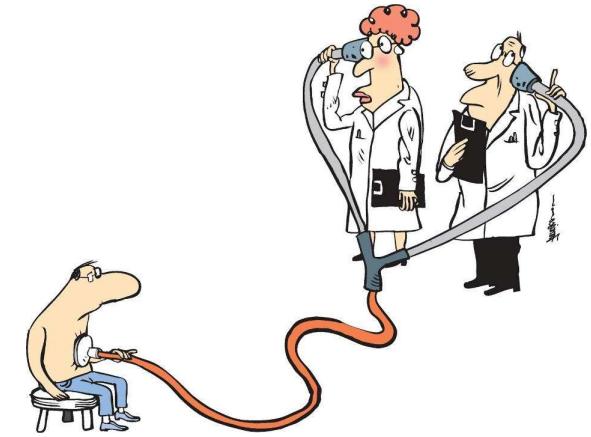
## Development of AD biomarkers adapted from the framework of Pepe et al. 2001

Phase 1: Rational for the use of the biomarker		Phase 2: Discrimination ability of the biomarker		Phase 3: Detection ability in early phase		Phase 4: Biomarker accuracy in representative MCI patients		Phase 5: Quantify impact of biomarker-based diagnosis on relevant outcomes	
Primary aim	Primary aim	Secondary aims	Primary aims	Secondary aims	Primary aim	Secondary aims	Primary aim	Secondary aims	
Potential leads	Identify discrimination accuracy AD/HC	Assay definition  Ante mortem/ autopsy	Assess capacity of earliest (MCI) detection  Covariates in HC  Covariates in AD	Impact of covariates  Compare markers  Combine markers  Determine testing Interval	Assess true/false referral rate in the biomarker-diagnosed patients	Detect predictive features  Practical feasibility  Estimate impact & costs  Monitor false negatives	Estimate impact on morbidity & disability	Cost/ benefit quantification  Compliance in different settings  Compare different protocols	
Achievement 									

# ARMONIZZAZIONE DELL ASSESSMENT NEI DISTURBI COGNITIVI

## *Precedenti iniziative di armonizzazione*

- US Uniform Data Set 3 (UDS-3) (Weintraub et al., 2018)
- Iniziativa europea del Joint Program for Neurodegenerative Disorders (JPND) (Costa et al., 2017)
- Australian Dementia Outcome Measure Suite - DOMS (Bentvenzen et al., 2017)
- Armonizzazione post-hoc di database (EMIF, AD-UK; IRT)
- Indipendenti iniziative di armonizzazione locali in EU (Svizzera, Francia, Olanda, Spagna, Svezia, ...)



# Metodi

# *Workshop a Ginevra*

## Harmonizing Neuropsychological Assessment for Dementia in Europe

**May 9-11, 2018** CIGEV - Centre Interfacultaire de Gérontologie et d'Etudes des Vulnérabilités, Boulevard du Pont d'Arve, 28, 1205, Genève

Workshop by Invitation only

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## Risultati

<i>Ordine somm.</i>	<i>Uniform DataSet per la clinica (cUDS)</i>
1	MoCA
2	Digit span forward
3	Digit span backward
4	FCSRT (versione verbale): richiamo immediato
5	Trail Making Test - A
6	Trail Making Test - B
7	Story-based Empathy Task (SET)
8	<i>FCSRT (versione verbale): richiamo differito</i>
9	Figura di Rey: copia
10,11	Fluenze verbali fonemiche e semantiche
12	Boston Naming Test
13	<i>Figura di Rey (recall)</i>

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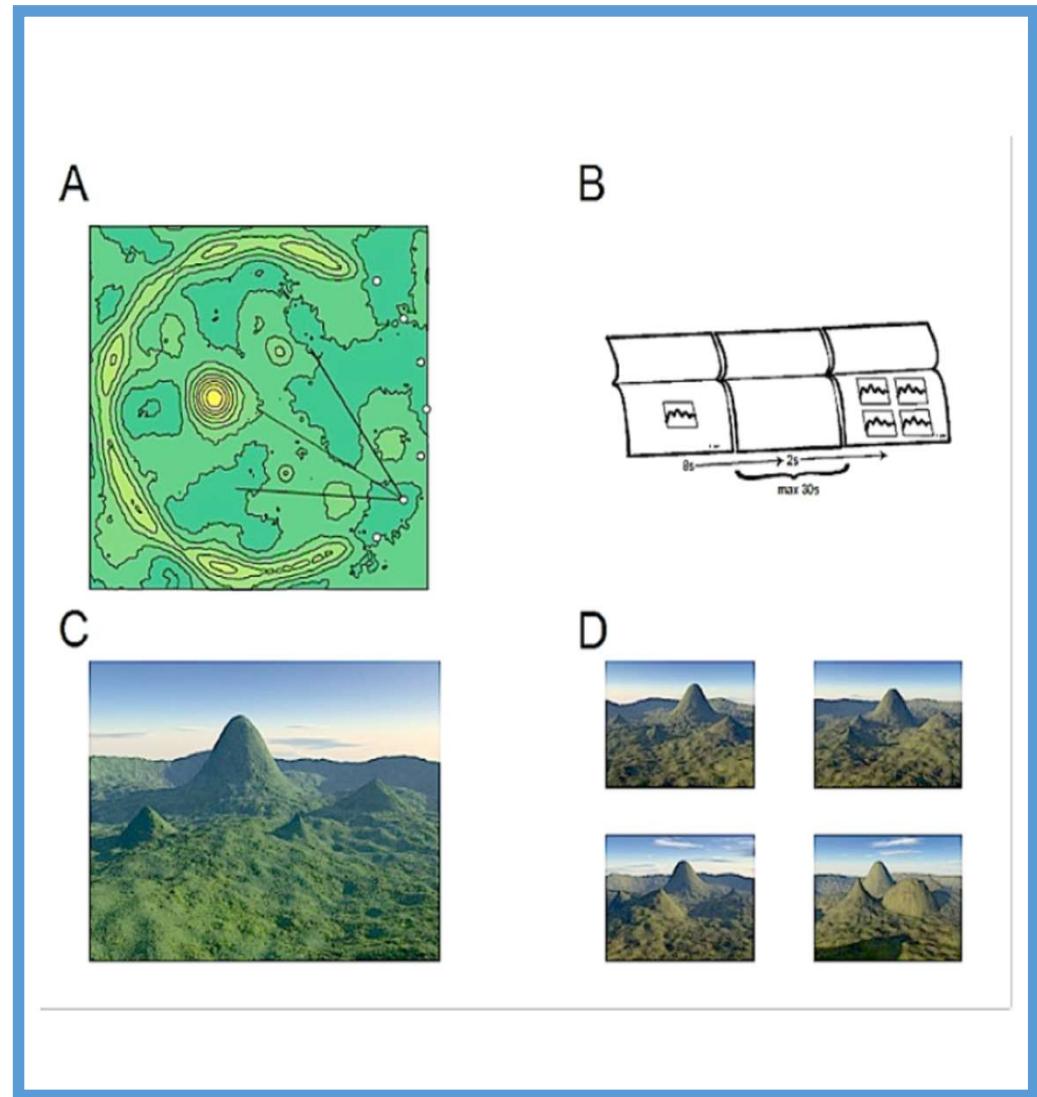
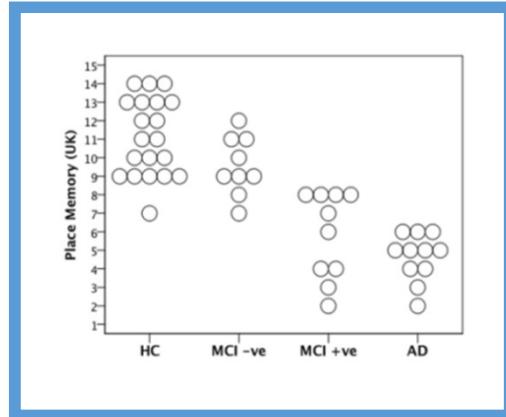
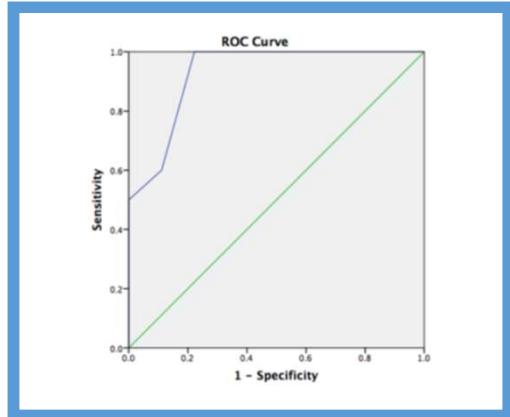
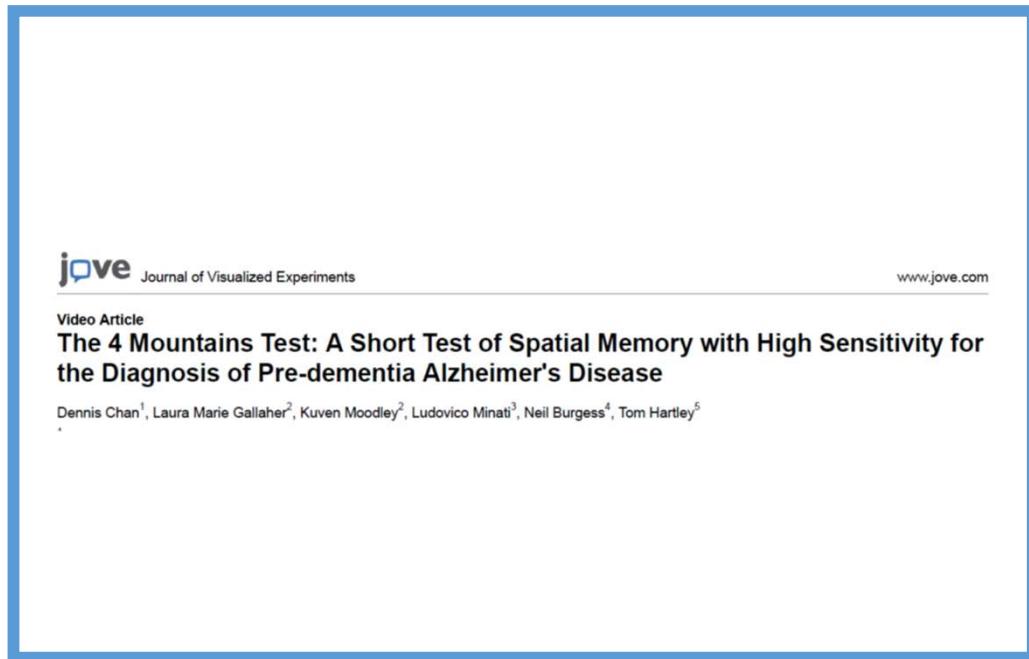
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# A behavioral task predicts conversion to mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease

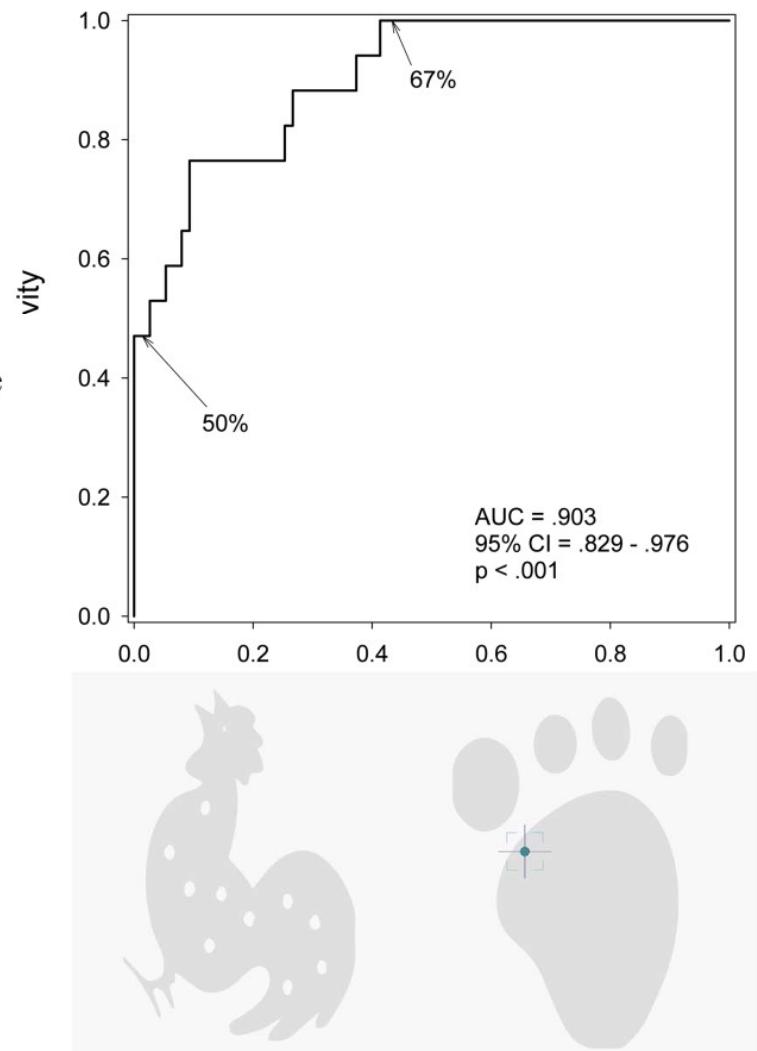
Zola SM<sup>1</sup>, Manzanares CM, Clopton P, Lah JJ, Levey AI.

**Background/Rationale**—Currently, we cannot reliably differentiate individuals at risk of cognitive decline, e.g., Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), Alzheimer's disease (AD) from those individuals who are not at risk.

**Methods**—Thirty-two subjects with MCI and 60 control (CON) subjects were tested on an innovative, sensitive behavioral assay, the Visual Paired Comparison (VPC) task using infrared eyetracking. Subjects were followed for three years after testing.

**Results**—Scores on the VPC task predicted, up to three years prior to a change in clinical diagnosis, those MCI patients who would and those who would not progress to AD, and CON subjects who would and would not progress to MCI.

**Conclusions**—The present findings show that the VPC task can predict impending cognitive decline. To our knowledge, this is the first behavioral task that can identify CON subjects who will develop MCI or MCI subjects who will develop AD within the next few years.



# Tecnologia al servizio dell'analisi del linguaggio

## Acoustic Markers Associated with Impairment in Language Processing in Alzheimer's Disease

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## Evaluation of Speech-Based Protocol for Detection of Early-Stage Dementia

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Una piattaforma di **monitoraggio e di stimolazione cognitiva** su smart phone.

Un'unica applicazione permette di raccogliere alcune misure sulla **mobilità e la stimolazione cognitiva**

Tutte le informazioni del progetto sono trattate con particolare attenzione alla sicurezza del dato e al rispetto delle normative vigenti sulla protezione dei dati personali.

Saranno arruolati soggetti di controllo e soggetti con patologia neurodegenerativa diagnosticata secondo gli attuali criteri.

Mediante tecniche di Intelligenza Artificiale si cercherà di identificare gli indicatori capaci di identificare situazioni meritevoli approfondimento diagnostico.

## TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Disponiamo di Test utili per identificare alterazioni di network specifici caratteristici di determinate condizioni neurodegenerative.
- L'armonizzazione dei test consentirà di costruire dataset numerosi per l'aggiornamento delle normative e la validazione clinica di specifici test e batterie di test.
- L'utilizzo di nuove tecnologie potrebbe offrire nuove prospettive nella diagnosi e nella raccolta dati.