

Imaging Biomarkers in Predicting MCI and Dementia

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Introduction to the Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association Workgroups on Diagnostic Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease

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and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRD) workgroup in 1984 [1]. These criteria were

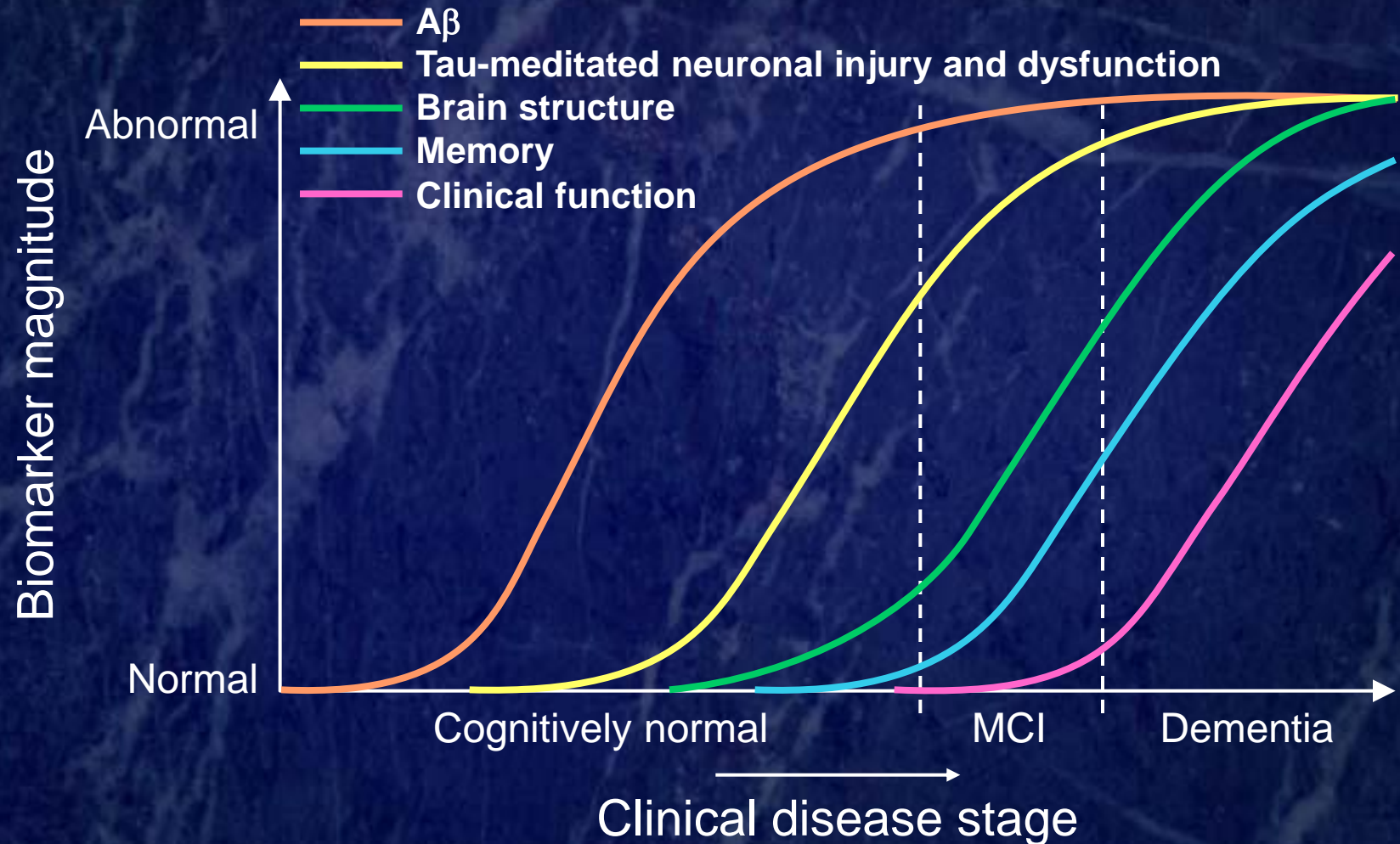
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the pathophysiological process of AD, and changes in conceptualization regarding the clinical spectrum of the disease have occurred.

By 2009, broad consensus existed throughout academia and industry that the criteria should be revised to incorporate

Hypothetical Model of Dynamic Biomarkers of the Alzheimer's Pathological Cascade



Jack et al: Lancet Neurol 2010

Criteria Approach

- **Clinical criteria**
- **Biomarkers**
- **Molecular neuropathology**
 - CSF AB42
 - Amyloid imaging
- **Measures of neuronal injury**
 - Structural, e.g., MRI
 - Functional, e.g., FDG PET
 - CSF tau

Alzheimer's Disease Spectrum

Preclinical AD



MCI Due to AD



Dementia Due to AD



The Diagnosis of Dementia Due to Alzheimer's Disease: Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association Workgroups on Diagnostic Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease

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marker evidence was also integrated into the diagnostic formulations for probable and possible AD

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Dementia Due to AD

Diagnostic category	Biomarker probability of AD etiology	A β (PET or CSF)	Neuronal injury (tau, FDG, sMRI)
Probable AD dementia	Uninformative/available	Conflicting/indeterminant or unavailable	
Probable AD with evidence of path AD	Intermediate Highest	? Positive	Positive Positive
Possible AD dementia atypical with path	High consider secondary	Positive	Positive
Dementia unlikely AD	Lowest	Negative	Negative

McKhann et al: 2011

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Preclinical AD



MCI Due to AD



Dementia Due to AD



The Diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment Due to Alzheimer's Disease: Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association Workgroups on Diagnostic Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease

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The National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association convened a working group to revise the diagnostic

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to the working group are outlined in the Introduction to the revised criteria for AD that accompanies this article [1]. The present article summarizes the recommendations of the working group.

MCI Due to AD

Diagnostic category	Biomarker probability of AD etiology	A β (PET or CSF)	Neuronal injury (tau, FDG, sMRI)
MCI	Uninformative	Conflicting/ indeterminant or unavailable	
MCI due to AD – intermediate likelihood	Intermediate Intermediate	Positive Untested	Untested Positive
MCI due to AD – high likelihood	Highest	Positive	Positive
MCI – unlikely due to AD	Lowest	Negative	Negative

Albert et al: 2011

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Dementia Due to AD



Toward Defining the Preclinical Stages of Alzheimer's Disease:

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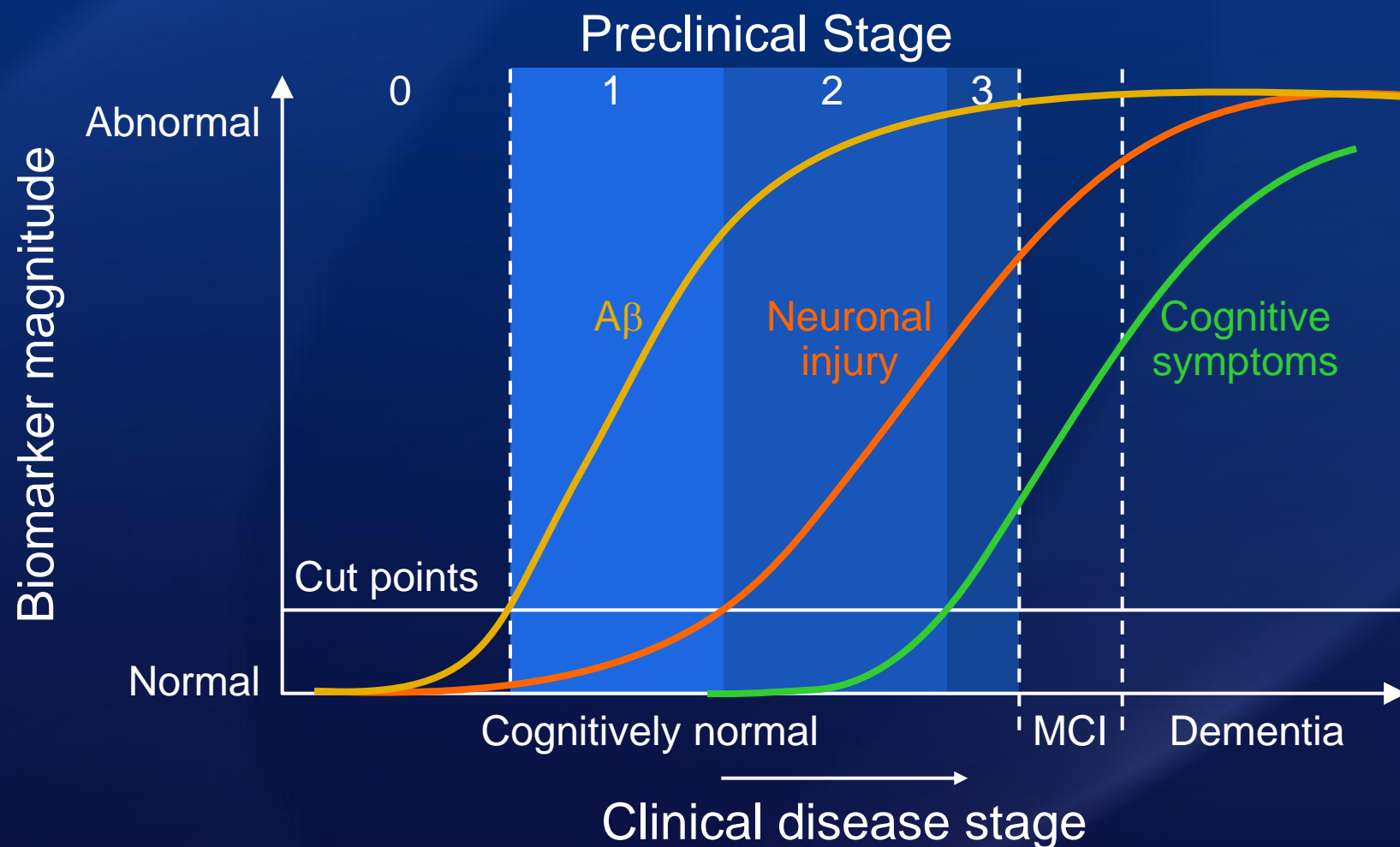
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Preclinical AD

Diagnostic category	A β (PET or CSF)	Neuronal injury	Clinical
Stage 1	Positive	Negative	Negative
Stage 2	Positive	Positive	Negative
Stage 3	Positive	Positive	Positive
Stage 0	Negative	Negative	Negative

NIA-AA Preclinical AD Staging in Relation to Our Hypothetical Model of Biomarkers



Do the Criteria Work?

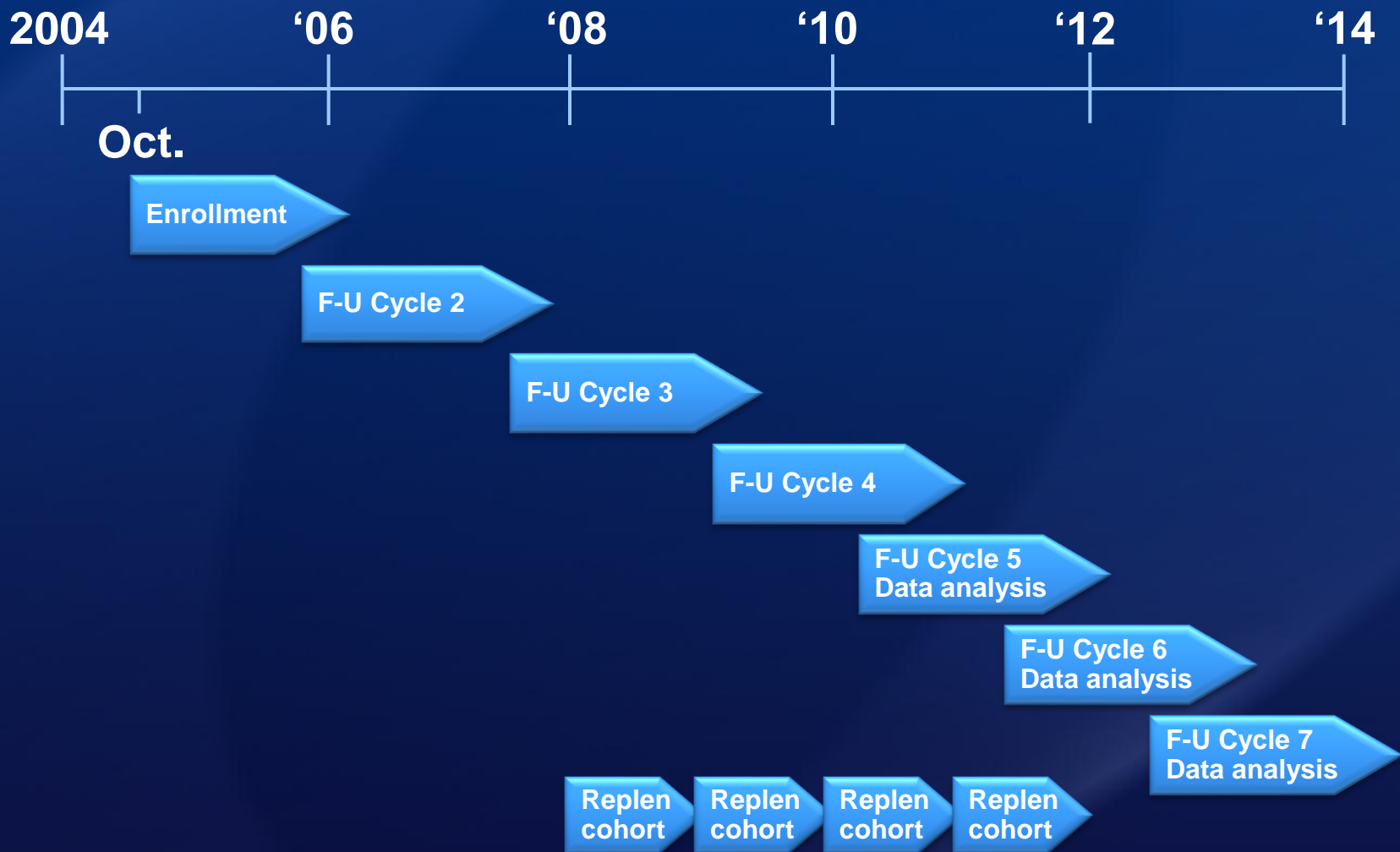
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Mayo Clinic Study of Aging

**Population-based study of 3000-
4000 nondemented persons age
50-89 years in Olmsted County, MN**

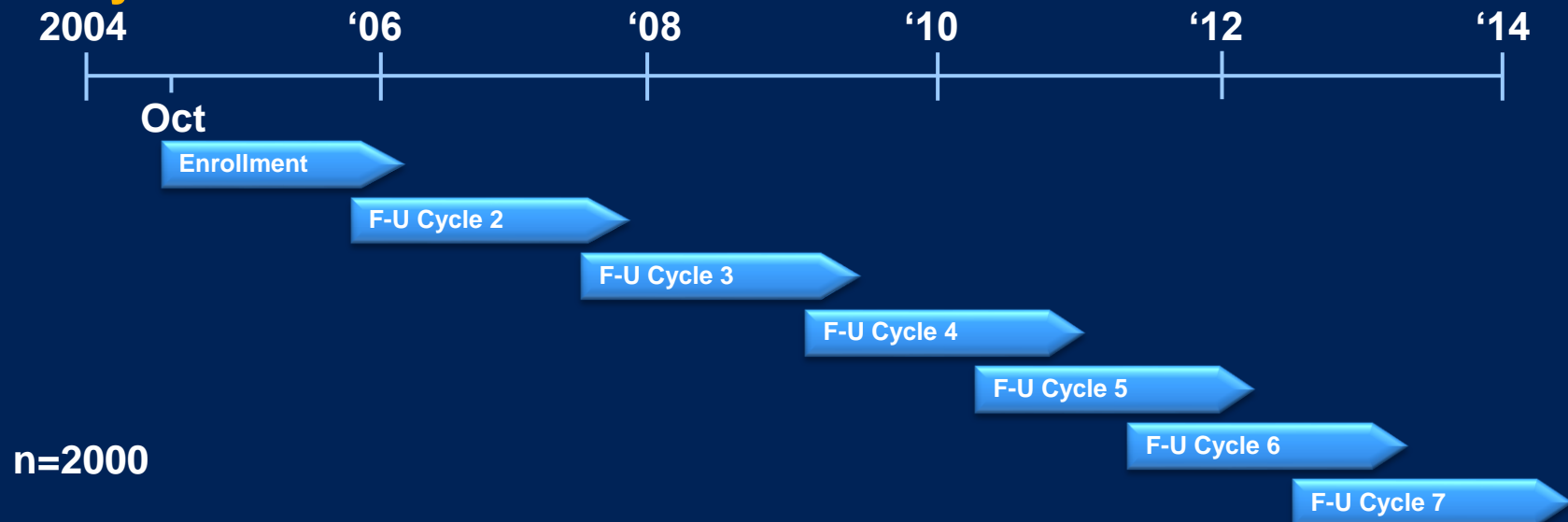
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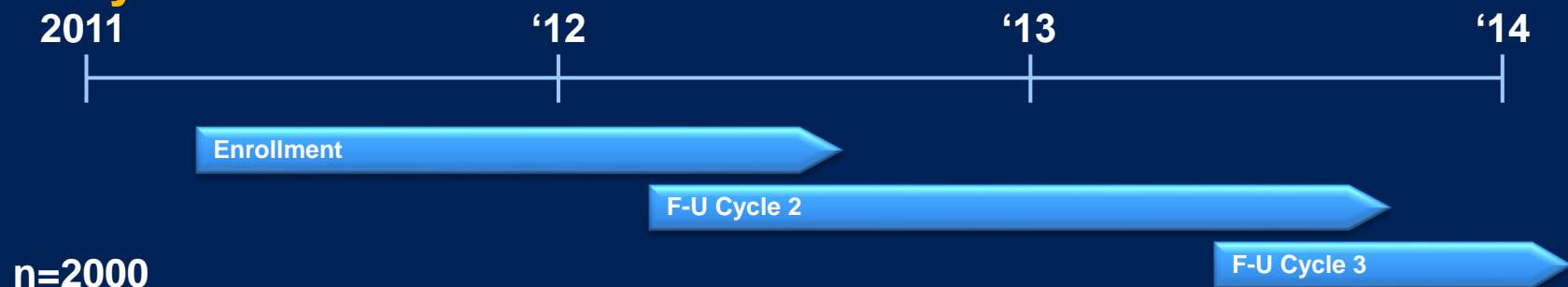
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≥70 year olds

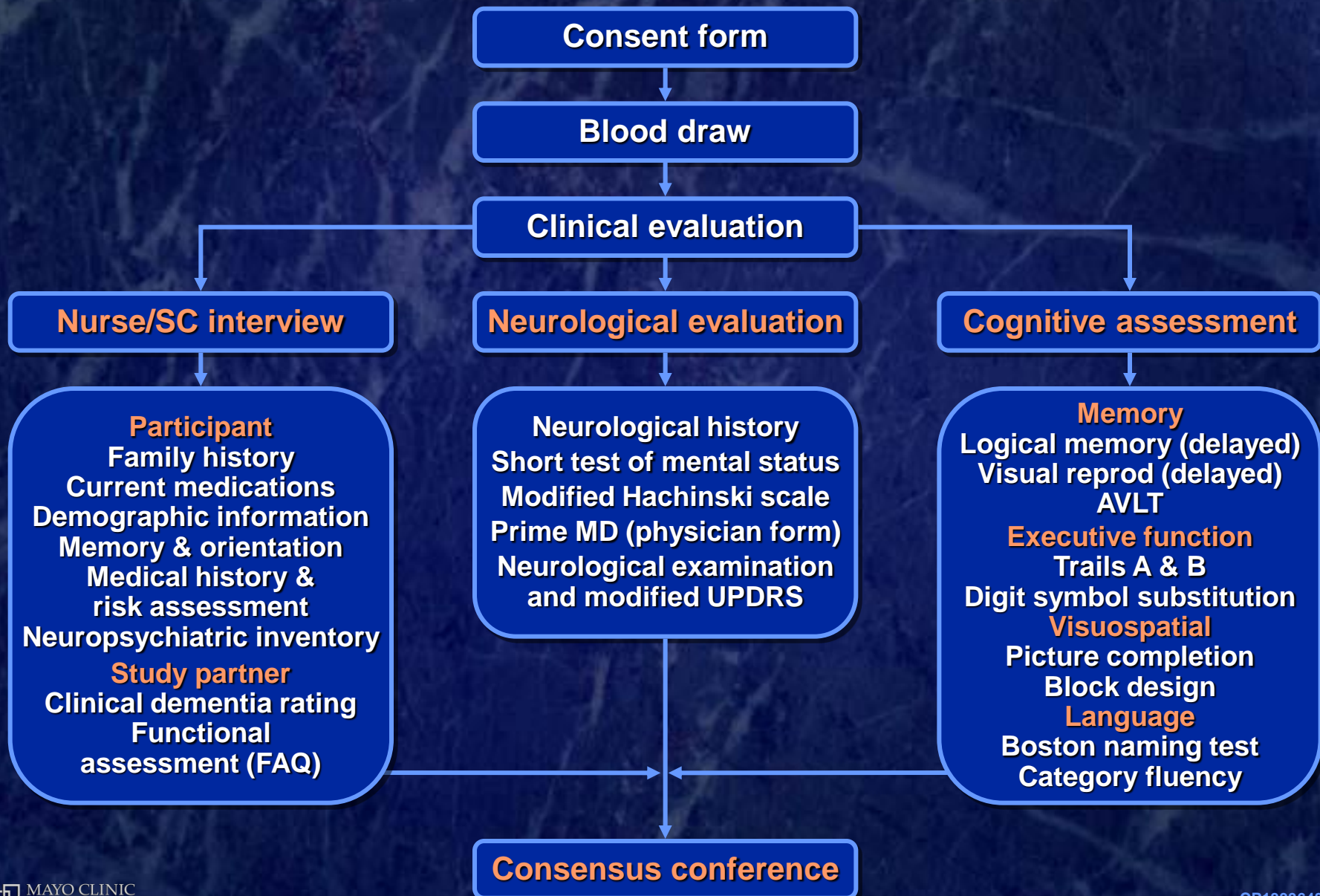


≥50 year olds



F-U = follow-up

Evaluation



Resources Acquired

- **4000 non-demented subjects**
3000 cognitively normal
800 MCI
- **2500 quantitative MRI scans**
- **~ 4000 DNA samples**
- **~ 4000 frozen plasma/serum samples**
plus annual samples
- **Clinical and performance measures**

Extension of MCSA

- **Add new subjects older cohort**
- **Add 1000+ subjects younger cohort**
- **Continue annual clinical follow-ups**
- **Continue serial MRI scans**
- **Collect annual plasma/serum**
- **Perform 800 CSF's**
- **Perform 1200 FDG-PET scans**
- **Perform 1200 PiB PET scans**

So, How Do the Criteria Fare in the General Population?

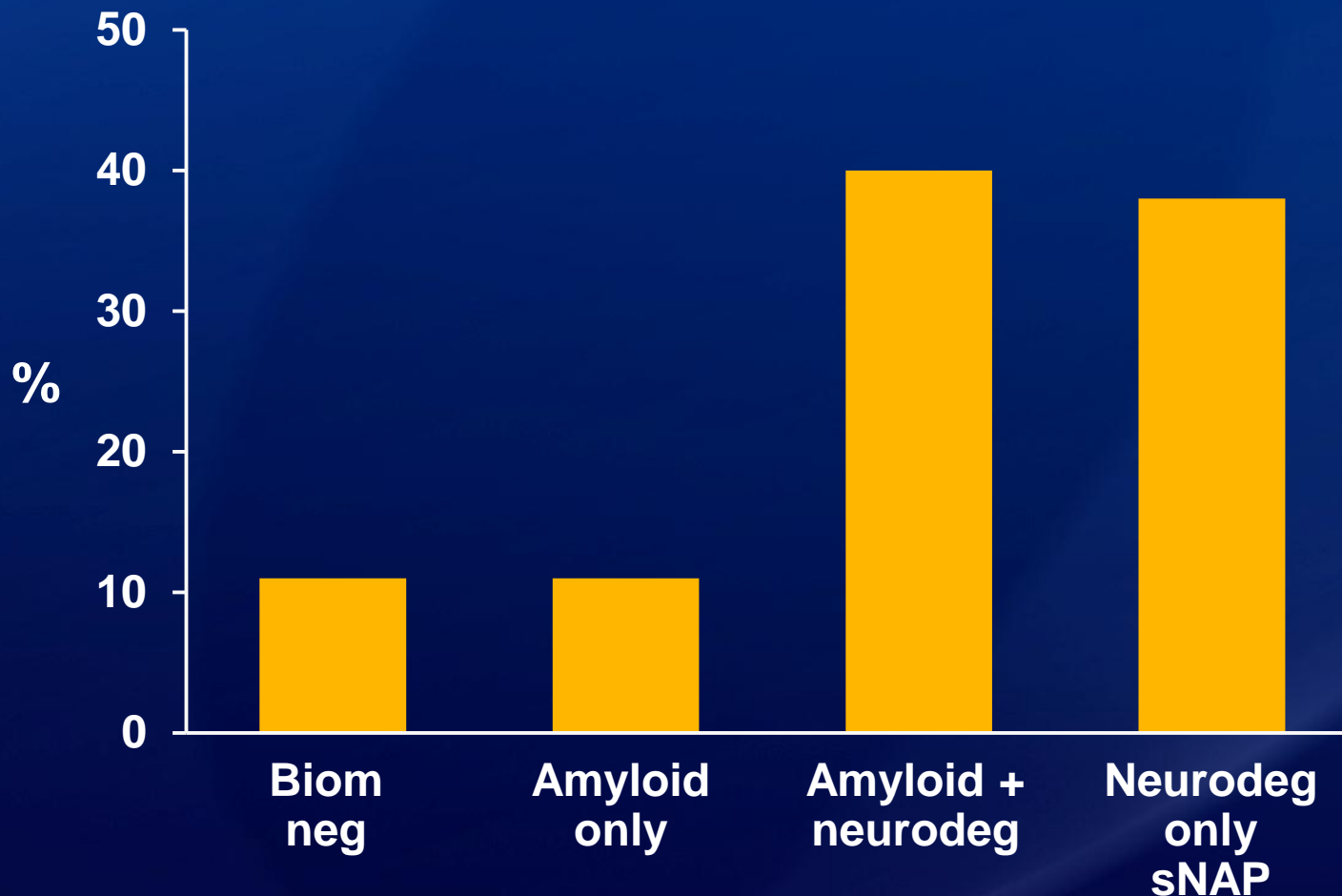
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Assessing Biomarkers in the Community

- **Biomarker negative**
Amyloid neg
FDG PET/MRI neg
- **Amyloid positive Neurodeg neg**
Amyloid pos
FDG PET/MRI neg
- **Amyloid pos Neurodeg pos**
Amyloid pos
FDG PET/MRI pos
- **Neurodegen only**
Amyloid neg
FDG PET/MRI pos

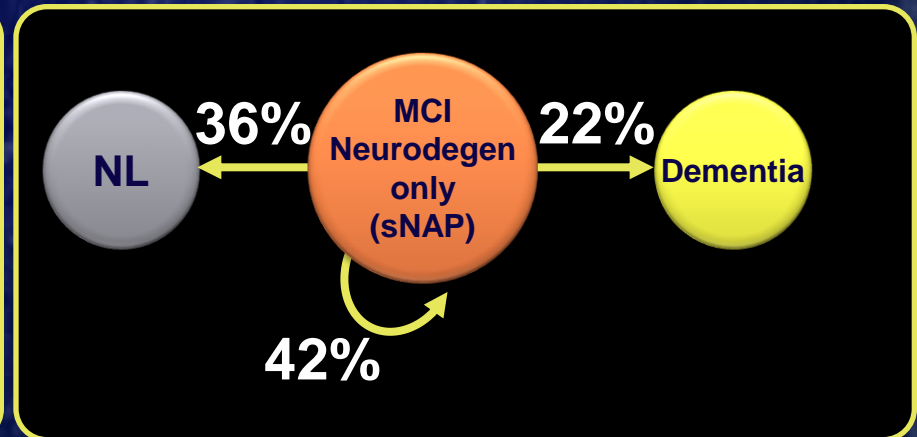
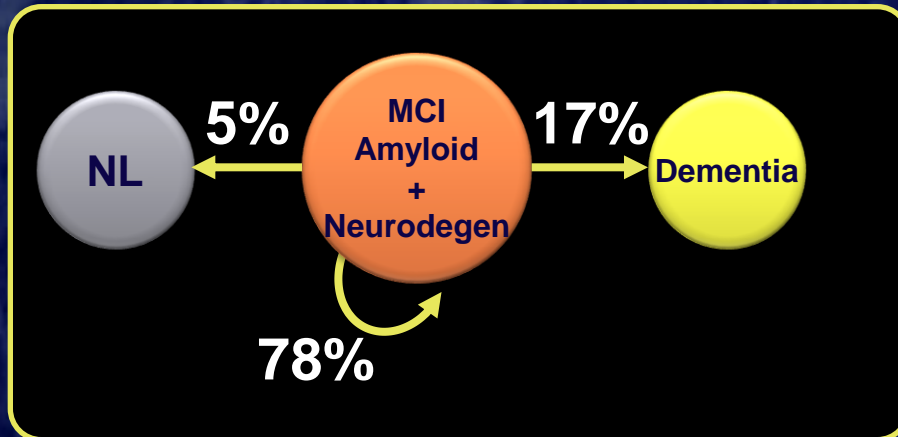
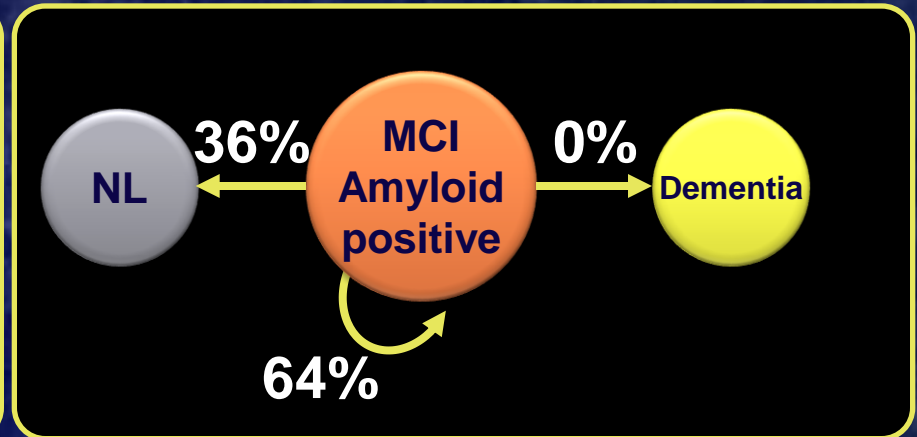
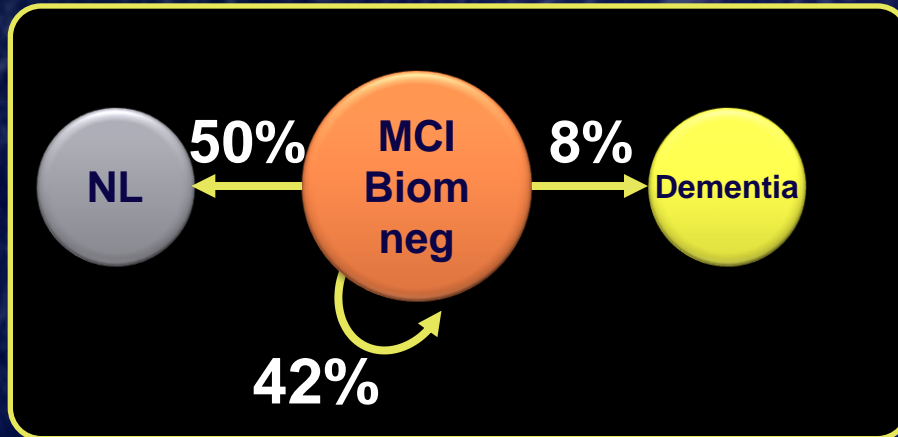
All MCI MCSA

Population Frequencies

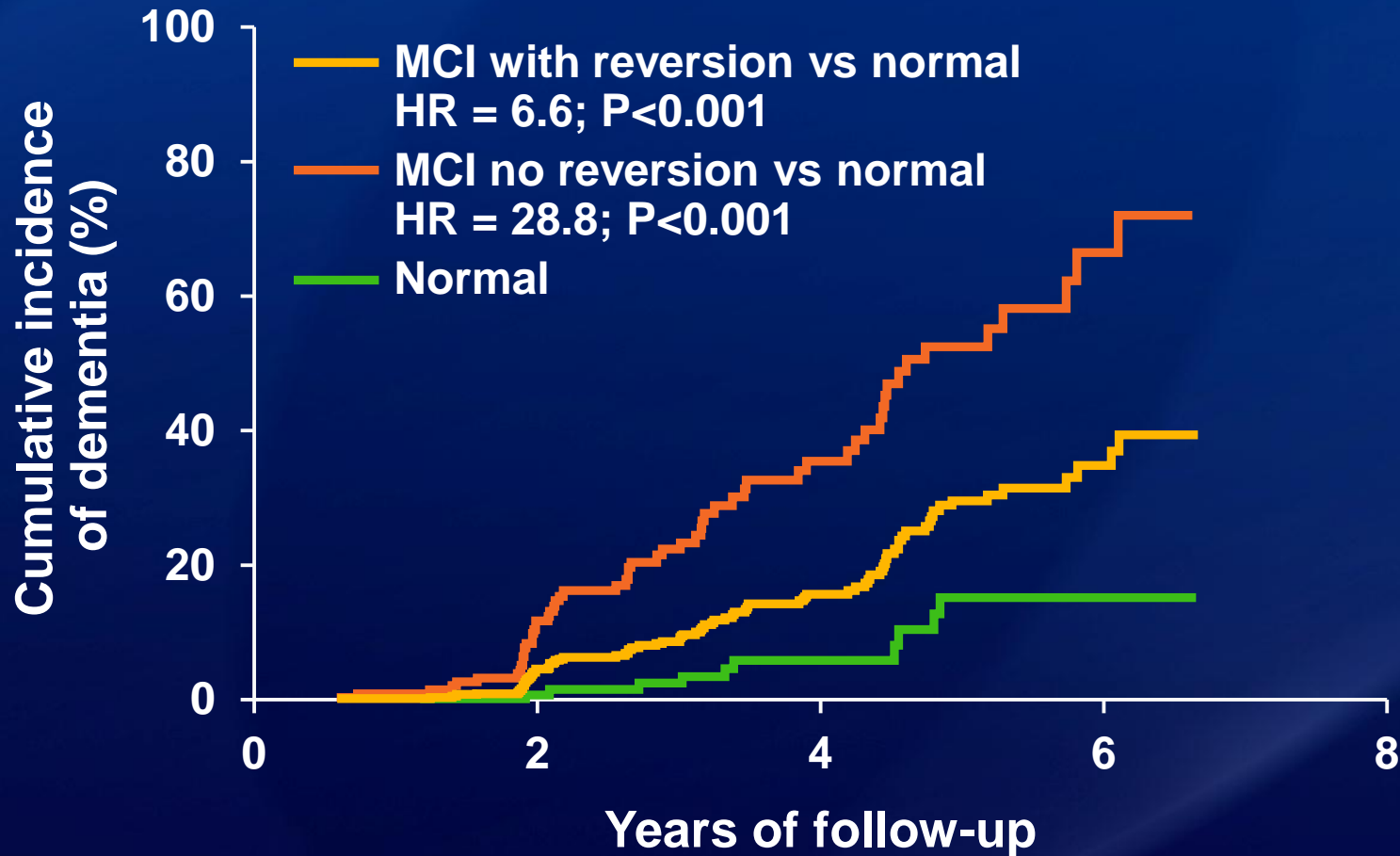


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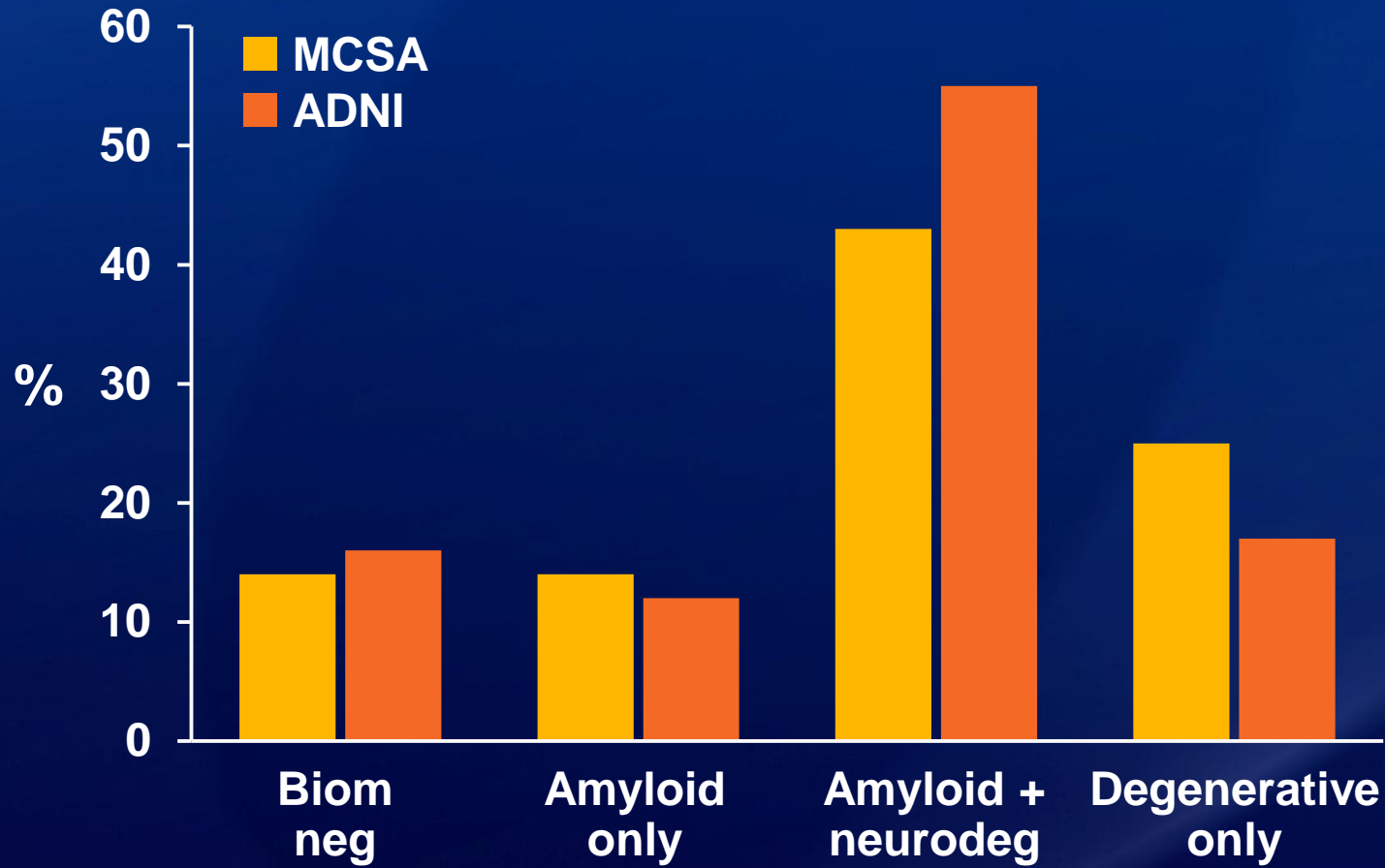
Annual Rates of Change



Risk of Dementia Following Reversion to Normal



aMCI



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Preclinical AD

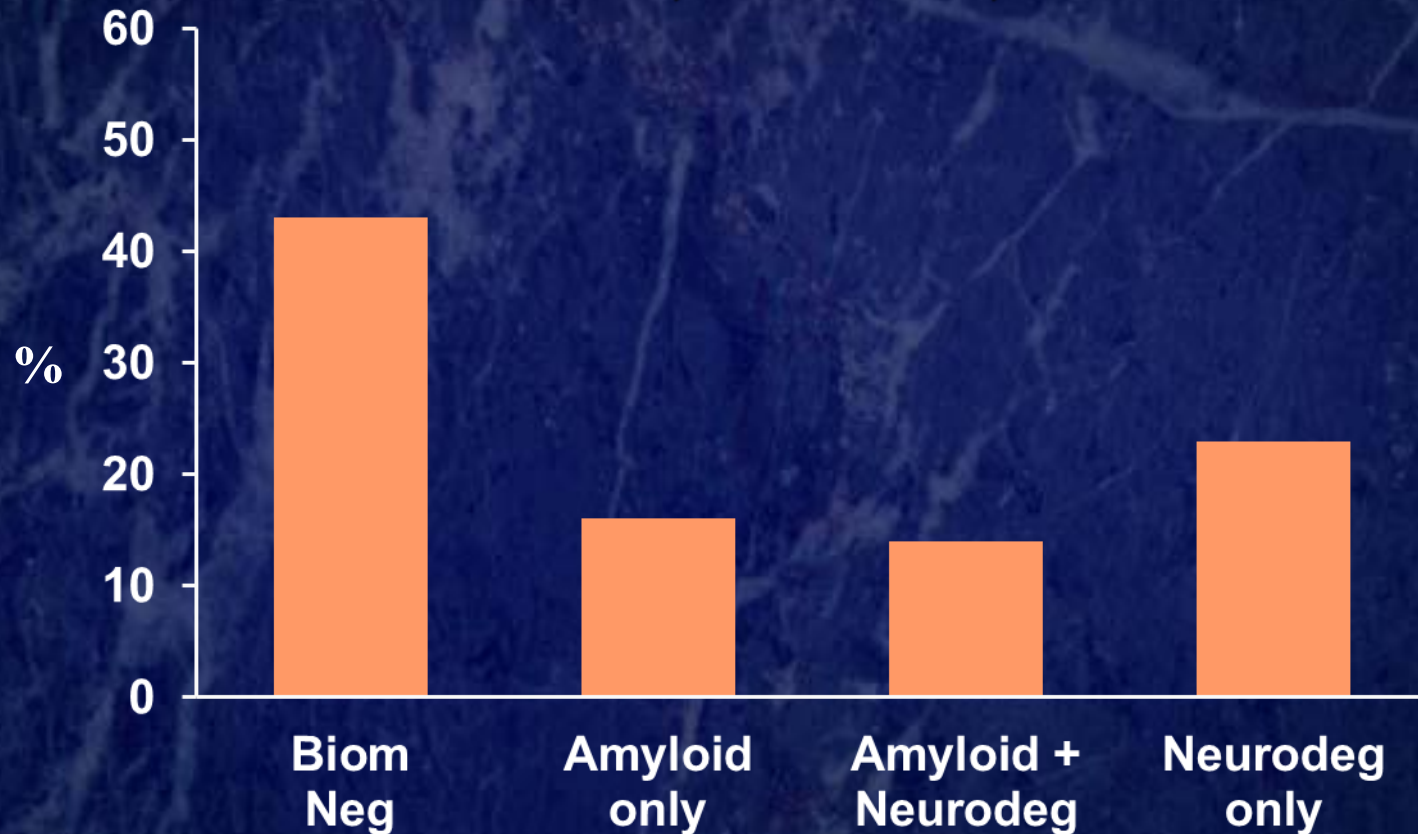
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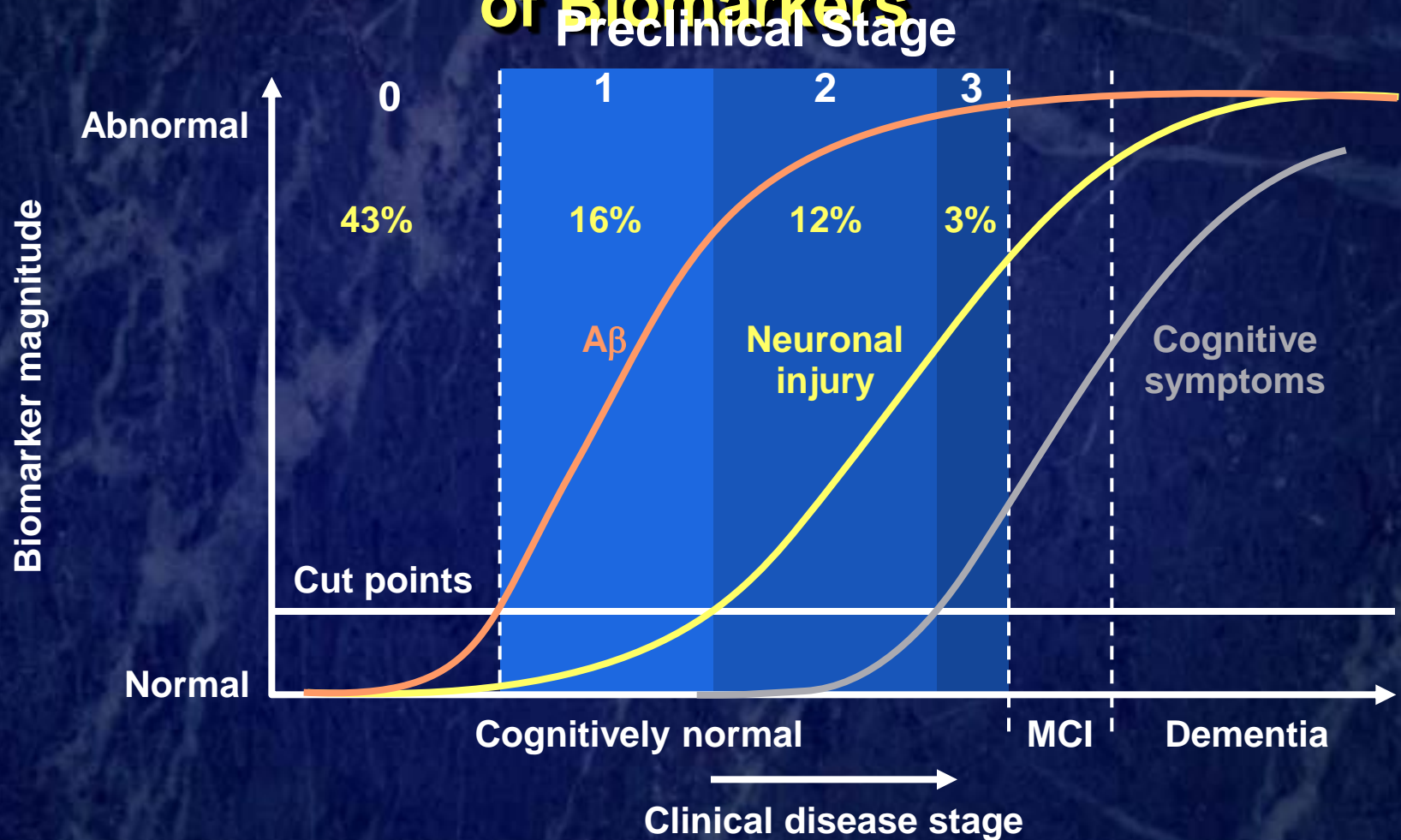
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Pre-clinical Normal Population Frequencies

Jack et al., Ann Neurol, 2012



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Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease and Its Outcome

A Longitudinal Cohort Study

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Summary

Background New research criteria for preclinical Alzheimer's disease have been proposed, which include stages for cognitively normal individuals with abnormal amyloid markers (stage 1), abnormal amyloid and neuronal injury markers (stage 2), or abnormal amyloid and neuronal injury markers and subtle cognitive changes (stage 3). We aimed

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Introduction

Alzheimer's disease (AD) starts with a preclinical phase in which AD neuropathological abnormalities begin to accumulate but cognitive ability is normal.¹⁻³ Now that biomarkers for AD have become available, identification of preclinical AD in vivo in cognitively normal individuals is possible.⁴ Information regarding the occurrence and outcome of preclinical AD is crucial for the understanding of AD pathophysiology and the design of secondary prevention trials.

Research criteria for preclinical AD have been proposed by the Preclinical Working Group of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Alzheimer's Association (AA).⁵ The NIA-AA criteria for preclinical AD propose ordered stages for cognitively normal individuals with abnormal amyloid markers (stage 1), abnormal amyloid and neuronal injury markers (stage 2), and abnormal amyloid and neuronal injury markers and subtle cognitive changes (stage 3).⁵ In a 2012 study in which structural and amyloid imaging

markers were used to categorise individuals according to these stages,⁶ the rate of short-term (1 year) progression to mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or dementia increased with advancing preclinical AD stage.

The aim of this study was to identify the prevalence and long-term outcome of preclinical AD according to these criteria in a cohort of cognitively normal individuals. We used CSF markers to define NIA-AA preclinical AD stages and assessed the long-term cognitive and mortality outcomes of participants in each stage. We also tested whether the proportion and cognitive outcome of preclinical AD were affected by age or APOE genotype.

Methods

Participants

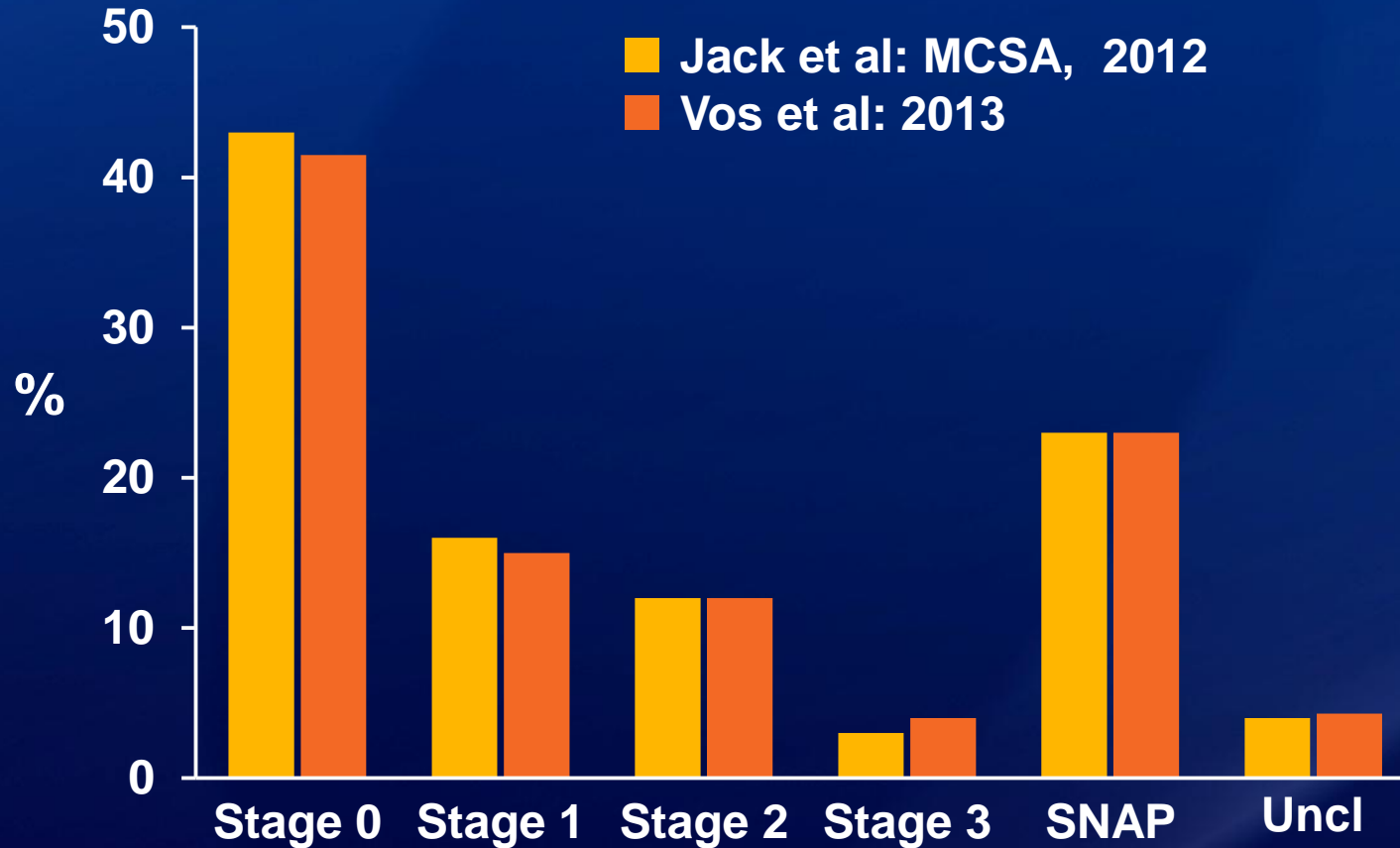
Participants were cognitively normal community-dwelling volunteers enrolled between June, 1998, and September, 2011, in longitudinal studies of memory and

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Pre-Clinical AD Stages

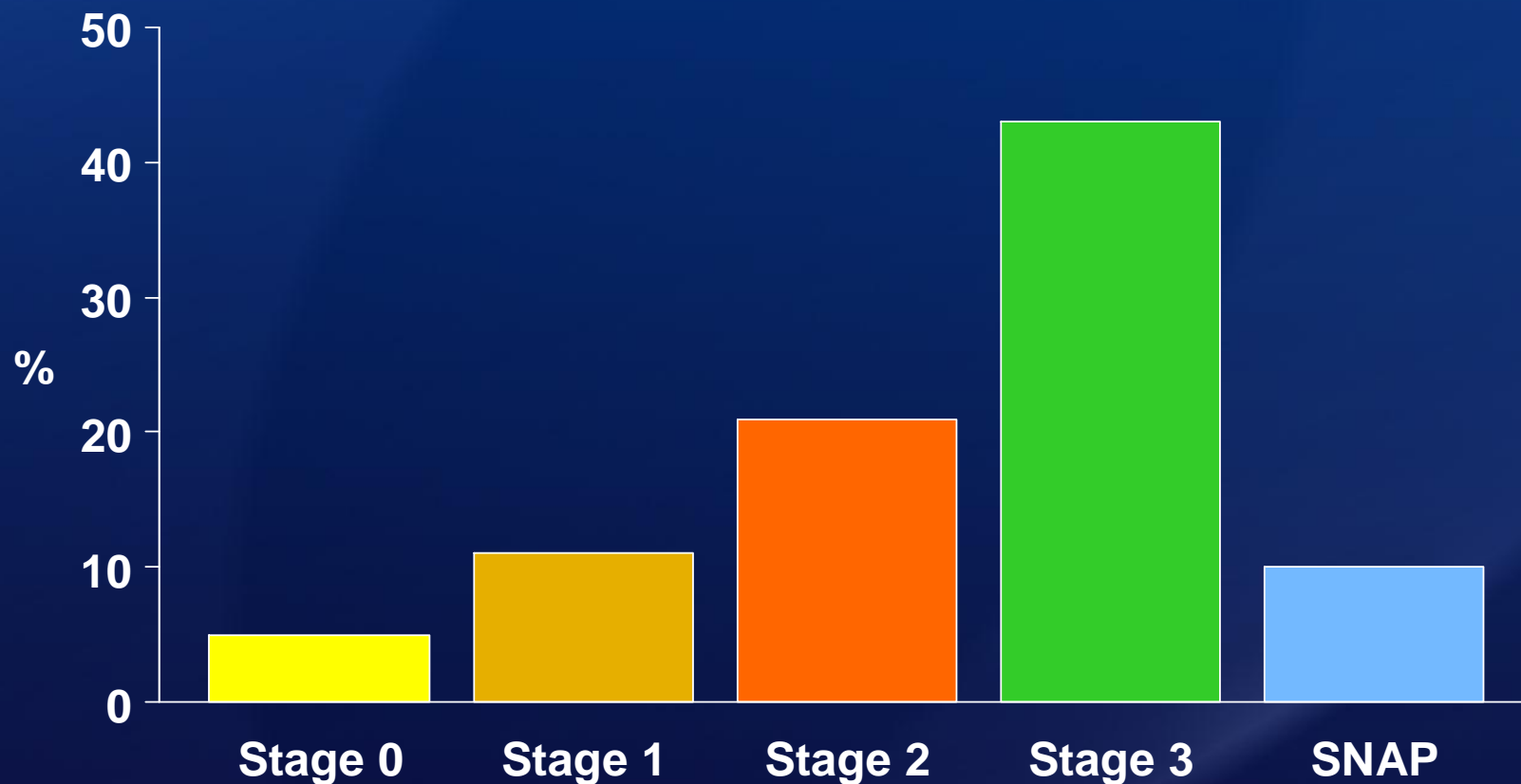
Neuroimaging vs CSF



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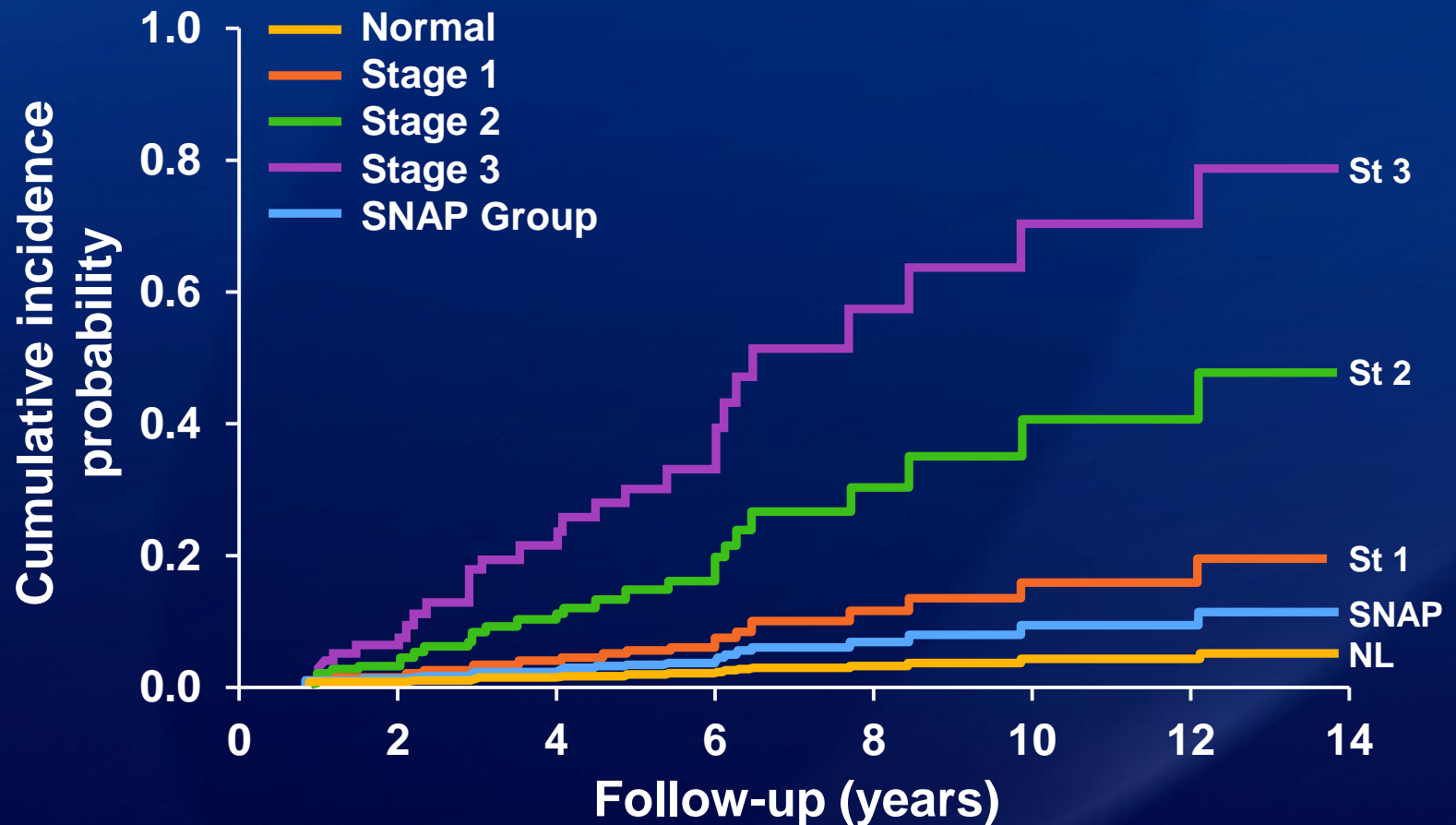
Preclinical Progression to MCI/Dementia

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Knopman et al., 2012

Progression to CDR ≥ 0.5 by Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease Stage



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Amyloid-first and Neurodegeneration-first Profiles Characterize Incident Amyloid PET Positivity

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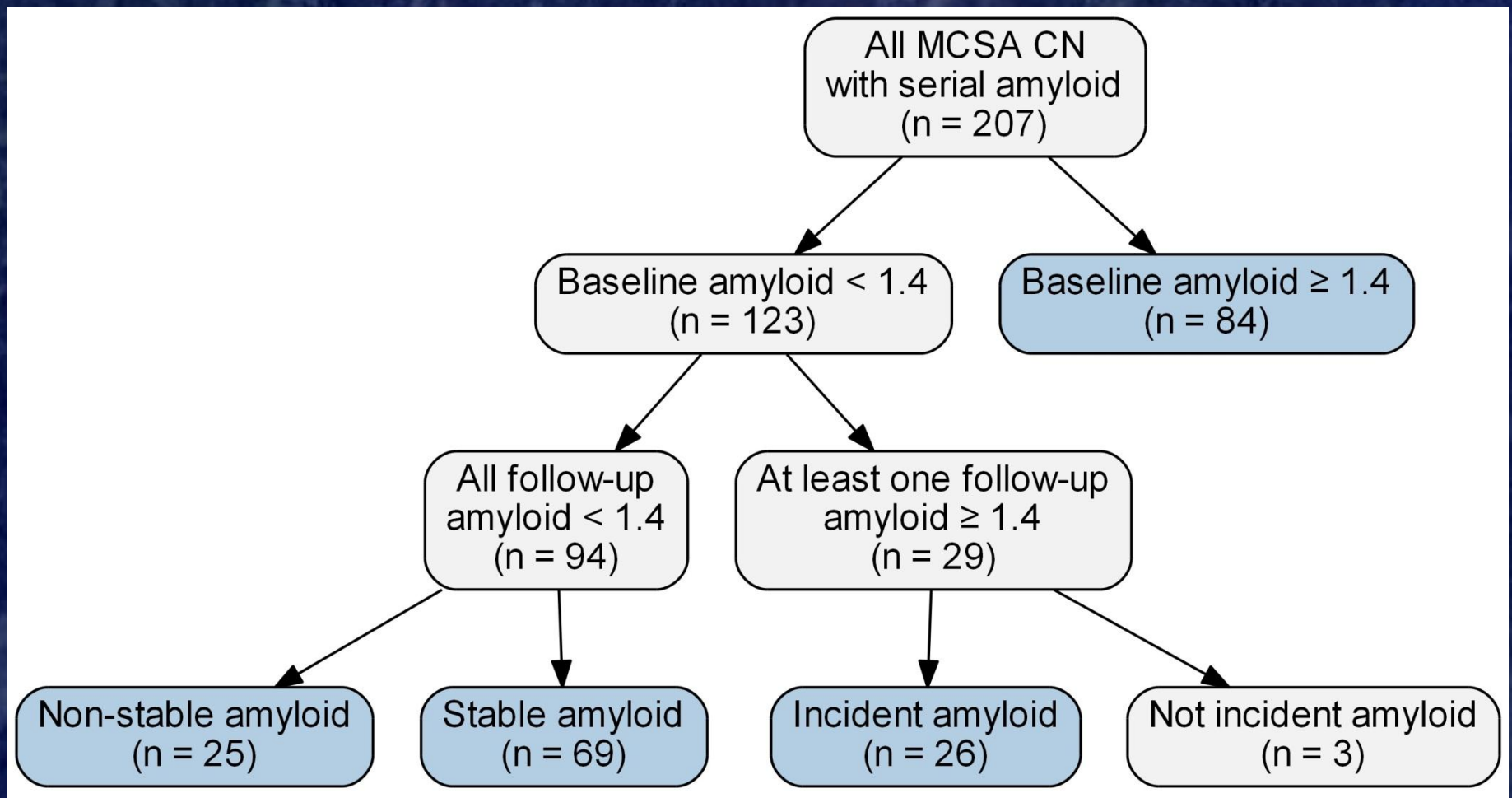
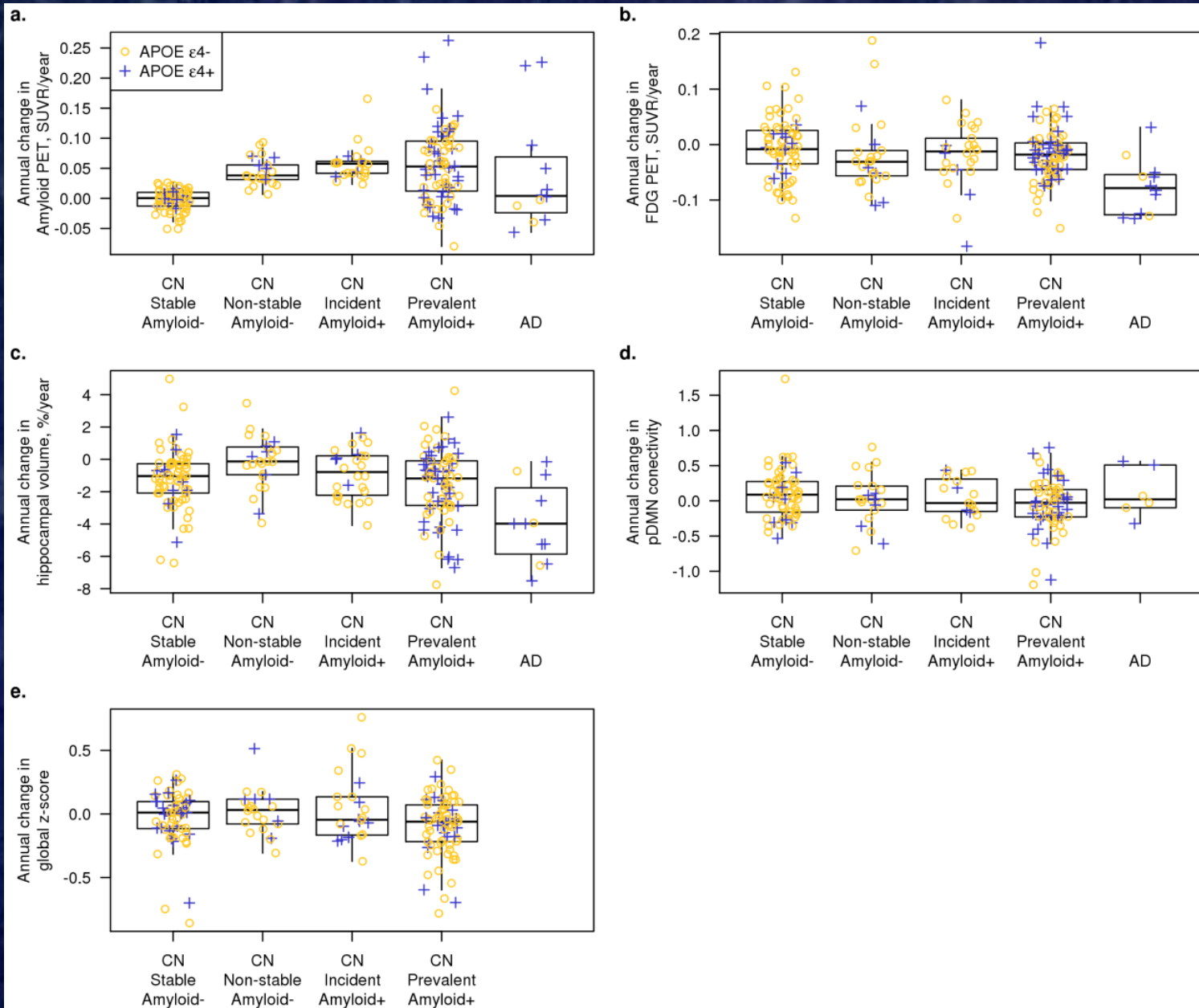


Figure 1. Flow chart.

The CN groups in blue are the focus of this paper.



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Changes in Imaging and Clinical Measures By Amyloid Status

Effect of amyloid on memory and non-memory decline from preclinical to clinical Alzheimer's disease

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High amyloid has been associated with substantial episodic memory decline over 18 and 36 months in healthy older adults and individuals with mild cognitive impairment. However, the nature and magnitude of amyloid-related memory and non-memory change from the preclinical to the clinical stages of Alzheimer's disease has not been evaluated over the same time interval. Healthy older adults ($n = 320$), individuals with mild cognitive impairment ($n = 57$) and individuals with Alzheimer's disease ($n = 36$) enrolled in the Australian Imaging, Biomarkers and Lifestyle study underwent at least one positron emission tomography neuroimaging scan for amyloid. Cognitive assessments were conducted at baseline, and 18- and 36-month follow-up assessments. Compared with amyloid-negative healthy older adults, amyloid-positive healthy older adults, and amyloid-positive individuals with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease showed moderate and equivalent decline in verbal and visual episodic memory over 36 months ($d's = 0.47-0.51$). Relative to amyloid-negative healthy older adults, amyloid-positive healthy older adults showed no decline in non-memory functions, but amyloid-positive individuals with mild cognitive impairment showed additional moderate decline in language, attention and visuospatial function ($d's = 0.47-1.12$), and amyloid-positive individuals with Alzheimer's disease showed large decline in all aspects of memory and non-memory function ($d's = 0.73-2.28$). Amyloid negative individuals with mild cognitive impairment did not show any cognitive decline over 36 months. When non-demented individuals (i.e. healthy older adults and adults with mild cognitive impairment) were further dichotomized, high amyloid-positive non-demented individuals showed a greater rate of decline in episodic memory and language when compared with low amyloid positive non-demented

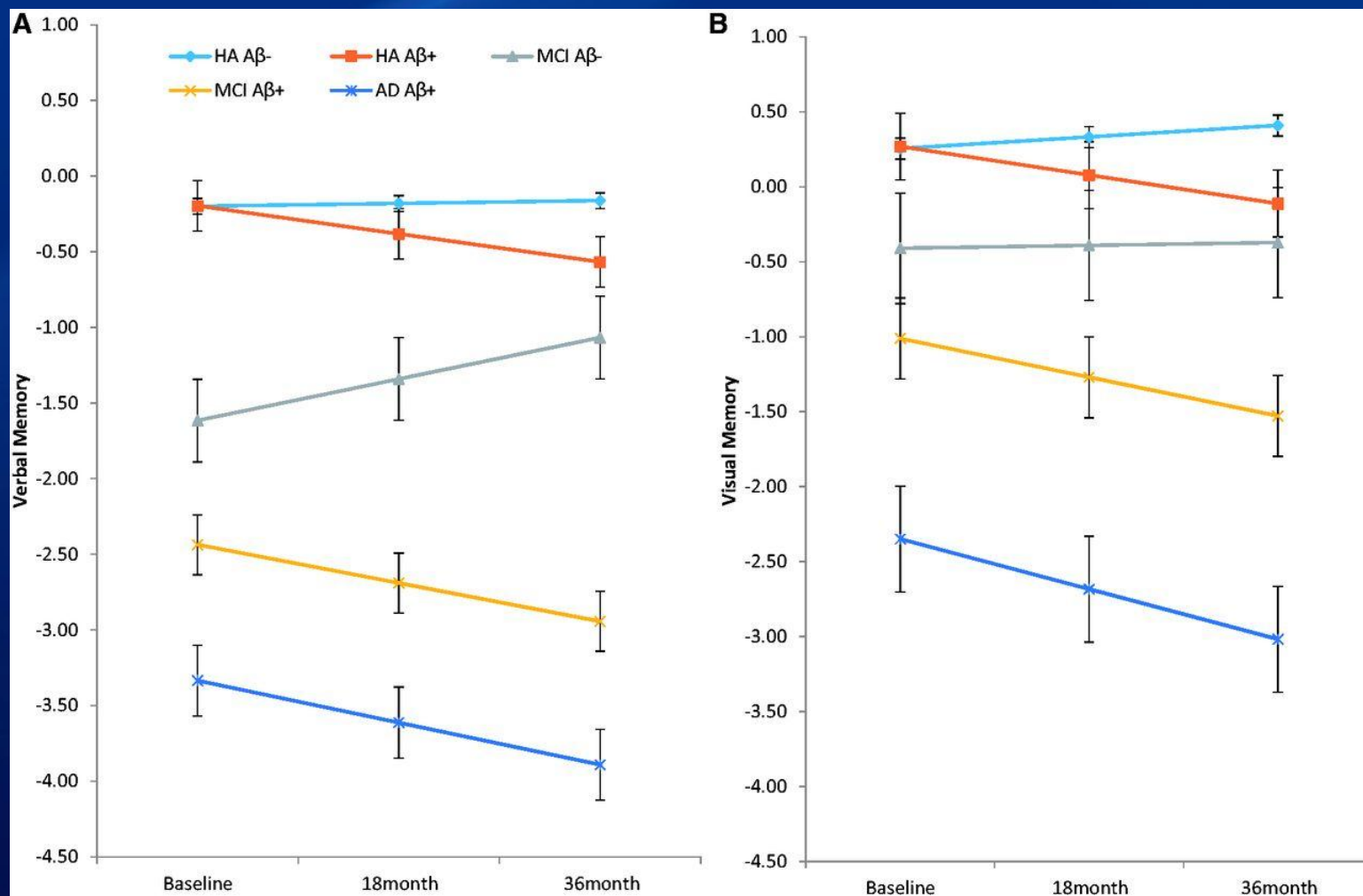


Figure 1.

Linear trend of performance on the verbal memory composite (A) and the visual memory composite (B) for HA-Aβ-, HA-Aβ+, MCI-Aβ-, MCI-Aβ+, and AD-Aβ+ groups, from baseline to 36 months.

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**Role of amyloid status in progression
from healthy control to MCI in the
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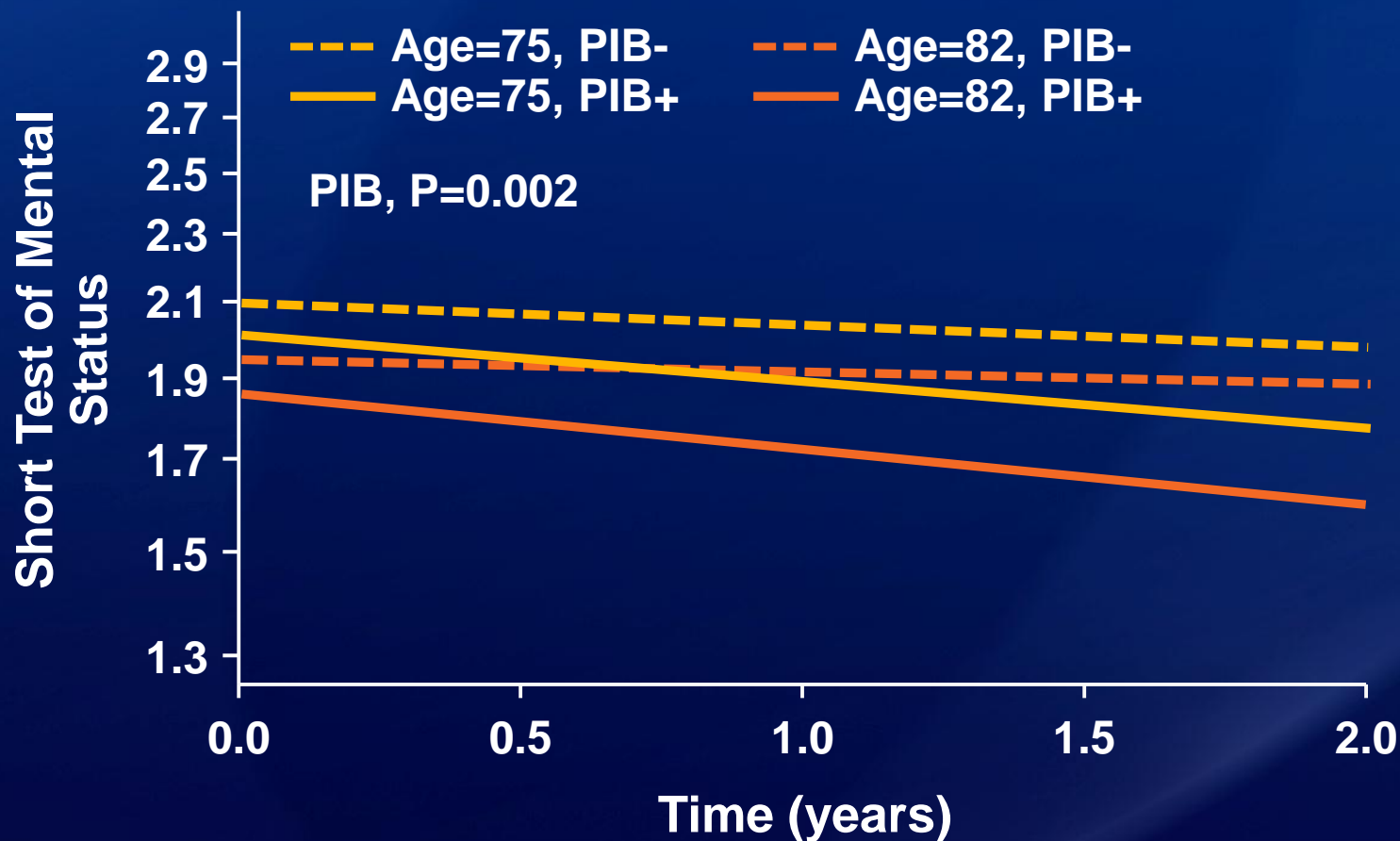
Role of Amyloid in Predicting Progression in Imaging and Cognitive Biomarkers

- Amyloid positive vs. amyloid negative
 - Imaging biomarkers
 - PiB PET
 - FDG PET
 - MR ventricular volume
 - Cognitive measures
 - Global
 - 4 cognitive domains

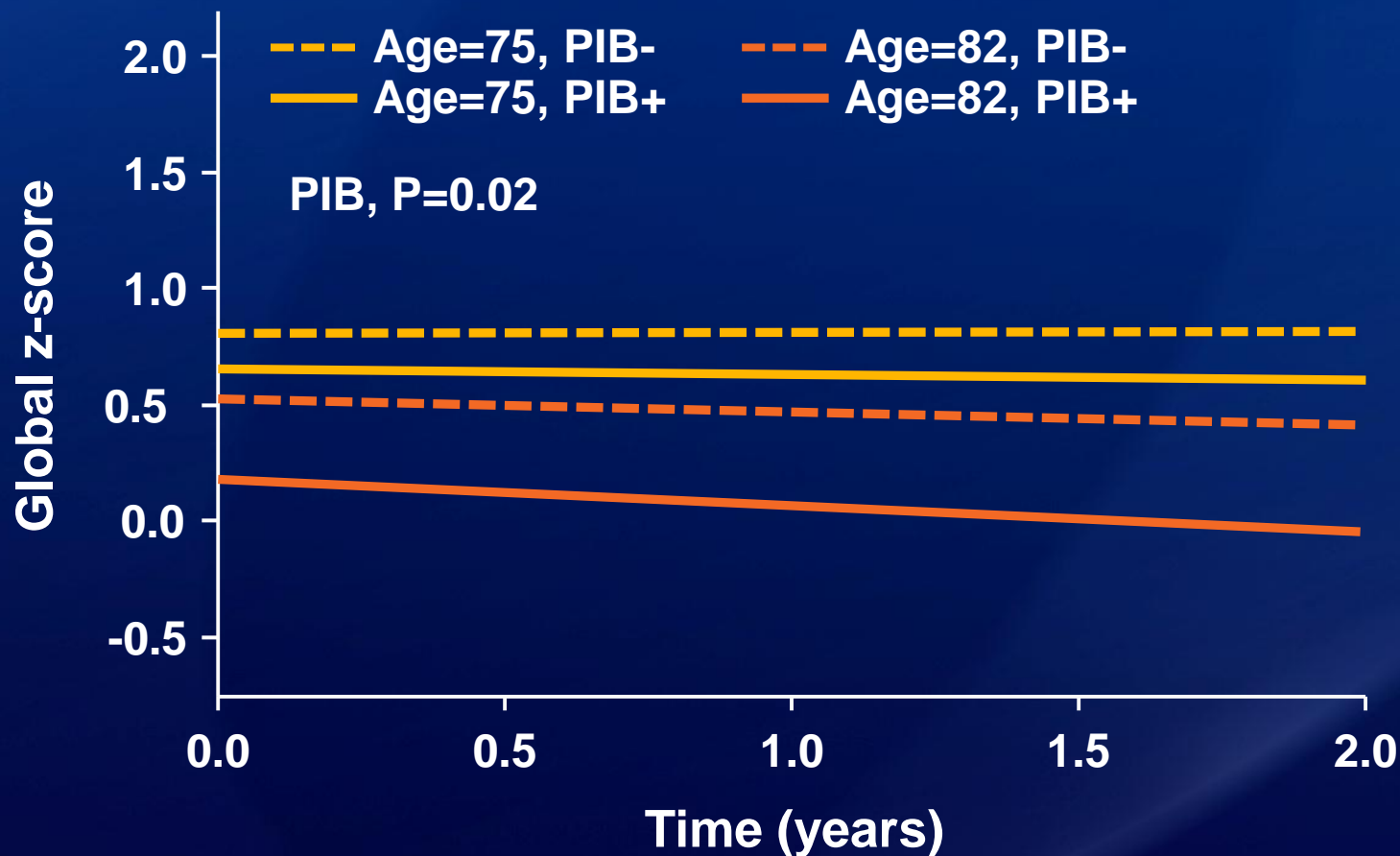
BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS OF SUBJECTS WITH SERIAL DATA

Characteristic	Serial Cognitive Data (n = 484)	Serial Imaging Scans (n = 200)
Age, years, median (IQR)	78 (75, 82)	78 (75, 82)
Male, no. (%)	269 (56)	121 (60)
APOE e4 carrier, no (%)	120 (25)	57 (28)
Education, years, median (IQR)	14 (12, 16)	14 (12, 16)
Short Test Score, median (IQR)	35 (34, 37)	35 (33, 37)
Cognitive domain z-scores, median (IQR)		
Global	0.75 (0.16, 1.25)	0.71 (0.13, 1.23)
Memory	0.70 (0.02, 1.38)	0.70 (-0.04, 1.32)
Language	0.50 (-0.02, 1.02)	0.47 (-0.04, 0.99)
Attention	0.59 (-0.00, 1.11)	0.59 (0.02, 0.99)
Visuospatial	0.64 (0.02, 1.22)	0.61 (0.00, 1.20)
PIB ratio, median (IQR)	1.38 (1.31, 1.63)	1.38 (1.30, 1.61)
FDG ratio, median (IQR)	1.40 (1.30, 1.50)	1.40 (1.30, 1.50)
Hippocampal volume, cm3, median (IQR)	7.0 (6.4, 7.5)	7.0 (6.4, 7.5)
Hippocampal volume/TIV, median (IQR)	0.47 (0.43, 0.52)	0.47 (0.42, 0.52)
Number of follow-up visits, %		
1	261 (54)	171 (86)
2	181 (37)	28 (14)
3	29 (6)	1 (0)
4	10 (2)	0 (0)
5	3 (1)	0 (0)

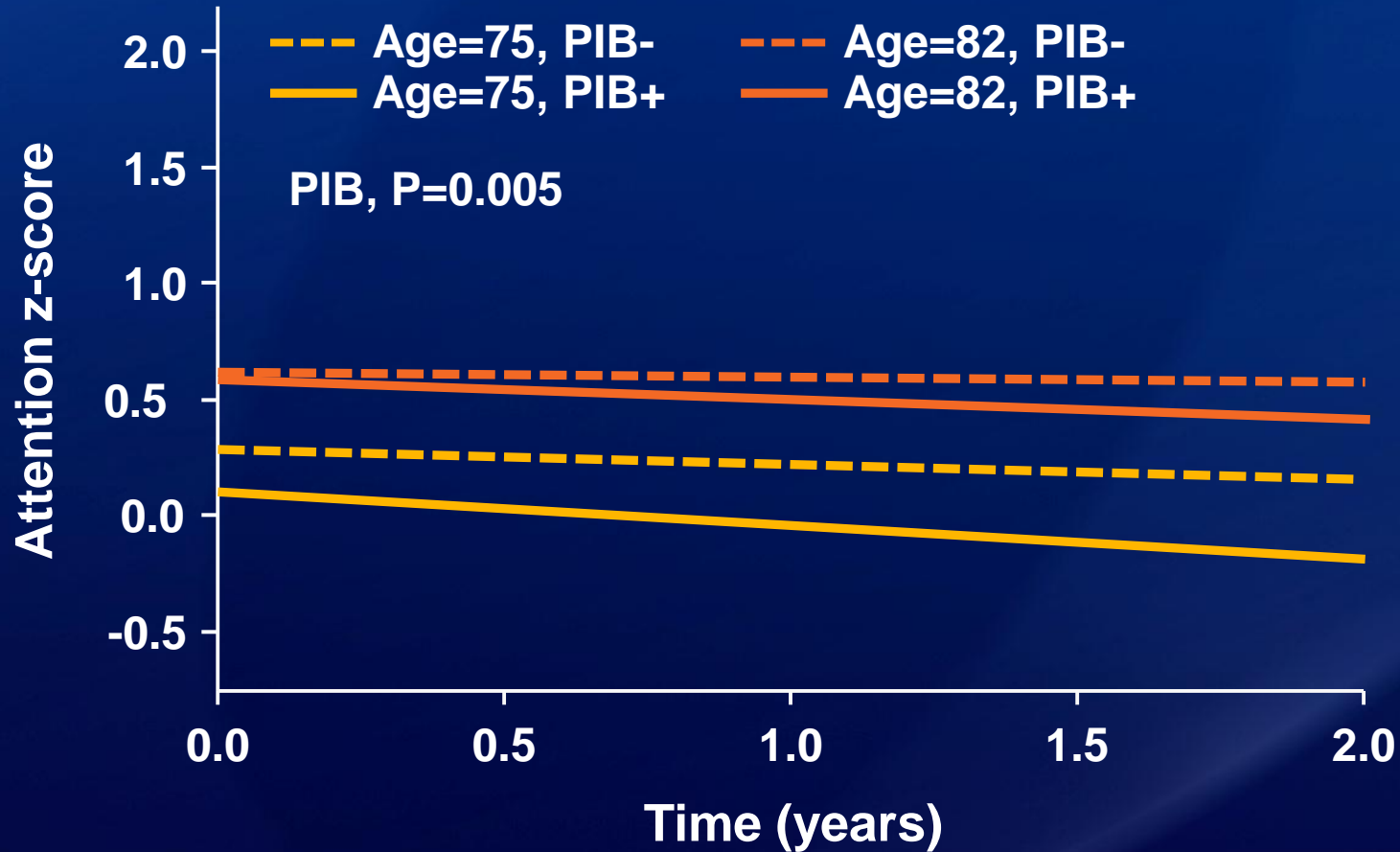
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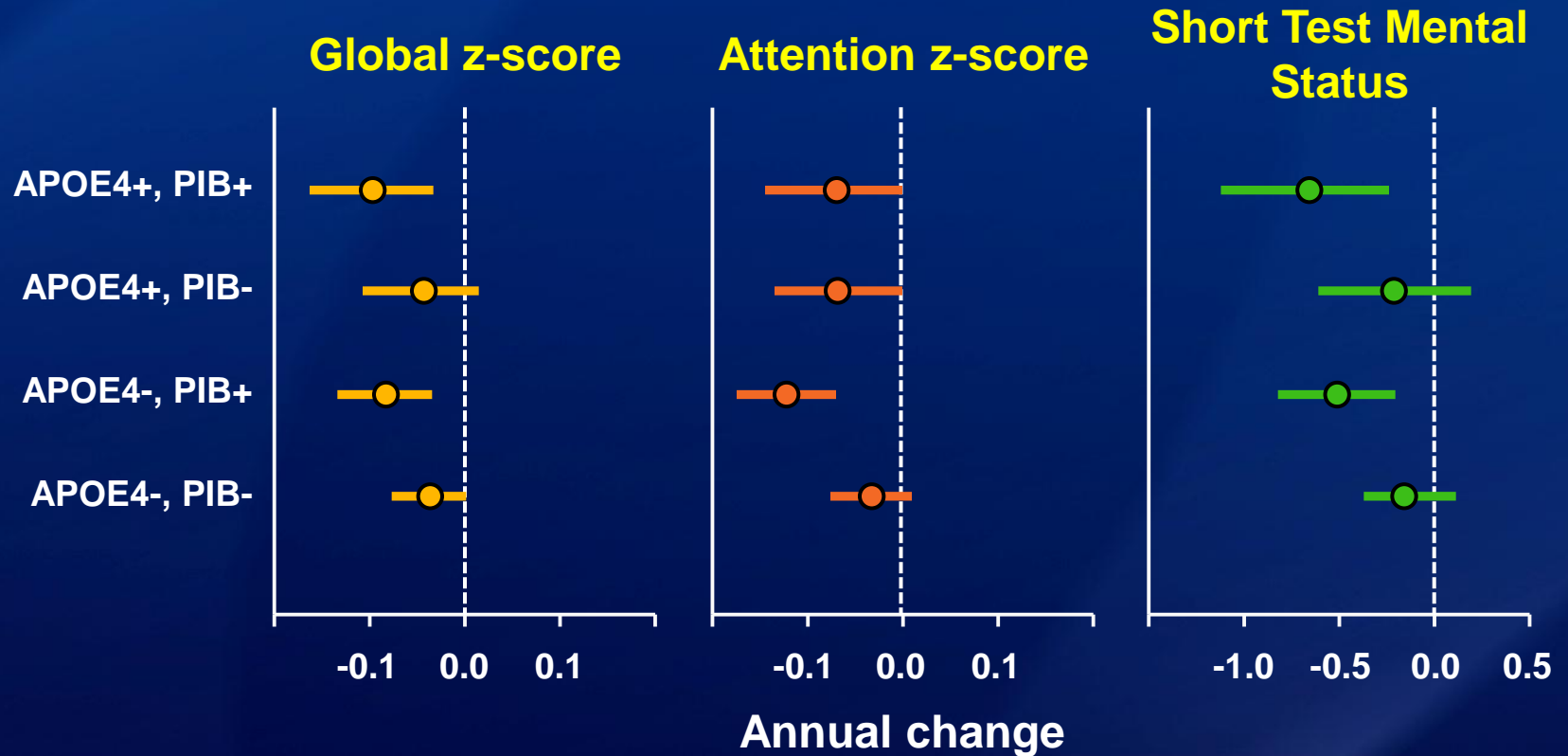
Change in Global Cognition by PiB Over Time



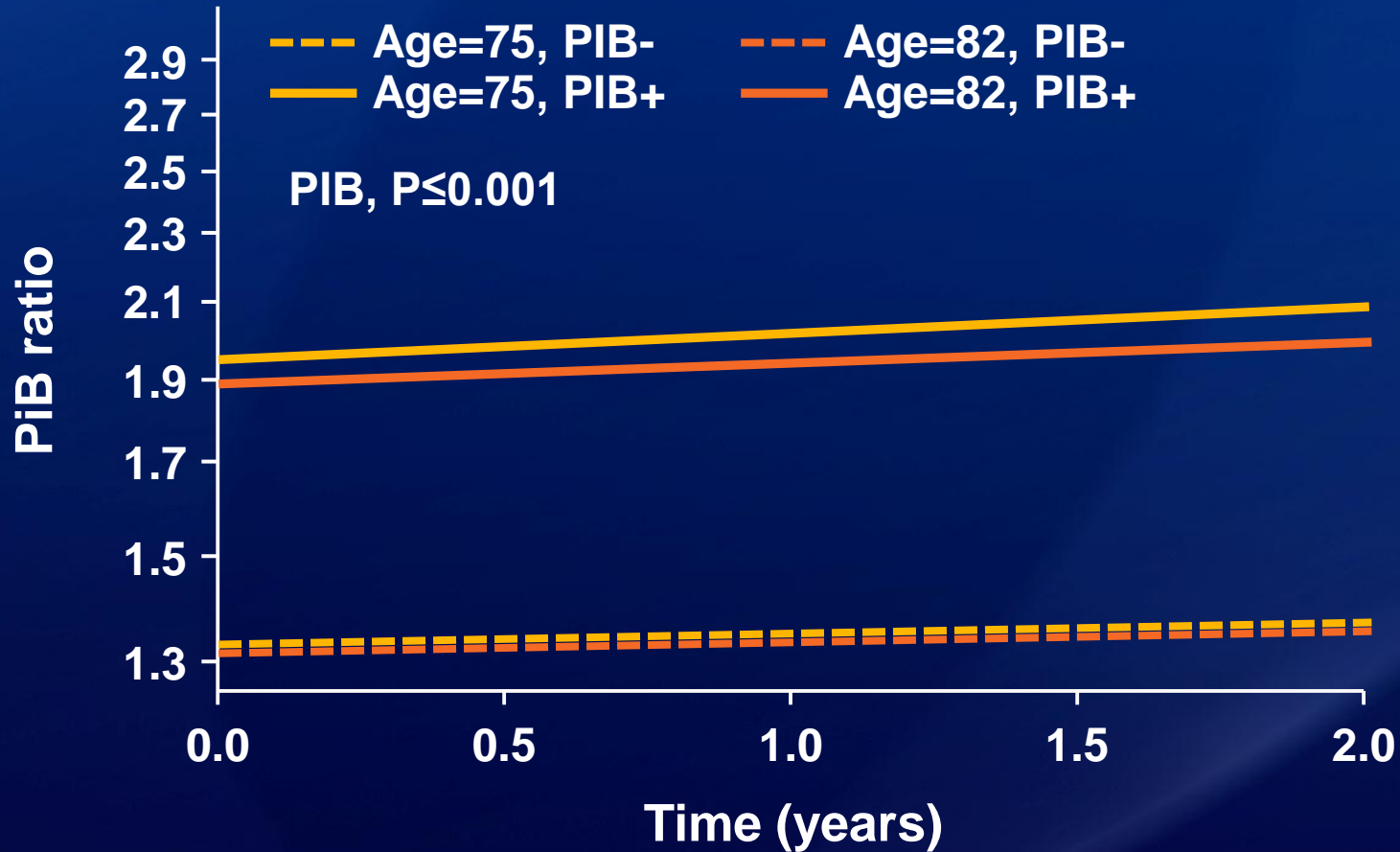
Change in Attention by PiB Over Time



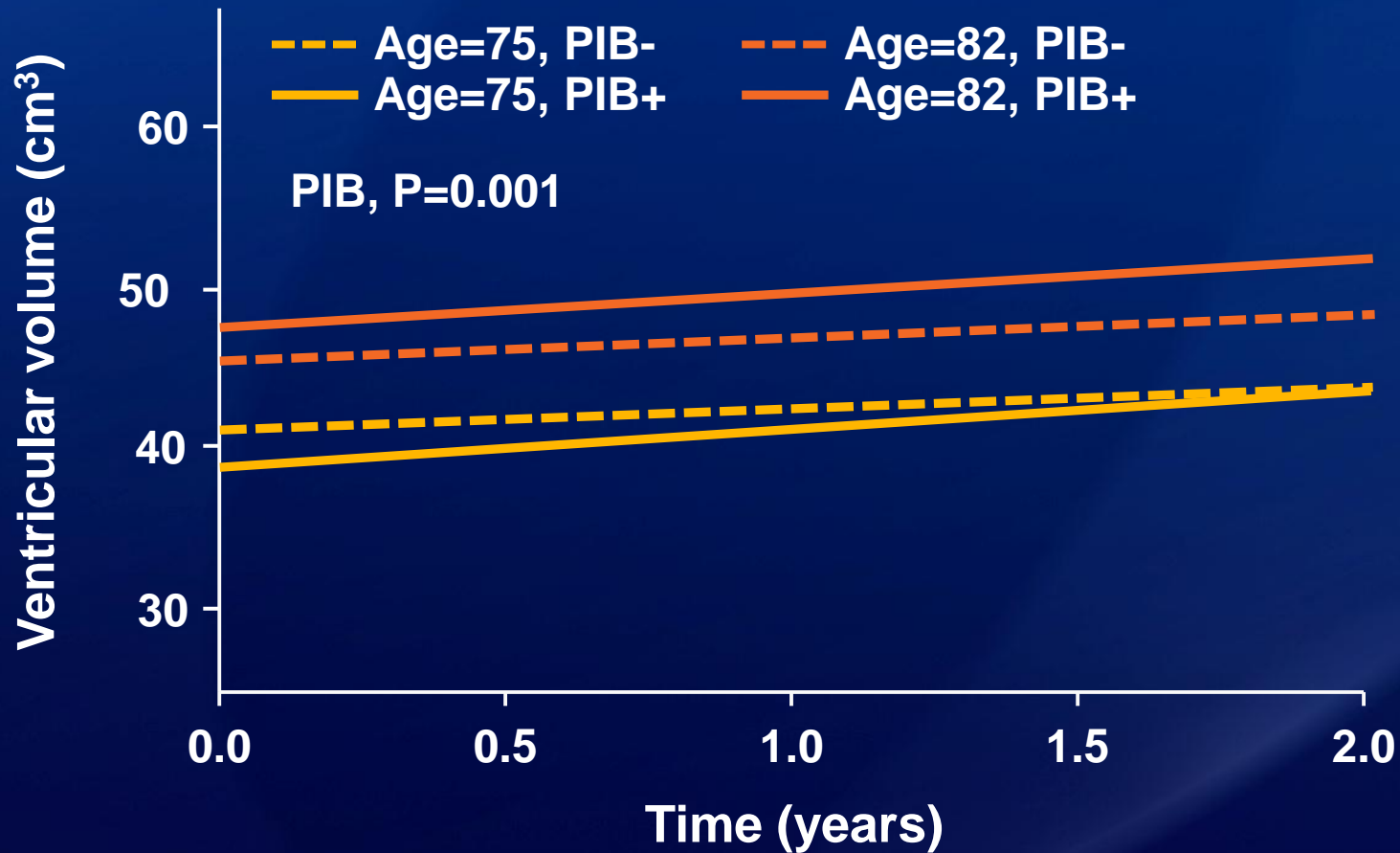
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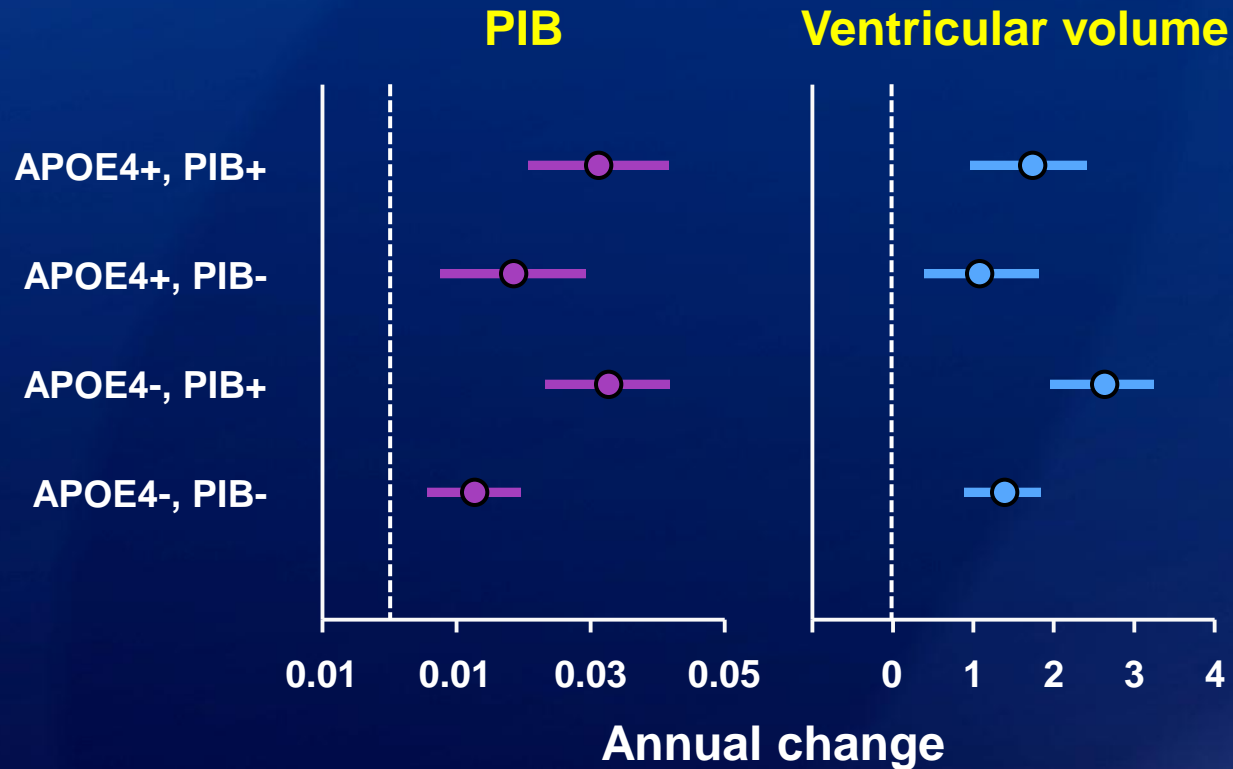
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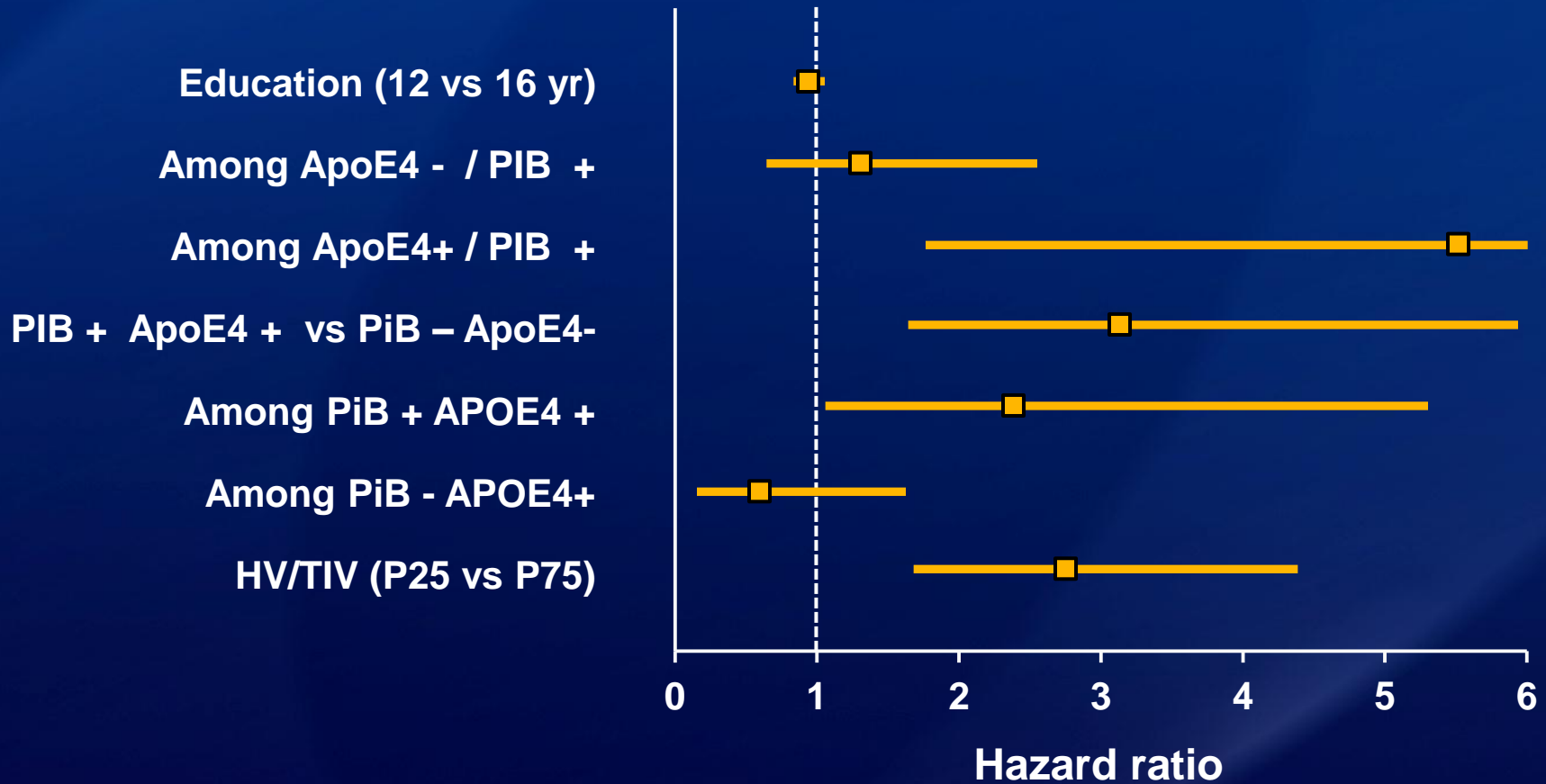
Change in Ventricular Volume by PiB Over Time



ApoE and PiB Imaging Biomarkers



Education, PBI by ApoE Interaction and Hippocampal Volume



Evolving Field on Biomarkers

- **Pre-clinical**

Amyloid alone slow progression

Amyloid plus neurodegeneration

Amyloid plus ApoE4 additive

- **MCI**

Amyloid alone slow progression

Amyloid plus neurodegeneration

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Rochester

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Cliff Jack

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