Everything You Wanted to Know About Lewy Body Disease But Were Afraid To Ask

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- 2nd most common cause of dementia after AD
 - Causes 10-12% of irreversible dementia
 - Lewy bodies (LBs) found in up to 40% of autopsied brains
- Includes Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB) and Parkinson's Disease Dementia (PDD)
 - PDD: Movement Disorder begins 1st, at least 2 years before cognitive
 - DLB: Any other pattern
- More common in men
- May have faster decline than AD
- The combined sum of patients Lewy body dementia is estimated at 1.4 million
- Often significant delay to diagnosis and treatment
 - Commonly misdiagnosed as late-onset psychiatric disorder

LBD Epidemiology (PDD)

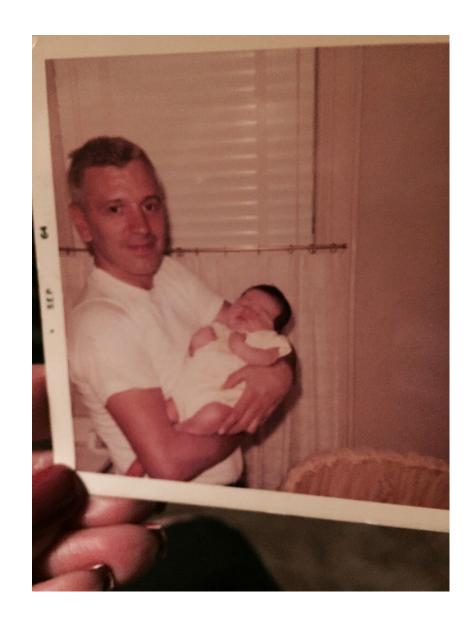
- Point prevalence of dementia in PD is close to 30%
- Incidence rate is increased at 4-6 times relative to controls
- At least 75% of PD patients who survive more than 10 years likely to develop dementia
- Mean time from onset of PD to dementia is approximately 10 years
- Old age, more severe motor symptoms (in particular, gait and postural disturbances), mild cognitive impairment at baseline, and visual hallucinations

LBD Epidemiology (DLB)

- Prevalence estimates of DLB range from 0% to 5% in the general population and from 0% to 30.5% of all dementia cases
- Incidence rates of 0.1% in the general population, and 3% for all new dementia cases
- A recent review examined 22 studies and reported incidence rates between 0.5 to 1.6 per 1000 person-years, accounting for 3-7% of dementia cases.
- Prevalence estimates ranged from 0.02-63.5 per 1000, higher with increasing age.

- "the senses and intellect being unaffected"
 - James Parkinson, 1817
- Described changes in cognition and personality
 - Jean-Marie Charcot 1888
- "Parkinsonism is not necessarily accompanied by any mental change, and the sufferer's intellectually capacity...may continue unimpaired behind the mask in which his disorder fixes his features"
 - Lord Brain, 1933







Movement Problems

- Bradykinesia
- Rigidity
- Postural instability with repeated falls
- Slow, shuffling gait
- Myoclonus
- Rare rest tremor but may have postural or action tremor

Cognitive Problems

- Visual tracking and attention
- Visual-spatial and perceptual
- Verbal and motor initiation
- Clock drawing and block design (construction)
- Timed attention tasks
- Executive tasks

Psychiatric/Behavioral Problems

- Visual Hallucinations
- Hallucination in other modalities
- Delusions
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Apathy
- REM Sleep behavior disorder
- Cognitive fluctuations

Autonomic/Constitutional Problems

- Loss of Smell
- Constipation
- Urinary incontinence
- Drooling
- Runny nose
- Dizziness and lightheaded
- Abnormal sweating
- Sexual dysfunction
- Oily flaky skin

Simple Hallucinations

- Sense of presence
 - Sensation that someone is looking over your shoulder
 - Deceased relative, animal
- Passage
 - Seeing something pass sideways in the peripheral of vision
 - People, previously owned pet
 - Shadows
- Illusions
 - Misperception based on actual objects
 - Seeing a person when there is a coat on a hanger
 - Images emerging from wall paper

Complex Hallucinations

- Predominantly visual in nature
 - Occur early in the course of the disease
 - May not be frightening to patients
 - Typically of little people, children, or furry animals
 - May or may not have an auditory component
 - Complex in nature
- Auditory (hear)
- Olfactory (smell)
- Gustatory (taste)
- Tactile (feel)

- Capgras
 - Familiar people are thought to be identical or near-identical imposters
- Fregoli
 - Familiar people are thought to be disguised as strangers
- Othello
 - Jealousy usually spousal infidelity
- Cotard
 - Belief that one does not actually exist or is dead
- Reduplicative paramnesia
 - A place simultaneously exist in two or more physical locations
- Mirrored self-identification
 - Not recognizing self in mirror
- Ekbom
 - Infestation by insects or parasites
- Diogenes
 - Self-neglect, domestic squalor

	Likelihood of LBD						
Characteristic (%)	Low Possible Probable						
Parkinsonism	8.3	53.8	100				
Bradykinesia	12.5	61.5	100				
Rigidity	0	7.7	100				
Tremor	0	7.7	33.3				
Postural Instability	4.2	38.5	88.9				
Hallucinations (any)	4.2	7.7	66.7				
Fluctuations	33.3	59.5	93.5				
RBD	4.3	22.2	36.7				
Falls	23.3	47.6	83.3				
Depression	23.5	28.6	52.0				
Anxiety	22.1	25.7	32.0				

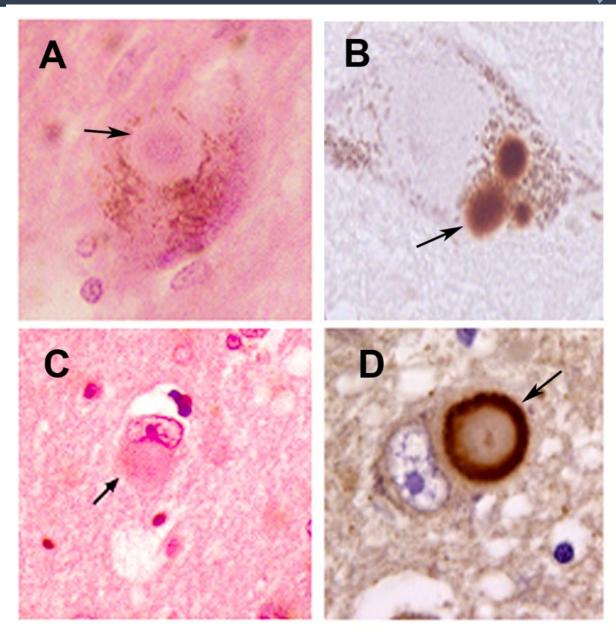
Lewy Body Pathology

Macroscopic

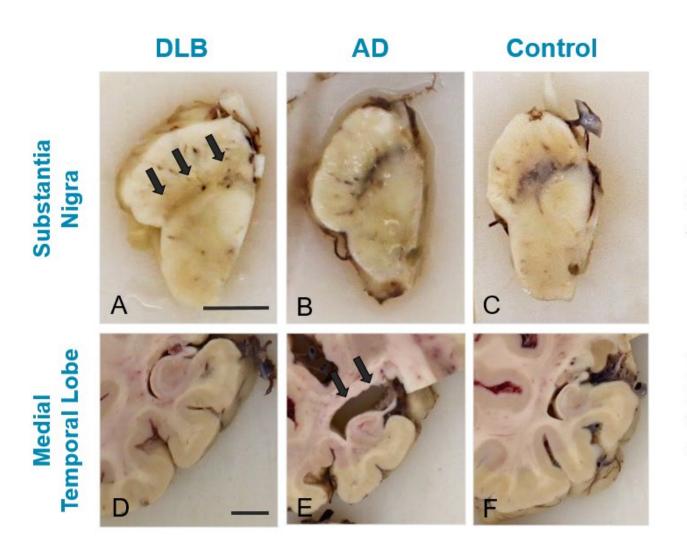
- Mild atrophy, predominantly affecting limbic system
- Depigmentation of the substantia nigra

Microscopic

- Essential Lewy bodies
- Associated (but not essential)
 - Lewy neurites
 - Regional neuronal loss including brainstem and nucleus basalis
 - Microvacuolation
 - Pale bodies
- May also be present
 - Senile plaques
 - Neurofibrillary tangles



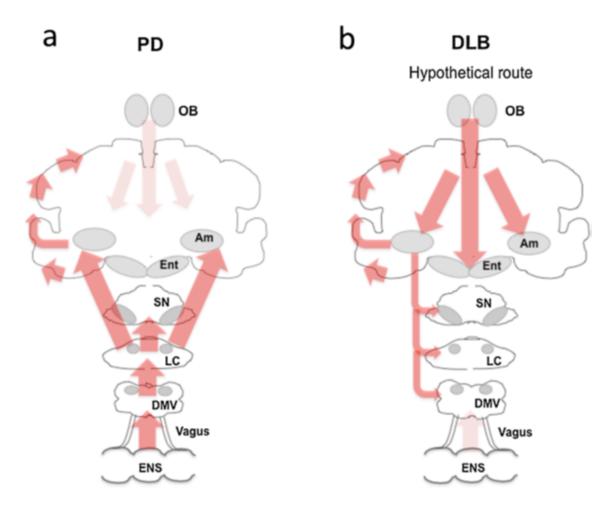
Neurodegeneration in LBD vs AD



Dopaminergic cell loss is observed in the substantia nigra of a DLB patient (black arrows, A) compared with AD (B) and control (C).

In the same patients, atrophy of the medial temporal lobe is evident in AD (black arrows, E), whilst it is relatively spared in DLB (D) and control (F). Both scale bars represent 1 cm.

Propagation of Lewy Body Pathology

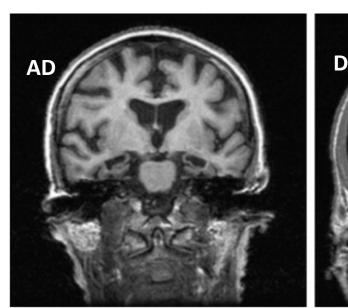


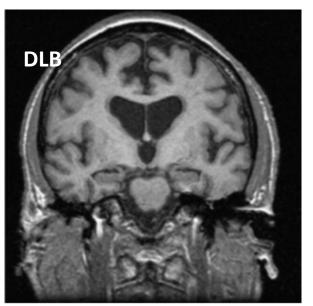
Schematic representation of α -synuclein pathology spreading routes in Lewy body disorders. **a.** Caudorostral route in PD **b.** Hypothetical olfactory route in DLB

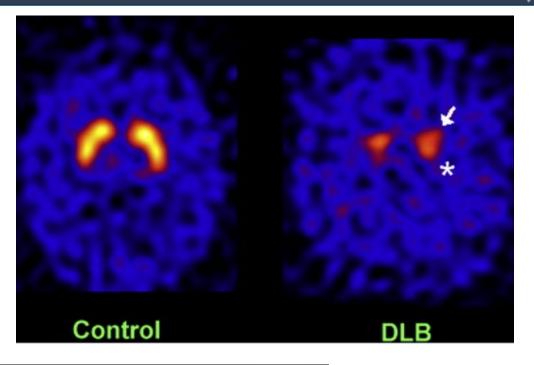
Light red arrows = weak incursions of α -synuclein pathology; dark red arrows = aggressive incursions of α -synuclein pathology

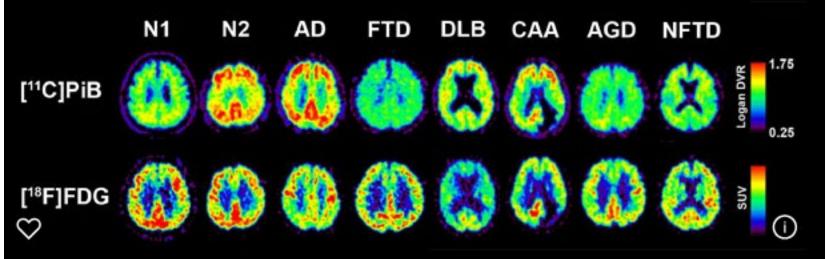
Am = amygdala; DMV = dorsal motor nucleus of the vagus; ENS = enteric nervous system; Ent = anterior entorhinal cortex; LC = locus coeruleus; OB = olfactory bulb; SN = substantia nigra.

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	AD	LBD	bvFTD	VaD	Depression
Episodic Memory					
Free recall	+++	++	+/-	+	+
Recognition	+++	•	-	-	-
Prompting	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	V
Intrusions	+++	+++	+++	+	+
Semantic memory	++	+	+	+	+/-
Procedural memory	-	+	-	+	+
Working memory	++	+++	+++	++	+/-
Insight	+++	+	+++	•	-
Attention	++	+++	++	++	+++
Executive functions	++ typical AD	+++	+++	+++	++
	+++ frontal variant				
Visuospatial skills	++ typical AD	+++	-	+	+
	+++ PCA				

+++ Early and severe impairment; ++ moderate impairment; + mild impairment; +/- impairment in some studies but not others; - no significant impairment; x not helpful.



78% of patients had been diagnosed with something else first

53% AD or other dementia

39% PD or other movement disorder

24% Primary psychiatric disorder

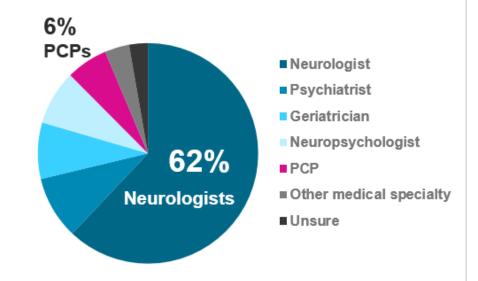


2/3 of patients saw at least3 physicians before LBD diagnosis



Median time to diagnosis was 12-18 months

62% of diagnosing physicians were neurologists, and only **6%** were PCPs





70%

had difficulty finding a physician knowledgeable about diagnosing LBD

After diagnosis,

53%

of patients returned to primary care for management

77%

had difficulty finding a physician knowledgeable about treating LBD



DLB causes
significantly greater
functional disability
than AD¹



Care costs of DLB are twice those for AD²



Quality of life for people with DLB is significantly worse than for those with AD, with 1 in 4 caregivers rating DLB as worse than death!3



A correct **DLB diagnosis** increases
the chances of correct
management⁴

Experiences in LBD Caregiving

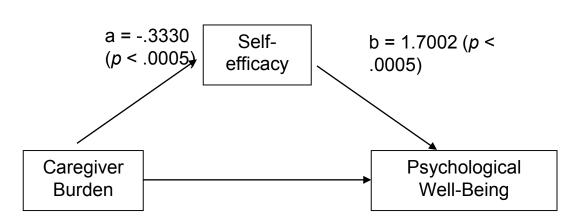
Adult child and spouse caregivers experience LBD differently

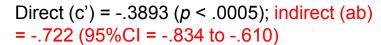
- Adult children vs Spouse
 - Less likely to live with patient
 - More likely to be caring for their mothers
 - Patients are more impaired
 - Report lower quality of life, more caregiver burden
 - Report greater social support
 - Report less grief

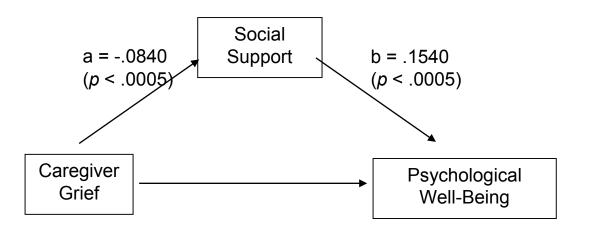
Variable	Spouse	Adult Child	p-value
Caregiver Quality of life	39.0 (7.1)	33.5 (7.6)	<.001†
Social Support	57.4 (17.8)	66.8 (20.9)	<.001†
Emotional	25.6 (8.3)	28.1 (9.0)	.006†
Tangible	10.7 (4.7)	13.3 (5.1)	<.001†
Affective	8.9 (3.3)	10.9 (3.6)	<.001†
Positive Social Interaction	11.4 (4.6)	14.3 (4.8)	<.001†
Social Networks	17.3 (4.5)	18.2 (4.5)	.077
Depression	1.9 (1.6)	2.2 (1.8)	.069
Psychological well being	83.5 (12.6)	81.7 (13.0)	.169
Caregiver grief	62.4 (12.9)	60.8 (12.7)	.229
Caregiver burden	24.6 (8.3)	26.9 (8.4)	.009
Role strain	11.7 (3.9)	12.6 (4.5)	.045
Personal strain	4.4 (2.7)	4.9 (2.7)	.072
Worry about performance	8.6 (3.3)	9.5 (3.2)	.009



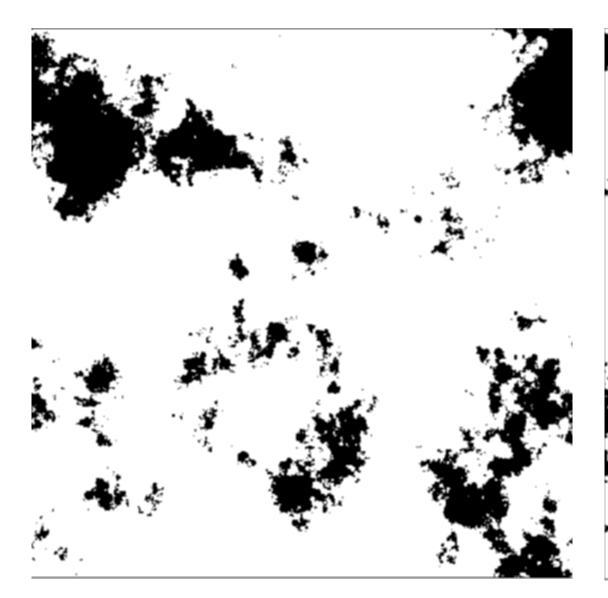
Self-Efficacy and Social Support Mediate Psychological Well-Being in LBD Caregivers

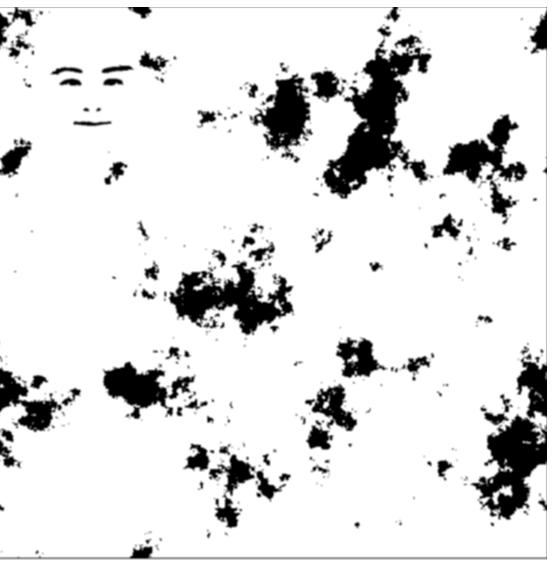




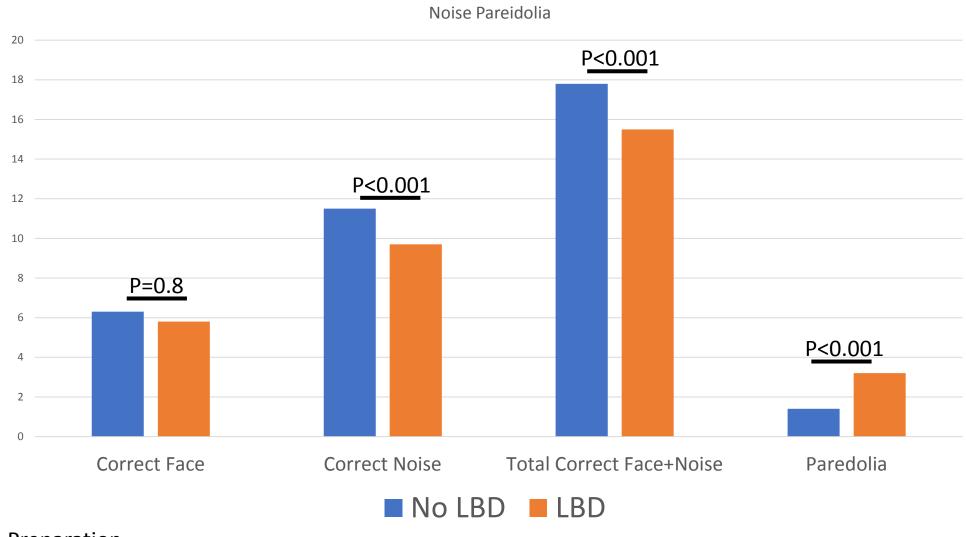


Direct (c') = -.3879 (p < .0005); indirect (ab) = -.472 (95% CI = -.541 to -.403)





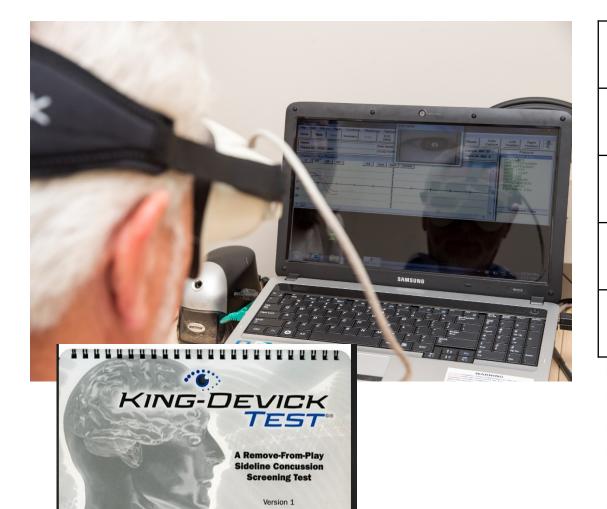




Proxy Markers of Basal Ganglia Dysfunction

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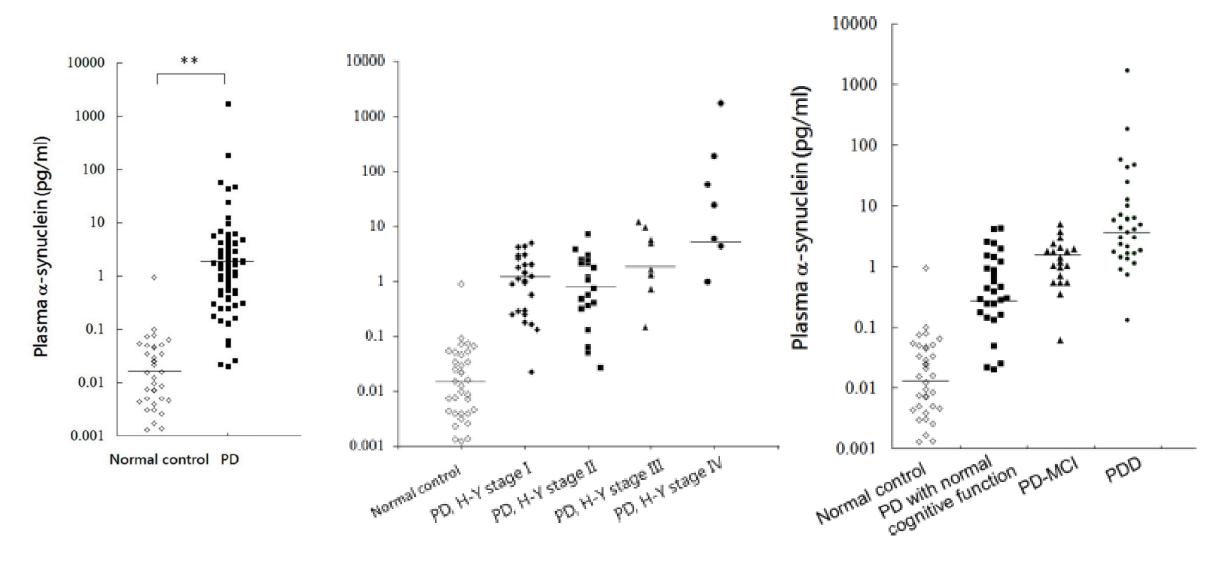
	Pursuits (2 Hz Gain%)	Saccades (Peak Velocity)	Saccades (Latency)
UPDRS	-0.36 (<.001)	-0.41 (<.001)	0.19 (.05)
LBCRS	-0.17 (.09)	-0.31 (.001)	0.22 (.01)
King-Devick	-0.37 (.16)	-0.51 (.03)	-0.71 (.001)
Noise Pareidolia	se Pareidolia 0.32 (.003)		-0.50 (<.001)
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Computerized Gait Analyses

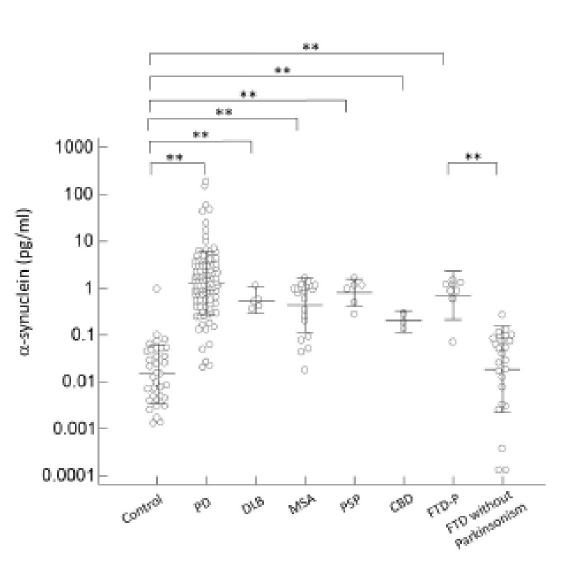
- Develop a new metric of nu
- FI captures patients' normal
- Reproducible objective mar
- The FI increased significantly dementia (1.9+0.5).
- ROC analyses: AUC 0.703 (p<.001).
- A cut-off of 1.65 provides a sensitivity of 72.4% to detect individuals with cognitive impairment

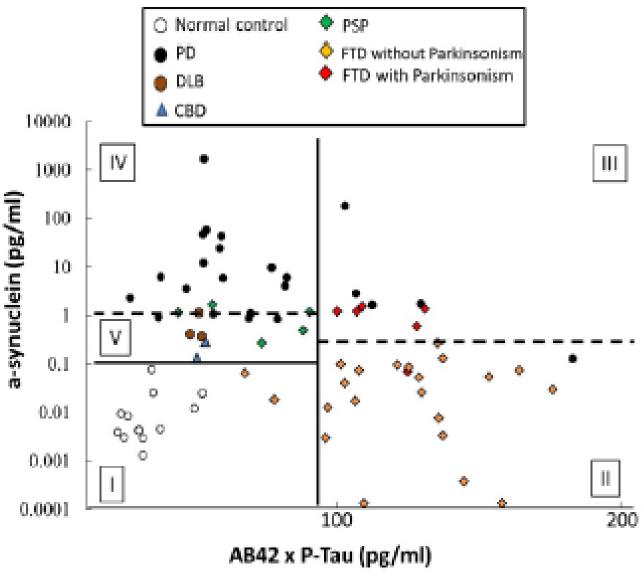
Table 3: Cognitive Performance by Festination Index Cut-off of 1.65						
	<1.65	>1.65	*P-value			
MoCA	20.5 (5.3)	16.3 (6.4)	<.001			
Numbers Forward	6.8 (1.8)	6.6 (1.3)	.03			
Numbers Backward	4.8 (1.7)	3.9 (1.7)	.02			
Animal Naming	16.2 (6.2)	10.4 (5.2)	<.001			
15-item MINT	13.9 (2.6)	12.6 (3.8)	<.001			
HVLT – Delay	4.2 (3.5)	2.6 (3.2)	.003			
HVLT – Recognition	9.4 (2.6)	8.0 (3.2)	.003			
Trails A, sec	53.6 (37.8)	77.7 (52.7)	.08			
Trails B, sec	109.9 (51.8)	130.4 (46.2)	.006			
Number-Symbol	31.6 (12.9)	26.9 (11.2)	.01			
Noise Pareidolia, errors	1.4 (2.3)	2.2 (3.2)	.1			
King-Devick	61.0 (19.6)	61.8 (22.3)	.9			
Z-score	.233 (0.4)	310 (0.4)	<.001			
CDR-SB	2.5 (2.4)	5.5 (4.5)	<.001			
*Adjusted for Age and Education						











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Clinical Predictors of LB Pathology



Clinical Predictor	Present at any time		Present at 1s	^t visit
	OR	95% CI	Log Rank	p-value
Male gender	1.50	1.01-2.38	2.40	.08
Any EPS	2.50	1.64-3.82	24.50	<.001
Cognitive Fluctuation	4.98	1.63-15.15	4.66	.031
Visual Hallucinations	8.93	2.31-34.50	22.88	<.001
Auditory Hallucination	11.76	1.66-83.30	11.46	.001
Neuroleptic Sensitivity	3.75	1.05-13.30	8.02	.005
Myoclonus	3.90	1.27-12.05	14.75	<.001
Depression	1.81	1.16-2.82	7.51	.007
Sleep Disturbances	1.98	1.33-2.94	8.66	.003

Clinical features associated with AD such as aphasia, apraxia, agnosia not associated



Please rate the following symptoms as being present or absent for at least	Yes	No
3 times over the past 6 months. Does the patient		
Have slowness in initiating and maintaining movement or have frequent		
hesitations or pauses during movement?		
Have rigidity (with or without cogwheeling) on passive range of motion in		
any of the 4 extremities?		
Have a loss of postural stability (balance) with or without frequent falls?		
Have a tremor at rest in any of the 4 extremities or head?		
Have excessive daytime sleepiness and/or seem drowsy and lethargic when		
awake?		
Have episodes of illogical thinking or incoherent, random thoughts?		
Have frequent staring spells or periods of blank looks?		
Have visual hallucinations (see things not really there)?		
Appear to act out his/her dreams (kick, punch, thrash, shout or scream)?		
Have orthostatic hypotension or other signs of autonomic insufficiency?		
TOTAL SCORE		

		Dementia			
	Demographics and	AD	LBD	p-value	
	Global Ratings	(n=91)	(n=48)		
	Age, y	79.9 (7.9)	78.5 (7.8)	.30	
	Gender, %M	37.4	60.4	.009	
	Education, y	15.2 (3.9)	14.6 (3.5)	.45	
	CDR-SB	5.9 (3.4)	8.8 (5.1)	<.001	
	CDR	0.9 (0.5)	1.5 (0.9)	<.001	
	Charlson Comorbidity Index	2.3 (1.3)	2.3 (1.4)	.98	
	Systolic BP, sitting, mm Hg	133.4 (18.9)	124.9 (23.6)	.03	
	Mean Arterial Pressure, sitting	94.5 (11.2)	89.4 (15.2)	.03	
	Systolic BP, standing, mm Hg	133.2 (18.7)	122.7 (23.9)	.01	
	Mean Arterial Pressure, standing	94.3 (11.1)	89.5 (16.8)	.08	
	Body Mass Index	25.0 (4.8)	25.4 (4.6)	.67	
	Mini-PPT	9.8 (2.5)	8.4 (3.2)	.03	
	UPDRS III	7.5 (9.1)	35.6 (23.3)	<.001	
	Hoehn and Yahr Stage	0.5 (1.2)	2.8 (1.5)	<.001	
	FAQ	10.3 (8.7)	17.4 (9.9)	<.001	
	NPI-Q	7.7 (5.7)	11.3 (5.7)	.001	
	Mayo Fluctuation Questionnaire	1.6 (1.1)	2.9 (0.9)	<.001	
	Epworth Sleepiness Scale	6.8 (4.8)	9.8 (5.3)	.001	
	Alertness Rating	7.2 (2.0)	5.6 (1.8)	<.001	
	LBCRS	2.4 (1.3)	6.2 (2.1)	<.001	
Galvin JE, Alz Demen	Cohen's d (Effect Size correlation)	2.1	7 (r=0.736)		

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DIAMOND LEWY Toolkit

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Assessment Toolkit for Dementia with Lewy Bodies

Nam	e:	Date of testing:
Date	of birth:	Tester's name:
NHS	No:	Informant:
feati poss	res of dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) at	with cognitive decline. Below are the diagnostic two levels of confidence (probable DLB and ecific questions to assist in the identification of
DLE	3 Diagnostic Criteria	Tick
1	Clinician diagnosis of dementia (cognitive o social/occupational function).	lecline sufficient to interfere with
2	Use screening questions below to cover the hallucinations, RBD and parkinsonism.	e four domains of: cognitive fluctuation, visual
	(see below):	ore and biomarker features of DLB are present
3	Core clinical features	
	 Fluctuation in cognition 	<u> </u>
	Recurrent visual hallucinations	<u> </u>
	REM sleep behaviour disorder	
	One or more features of spontaneous p	arkinsonism
	Indicative Biomarkers	
	Dopaminergic abnormalities in basal ga	· —
	 Low uptake on MIBG myocardial scintig 	
	Polysomnography (PSG) confirmation c	f REM sleep without atonia
	nose Probable DLB if either 2 core features parker feature.	s are identified or 1 core and 1 indicative
vhe	nose Possible DLB if any one feature is prother to refer subject for a dopaminergic SPE ending on local availability.	
Oth	er Diagnoses	
ark	inson's Disease Dementia (PDD) (PD >1 yr	before cognitive symptoms)
lzh	eimer's Disease	
Othe	er Dementia	
//CI		
- A:	ent informed of diagnosis.	Yes No

Questions to Identify Symptoms of DLB

Please respond to each of the questions below, asking carer or patient as appropriate.

Cognitive Fluctuation (to carer)

If two or more of these are answered 'Yes' the subject is highly likely to have cognitive fluctuation

Huci	nuctuation			
1	Does the patient show moderate changes in their level of functioning during the day?	Yes	No	
2	Between getting up in the morning and going to bed at night, does the patient spend more than one hour sleeping?	Yes	No	
3	Is the patient drowsy and lethargic for more than one hour during the day, despite getting their usual amount of sleep the night before?	Yes	No	
4	Is it moderately difficult to arouse the patient so they maintain attention through the day?	Yes	No	

REM Sleep Disorder

(to carer = bed partner)

Have you ever seen the patient appear to "act out his/her dreams" while sleeping (punched or flailed arms in the air, shouted or screamed)?

Yes

No

If answered affirmatively, then RBD is highly likely to be present

REM Sleep Disorder

(to patient only if no bed partner and they have sufficient cognitive ability to be confident their answer is reliable)

Have you ever been told that you seem to "act out your dreams" while sleeping (punched or flailed arms in the air, shouted or screamed)?

Visual Hallucinations

For the participant: Some people see things that other people cannot see.

	Do you feel like your eyes ever play tricks on you?	Yes	No	l
2	Have you ever seen something (or things) that other people could not see?	Yes	No	

For the carer:

1	Does the patient have hallucinations such as seeing false visions?	Yes	No	
2	Does he / she seem to see things that are not present?	Yes	No	

If, according to clinical judgement, visual hallucinations are present, determine as far as possible their frequency and recurrence. As a guide, visual hallucinations associated with DLB should not only occur during delirium, and are often recurrent over a period of months.

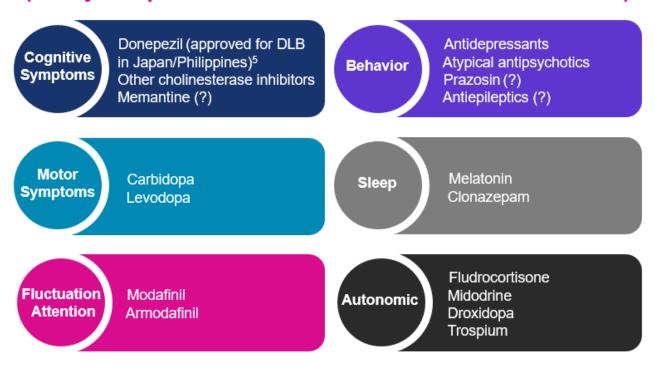
Assessment of Parkinsonism (5-item UPDRS)

Parkinsonism in DLB requires the presence of at least one of bradykinesia, rest tremor or rigidity. The 5-item UPDRS is a brief and validated scale for identifying parkinsonism in DLB (See below for further details)

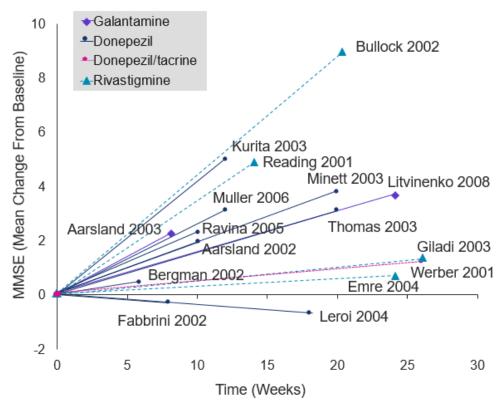
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Normal	No tremor.				
Slight	Tremor is present but less than 1 cm in amplitude.				
Mild	Tremor is at least 1 but less than 3 cm in amplitude.	3	╄		
Moderate	Tremor is at least 3 but less than 10 cm in amplitude.				
Severe	Tremor is at least 10 cm in amplitude.	4	ᆫ		
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Normal	No tremor.		0		
Slight	Tremor is present but less than 1 cm in amplitude.				
Mild	Tremor is at least 1 but less than 3 cm in amplitude.	2	\Box		
Moderate	Tremor is at least 3 but less than 10 cm in amplitude.	3			
Severe	Tremor is at least 10 cm in amplitude.	4	L		
FACIAL E	XPRESSION				
Normal	Normal facial expression.		0		
Slight	Minimal masked facies manifested only by decreased frequency of blinking.				
Mild	In addition to decreased eye-blink frequency, masked facies present in the lower face as well, namely fewer movements around the mouth, such as less spontaneous smiling, but lips not parted.				
Moderate	Masked facies with lips parted some of the time when the mouth is at rest.				
Severe	Masked facies with lips parted most of the time when the mouth is at rest.				
GLOBAL	SPONTANEITY OF MOVEMENT (BODY BRADYKINESIA)				
Normal	No problems.		0		
Slight	Slight global slowness and poverty of spontaneous movements.				
Mild	Mild global slowness and poverty of spontaneous movements.				
Moderate	Moderate global slowness and poverty of spontaneous movements.				
Severe	Severe global slowness and poverty of spontaneous movements.				
RIGIDITY					
Normal	No rigidity.			Т	
Slight	Rigidity only detected with activation manoeuvre.				
Mild	Rigidity detected without the activation manoeuvre, but full range of motion is easily achieved.				
Moderate	Rigidity detected without the activation manoeuvre; full range of motion is achieved with effort.				
Severe	Rigidity detected without the activation manoeuvre and full range motion not achieved.	4			
Total 5-iter	m UPDRS Score =			Ī	
score >7	onism present? (Use clinical judgement but for guidance a suggests significant parkinsonism is present, though a high in a single domain may be sufficient to meet criteria)	Yes		No	Γ

Pharmacology¹⁻⁴

(nearly all options are off-label use of medication for DLB)



Overview of Change in MMSE Scores From Studies of Cholinesterase Inhibitors in PDD⁶





Compound	Mechanism of Action	Phase/Location	Status/Timing	Clinical Trial
DLB/PDD				
Nelotanserin	5-HT _{2A} receptor inverse agonist ³	Phase 2, US	Completed – primary endpoint for RBD not met ⁴	NCT02708186
DLB				
Intepirdine	5-HT ₆ receptor antagonist ³	Phase 2/3, Global	Extension terminated due to lack of efficacy in lead-in study	NCT02928445
HTL0018318	M ₁ receptor agonist ⁵	Phase 2, Japan	Suspended due to unexpected animal toxicology finding	NCT03592862
E2027	PDE9 inhibitor ³	Phase 2, Global	Recruiting – estimated completion 2020	NCT03467152
PDD				
SYN120	5-HT ₆ /5-HT _{2A} receptors antagonist	Phase 2, US	Completed – primary endpoint for cognition not met ⁶	NCT02258152
IRL752	5-HT ₇ /cortical alpha receptors antagonist ⁷	Phase 2, Sweden/Finland	Completed – met primary endpoint for safety and tolerability	2017-001673-17
Ambroxol	Increase β-glucocerebrosidase, reduce α-synuclein	Phase 2, Canada	Recruiting – estimated completion 2018	NCT02914366
LY3154207	D ₁ receptor positive allosteric modulator ⁸	Phase 2, Global	Recruiting – estimated completion 2019	NCT03305809
ANAVEX2-73	σ1 and M receptors agonist9	Phase 2, Spain	Recruiting – estimated completion 2019	NCT03774459
Nilotinib	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor ¹⁰	Phase 2, US	Active, not yet recruiting	NCT02954978
Ceftriaxone	Antibiotic	Phase 2, Taiwan	Active, not yet recruiting	NCT03413384

- U01 from NINDS (part of the PDBP)
- Cleveland Clinic is primary site
- Miami, Rush, UNC, UPenn, UPitt, UCSD, Thomas Jefferson, UWashington
- 5-Year Longitudinal Study
- Clinical-cognitive-behavioral evaluations
- MRI
- DAT
- LP
- Autopsy

- 24 research centers across the country
 - 17 States and District of Columbia
- Excellence in Clinical Care and Research
- Form Clinical Trials Network
- Mayo Clinic Rochester is the Coordinating Center
- *U-Miami*, Cleveland Clinic, Columbia, Emory,, Georgetown, Mass General, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville, Ohio State, Oregon, Rush, Stanford, Thomas Jefferson, UC-San Diego, U-Colorado, U-Florida, U-Michigan, UNC-Chapel Hill, U-Penn, U-Rochester, U-Virginia, U-Washington

- The Lewy body dementias
 - PDD and DLB differ only by timing of movement disorder
 - While clinical criteria lack sensitivity, they are highly specific and correlated strongly with pathology
- For the present time, treatments are largely symptomatic
- We are spearheading novel research
 - Improving clinical practice
 - Improving diagnosis
 - Improving lives of patients and their caregivers
 - Developing new medications