**Distinct Brain Regions in Physiological and**

**Pathological Brain Aging**

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**Supplementary Table 1** Neuropsychological performance in AD continuum patients

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| **Neuropsychological tests** | **SMI** | **aMCI** | | | **AD dementia** | | | |
| **Total** | **Early-stage** | **Late-stage** | **Total** | **Very mild** | **Mild** | **Moderate to severe** |
| **Digit span: Forward** | 0.4 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.5 ± 1.2 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -0.5 ± 1.1 | -0.9 ± 1.5 |
| **Digit span: Backward** | 0.4 ± 1.3 | -0.3 ± 1.2 | -0.3 ± 1.3 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -1.0 ± 1.6 | -0.7 ± 1.3 | -1.0 ± 1.5 | -1.9 ± 2.2 |
| **K-BNT** | 0.6 ± 4.8 | -0.6 ± 1.7 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -0.7 ± 1.9 | -2.9 ± 5.3 | -1.7 ± 3.3 | -2.7 ± 5.7 | -5.9 ± 6.3 |
| **RCFT: Copy** | 0.7 ± 1.1 | -0.8 ± 1.1 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -1.0 ± 1.1 | -1.8 ± 1.3 | -1.3 ± 1.2 | -1.8 ± 1.3 | -2.6 ± 1.4 |
| **SVLT: Immediate recall** | 0.5 ± 1.0 | -1.6 ± 1.4 | -0.7 ± 0.9 | -2.1 ± 1.4 | -2.6 ± 1.5 | -2.4 ± 1.5 | -2.6 ± 1.5 | -2.9 ± 1.7 |
| **SVLT: Delayed recall** | 0.4 ± 0.8 | -0.9 ± 1.2 | -0.3 ± 1.0 | -1.1 ± 1.3 | -2.1 ± 1.5 | -1.8 ± 1.5 | -2.2 ± 1.4 | -2.7 ± 1.6 |
| **SVLT: Recognition score** | 0.4 ± 0.9 | -1.3 ± 1.0 | -0.8 ± 0.8 | -1.5 ± 1.0 | -2.0 ± 0.9 | -1.8 ± 1.0 | -2.1 ± 0.9 | -2.3 ± 0.9 |
| **RCFT: Immediate recall** | 0.3 ± 0.8 | -1.3 ± 0.9 | -0.9 ± 0.7 | -1.6 ± 0.9 | -2.1 ± 0.8 | -1.9 ± 0.8 | -2.2 ± 0.7 | -2.3 ± 0.7 |
| **RCFT: Delayed recall** | 0.6 ± 1.2 | -0.6 ± 1.8 | -0.2 ± 1.3 | -0.8 ± 2.0 | -2.5 ± 2.6 | -1.9 ± 2.1 | -2.6 ± 2.5 | -3.7 ± 3.5 |
| **RCFT: Recognition score** | 0.2 ± 1.1 | -0.8 ± 1.1 | -0.6 ± 1.1 | -0.9 ± 1.1 | -1.8 ± 1.2 | -1.3 ± 1.0 | -1.9 ± 1.0 | -2.7 ± 1.3 |
| **COWAT: Animal** | 0.3 ± 1.0 | -0.6 ± 1.0 | -0.4 ± 1.0 | -0.7 ± 1.1 | -1.6 ± 1.0 | -1.1 ± 1.0 | -1.7 ± 0.8 | -2.3 ± 1.0 |
| **COWAT: Supermarket** | 0.5 ± 1.2 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -0.2 ± 1.0 | -0.4 ± 1.1 | -1.0 ± 1.0 | -0.6 ± 1.0 | -1.0 ± 1.0 | -1.6 ± 0.9 |
| **COWAT: Phonemic total** | 0.3 ± 1.0 | -0.9 ± 2.8 | -0.4 ± 4.4 | -1.1 ± 1.4 | -2.3 ± 1.8 | -1.8 ± 1.6 | -2.5 ± 1.8 | -3.1 ± 1.8 |
| **Stroop color reading** | 0.4 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.1 ± 1.1 | -0.5 ± 1.2 | -0.3 ± 1.1 | -0.5 ± 1.1 | -0.9 ± 1.5 |

Values (Z-scores) are mean ± SD.

Abbreviations: AD = Alzheimer’s disease; SMI = subjective memory impairment; aMCI = amnestic mild cognitive impairment; K-BNT = Korean version of the Boston Naming Test; RCFT = Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure Test; SVLT = Seoul Verbal Learning Test; COWAT = Controlled Oral Word Association Test; SD = standard deviation.

**Supplementary Table 2** Number of the study participants (N = 5,498)

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|  | **CN** | **SMI** | **aMCI** | | | **AD dementia** | | | |
|  | **Total** | **Early-stage** | **Late-stage** | **Total** | **Very mild** | **Mild** | **Moderate to severe** |
| **Total** | 2823 | 874 | 954 | 305 | 649 | 847 | 282 | 411 | 154 |
| **50s** | 694 | 224 | 97 | 35 | 62 | 98 | 35 | 43 | 20 |
| **60s** | 1509 | 348 | 289 | 96 | 193 | 167 | 56 | 82 | 29 |
| **70s** | 572 | 247 | 425 | 137 | 288 | 377 | 125 | 198 | 54 |
| **80s** | 47 | 55 | 135 | 37 | 98 | 196 | 63 | 84 | 49 |
| **90s** | 1 |  | 8 |  | 8 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| **100s** |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |

Abbreviations: CN = cognitively normal; SMI = subjective memory impairment; aMCI = amnestic mild cognitive impairment; AD = Alzheimer’s disease.