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The Mediterranean Diet and Brain Health

**Can we Delay
the Onset of Neurodegenerative Diseases?
Investigations across Populations and Continents**

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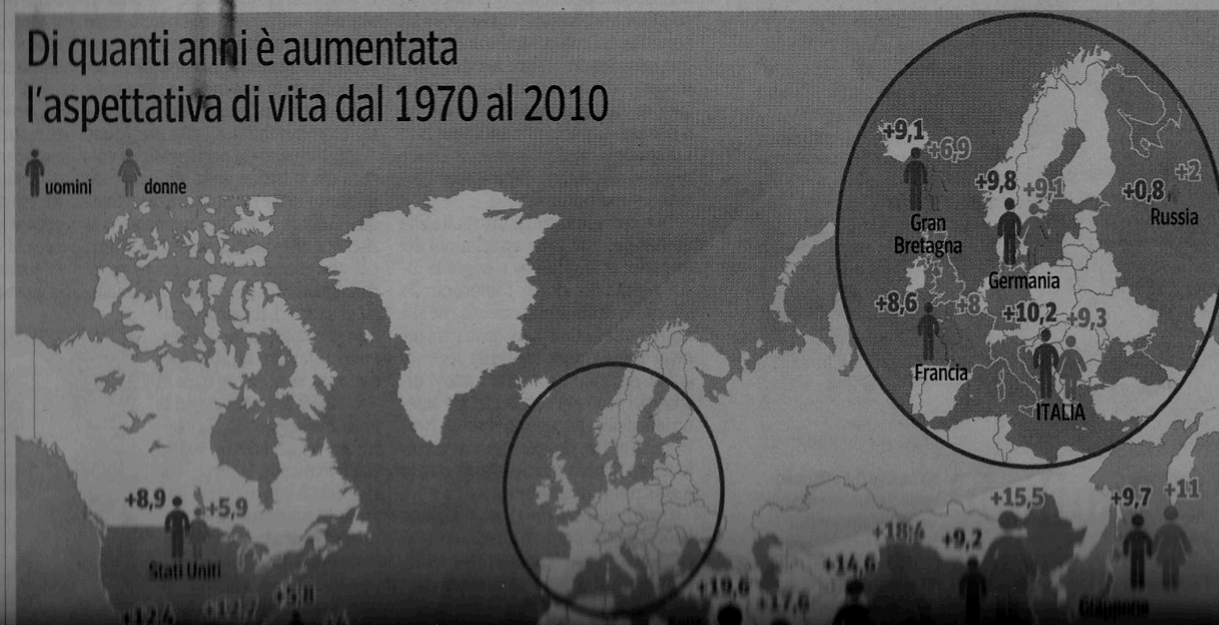
Epidemiologia Un gigantesco studio disegna la mappa della situazione sanitaria della popolazione del pianeta

Nel mondo si vive più a lungo Ora l'obiettivo è invecchiare meglio

Guadagnati 10 anni in quattro decenni. Pesa il dazio da pagare alle malattie neurodegenerative

Di quanti anni è aumentata
l'aspettativa di vita dal 1970 al 2010

uomini donne



I più longevi

I giapponesi
battono
sempre tutti

Il dato che, più degli altri, rende conto delle migliori condizioni di salute della popolazione mondiale è l'aspettativa di vita: dal 1970 al 2010, quella delle donne è passata da 61,2 anni a 73,3; quella degli uomini da 56,4 a 67,5. Meglio di tutti hanno fatto le Maldive, i cui abitanti hanno guadagnato oltre 27 anni. Ma avanzamenti solo di poco inferiori si sono registrati anche in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran e Perù. Un po' ovunque, il miglioramento è anche frutto del calo della

The Global Burden of Disease Study: Differential Increase in Healthy Years Lost to Disability vs Life Expectancy 1970-2010

Wang H et al Lancet 2012;380: 2071-94

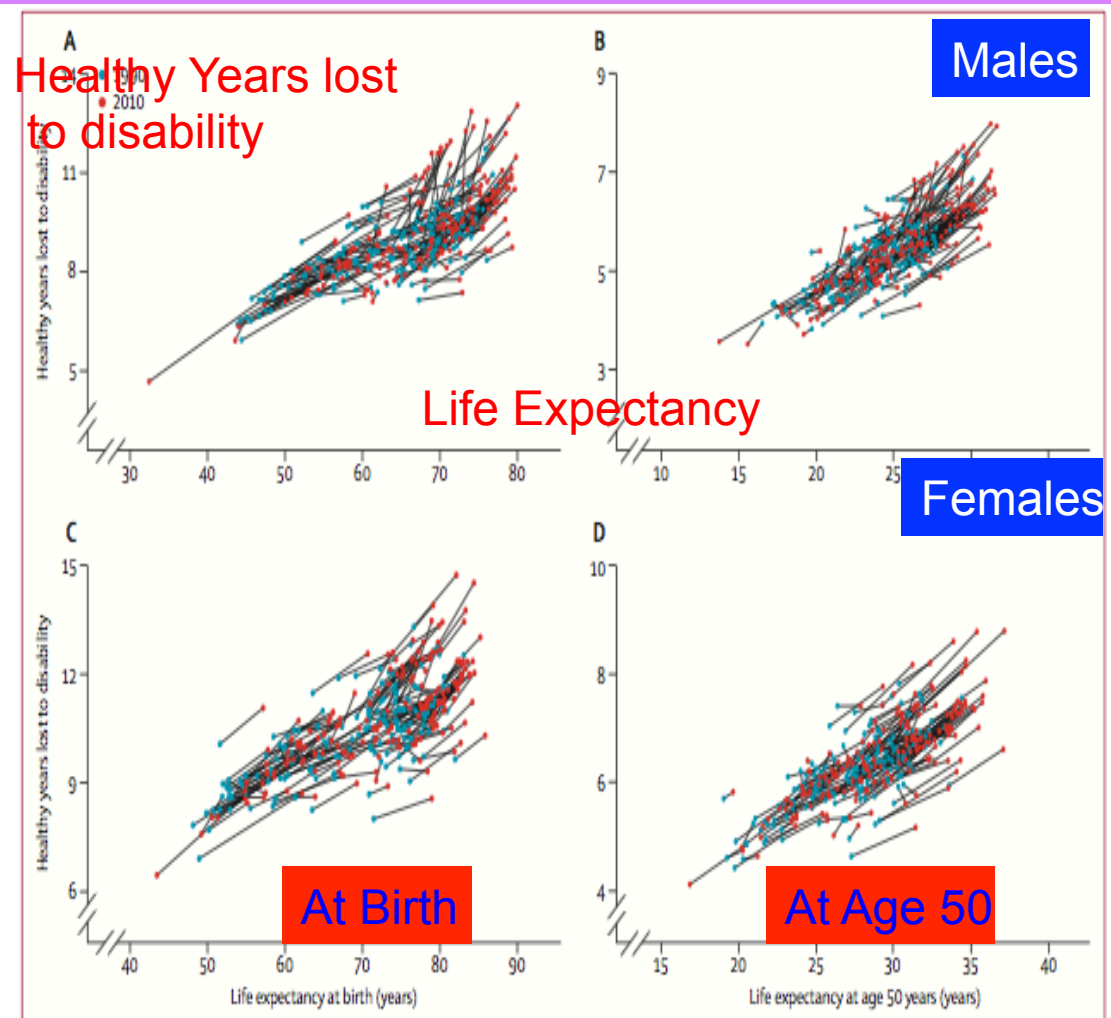
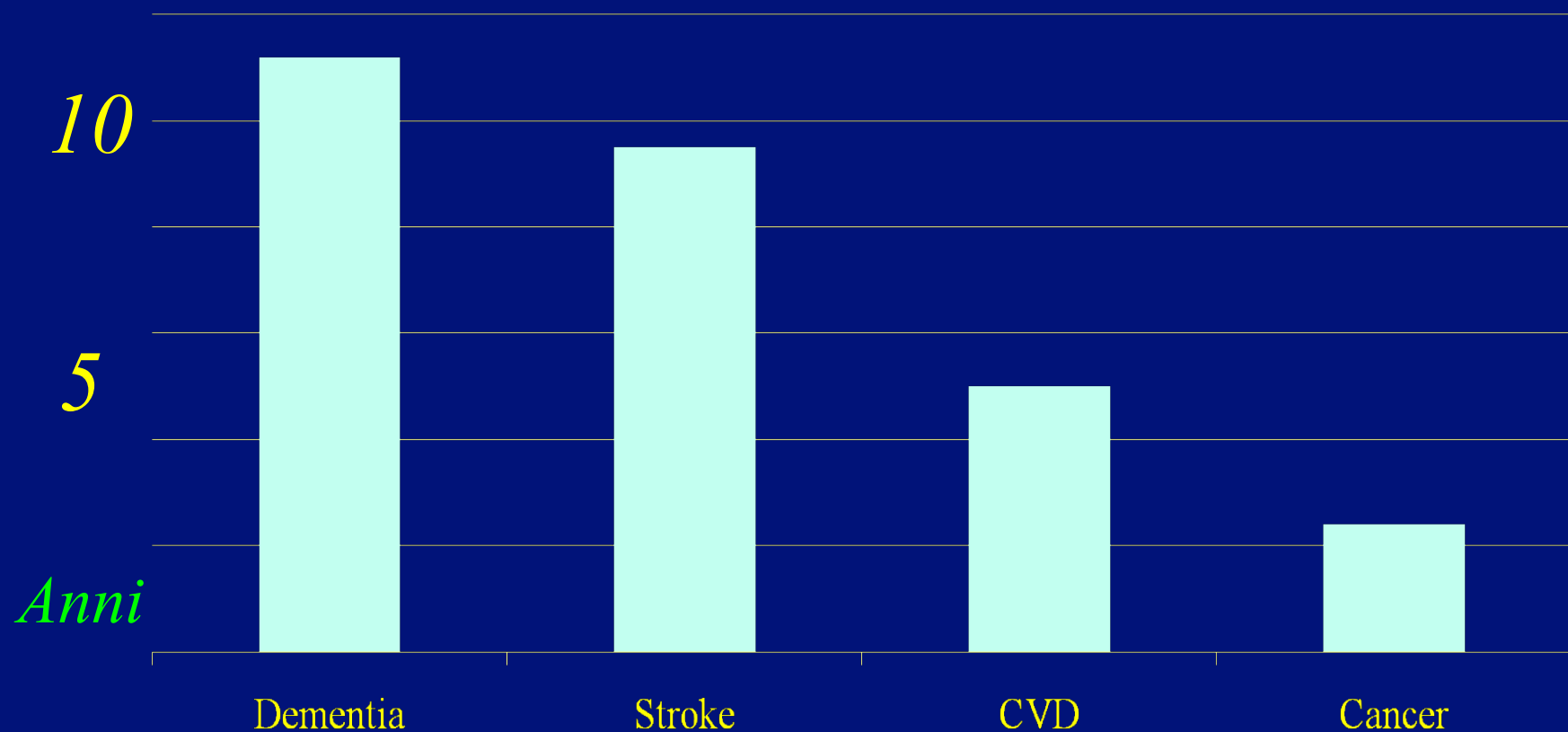
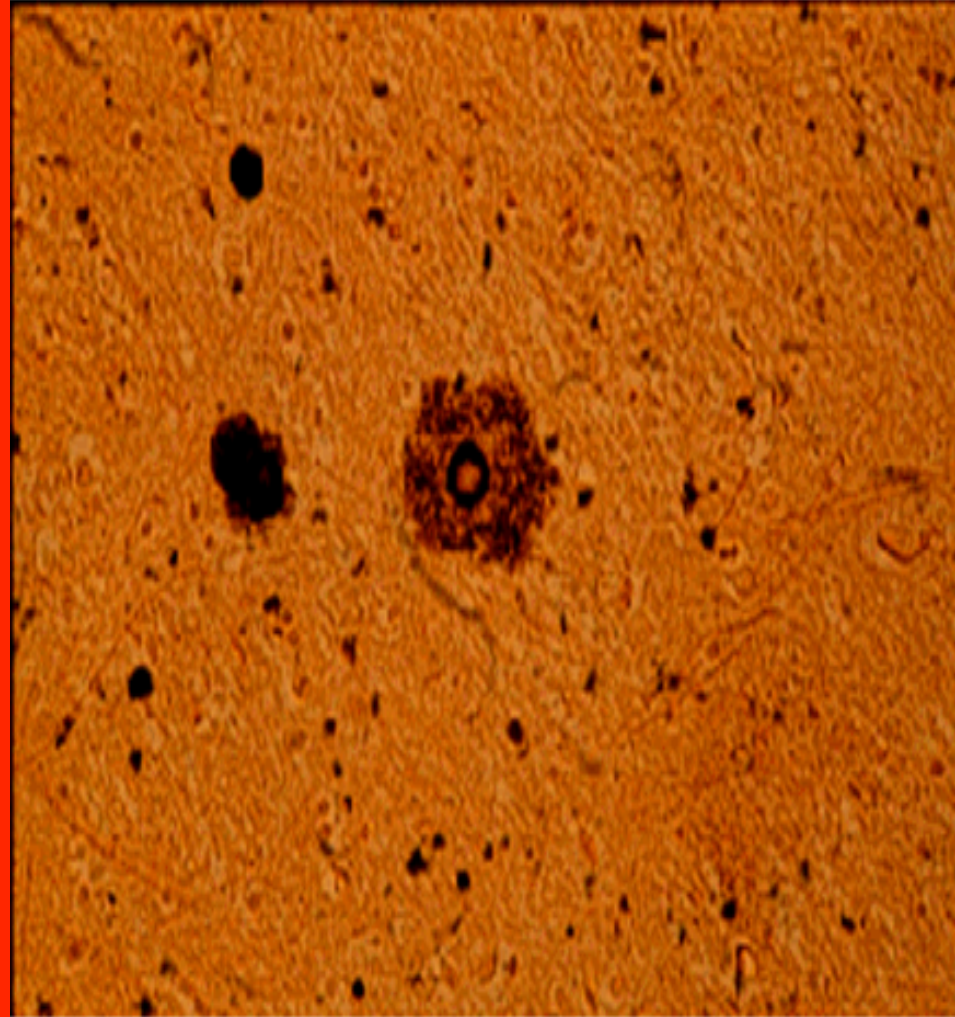


Figure 4. Healthy years lost to disability vs life expectancy

Demenze e Numero di Anni con Disabilità

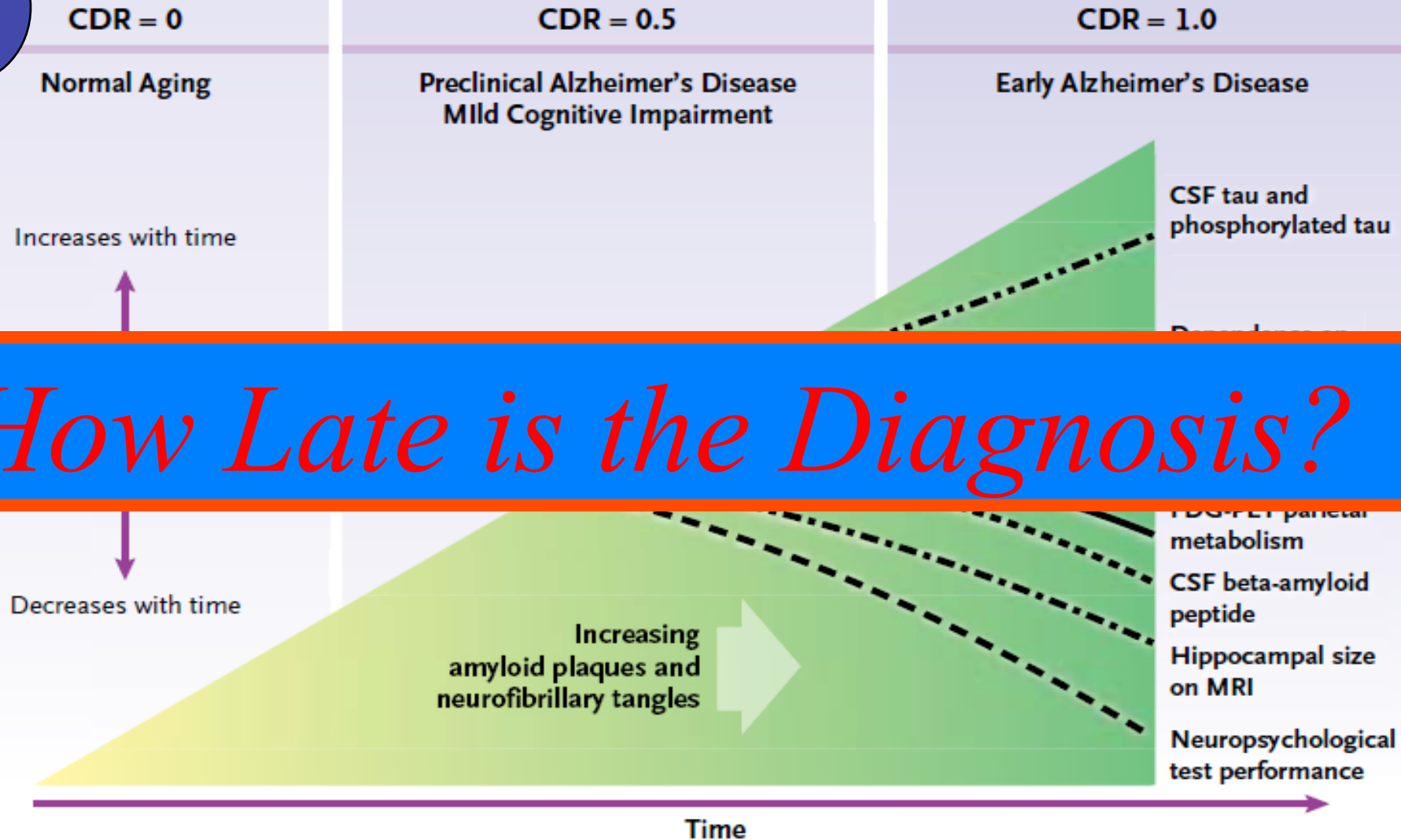


Beta-amyloid Plaque Deposition: The Desert in the Brain



Sequence of Pathological, Clinical, and Radiologic
Changes from Normal Aging to Early AD
Mayeux R. NEJM 2010; 362:2194-201

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Disappointing Results from AD Trials: Hope is Still There

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Two Phase 3 Trials of Bapineuzumab in Mild-to-Moderate Alzheimer's Disease

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Bapineuzumab, a humanized anti-amyloid-beta monoclonal antibody, is in development for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

METHODS

We conducted two double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trials involving patients with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease—one involving 1121 carriers of the apolipoprotein E (APOE) ε4 allele and the other involving 1331 noncarriers. Bapineuzumab or placebo, with doses varying by study, was administered by intravenous infusion every 13 weeks for 78 weeks. The primary outcome measures were scores on the 11-item cognitive subscale of the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale (ADAS-cog11), with scores ranging from 0 to 70 and higher scores indicating greater impairment and the Disability Assessment for Dementia (DAD), with scores ranging from 0 to 300 and higher scores indicating less impairment. A total of 1090 carriers and 1114 noncarriers were included in the efficacy analysis. Secondary outcome measures included findings on positron-emission tomographic amyloid imaging with the use of Pittsburgh compound B (PiB-PET) and cerebrospinal fluid phosphorylated tau (phospho-tau) concentrations.

RESULTS

There were no significant between-group differences in the primary outcomes. At week 78, the between-group differences in the change from baseline in the ADAS-cog11 and DAD scores (bapineuzumab group minus placebo group) were -0.2 ($P=0.80$) and -1.2 ($P=0.34$), respectively, in the carrier study; the corresponding differences in the noncarrier study were -0.3 ($P=0.64$) and 2.8 ($P=0.07$) with the 0.5-mg-per-kilogram dose of bapineuzumab and 0.4 ($P=0.62$) and 0.9 ($P=0.55$) with the 1.0-mg-per-kilogram dose. The major safety finding was amyloid-related imaging abnormalities with edema among patients receiving bapineuzumab, which increased with bapineuzumab dose and APOE ε4 allele number and which led to discontinuation of the 2.0-mg-per-kilogram dose. Between-group differences were observed with respect to PiB-PET and cerebrospinal fluid phospho-tau concentrations in APOE ε4 allele carriers but not in noncarriers.

CONCLUSIONS

Bapineuzumab did not improve clinical outcomes in patients with Alzheimer's disease, despite treatment differences in biomarkers observed in APOE ε4 carriers. (Funded by Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy and Pfizer; Bapineuzumab 301 and 302 ClinicalTrials.gov numbers, NCT00575055 and NCT00574132, and EudraCT number, 2009-012748-17.)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Phase 3 Trials of Solanezumab for Mild-to-Moderate Alzheimer's Disease

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Alzheimer's disease is characterized by amyloid-beta plaques, neurofibrillary tangles, gliosis, and neuronal loss. Solanezumab, a humanized monoclonal antibody, preferentially binds soluble forms of amyloid and in preclinical studies promoted its clearance from the brain.

METHODS

In two phase 3, double-blind trials (EXPEDITION 1 and EXPEDITION 2), we randomly assigned 1012 and 1040 patients, respectively, with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease to receive placebo or solanezumab administered intravenously at a dose of 400 mg every 4 weeks for 18 months. The primary outcomes were the changes from baseline to week 18 on the 11-item cognitive subscale of the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale (ADAS-cog11), ranging from 0 to 70, with higher scores indicating greater cognitive impairment, and the Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study—Activities of Daily Living scale (ADCS-ADL), ranging from 0 to 100, with lower scores indicating worse functioning. After analysis of data from EXPEDITION 1, the primary outcome for EXPEDITION 2 was revised to the change from baseline in the cognitive subscale of the Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale (ADAS-cog14), ranging from 0 to 90, with higher scores indicating greater impairment, in patients with mild Alzheimer's disease.

RESULTS

Neither study showed significant improvement in the primary outcomes. The modeled difference between groups (solanezumab group minus placebo group) in the change from baseline was -0.8 points for the ADAS-cog11 score (95% confidence interval [CI], -2.1 to 0.5 ; $P=0.24$) and -0.4 points for the ADCS-ADL score (95% CI, -2.3 to 1.4 ; $P=0.64$) in EXPEDITION 1 and -1.3 points (95% CI, -2.5 to 0.3 ; $P=0.06$) and 1.6 points (95% CI, -0.2 to 3.3 ; $P=0.08$), respectively, in EXPEDITION 2. Between-group differences in the changes in the ADAS-cog14 score were -1.7 points in patients with mild Alzheimer's disease (95% CI, -3.5 to 0.3 ; $P=0.06$) and -1.5 in patients with moderate Alzheimer's disease (95% CI, -4.1 to 1.1 ; $P=0.26$). In the combined safety data set, the incidence of amyloid-related imaging abnormalities with edema or hemorrhage was 0.9% with solanezumab and 0.4% with placebo for edema ($P=0.27$) and 4.9% and 5.6%, respectively, for hemorrhage ($P=0.49$).

CONCLUSIONS

Solanezumab, a humanized monoclonal antibody that binds amyloid, failed to improve cognition or functional ability. (Funded by Eli Lilly; EXPEDITION 1 and 2 ClinicalTrials.gov numbers, NCT00905372 and NCT00904683.)

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The most pressing problem of our

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AGE

Osteoporosis
is one of the
diseases of
ageing. The bone
becomes brittle, so
breaks are more
likely. Diet and
exercise can help
prevent it

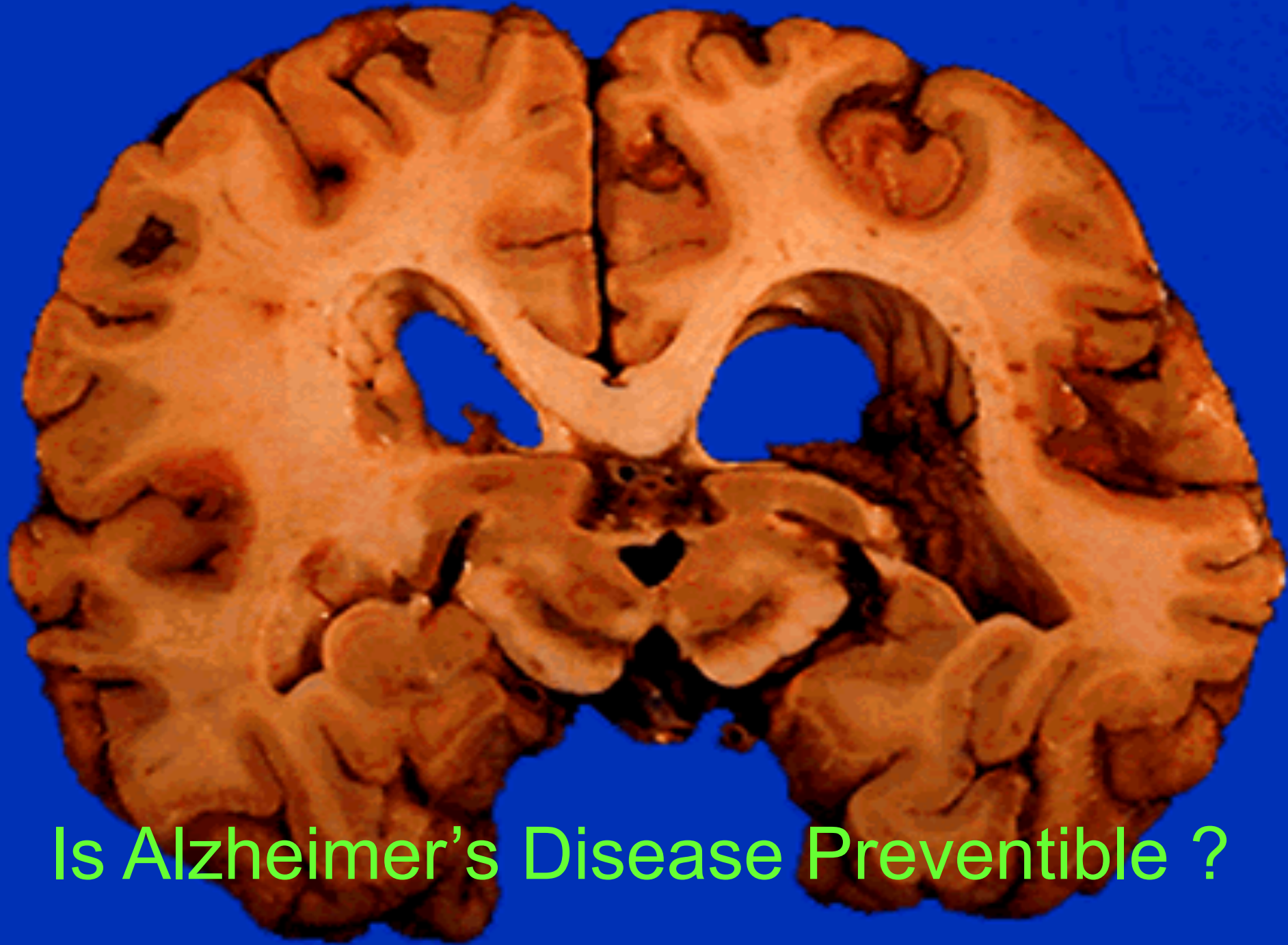
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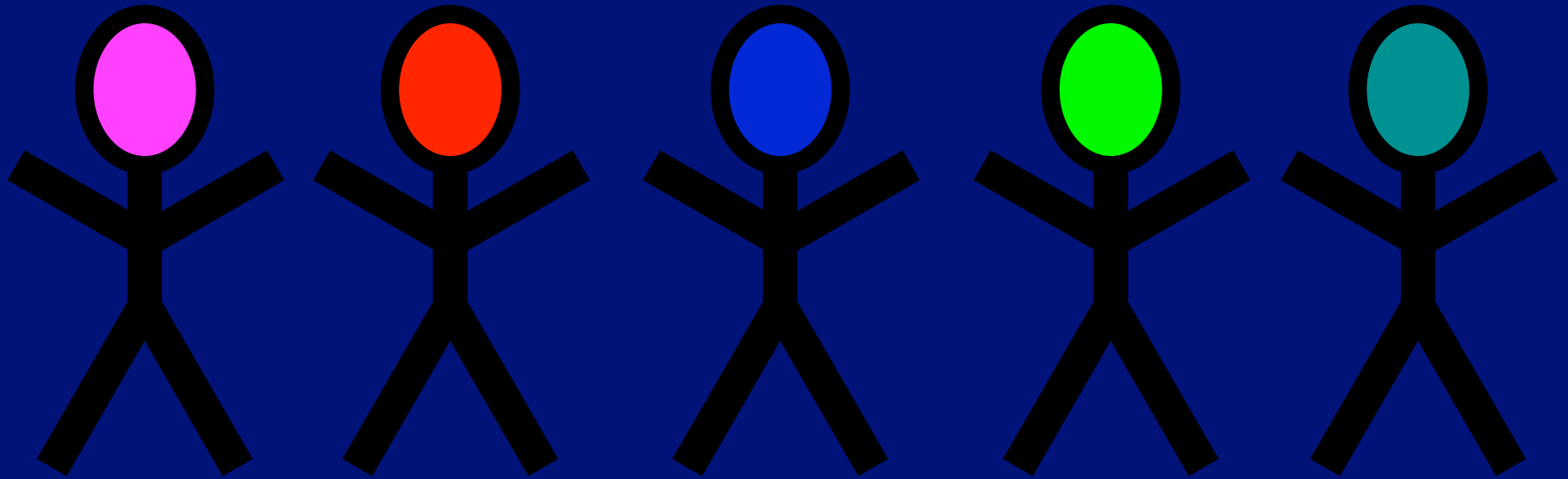
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Is Alzheimer's Disease Preventible ?

Etiologic Heterogeneity of Neurodegeneration



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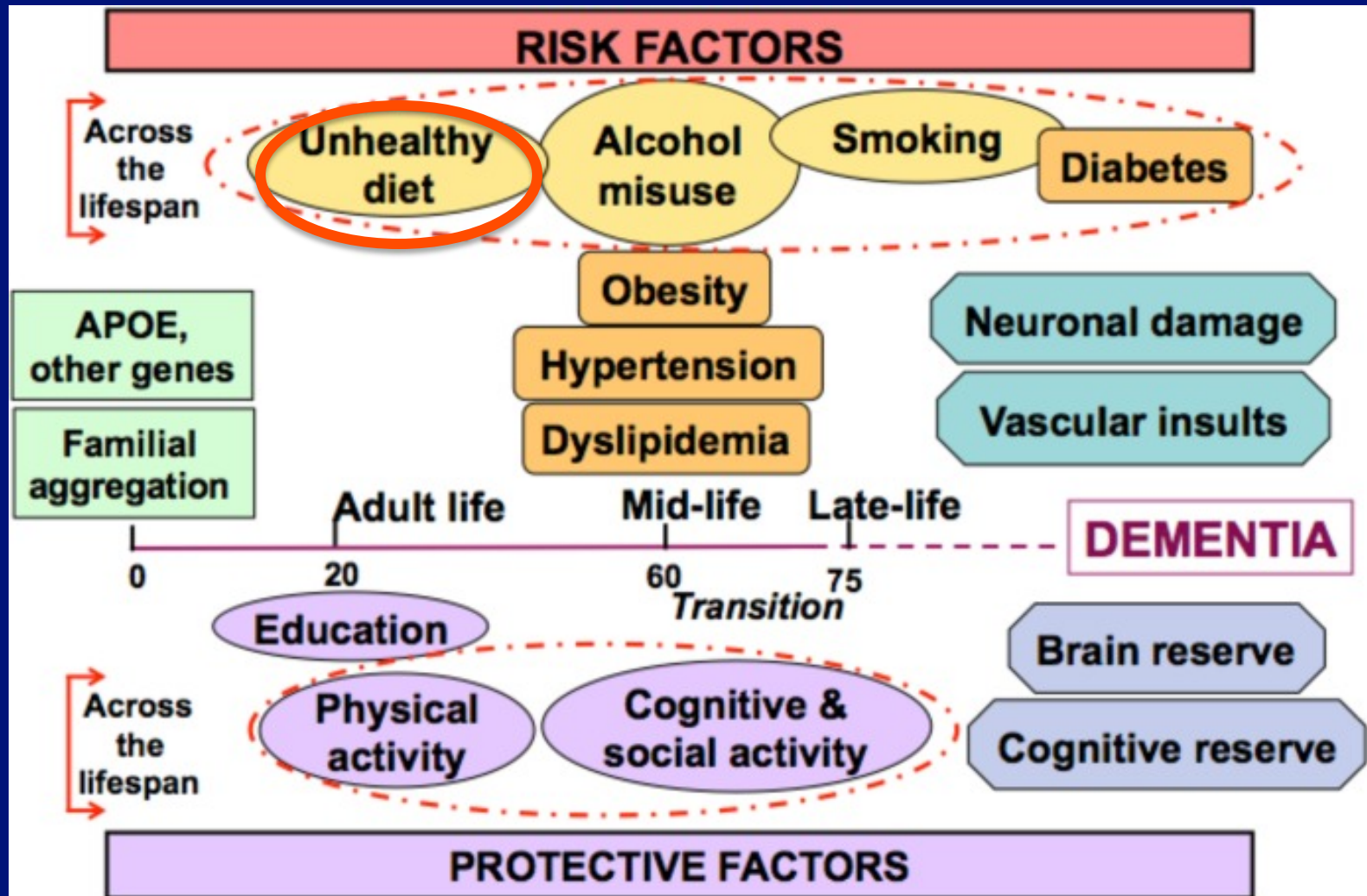
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High Risk
Behavior

Gene 1

Gene 2

Genetic, Lifestyle, and “Vascular” Risk Factors

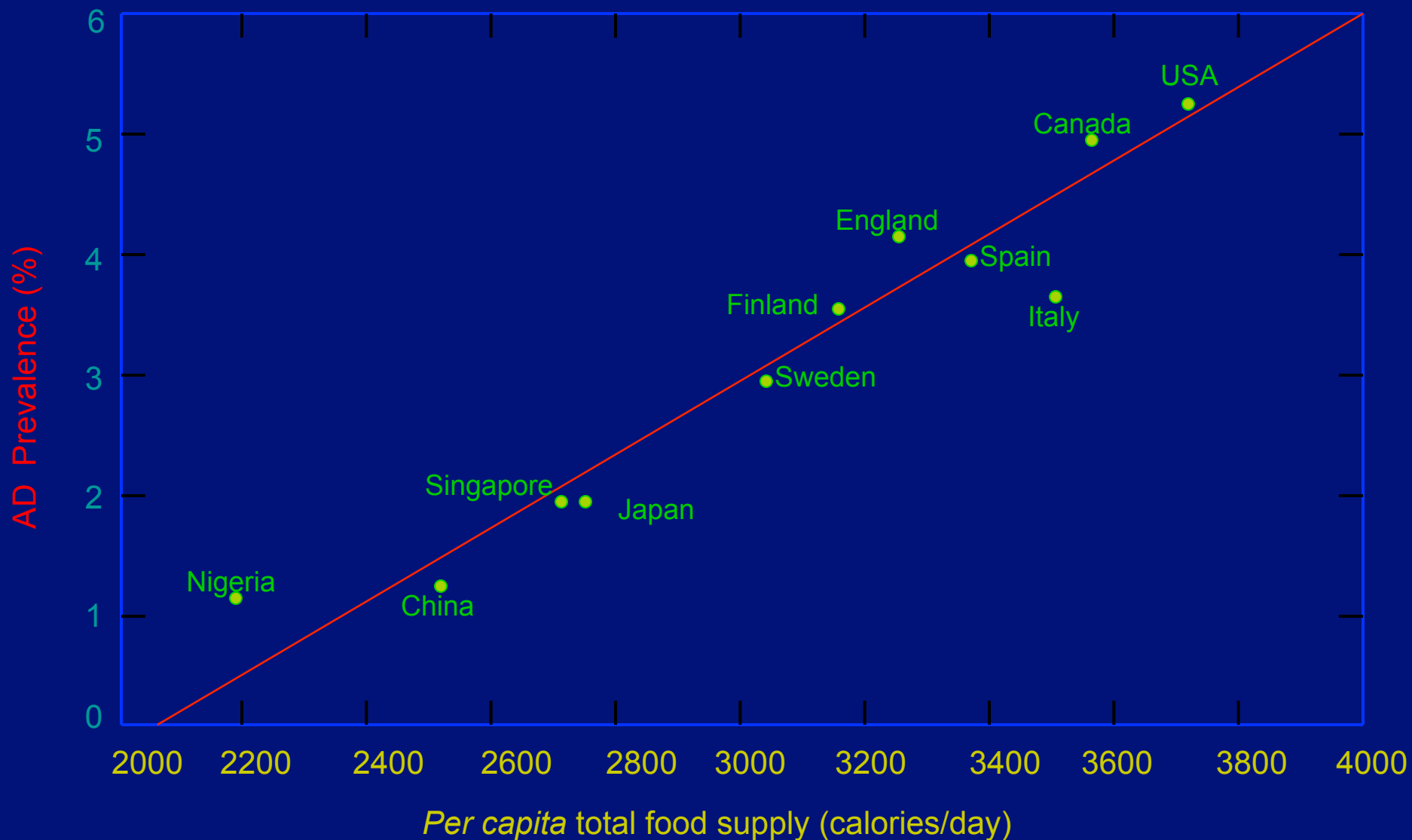


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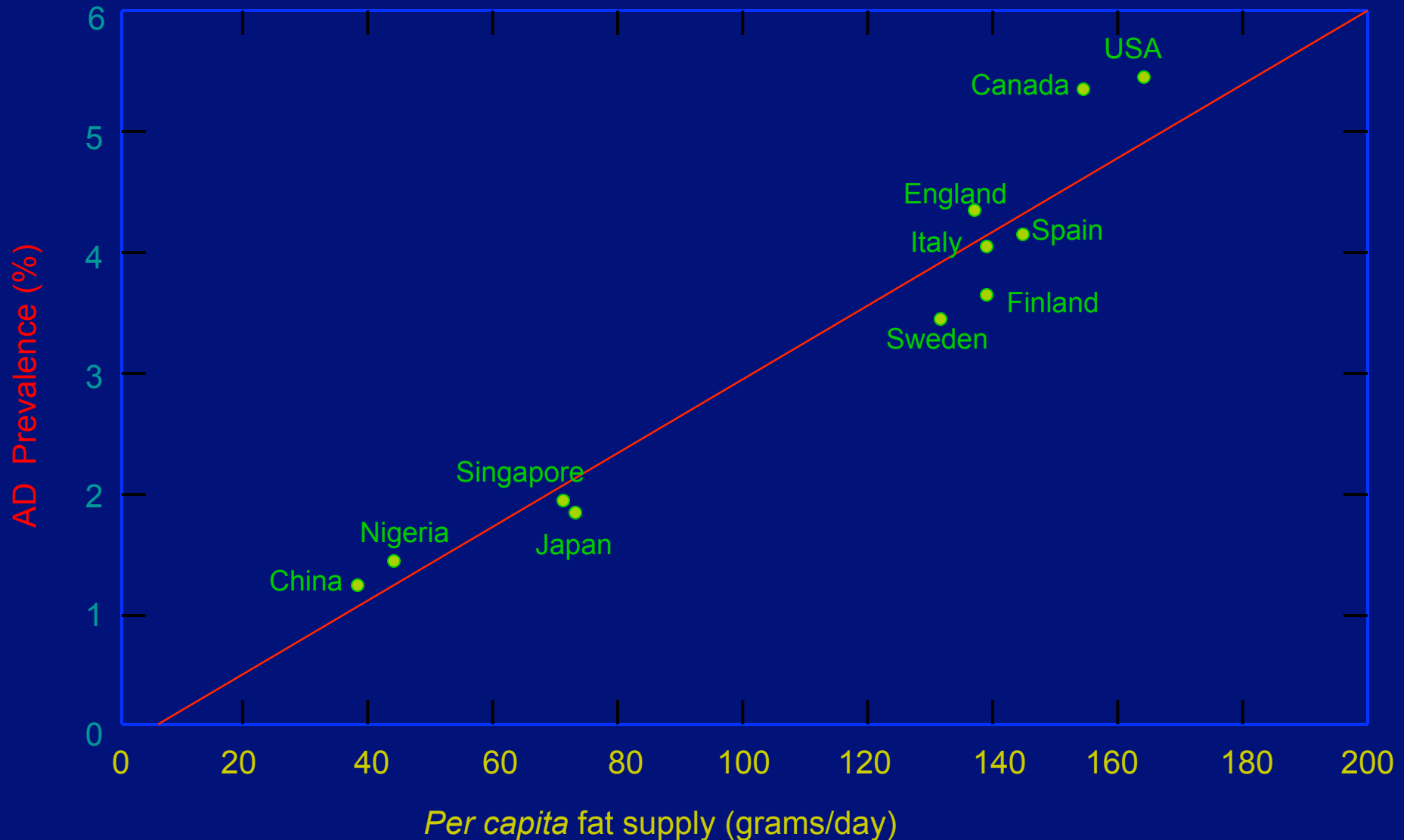
AD Prevalence (65+) Vs Food Supply

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AD Prevalence (65+) vs. Fat Supply

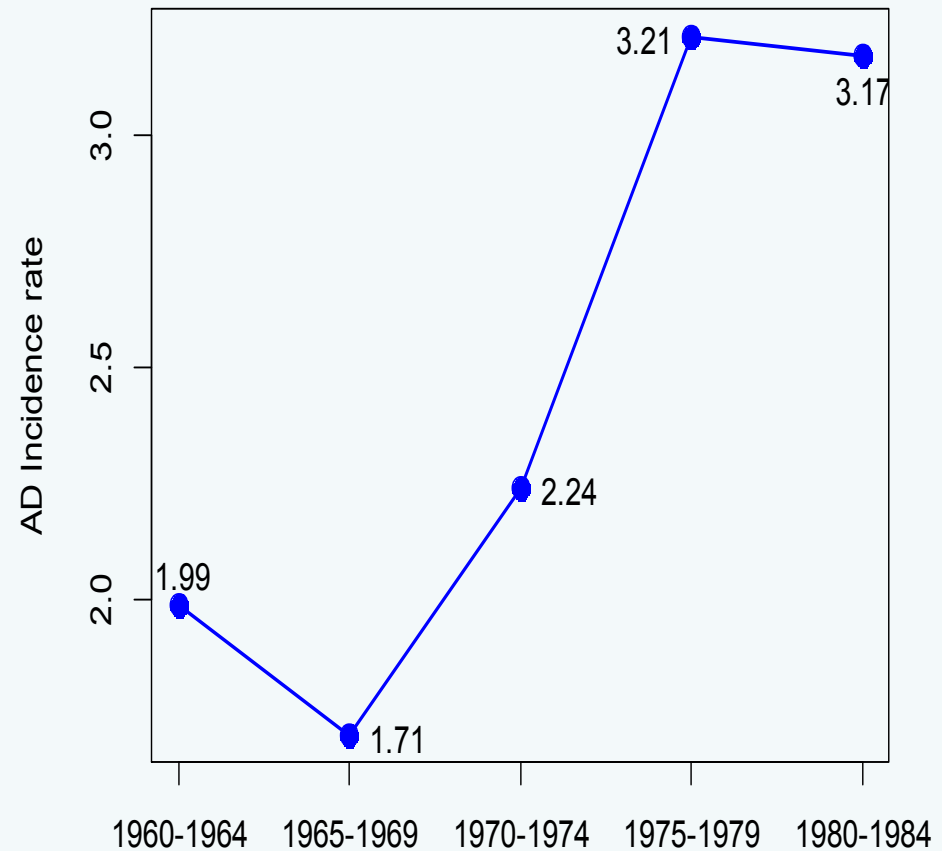
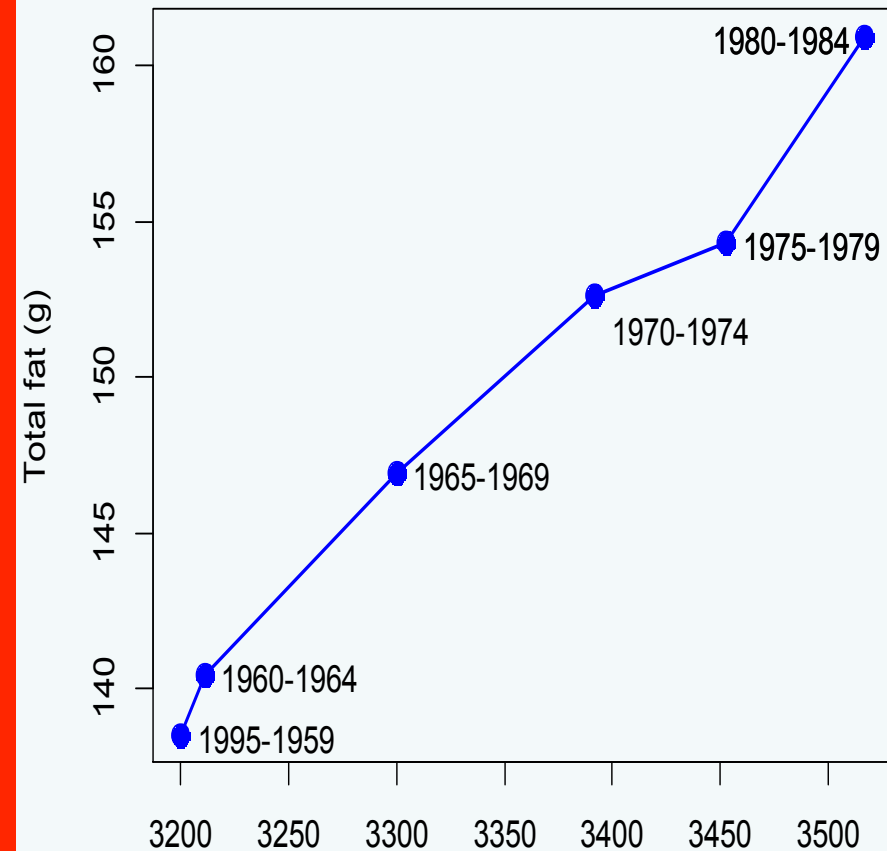
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AD Incidence Rates for the 65+ population from Rochester, MN, along with Average US Total Food Supply Levels

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Hawaii, the diet, the heart and the brain:
what is the link?

The Honolulu Heart Study



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How soon can
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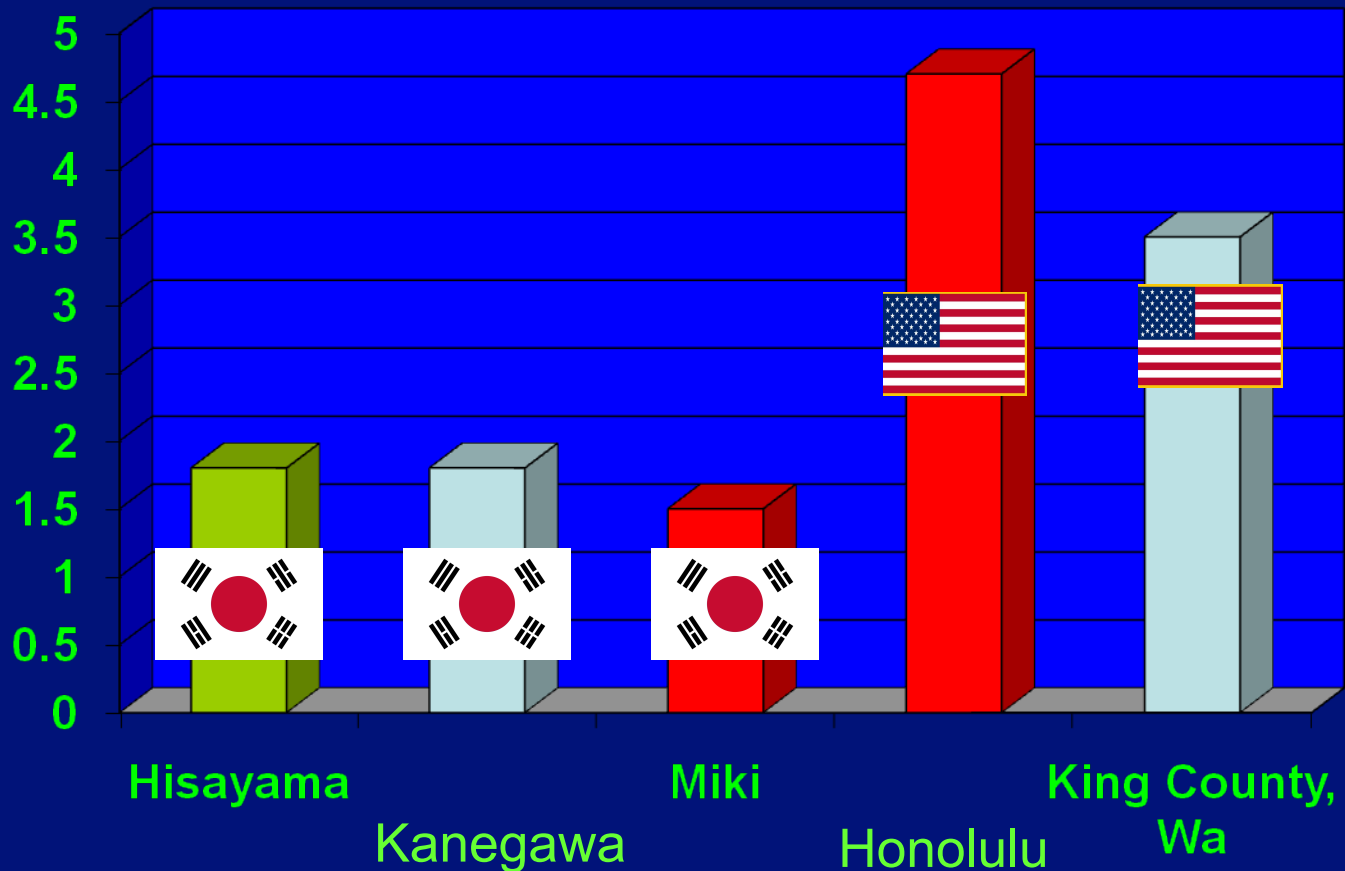
The Japanese Men in Hawaii



Alzheimer's Disease Prevalence among Elderly Japanese in Japan and US

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Prevalence %

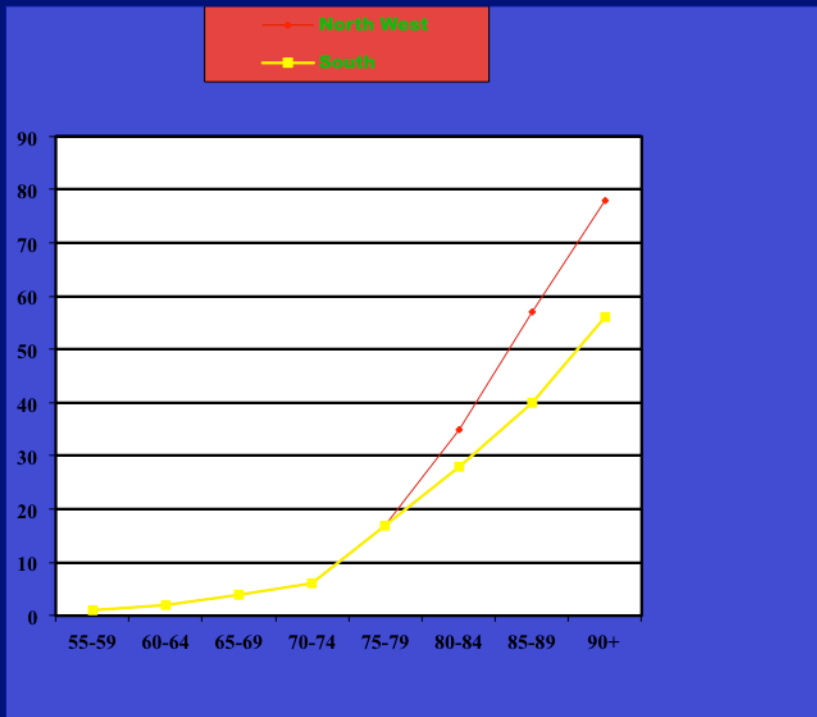


EURODEM: The European Study on Dementia Prevalence, Incidence and Risk Factors

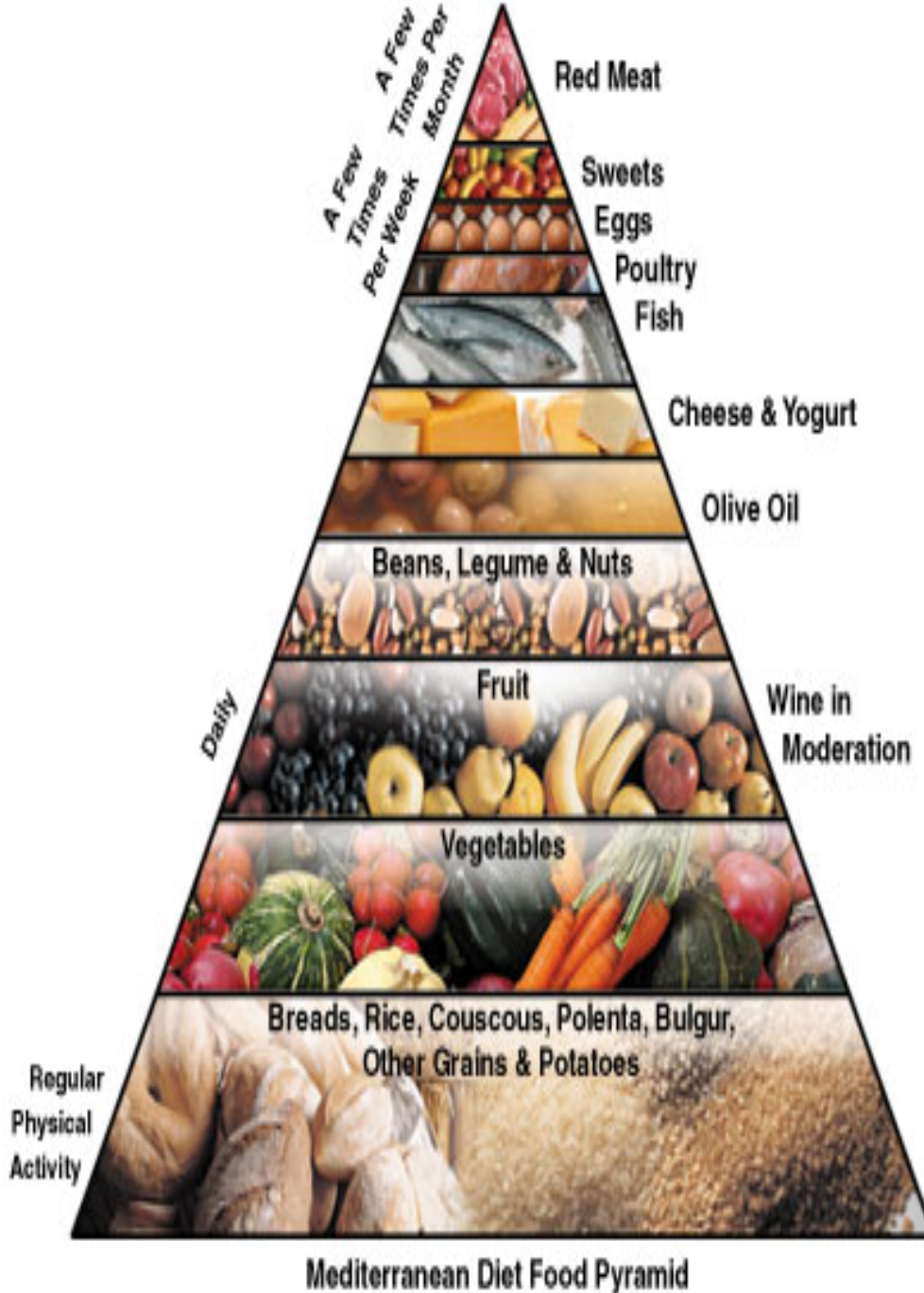


Incidence of Dementias by Geographic Area in Europe

Fratiglioni et al. Neurology 2000; 54 Suppl 5: S10-15



Mediterranean Diet



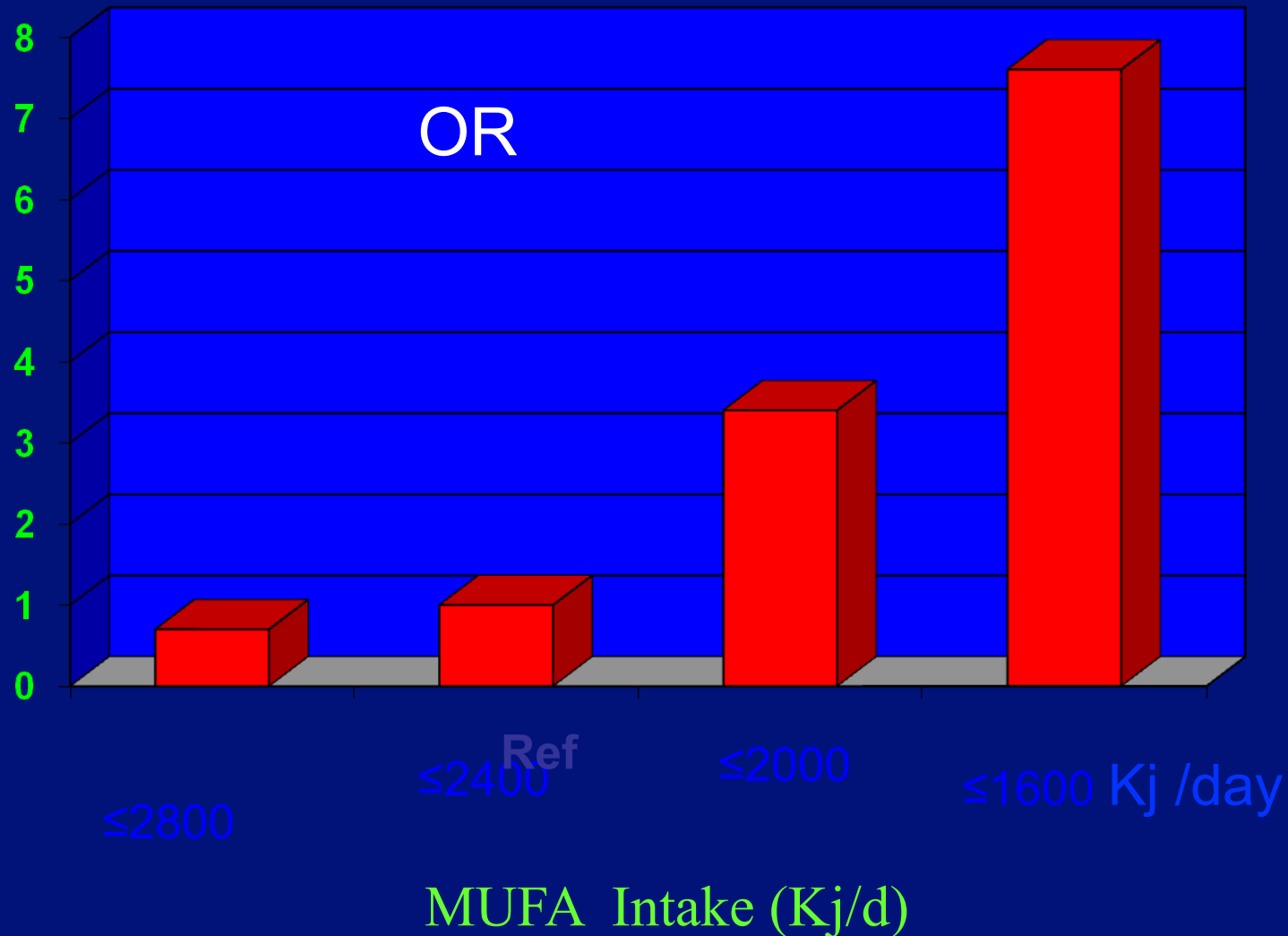
1. Using “good” fats, such as **olive**, rather than butter or lard, and limiting dairy products like high-fat cheese and milk
2. An abundance of plant foods, such as fruits, **vegetables**, cereals, nuts, and beans;
3. Eating moderate amounts of **fish and poultry**, rather than red meat;
4. **Drinking a glass or two of red wine a day** (Men 10-50 g/day, Women 5-25 mg day).

1st Component
Using “good” fats, such as olive ,rather than butter or lard, and
limiting dairy products like high-fat cheese and milk



ILSA: Association between Cognitive Decline and MUFA Intake

Solfrizzi et al Neurology 1999; 52:1563-74



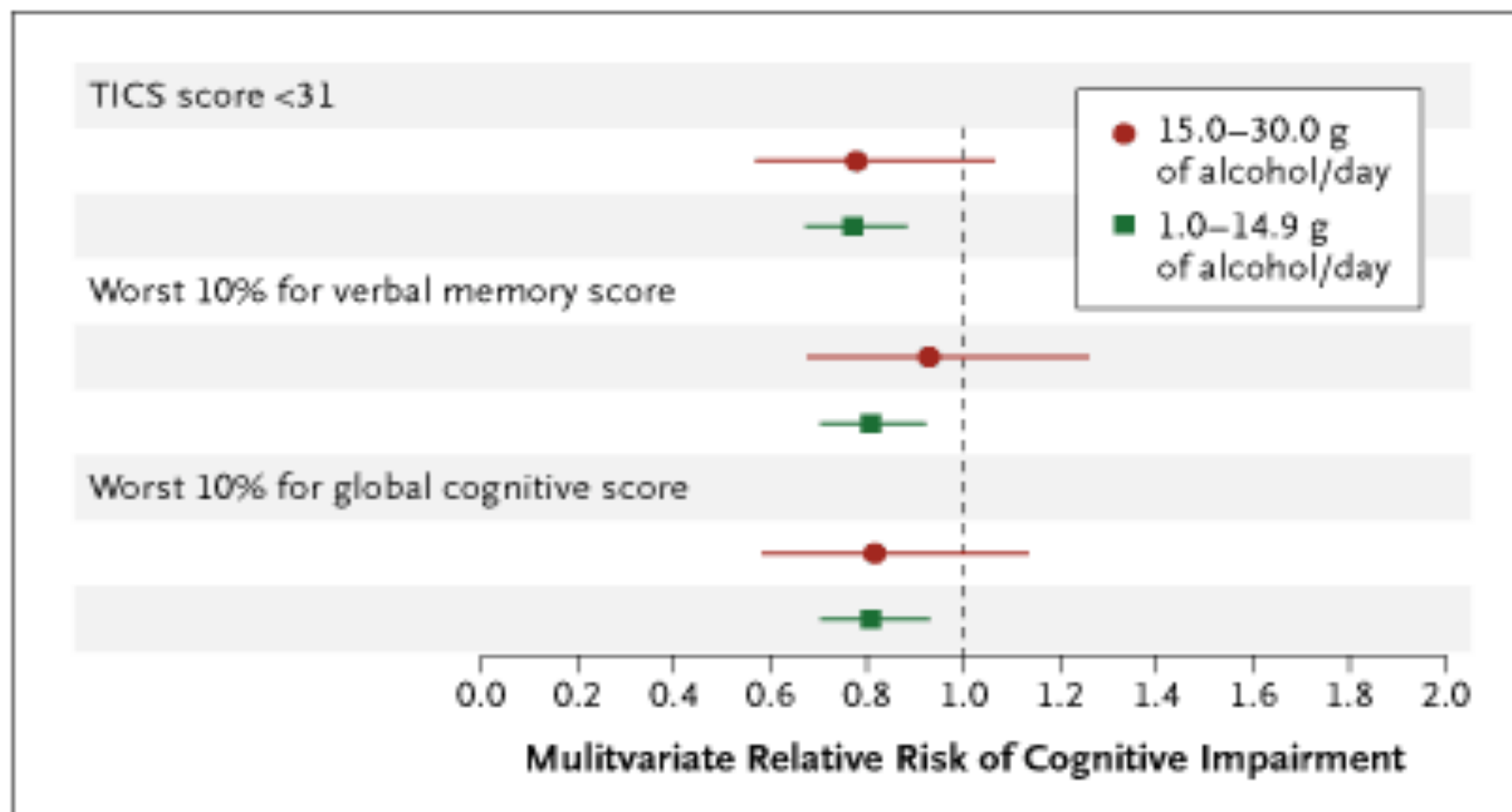
2nd component

Drinking a glass or two of red wine a day
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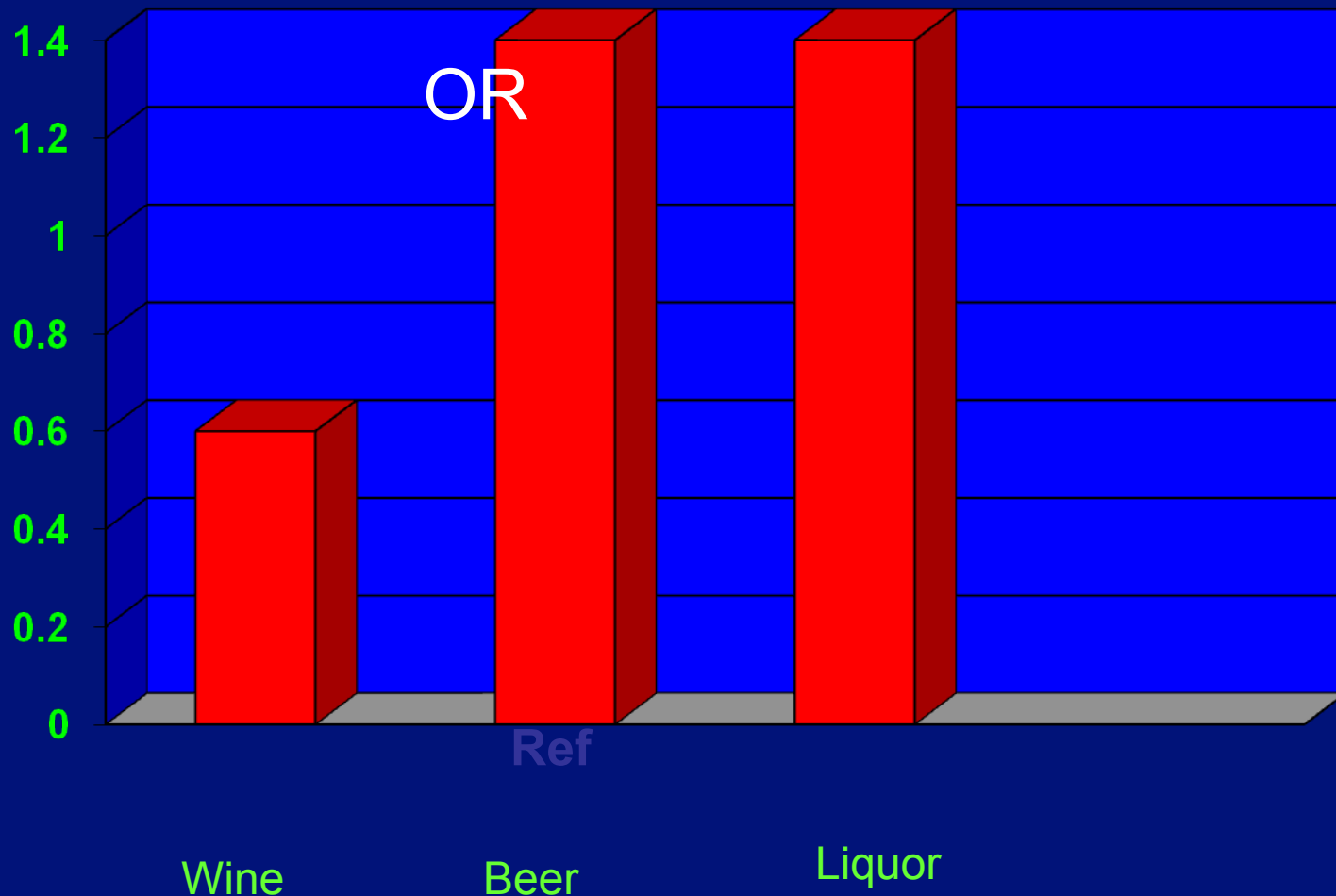
Effects of Moderate Alcohol Consumption on Cognitive Function in Women

Stampfer MJ et al. NEJM 2005 Volume 352:245-253



Relationship between Alcoholic Beverage Intake and Incident AD

Luchsinger J A et al JAGS 2004; 52:540-46



3rd component

Abundance of plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables, cereals, nuts, and beans:



Differences in Cognitive Decline over 2 years between Women in Quintile 5 versus Quintile 1 of Fruit and Vegetable Intake

Kang J H et al Ann Neurol 2005; 57:713-720

Intake type	TICS (n=133888)	Episodic Memory (n=11585)
All vegetable	0.13(-0.02 to 0.28) p trend=0.1	0.06(0.02 to 0.11) p trend=0.002
All fruits	0.02(-0.13 to 0.17) p trend=0.9	-0.02 (-0.06 to 0.02) p trend=0.6
Green leafy veg	0.23 (0.009 to 0.38) p trend=0.003	0.06(0.02 to 0.10) p trend=<0.001
Cruciferus veg	0.12(-0.02 to 0.26) p trend=0.2	0.05 (0.01 to 0.09) p trend=0.02
Yellow veg	0.01(-0.14 to 0.16) p trend=0.7	0.02(-0.02 to 0.07) p trend=0.5
Legumes	0.08 (-0.07 to 0.22) p trend=0.3	0.05(0.01 to 0.09) p trend=0.01

4th Component :

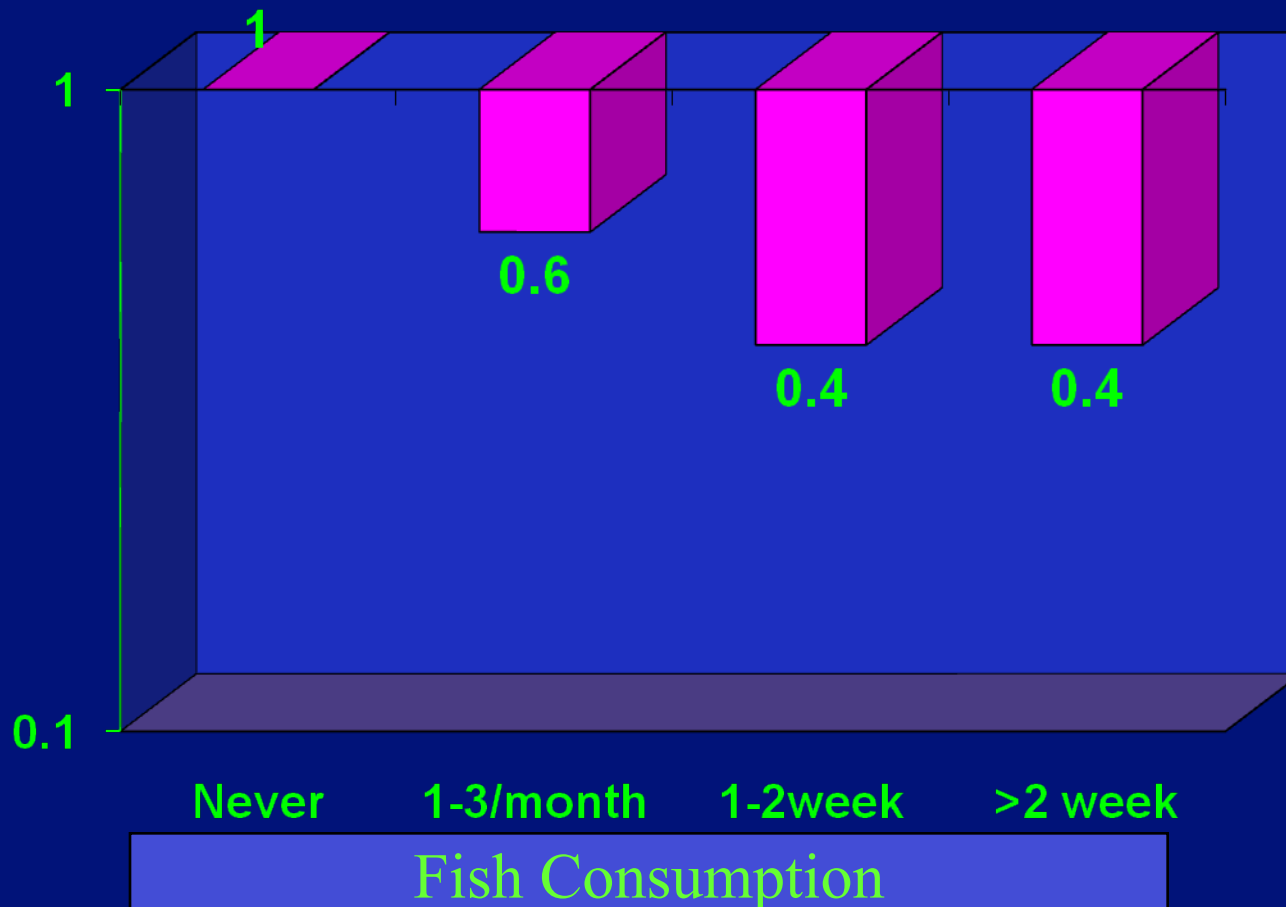
Eating moderate amounts of fish and poultry,
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RR of Incident AD by Frequency of Fish Consumption

Chicago Health and Aging Project, 1993-2000

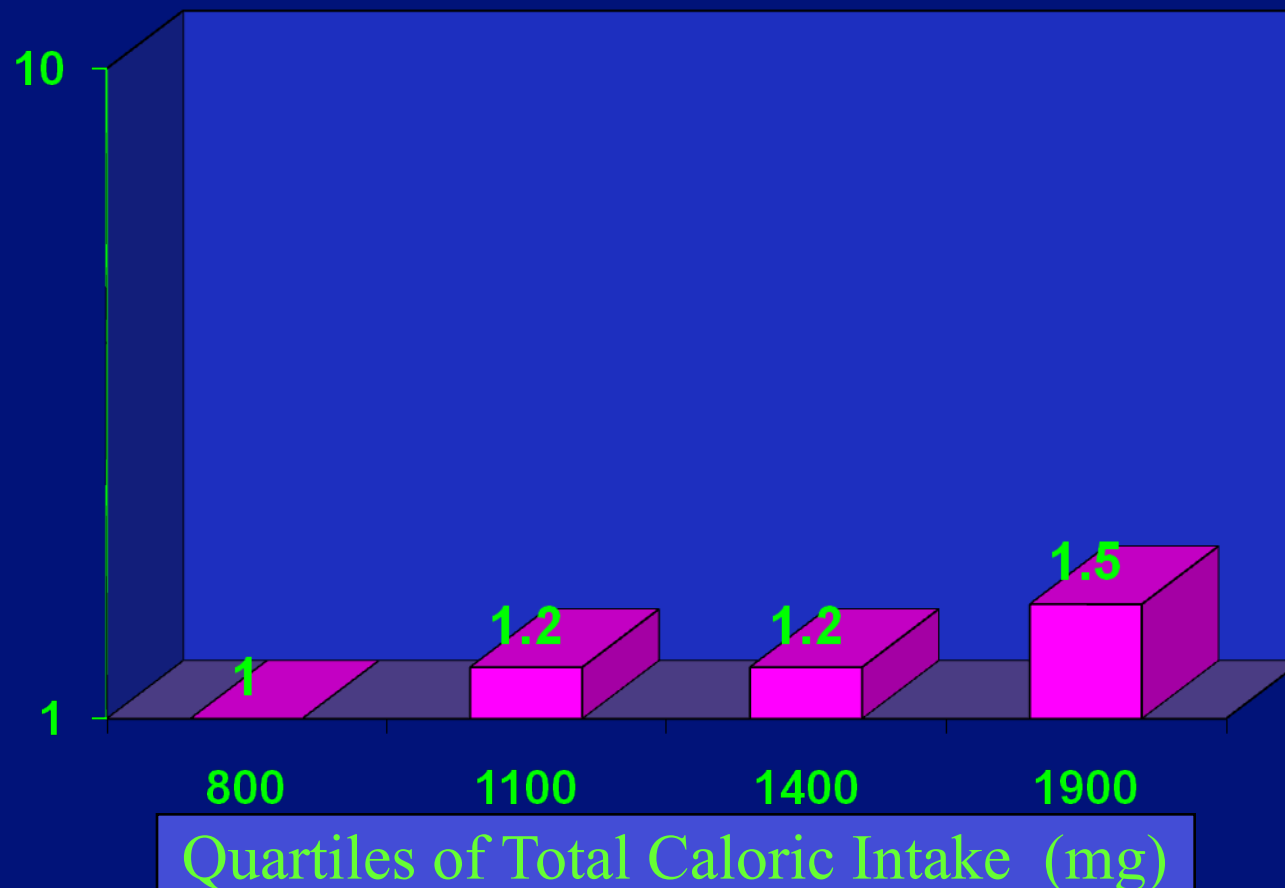
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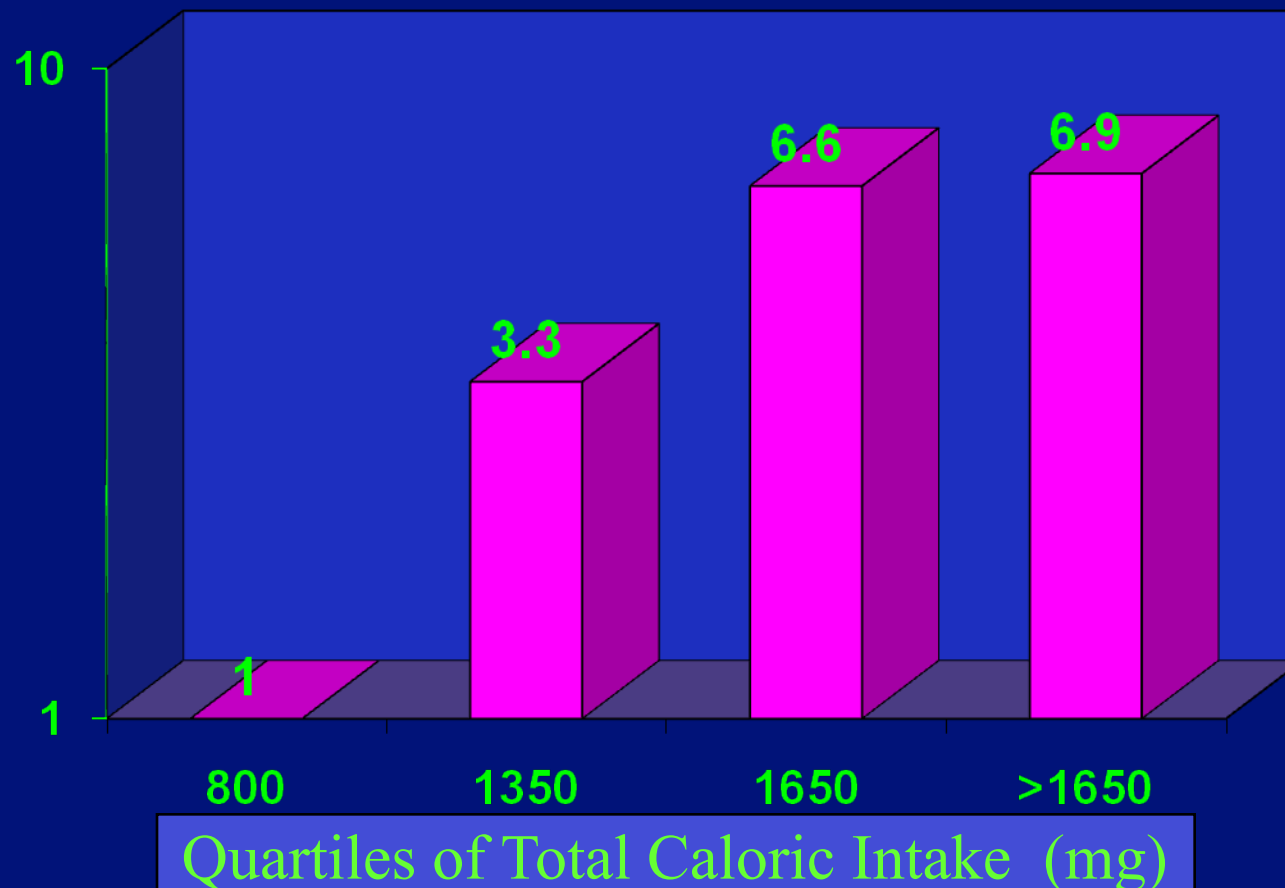
Adjusted Odds Ratios (OR) and 95% (CI) for the Associations of AD with Caloric Intake

Luchsinger et al. Arch Neurol. 2002;59:1258-1263



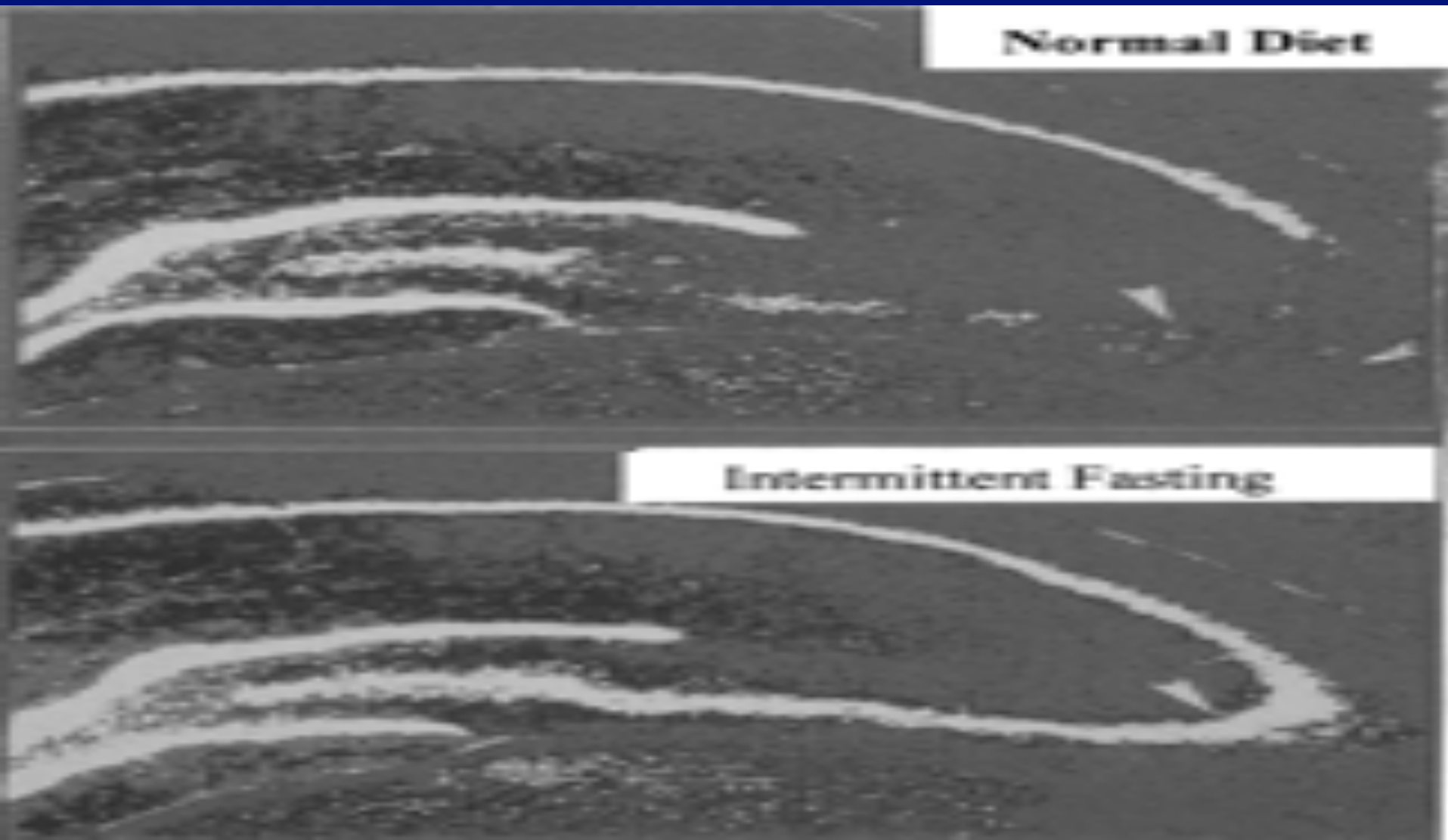
Adjusted Odds Ratios (OR) and 95% (CI) for the Associations of PD with Caloric Intake

Logroscino et al. An Neurol 1996; 39: 89-94



Dietary Restriction protects Hippocampal Neurons against Degeneration induced by Excitotoxin

Mattson MP et al. Neurology 2003;60:690-695



Mediterranean Diet in New York





The Northern Manhattan Aging Project



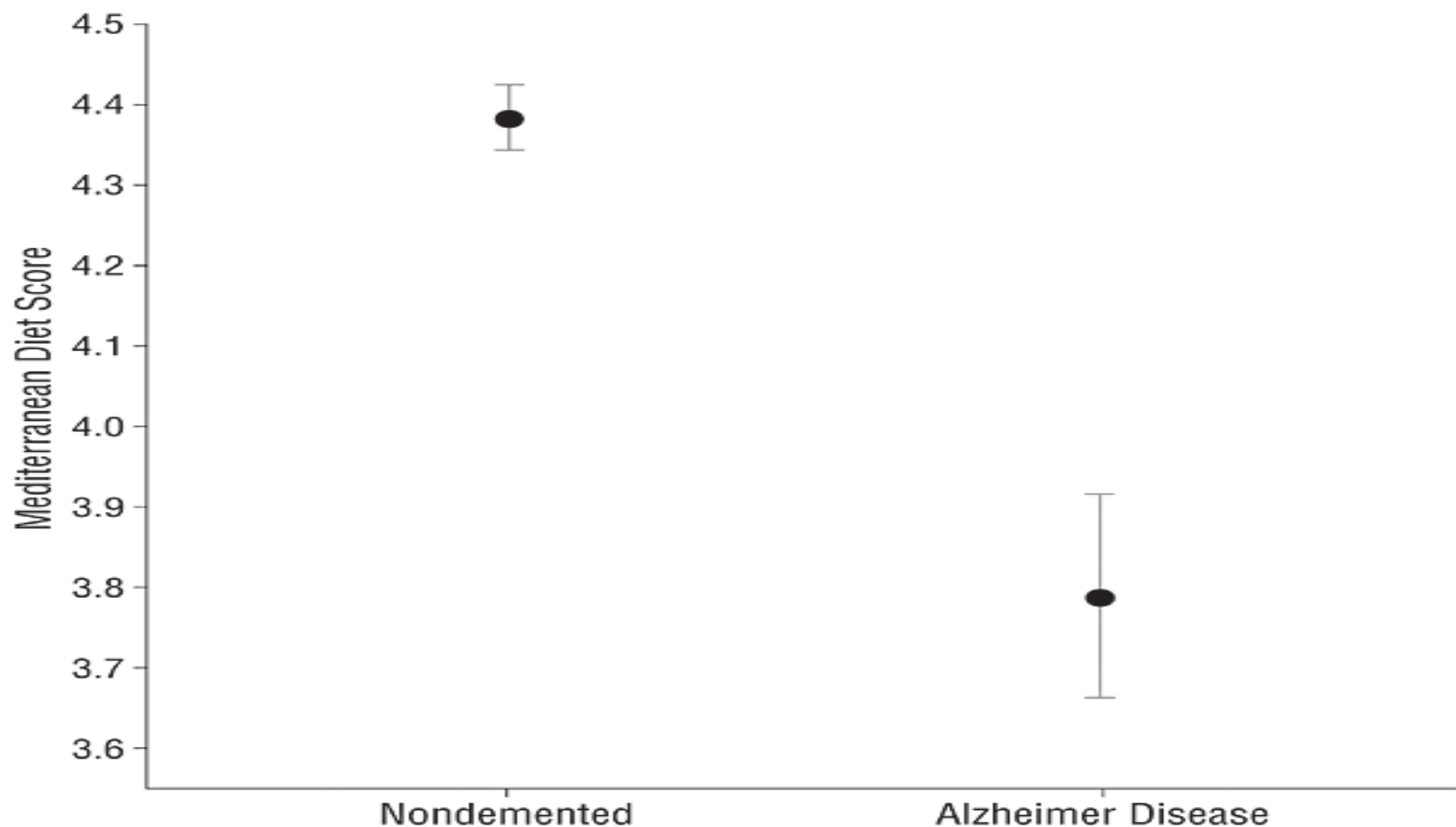
Median Daily Intake for Individual Food Categories by Mediterranean Diet Score Tertiles and Overall

Scarmeas N et al. Ann Neurol 2006; 59:912-921

Food categories	Low Tertile (MeDi score 0-3)	High Tertile (MeDi score 6-9)
Dairy, gm/day	246	152
Meat, gm/day	101	65
Vegetable, gm/day	165	243
Fruit, gm/day	406	556
Legumes, gm/day	44	78
Cereal, gm/day	155	215
Fish, gm/day	15	47
MUFA/SFA ratio	0.57	0.97
Mild-to-moderate ethanol, %	21	45

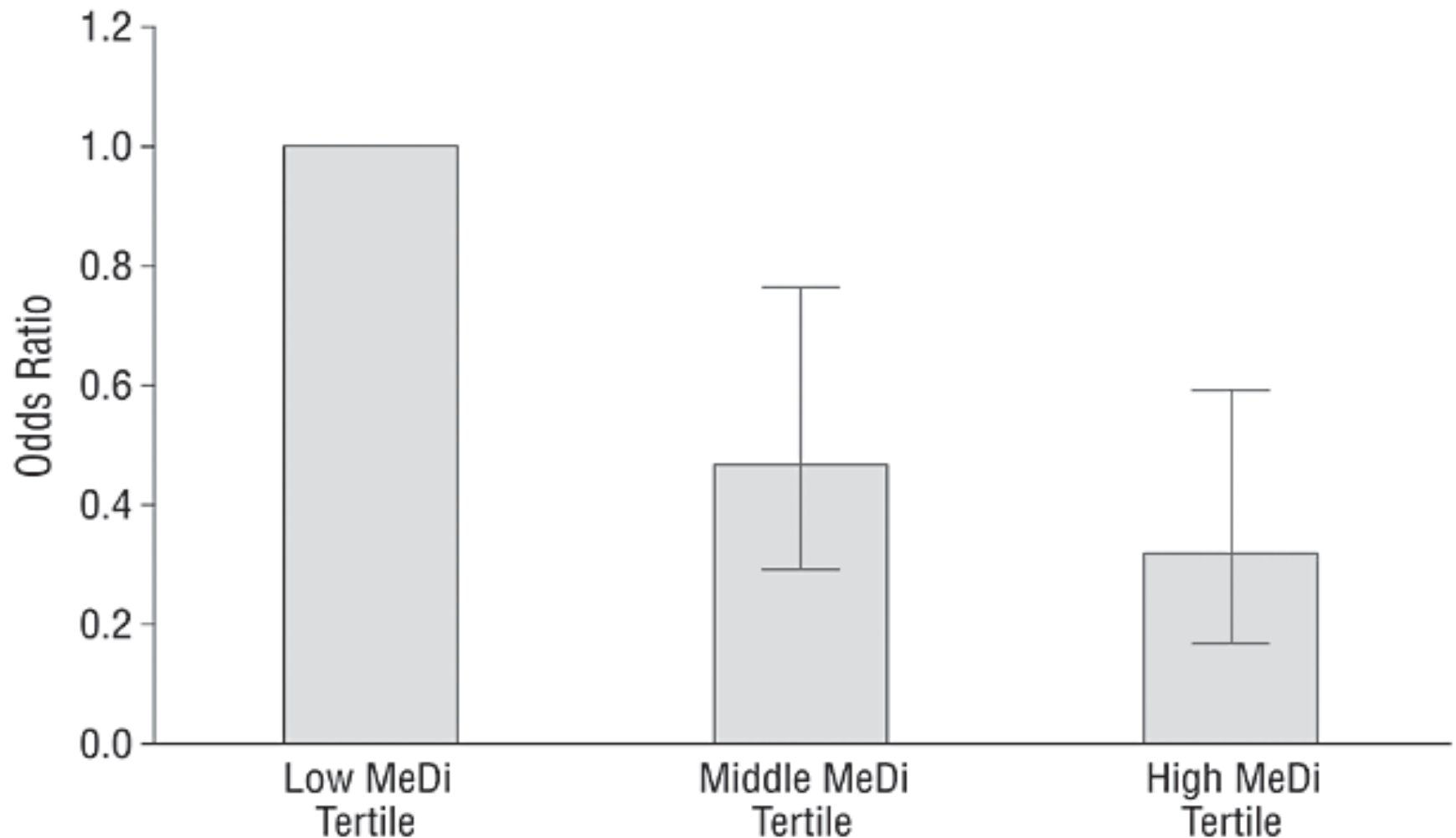
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Scarmeas et al Archives of Neurology Arch Neurol. 2006;63:(doi:10.1001



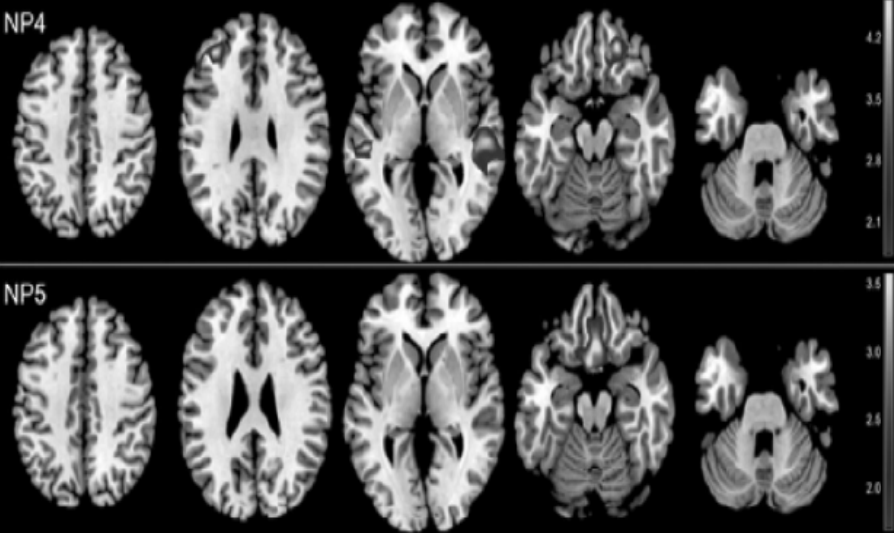
Adherence to MeDi and AD risk (OR and 95% CI)

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Associations Between Imaging Markers and Med Nutrients

Gray matter volumes (MRI)



Amyloid-beta load (PiB-PET)

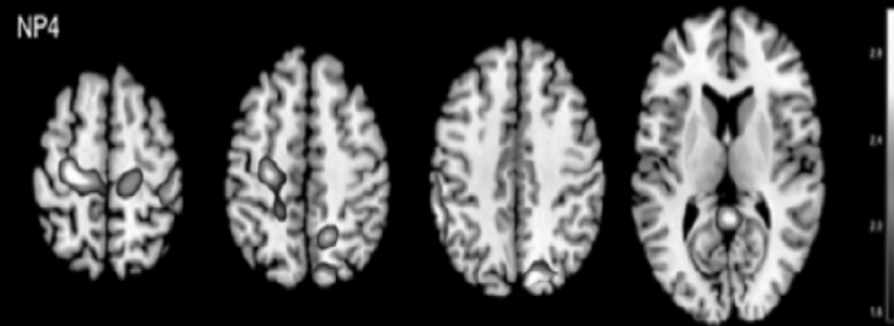


Table 5

Brain regions showing significant relationships between NPs and brain A β load on PiB-PET

Cluster extent	x [*]	y	z	Z [†]	Anatomical region	Brodmann area
Negative associations between PiB retention and NP4						
307	-14	-12	-42	2.90	Left Cerebrum, Limbic Lobe, Cingulate Gyrus	24
768	-29	25	50	2.79	Left Cerebrum, Frontal Lobe, Superior Frontal Gyrus	8
279	0	-43	8	2.78	Left Cerebrum, Limbic Lobe, Posterior Cingulate Gyrus	29
	-23	-10	50	2.72	Left Cerebrum, Frontal Lobe, Superior Frontal Gyrus	8
134	7	-76	43	2.72	Right Cerebrum, Parietal Lobe, Precuneus	7
30	-53	-45	40	2.66	Left Cerebrum, Parietal Lobe, Inferior Parietal Lobule	40
77	12	-58	46	2.64	Right Cerebrum, Parietal Lobe, Precuneus	7
85	37	-37	54	2.63	Right Cerebrum, Parietal Lobe, Inferior Parietal Lobule	40

* Coordinates (x, y, z) from Talairach and Tournoux.
† Z values at the peak of maximum significance at p<0.001, correcting for age and total caloric intake. Only contrasts yielding significant results are shown.
Abbreviations: see legend to Table 3

Beneficial Effects of Mediterranean Diet

- Slow cognitive decline in normal older adults
- Reduce the risk of mild cognitive impairment (MCI)
- Reduce the risk of MCI progressing into Alzheimer's disease
- Slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease and prevent disease-related deaths

Estimated Percent and Number of AD cases Attributable to Potentially Modifiable Risk Factors

Barnes&Jaffe Lancet Neurology 2011;10: 819-28

RISK FACTOR	POPULATION PREVALENCE	RELATIVE RISK (95% CI)	PAR% (Confidence Range)	NO. CASES ATTRIBUTABLE, Millions (Confidence Range)
Low education	40.0%	1.59 (1.35, 1.86)	19.1% (12.3%, 25.6%)	6.5 (4.2, 8.7)
Smoking	27.4%	1.59 (1.15, 2.20)	13.9% (3.9%, 24.7%)	4.7 (1.3, 8.4)
Physical inactivity	17.7%	1.82 (1.19, 2.78)	12.7% (3.3%, 24.0%)	4.3 (1.1, 8.1)
Depression	13.2%	1.90 (1.55, 2.33)	10.6% (6.8%, 14.9%)	3.6 (2.3, 5.1)
Mid-life hypertension	8.9%	1.61 (1.16, 2.24)	5.1% (1.4%, 9.9%)	1.7 (0.5, 3.4)
Diabetes	6.4%	1.39 (1.17, 1.66)	2.4% (1.1%, 4.1%)	0.8 (0.4, 1.4)
Mid-life obesity	3.4%	1.60 (1.34, 1.92)	2.0% (1.1%, 3.0%)	0.7 (0.4, 1.0)
Combined (maximum)			50.7%	17,187,028



The Great Age Study in Castellana Grotte

Mediterranean Diet in population: Health, Aging and Diseases

