

# Study on protein biomarker panel for Alzheimer' disease: Australian Imaging Biomarkers and Lifestyle Study of Aging

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The Australian Imaging, Biomarkers and Lifestyle  
Flagship Study of Ageing



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# The Australian Imaging Biomarkers and Lifestyle Flagship Study of Ageing

Study is conducted between Perth (40%) and Melbourne (60%)

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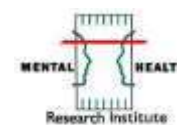
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# The AIBL Study

- Launched in November 2006; prospective longitudinal study
- Aims to improve understanding of the causes and diagnosis of AD, and help develop preventative strategies



**Baseline**

**Follow-up: 18 month**

**36 month**

**54 month**

**72 month**



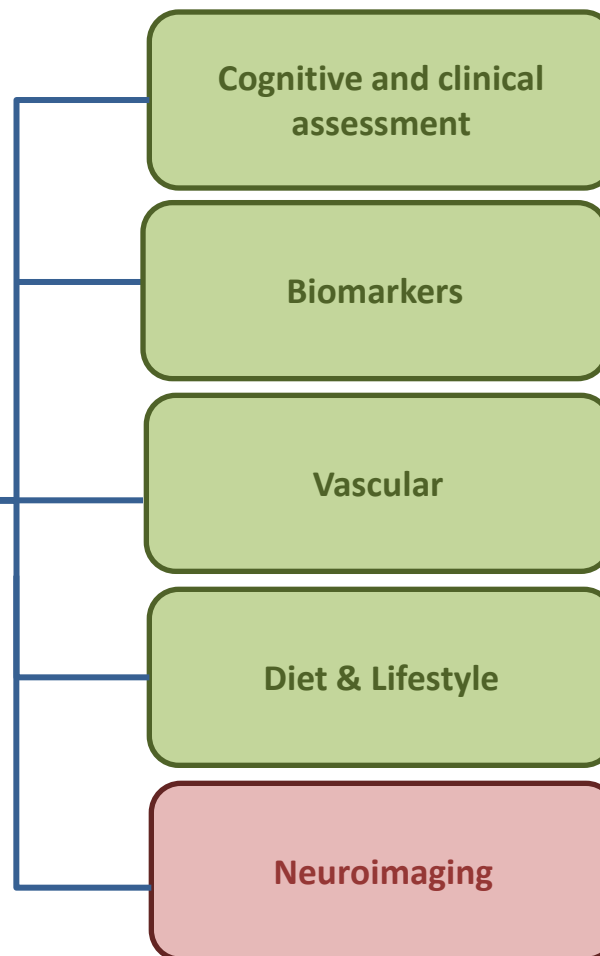
**OVERVIEW: AIBL is the most comprehensive, longitudinal study of its kind in Australia, and aims to discover a way to develop biomarkers, diagnose patients earlier and prevent disease onset.**

## COHORT

N = 1,112 (Baseline) (aged 60+ yrs)



## METHODOLOGY



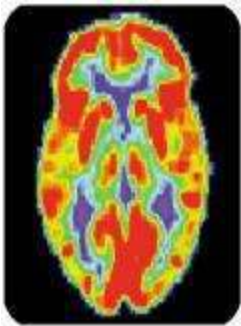
# AIBL Longitudinal cohort summary

	Total NMC	Total SMC	Total MCI	NMC/SMC- (MCI/AD)#	MCI-(AD)#	AD
<b>0M</b>	372	396	133	21	33 <small>(24.8% MCI progressed)*</small>	211
<b><i>ApoE4</i></b>	106 <small>(28.5%)</small>	101 <small>(25.5%)</small>	66 <small>(49.6%)</small>	10 <small>(47.6%)</small>	25 <small>(75.8%)</small>	131 <small>(62.1%)</small>
<b>Age (sd)</b>	69.8 (7.0)	70.3 (7.0)	75.8 (7.5)	73.9 (8.3)	76.3 (7.2)	78.2 (8.6)
<b>18M</b>	317	375	82	21	17 <small>(20.7%)*</small>	197
<b><i>ApoE4</i></b>	88 <small>(27.8%)</small>	98 <small>(26.1%)</small>	32 <small>(39.0%)</small>	11 <small>(52.4%)</small>	9 <small>(52.9%)</small>	136 <small>(69.0%)</small>
<b>Age (sd)</b>	71.1 (6.9)	71.4 (6.6)	76.6 (7.7)	72.1 (7.3)	78.0 (6.7)	78.6 (8.1)
<b>36M</b>	301	309	55	24	6 <small>(10.9%)*</small>	154
<b><i>ApoE4</i></b>	84 <small>(27.9%)</small>	81 <small>(26.2%)</small>	23 <small>(41.8%)</small>	9 <small>(37.5%)</small>	5 <small>(83.3%)</small>	106 <small>(68.8%)</small>
<b>Age (sd)</b>	71.5 (6.1)	73.1 (6.8)	77.2 (7.4)	73.5 (6.8)	78.3 (6.4)	79.3 (7.8)
<b>54M</b>	261	299	51	9	2 <small>(9.1% of the 22 tested)</small>	102
<b><i>ApoE4</i></b>	69 <small>(26.4%)</small>	79 <small>(26.4%)</small>	17 <small>(33.3%)</small>	4 <small>(44.4%)</small>	1 <small>(50.0%)</small>	72 <small>(70.6%)</small>
<b>Age (sd)</b>	72.9 (6.3)	74.0 (6.5)	77.5 (6.6)	77 (7.8)	86.5	80.2 (7.7)
<b>72M</b>	137	163	23			13
<b><i>ApoE4</i></b>	31 <small>(22.6%)</small>	44 <small>(27.0%)</small>	10 <small>(43.5%)</small>			7 <small>(53.8%)</small>
<b>Age (sd)</b>	74.1 (5.9)	75.7 (6.3)	77.7 (7.2)			81.8 (7.3)

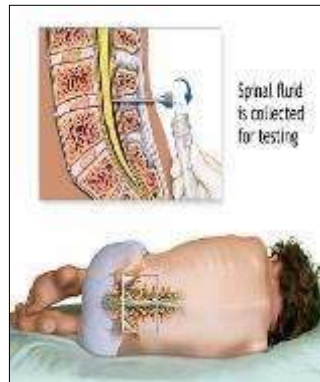
#Subset of NMC/SMC and MCI who change diagnosis at the next time point. These people are included in current time point's total NMC, SMC and MCI tallies. \*(%) of the MCI group at each time point. (NMC) Non Memory Complainer, (SMC) Subjective Memory Complainer, (MCI) Mild Cognitive Impairment, (AD) Alzheimer's disease.

# Types of biomarkers

Brain  
Imaging



CSF Biomarkers



Blood  
Biomarkers





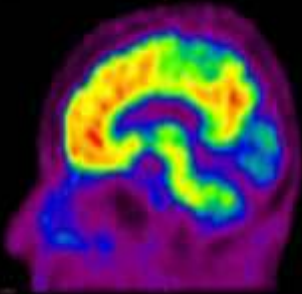
# Amyloid Load in the Brain of AIBL

Participants: PiB +ve volunteers (%)

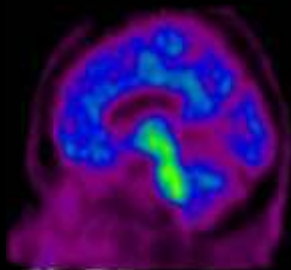
Amyloid →



Amyloid Positive or 'AD-like'



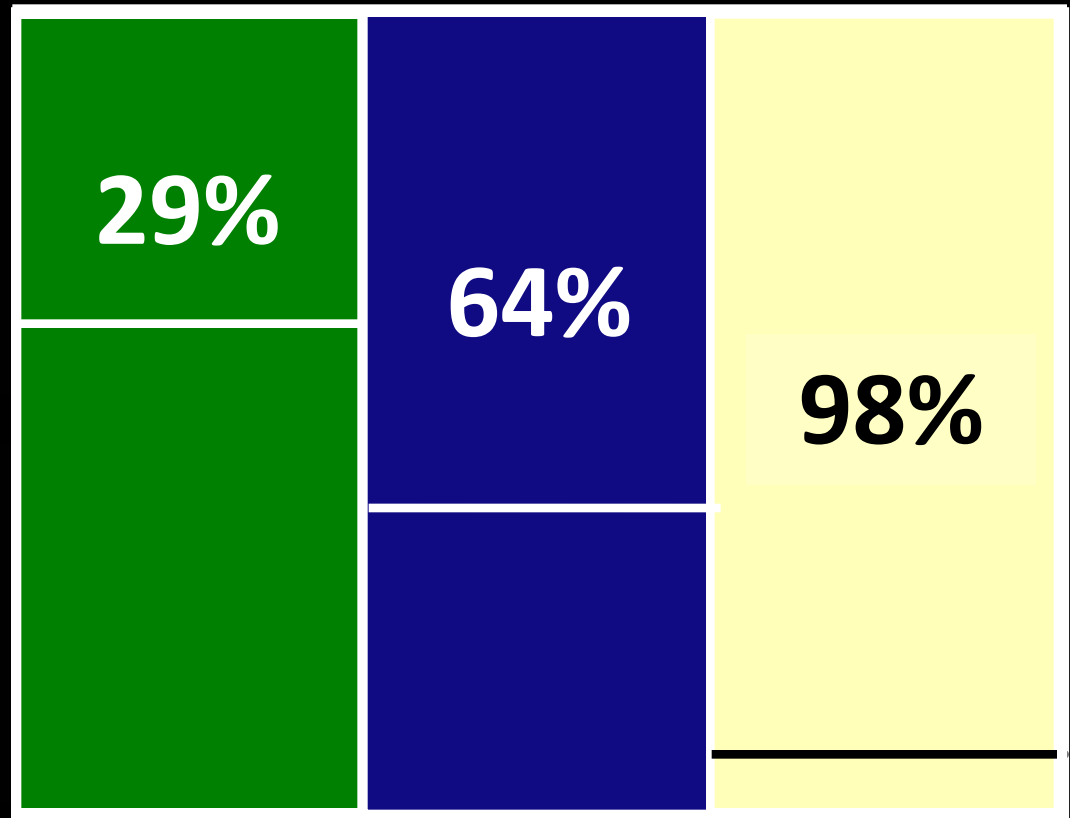
Amyloid Negative or 'HC-like'



HC

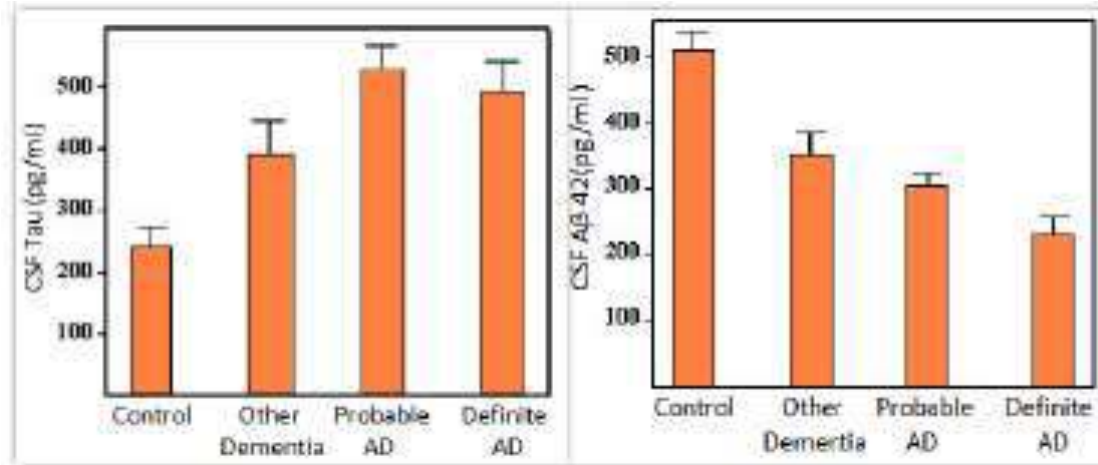
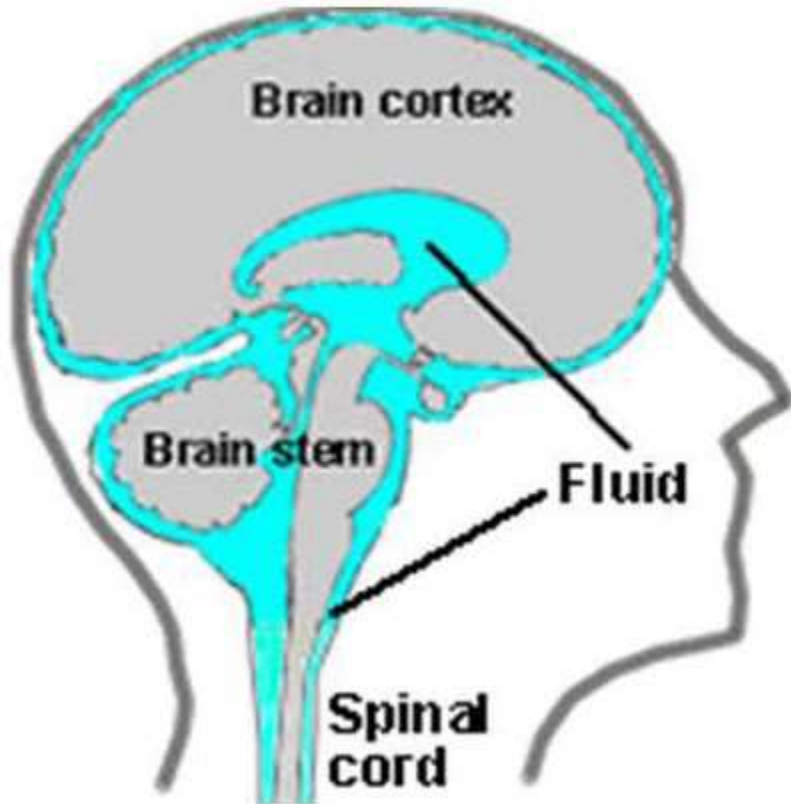
MCI

AD



Significant differences between the three groups ( $p < 0.001$ )

# Why use CSF as a source of biomarker?



Sensitivity: 86%  
Specificity: 85%



CSF is in direct contact with the extracellular space of the brain and can therefore reflect biochemical changes





# Rationale behind

## Blood

- ❑ Imaging biomarkers are gold standard but not widely accessible and there is fear associated with Lumbar puncture.
- ❑ Blood biomarkers have the advantage but until recently were not sufficiently accurate.
- ❑ Blood biomarkers therefore offer the perfect method for enhancing utility of neuroimaging and CSF biomarkers.

# Blood Biomarkers

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A BLOOD TEST for AD



- ▶ Most recent
- ▶ Could form a least expensive form of test for AD
- ▶ Could be easily accessible
- ▶ least invasive

By Quantification of abundance of various proteins in blood



# Multivariate Protein Signatures of Pre-Clinical Alzheimer's Disease in the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) Plasma Proteome Dataset

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## A Blood-Based Algorithm for the Detection of Alzheimer's Disease

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## Plasma multianalyte profiling in mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer disease

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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## A blood-based predictor for neocortical A $\beta$ burden in Alzheimer's disease: results from the AIBL study

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Research Article

## Plasma proteins predict conversion to dementia from prodromal disease<sup>☆</sup>

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### Predicting conversion to MCI

apoE	MIP-1 $\alpha$
apoA-II	Resistin
Eotaxin-3	SGOT
Transthyretin	CD5
BNP	CRP
Peptide YY	Fas Ligand

### Diagnostic accuracy of AD

CRP	Tenascin C
PPY	Factor VII
FABP	VCAM-1
Adiponectin	CD5
IL-18	CRP
B-2M	Fas Ligand

### Diagnosis of MCI/AD

ApoE	IL-10
FAS	IL-12p40
Cortisol	IL-13
CRP	IL-15
BNP	PPY
IL-3	Resistin
SCF	SAP

### Predicting neocortical amyloid burden

Abeta42	VCAM-1
CXCL-13	IGFBP2
IgM-1	ANGPF2
IL-17	CD40
PPY	CRP

### Diagnosis of AD

IGFBP2	EGFR
PPY	IL17
CEA	Homocysteine
Cortisol	CD40
B2M	SOD
VCAM1	MMP2
EGFR	MIP1 $\alpha$
IL17	APOE

### Ten proteins predicting conversion to AD

Transthyretin	CC4
Clusterin	PEDF
Cystatin C	A1 AT
A1 Acid G	RANTES
ICAM1	ApoC3



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# BIOMARKER PANELS

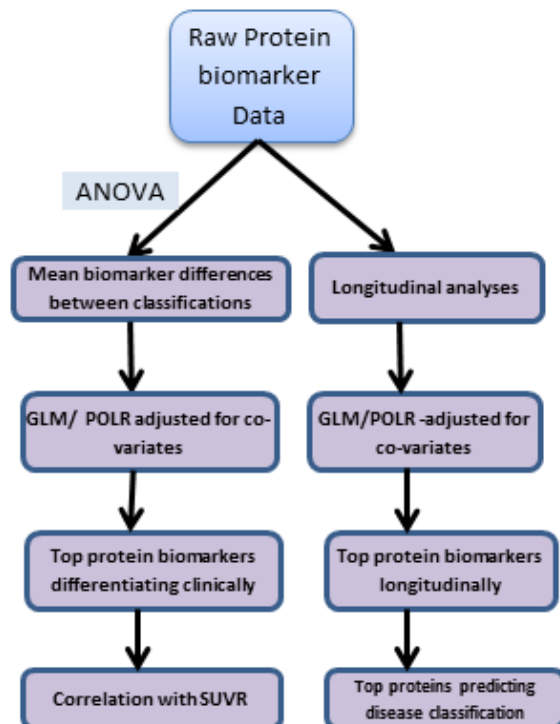
## MSD PLATFORM

<u>Human Chemokine 9-plex</u>	<u>Human Neuro D 5-Plex Custom Assay</u>	<u>Custom 6-plex</u>	<u>Human Vascular Injury Panel II</u>	<u>Custom 7-plex</u>	<u>Custom 4-plex</u>
<i>Eotaxin, MIP-16, Eotaxin-3, TARC, IL-10, IL-8, MCP-1, MDC, MCP-4</i>	<i>TPO IL-18, FABP-3, PPY, chemo I-309</i>	<i>A2M, Adiponectin, B2M, Clusterin, FVII, TNC</i>	<i>SAA, CRP, ICAM-1, VCAM-1</i>	<i>IL-1a IL-13 IL-15 IL-16 IL-17 MIP-1a TNF-a</i>	<i>Ang-2 sFAS Resistin EGF</i>

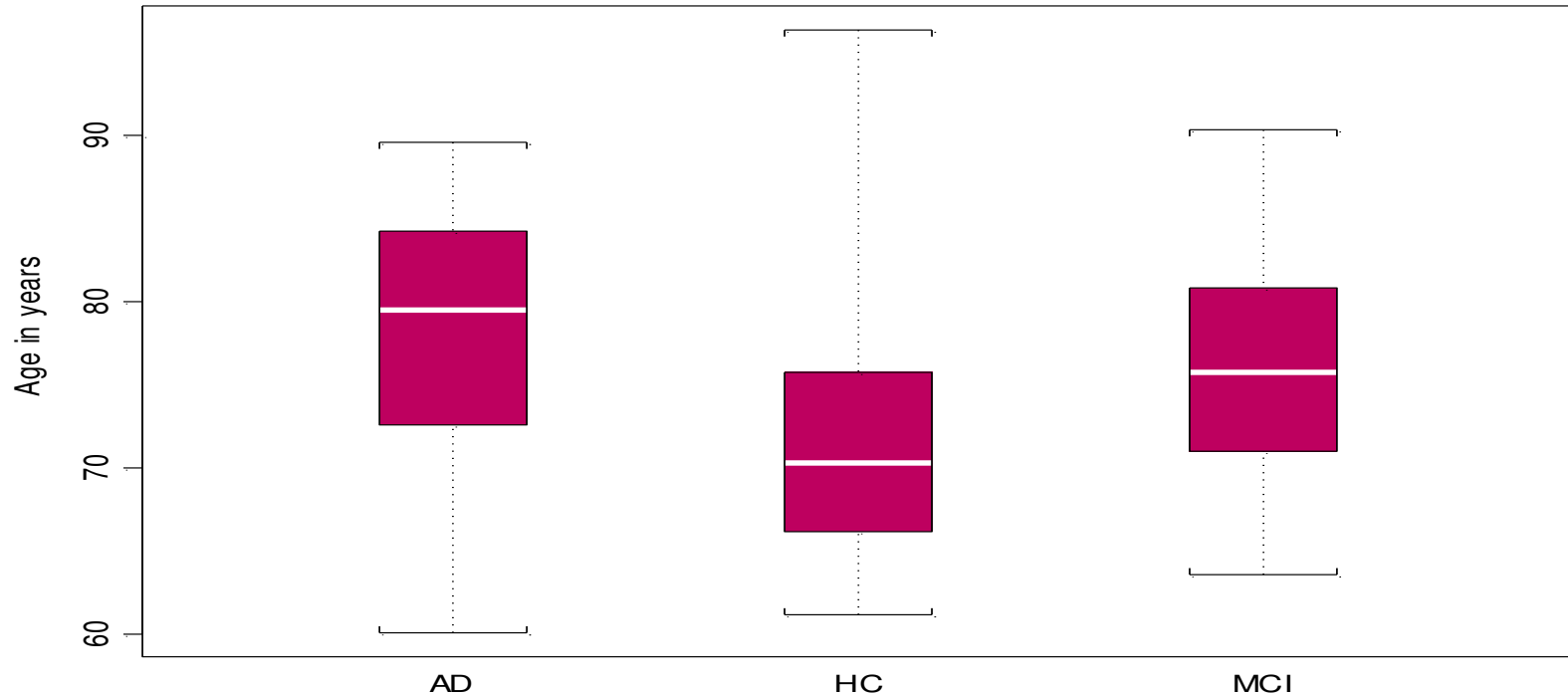


# Demographics

	Baseline			18 months			36 months			p-value
	HC	MCI	AD	HC	MCI	AD	HC	MCI	AD	
Count	554	65	92	543	51	116	463	42	87	
Age (Mean SD)	69.79 (6.51)	74.84 (7.54)	77.01 (7.43)	71.12 (6.34)	76.05 (7.28)	78.68 (7.63)	72.71 (6.38)	76.44 (6.66)	79.71 (7.12)	<0.000 1
Gender (F/M)	330/224	36/29	52/40	328/215	23/28	67/49	279/184	23/19	46/41	
ApoE4 (-ve/+ve)	401/153	32/33	28/64	395/148	32/19	34/82	341/122	22/20	26/61	<0.000 1
MMSE (Median IQR)	29 (2)	27 (3)	21 (4.25)	29 (2)	27 (3)	19 (8)	29 (2)	26.5 (3)	16 (11)	<0.000 1
SUVR (N)	127	32	21	116	19	23	85	17	18	
SUVR (Mean SD)	1.36 (0.38)	2.02 (0.57)	2.29 (0.5)	1.35 (0.37)	2.03 (0.63)	2.32 (1.35)	1.4 (0.39)	1.84 (0.64)	2.43 (0.59)	<0.000 1
Hip Vol (N)	116	26	15	110	17	20	74	15	12	
Hip Vol (Mean SD)	0.0041 (0.00031)	0.0038 (0.00047)	0.0036 (0.00034)	0.0041 (0.00032)	0.0038 (0.0005507)	0.0034 (0.00376)	0.0041 (0.00032)	0.0039 (0.00048)	0.0033 (0.00053)	<0.000 1



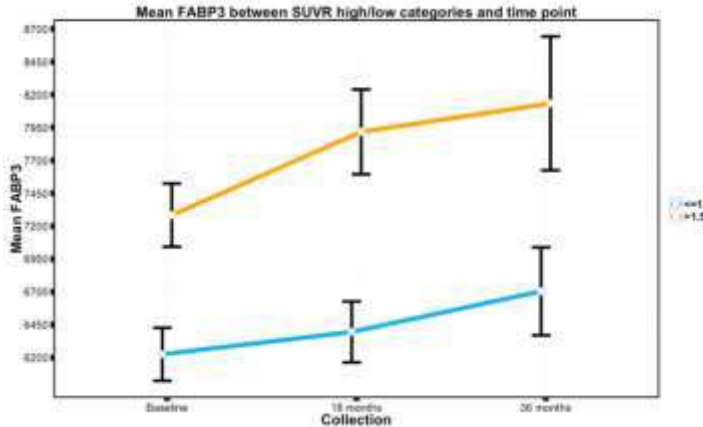
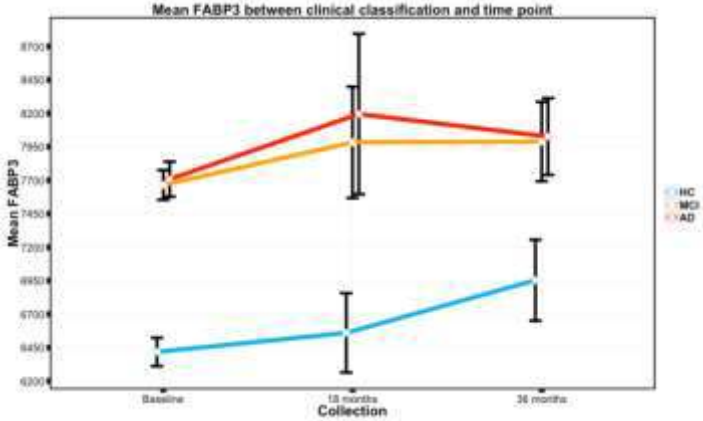
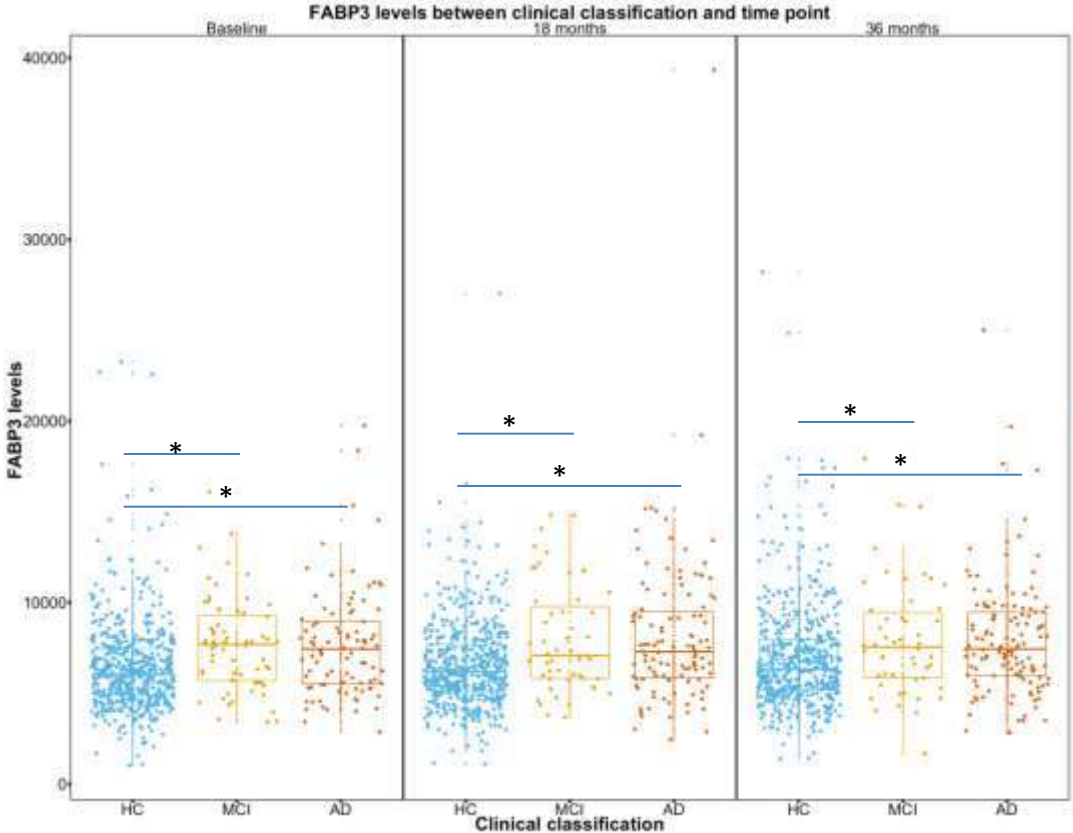
# Age differences across different clinical groups



The HC group are on average approximately 5.7 years younger than MCI while AD are on average 1.2 years older. The latter difference is not significant while the HC ages are significantly lower than the other two ( $p < 0.0001$ ).



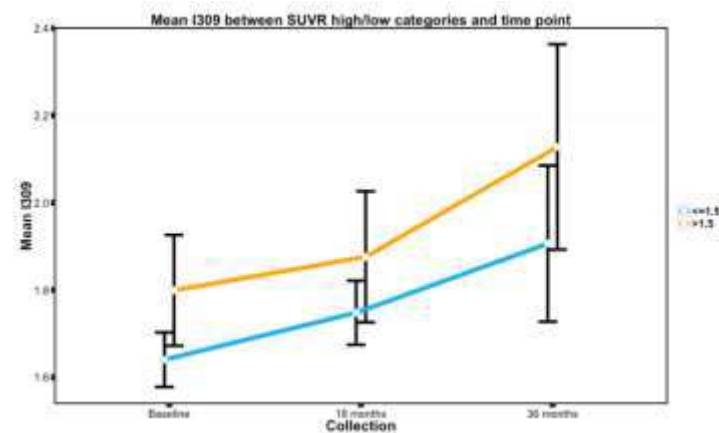
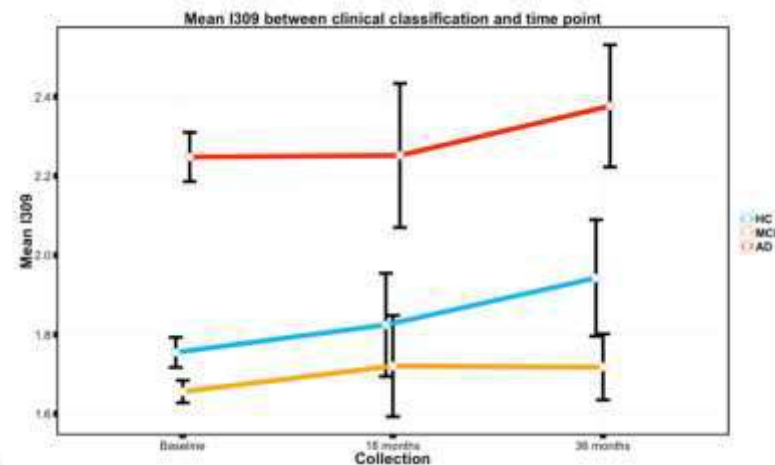
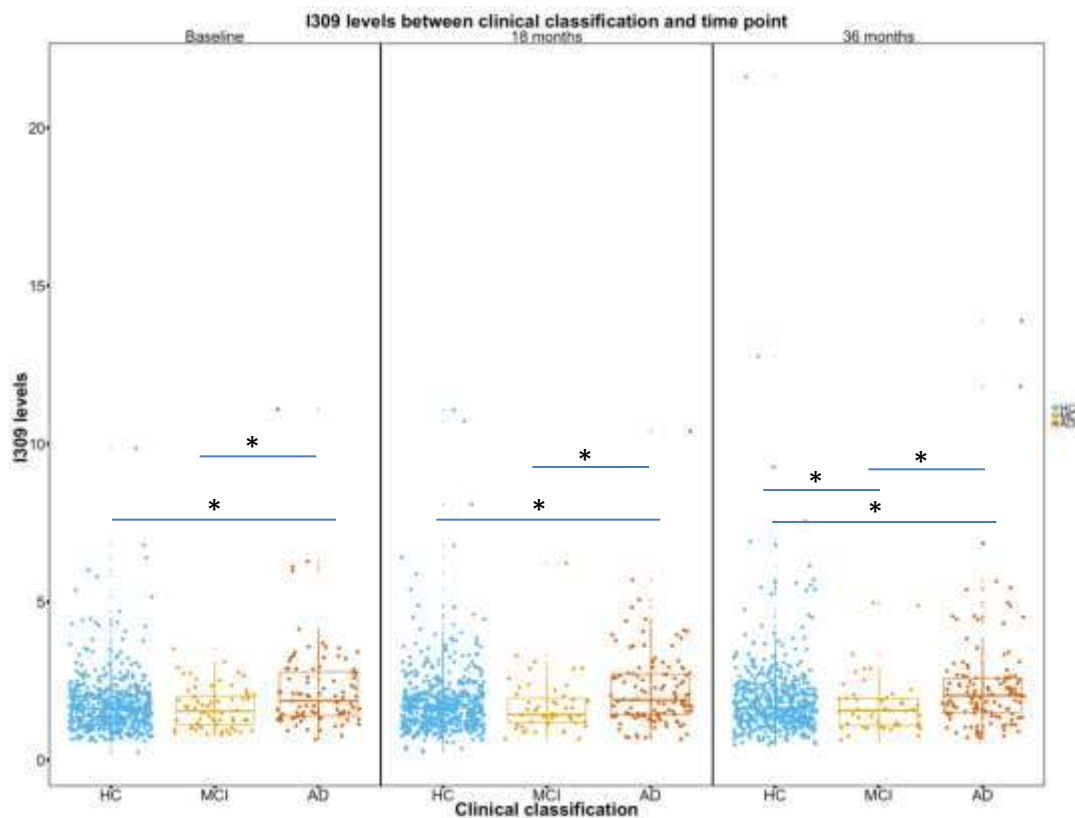
# Fatty Acid Binding Protein 3



	All three groups		HC vs MCI		HC vs AD		MCI vs AD	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
Baseline	2.02E-08	0.3356	2.18E-05	0.1285	3.41E-06	0.8375	0.9936	0.4419
18 Months	3.03E-09	0.2022	0.0001	0.1219	5.15E-08	0.4821	0.8588	0.8237
36 months	1.14E-05	0.6319	0.0096	0.7746	0.0001	0.4757	0.8671	0.5791



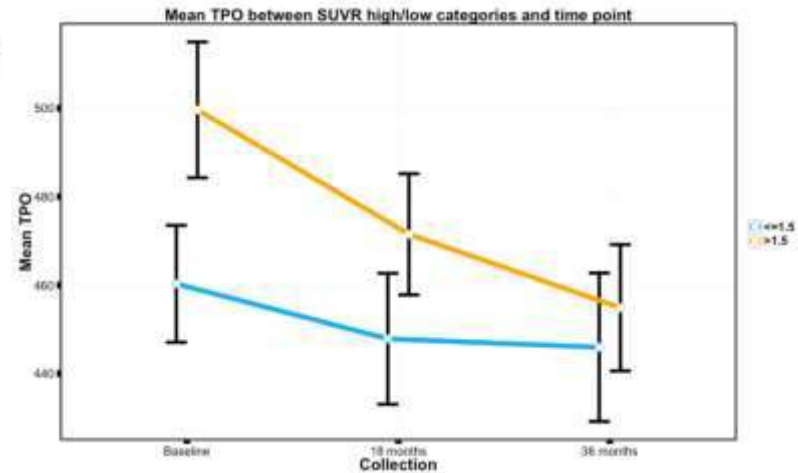
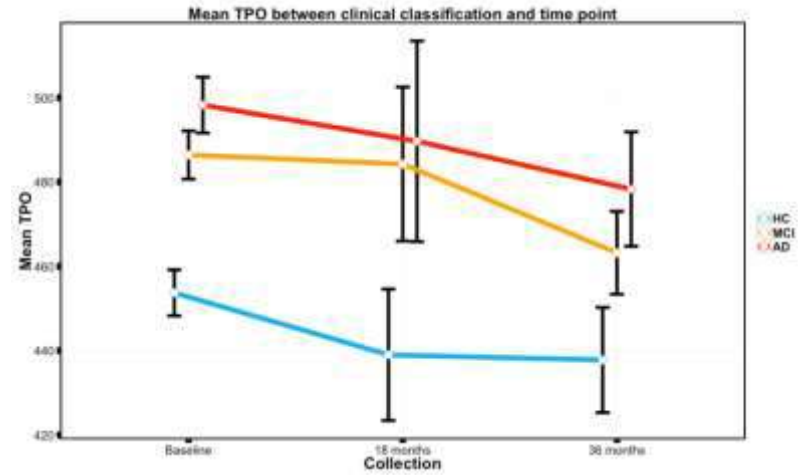
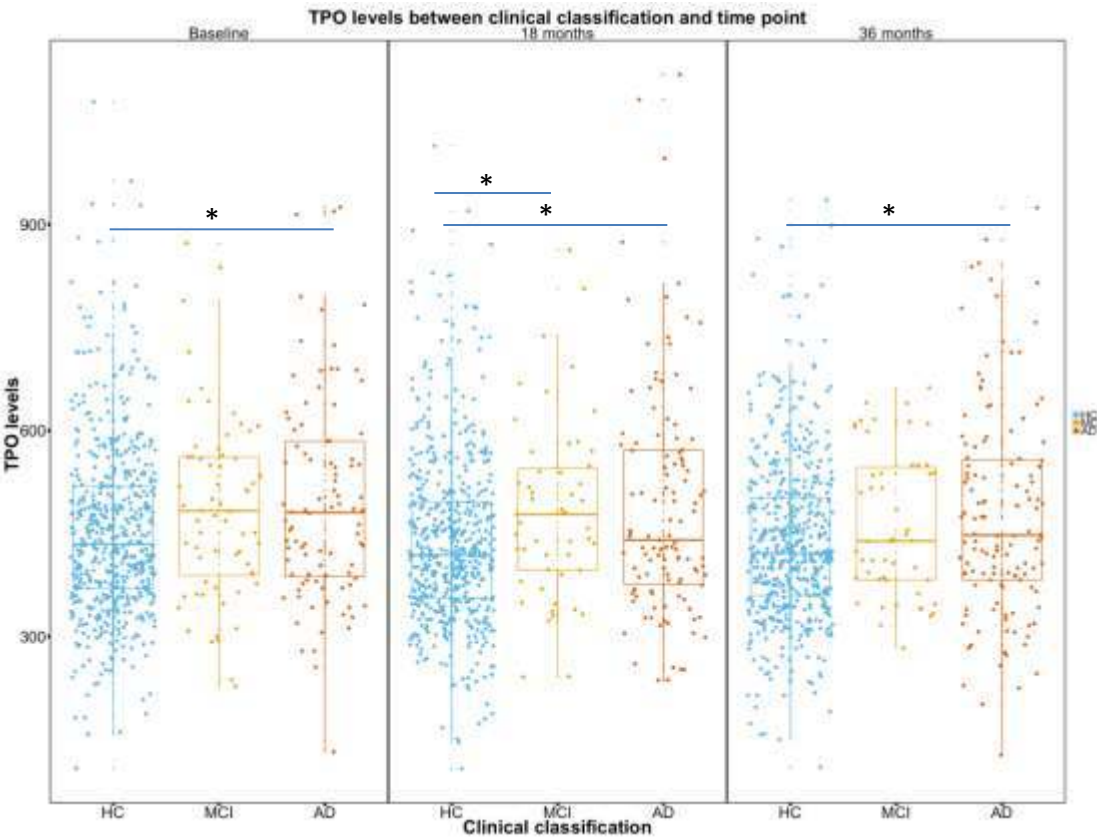
# Chemokine I309



	All three groups		HC vs MCI		HC vs AD		MCI vs AD	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
Baseline	0.0015	0.2862	0.5181	0.1170	1.13E-05	0.0167	0.0010	0.0066
18 Months	0.0021	0.9447	0.3690	0.0669	0.0001	0.1752	0.0028	0.0202
36 Months	0.0054	0.5469	0.1233	0.0118	0.0001	0.5706	0.0007	0.0266

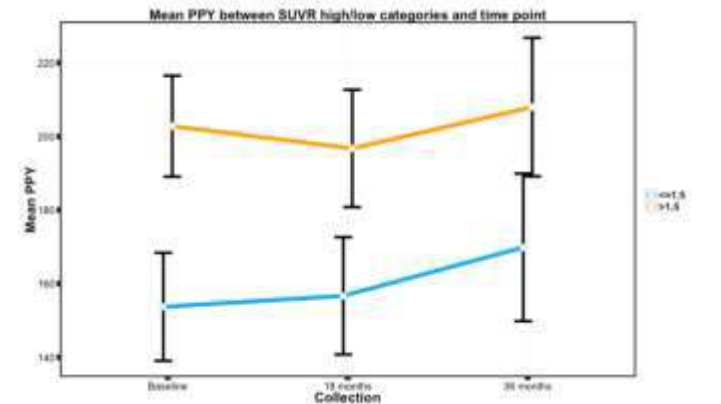
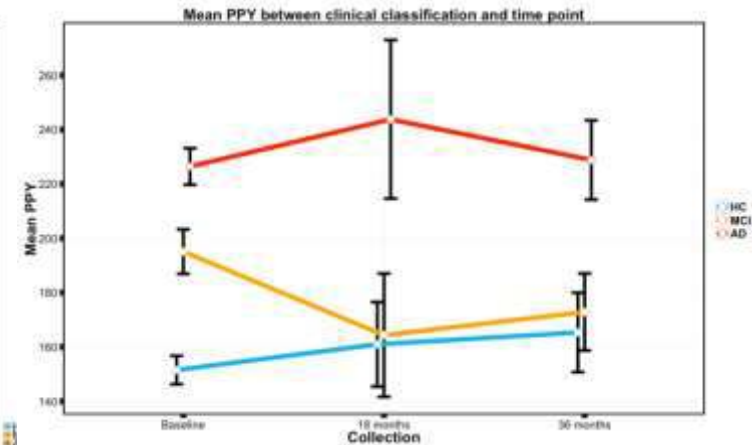
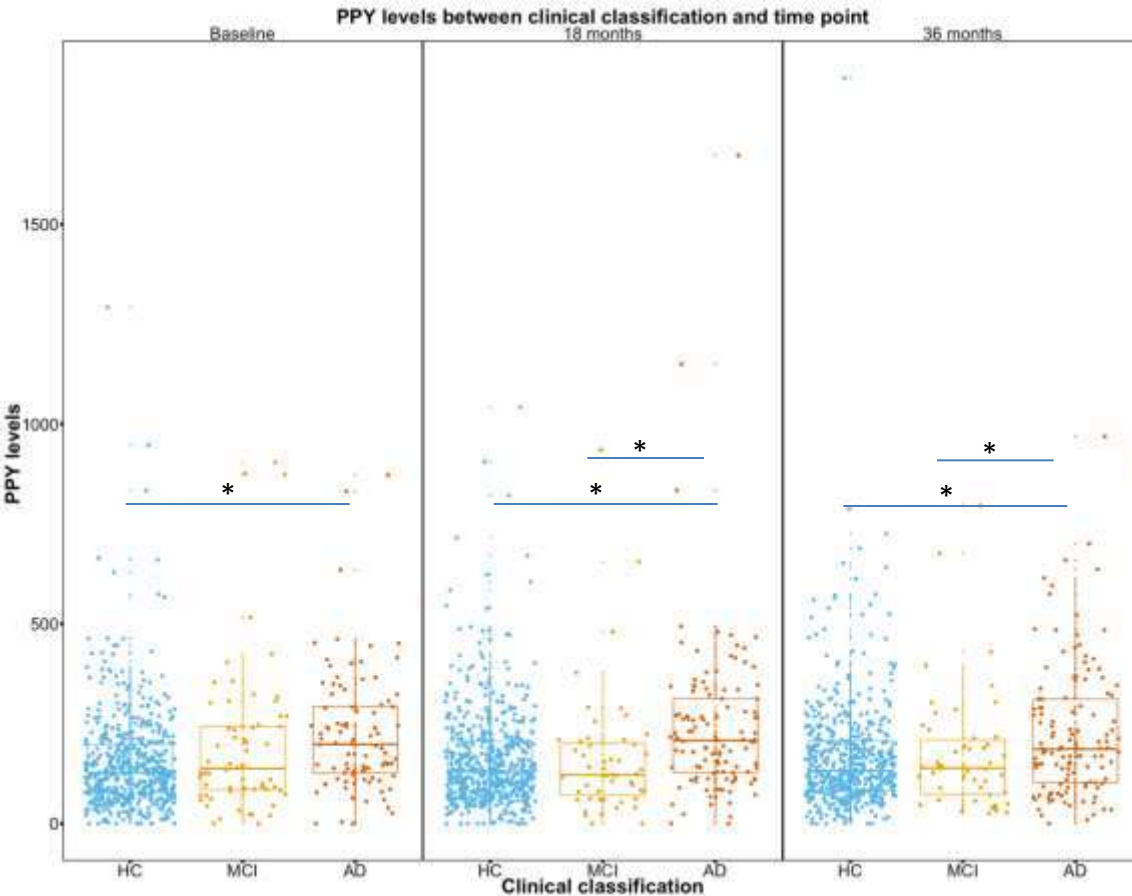


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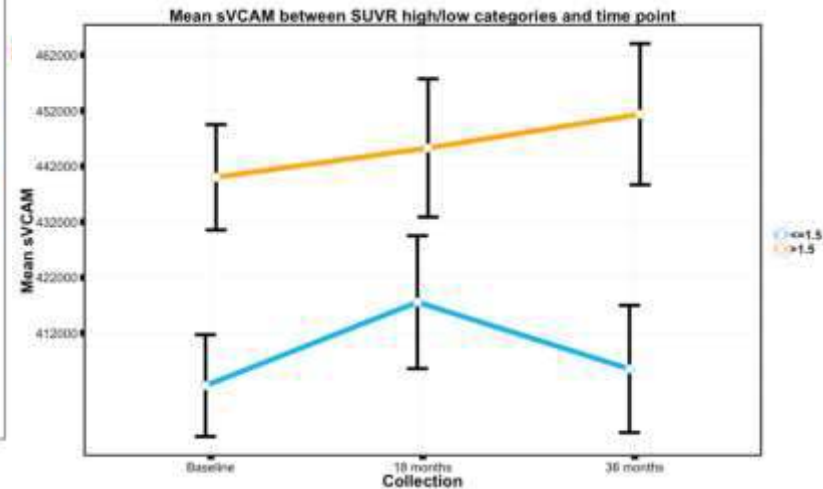
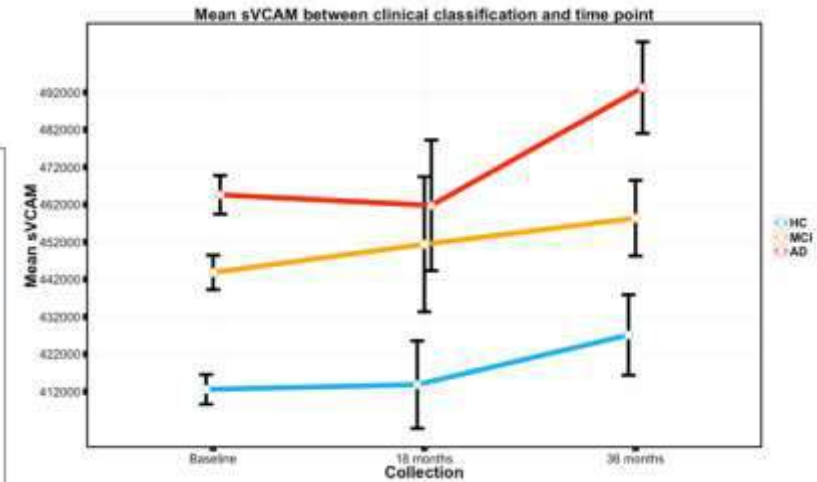
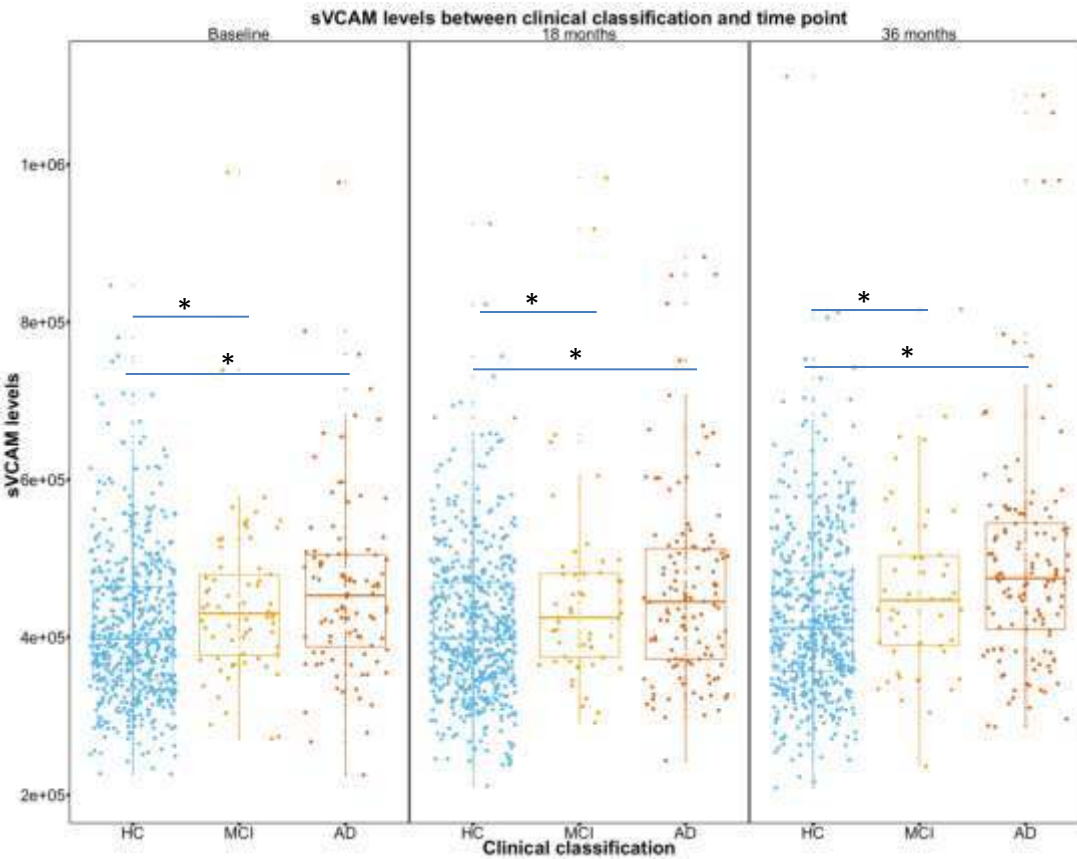
	All three groups		HC vs MCI		HC vs AD		MCI vs AD	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
Baseline	0.0012	0.0356	0.0563	0.2509	0.0039	0.0502	0.5974	0.5387
18 Months	0.0005	0.0172	0.0176	0.0276	0.0034	0.0836	0.8974	0.4575
36 Months	0.0012	0.1789	0.1478	0.6842	0.0023	0.4755	0.5599	0.3682

# Pancreatic Polypeptide Y



	All three groups		HC vs MCI		HC vs AD		MCI vs AD	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
Baseline	3.16E-05	0.1075	0.1249	0.9325	7.56E-06	0.0370	0.0775	0.1454
18 Months	3.65E-05	0.0443	0.4921	0.0557	1.44E-07	0.0100	0.0002	0.0001
36 Months	0.0004	0.2124	0.7835	0.1079	2.56E-05	0.0651	0.0111	0.0119

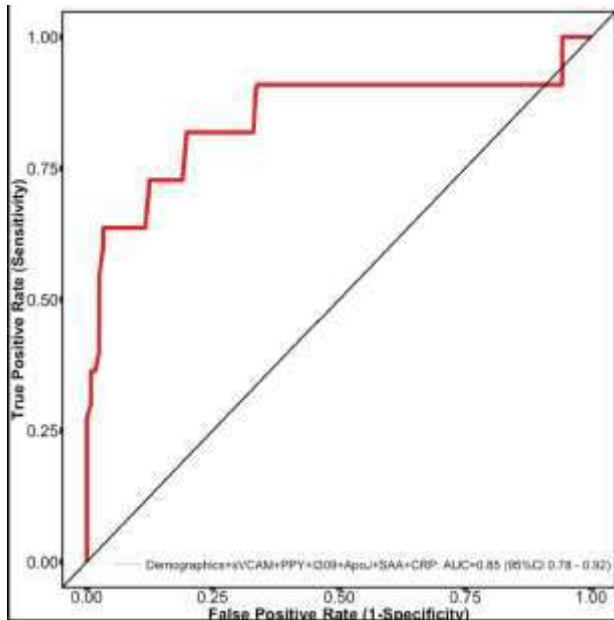
# Soluble Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule 1



	All three groups		HC vs MCI		HC vs AD		MCI vs AD	
	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
Baseline	7.59E-06	0.1634	0.0120	0.3654	4.09E-05	0.0855	0.3422	0.7705
18 Months	3.82E-05	0.5612	0.0336	0.6051	0.0001	0.5823	0.5645	0.8394
36 Months	1.67E-07	0.0134	0.0351	0.2046	1.60E-07	0.0136	0.1919	0.6776

# Significant markers

- List of Important markers from this study:  
FABP3, CI309, TPO, PPY, sVCAM1, SAA, sICAM1, CRP, A2M, B2M, Adipo, apoJ.



**ROC:** ROC plot using apoe4, Age, sVCAM, PPY, I309, ApoJ, SAA and CRP. A similar sensitivity and specificity was seen at all three time points at approx 78-79%, with AUC ~85%.

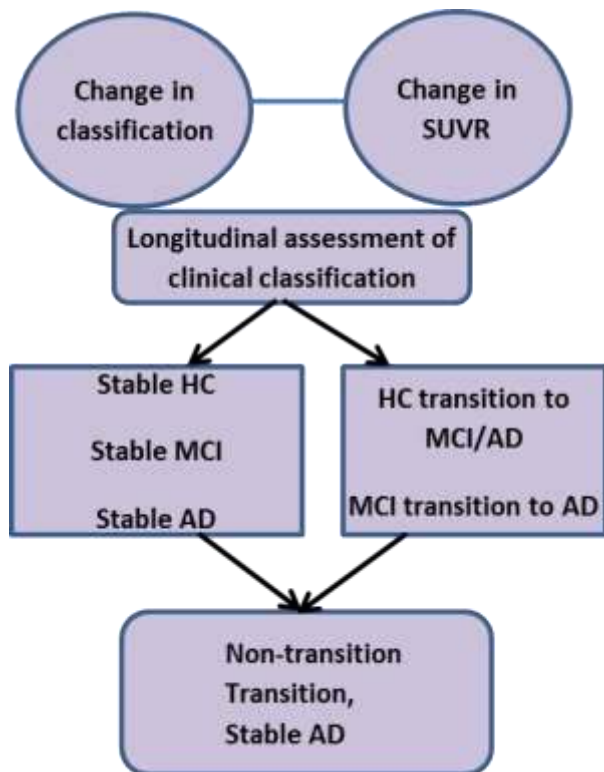
# Correlation with PiB-load

<u>Biomarkers</u>	<u>Correlation with MCI</u>	<u>Correlation with AD</u>
<b>TPO</b>	0.315 (BL), 0.563 (18M)	
<b>FABP3</b>	0.522 (BL), 0.434 (18M)	0.399 (36M)
<b>PPY</b>	0.345 (BL), 0.328 (18M)	
<b>I309</b>	0.354 (BL)	
<b>B2M</b>	0.237(BL)	
<b>Adipo</b>	0.258 (18M), 0.382 (36M)	
<b>A2M</b>	0.235 (36M)	
<b>ApoJ</b>	-0.265 (36M)	-0.294(18M)



# Transitional vs. non-transitional biomarkers

Count	<u>Baseline</u>			<u>18 months</u>			<u>36 months</u>			<u>p-value</u>
	<u>non-transition</u>	<u>Stable AD</u>	<u>Transition</u>	<u>non-transition</u>	<u>Stable AD</u>	<u>Transition</u>	<u>non-transition</u>	<u>Stable AD</u>	<u>Transition</u>	
Age (Mean SD)	554	92	65	538	92	80	459	57	76	<0.000 1
Gender (F/M)	69.79 (6.51)	77.01 (7.43)	74.84 (7.54)	71.12 (6.37)	78.53 (7.49)	76.71 (7.63)	72.74 (6.41)	79.79 (6.81)	77.37 (7.26)	<0.000 1
ApoE4 (-ve/+ve)	330/224	52/40	36/29	325/213	52/40	41/39	277/182	31/26	40/36	<0.000 1
MMSE (Median IQR)	401/153	28/64	32/33	392/146	28/64	41/39	337/122	16/41	36/40	<0.000 1
SUVR (N)	29 (2)	21 (4.25)	27 (3)	29 (2)	18 (7)	26 (3)	29 (2)	13 (9)	25.5 (4.25)	<0.000 1
SUVR (Mean SD)	1.36 (0.38)	2.29 (0.5)	2.02 (0.57)	1.34 (0.36)	2.3 (0.52)	2.1 (1.34)	1.41 (0.39)	2.29 (0.7)	2.09 (0.69)	<0.000 1
Hip Vol (N)	116	15	26	108	13	26	73	4	24	<0.000 1
Hip Vol (Mean SD)	0.0041 (0.00031)	0.0036 (0.00034)	0.0038 (0.00047)	0.0041 (0.00032)	0.0035 (0.0003596)	0.0037 (0.00353)	0.0041 (0.00033)	0.0034 (0.00051)	0.0037 (0.00059)	<0.000 1



<u>Biomarkers</u>	<u>Non-transition vs. Stable AD</u>	<u>Non-Transition vs. Transition</u>
	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
PPY	<b>0.007 (BL), 0.001 (18M), 0.04 (36M)</b>	<b>0.032 (BL)</b>
I309	<b>0.018 (BL)</b>	
TPO	<b>0.019 (18M)</b>	<b>0.006 (18M)</b>
SAA	<b>0.049 (BL), 0.001 (18M)</b>	<b>0.010 (18M)</b>
sVCAM	<b>0.037 (BL), 0.001 (36M)</b>	<b>0.006 (36M)</b>
Adipo	<b>0.0016 (18M)</b>	



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