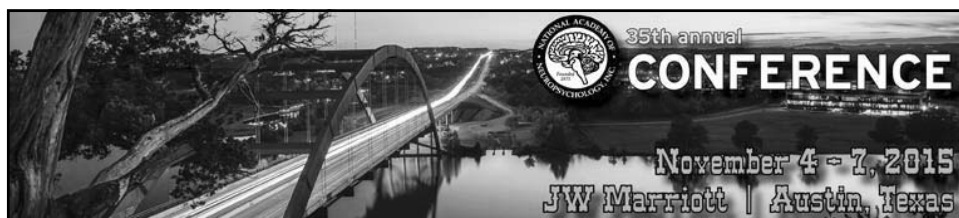


## **Translational Aging Research Considerations for Working with Mexican Americans: From Culture to Biology**

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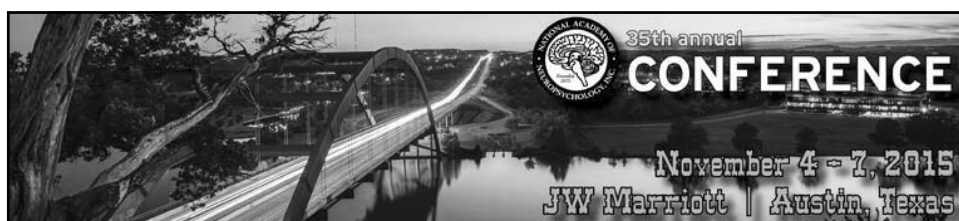
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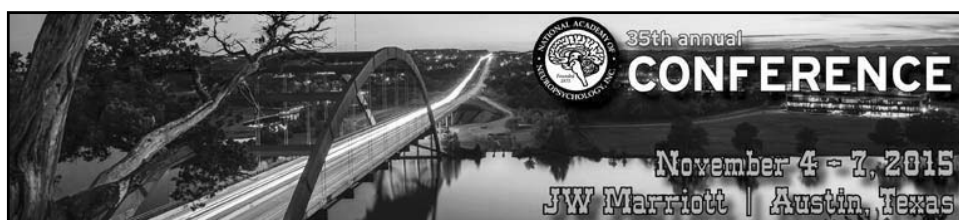
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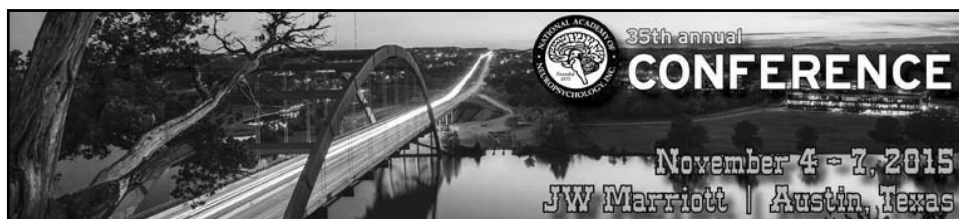


## Objectives

- Discuss important factors for the conduct of clinical interviews among Mexican Americans
- Discuss normative considerations among Mexican American elders
- Discuss the differential expression of comorbidities among Mexican Americans that have an impact on neuropsychological functioning
- Discuss proteomic expression of Alzheimer's disease among Mexican Americans

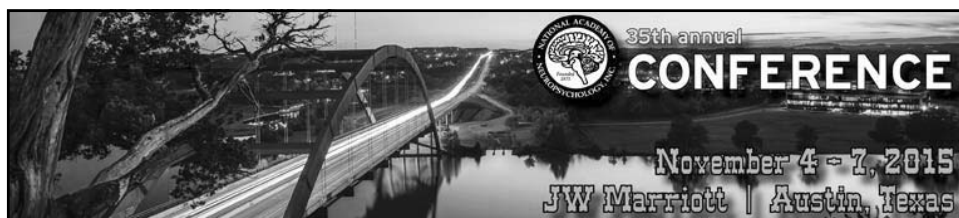


## COGNITIVE AGING



## Cognitive Aging

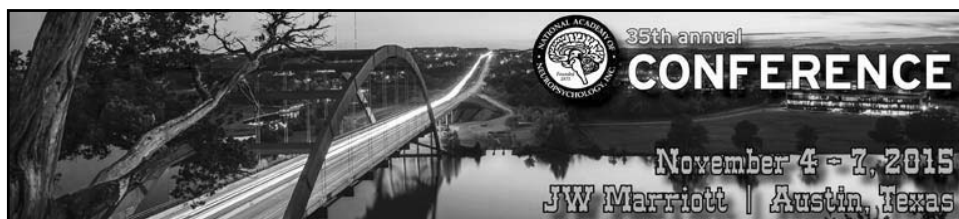
1. Elderly segment of the U.S. is growing at a rapid rate
2. 85+ are fastest-growing segment of the elderly pop
3. 40 million Americans age 65+; additional 14 million reaching 65 in the next 5 years



## How Common is Alzheimer's Disease?

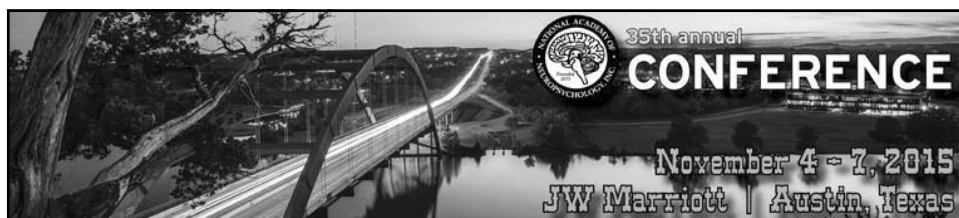
- 13% of those 65+
- Approximately 1/2 of those over 85
- Age 65-74 = 2%
- Age 75-84 = 19%
- Age 85+ = 42%
- Approximately 5.2 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease; estimated that over 300,000 Texans suffer from AD

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## Symptoms of AD

- Difficulties learning and remembering information
  - Remote memory intact
- Misplacing things
- Repeating questions
- Disorientation in once familiar places
- Difficulty finding words
- Mood changes
  - Become withdrawn and isolated
- Do these changes:
  1. Reflect a change from prior levels?
  2. Impact daily activities?



## How Common is Mild Cognitive Impairment?

- MCI
  - “prodromal” category to AD or other dementias
  - Cognitive dysfunction/decline but maintain ADLs (they compensate)
  - Approx. 15% annual conversion rate from MCI to AD
  - Estimated 10-30% of those 65+ meet criteria for MCI
- Combined, 15-40% of adults 65+ meet criteria for MCI or AD

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## Growing Hispanic/Mexican American Elderly Population

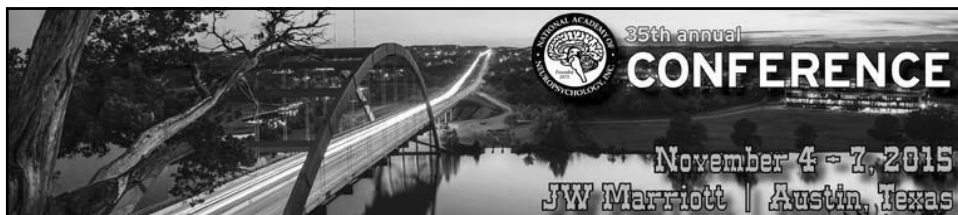
1. Approximately 50% of the increase in the U.S. population from 2000-2010 was growth in the Hispanic community
2. The numbers of elders age 65+ will continue to grow over the next several decades
3. 65% of the U.S. Hispanic population is Mexican American  
The fastest aging segment of the U.S. population

Year	Black alone	Hispanic	Asian alone	other
2009	~8%	~8%	~3%	~1%
2030	~10%	~12%	~4%	~2%
2050	~11%	~20%	~8%	~2%

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## Cognitive Aging/AD among Mexican Americans

- It is anticipated that the rates of AD will grow six-fold among Hispanics by 2050
- Recent work has turned towards prevention efforts targeting the MCI state of cognitive dysfunction
- Recent work from our group suggests MCI/AD are different among Mexican Americans



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## Health Disparities in MCI & AD among Mexican Americans

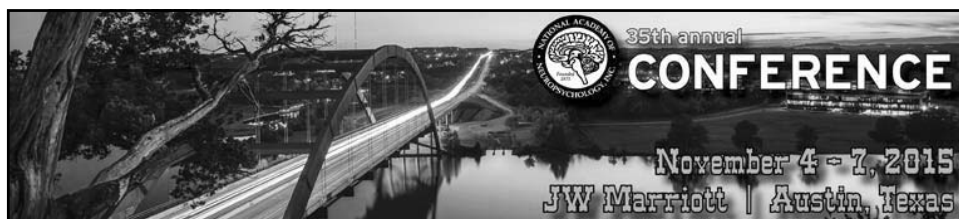
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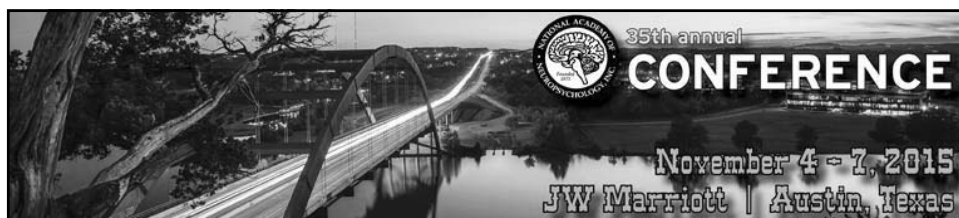


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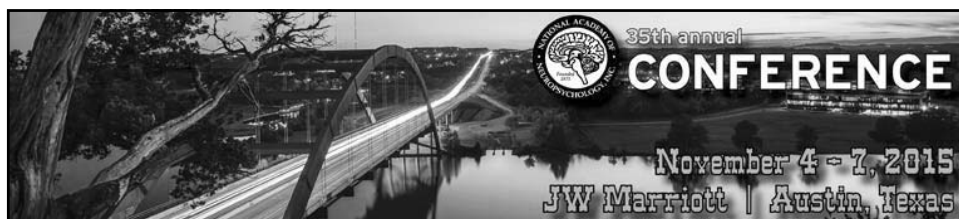
## CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLINICAL INTERVIEWS WHEN WORKING WITH MEXICAN AMERICAN ELDERLY



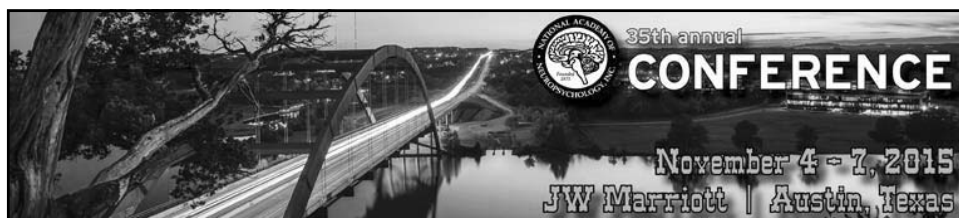
- DO NOT use term “Dementia”
- Patients and family members not likely to give you “the whole story” in 15min interview
- It is disrespectful for children to complain of parent’s changes in cognitive abilities
- Informant report necessary for ADLs/IADLs review
  - Critical to MCI – AD differential diagnosis
- Family interpreters may give patients answers



- Affective Complaints
  - More likely to complain of depression, anxiety and other affective distress
  - Many affective complaints will focus around physiological manifestations
  - Depression appears to be more strongly related to memory problems among Mexican Americans

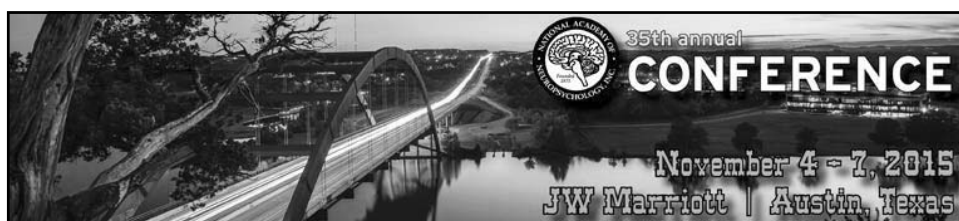


## NORMATIVE CONSIDERATIONS WHEN WORKING WITH MEXICAN AMERICAN ELDERLY



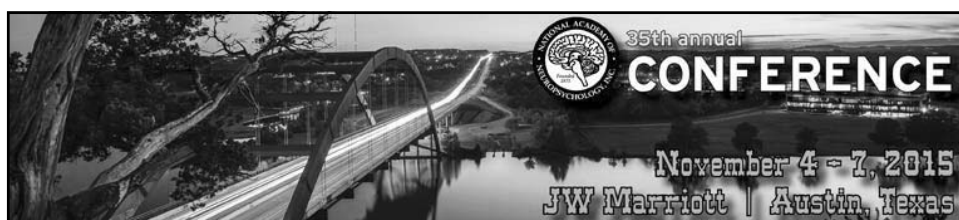
- How should normative references be adjusted?
  - Age? Education? Gender? Language? Other?





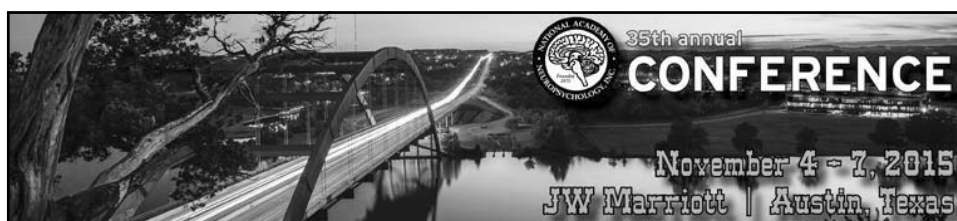
## Texas Mexican American Normative Studies

- Leverages multiple cohorts:
  - Project FRONTIER
  - Texas Alzheimer's Research & Care Consortium
  - Health & Aging Brain among Latino Elders (HABLE)
- Combined data from cognitively normal adults and elders to create normative references
  - Normal – CDR = 0, MMSE normal, consensus review of normal cognition



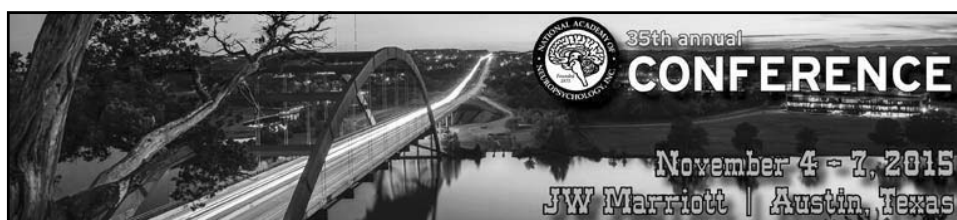
## Tests and Sample Size

Test	Sample Size
MMSE	796
FAS	785
Animal Naming	781
BNT	533
CLOX1	771
CLOX2	771
Trails A	782
Trails B	714



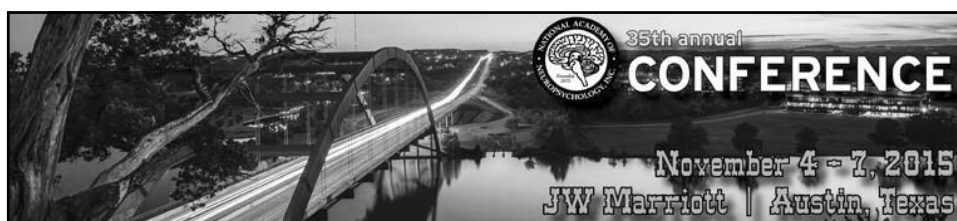
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EXIT	399
AMNART	449
WAT	274
CERAD LL	627
CERAD Recall	626
WMS3 LM1	642
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WMS3 Digits	645



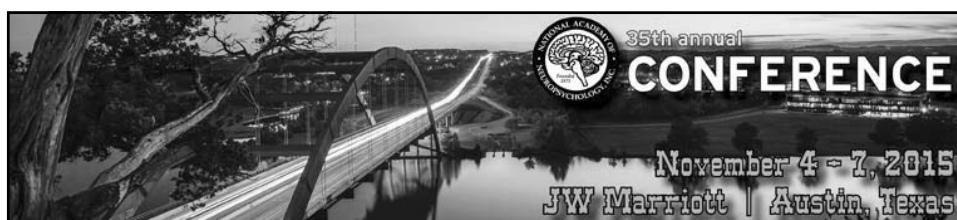
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WMS3 VR2	544
RAVLT IR	266
RAVLT DR	266
RBANS	187

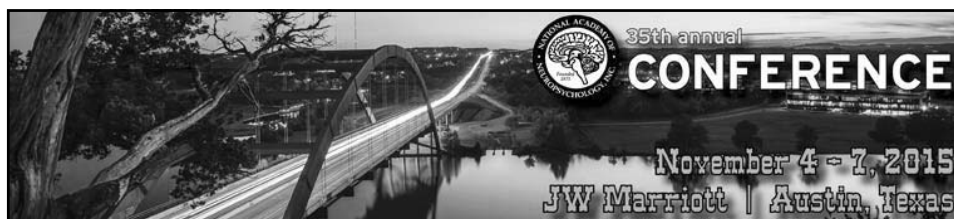


## What is the most important demographic factor to consider?

Test		B(Std Error)	t-score	p-value	R <sup>2</sup>
CLOX1	Education	.11(.02)	5.63	<0.001	.08
	Age	-.03(.01)	-2.77	=0.006	.02
CLOX2	Education	.13(.02)	7.93	<0.001	.14
	Age	-.08(.02)	-4.04	<0.001	.03
TMT A	Education	-2.21(.23)	-9.53	<0.001	.30
	Age	.55(.09)	6.01	<0.001	.05
	Test Language	9.45(2.67)	3.55	<0.001	.02
	Gender	-3.73(1.84)	-2.03	=0.04	.01
TMT B	Education	-7.67(.50)	-15.22	<0.001	.32
	Age	1.42(.22)	6.31	<0.001	.07
	Gender	11.24(4.64)	-2.43	=0.02	.01
FAS	Age	-.32(.05)	-6.81	<0.001	.11

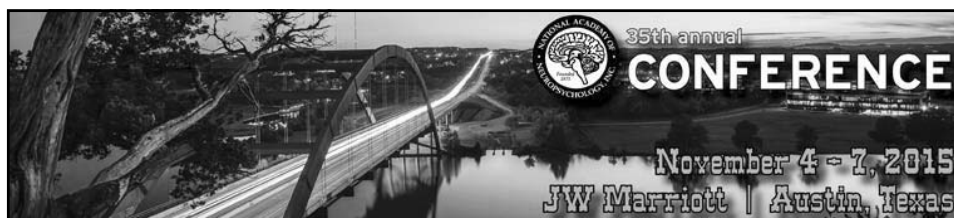


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CERAD LL	Education	.37(.06)	6.06	<0.001	.22
	Test Language	-3.93(.77)	-5.11	<0.001	.05
	Age	-.11(.03)	-3.82	<0.001	.03
	Gender	1.66(.45)	3.69	<0.001	.03
WAIS3 Digits	Education	.41(.04)	11.78	<0.001	.30
WMS3 LM1	Education	.79(.10)	7.59	<0.001	.14
	Gender	2.63(.99)	2.66	=0.008	.02
WMS3 LM2	Education	.50(.08)	6.46	<0.001	.11
	Gender	2.32(.74)	3.15	=0.002	.03
	Age	-.10(.05)	-2.28	=0.02	.01
CERAD LL Delay	Education	.12(.03)	4.43	<0.001	.15
	Age	-.06(.01)	-4.61	<0.001	.05
	Gender	.67(.20)	3.33	=0.001	.03
	Test Language	-.90(.34)	-2.61	=0.009	.02



## Norms

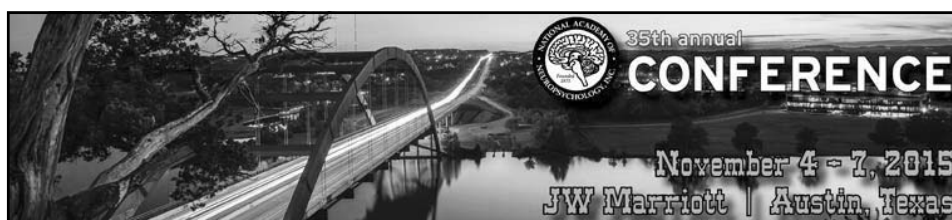
- Most norms utilize the “Mayo” methods –
  - Midpoint stratification by age ranges
- We utilized education as the primary stratification variable = education
  - Midpoint = 3, range = 0-6
  - Midpoint = 6, range = 3-9
  - Midpoint = 9, range = 6-12
  - >12
- Secondary stratification variable = age
  - ≤60 and >60
- Multiple manuscripts in preparation to provide these norms to the community



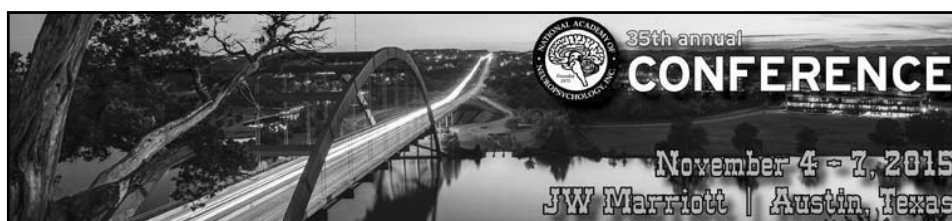
## Other Considerations

- Is the normative reference appropriate for your patient?
- Where is the sample from?
- NEURONORMA Project – n=356 community-dwelling people age 49 and above

Scaled Scores: ages from 61+ and years of education from 0 to 6								
Scaled score	TMT-A	TMT-B	CLOX 1	CLOX 2	EXIT-25	FAS	Animal	Boston Naming
19								
18	≤26	≤73				≥45	≥24	54-60
17	27-29	74-84	14-15		0-1	38-44	23	52-53
16	30-32		13	15	2-3	37	21-22	51
15	33-37	85-98		14	4	34-36	19-20	48-50
14	38-41	99-115			5	31-33	17-18	47
13	42-46	116-143	12		6	28-30		45-46
12	47-54	144-154			7	24-27	15-16	40-44
11	55-59	155-180	11	13	8-9	21-23	14	37-39
10	60-65	181-201		12	10	17-20	13	34-36
9	66-77	202-233	10		11	15-16	11-12	29-33
8	78-98	234-254	9	11	12	12-14		27-28
7	99-109	255-299	8		13	10-11	9-10	22-26
6	110-128	>300			14-16	8-9	8	20-21
5	129-149		6-7	9-10	17-18	4-7	7	19
4	≥150		≤5	8	19			16-18
3				≤7	20	3	6	15
2					21	≤2	≤5	≤14
1					≥22			
Sample size (n)	104	73	106	107	64	101	104	91



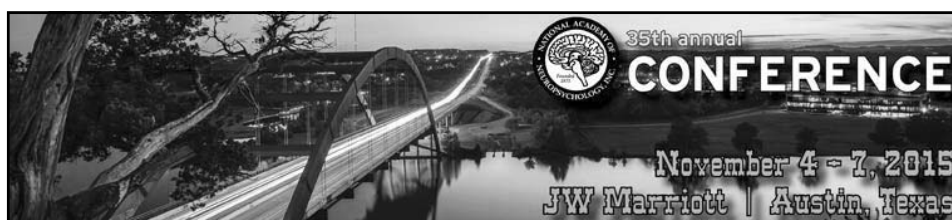
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## Characterization of Mexican Americans with Mild Cognitive Impairment and Alzheimer's Disease

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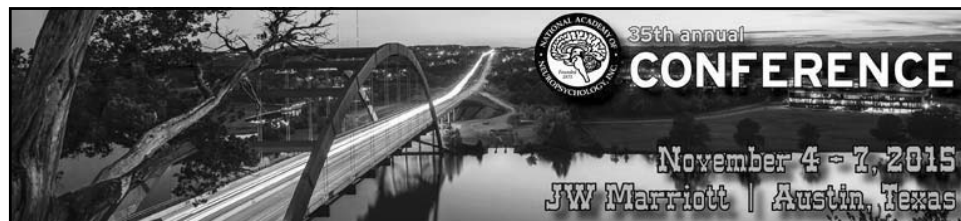
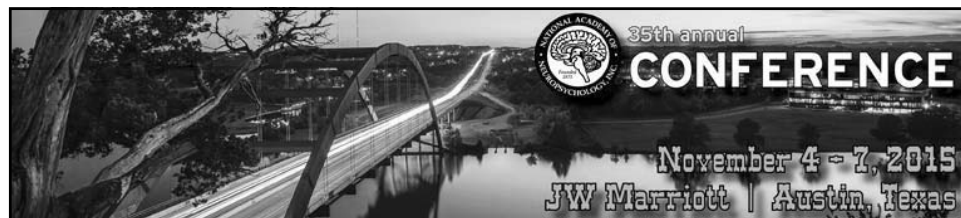


Table 1  
Demographic characteristics

	Mexican American			Non-Hispanic White		
	AD (n = 35)	MCI (n = 67)	NC (n = 337)	AD (n = 160)	MCI (n = 97)	NC (n = 376)
Age (years)	73.6 (9.1)	61.9 (12.3)	58.7 (9.9)	79.4 (7.0)	74.4 (10.6)	65.6 (11.5)
Education (years)	5.9 (4.5)	6.6 (4.2)	8.1 (4.2)	13.2 (3.2)	12.4 (2.5)	14.3 (2.8)
Gender (%male)	45%	38%	29%	39%	33%	32%
MMSE	18.5 (5.0)	24.7 (3.6)	27.5 (2.8)	21.6 (4.6)	26.1 (2.7)	29.0 (1.3)
CDR SB	5.5 (3.6)	0.8 (1.0)	0.1 (0.4)	5.4 (3.3)	1.2 (1.1)	0.1 (0.4)
GDS	9.8 (5.5)	9.3 (1.5)	6.1 (5.6)	5.9 (4.4)	5.6 (0.7)	4.4 (4.7)
Depressed (%yes)	46%	44%	21%	18%	29%	10%
ApoEε4 positive	38%	26%	19%	60%	37%	23%
Diabetes	46%	51%	35%	14%	29%	16%
Obese	27%	45%	47%	13%	16%	25%

AD, Alzheimer's disease; CDR SB, Clinical Dementia Rating Scale sum of boxes score; GDS, Geriatric Depression Scale; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MMSE, Mini-Mental Status Examination; NC, normal control.



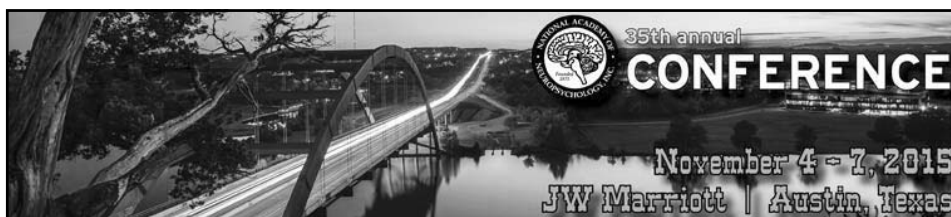
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### Risk factors for mild cognitive impairment among Mexican Americans

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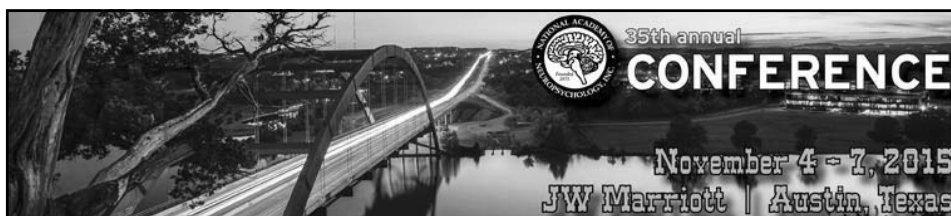


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Table 4  
OR for potential MCI risk factors by cohort

	TARCC		FRONTIER	
	OR (95% CI)		OR (95% CI)	
	Mexican American	Non-Hispanic	Mexican American	Non-Hispanic
Age	1.16 (1.10-1.22); $P < .001$	1.04 (1.02-1.07); $P = .002$	1.08 (1.03-1.14); $P = .002$	1.06 (1.03-1.09); $P = .001$
Gender	0.56 (0.28-1.11); $P = .10$	0.56 (0.35-.090); $P = .017$	0.53 (0.23-1.23); $P = .15$	2.55 (1.09-6.07); $P = .03$
Education	1.01 (0.88-1.16); $P = .87$	0.87 (0.79-0.95); $P = .003$	1.04 (0.93-1.18); $P = .49$	0.74 (0.62-0.88); $P < .001$
Hypertension	1.68 (0.77-3.68); $P = .19$	0.67 (0.40-1.12); $P = .14$	1.37 (0.57-3.27); $P = .49$	1.79 (0.79-4.06); $P = .17$
Hyperlipidemia	1.05 (0.67-1.67); $P = .82$	1.23 (0.87-1.71); $P = .26$	1.10 (0.47-2.55); $P = .83$	0.40 (0.19-0.83); $P = .02$
Diabetes	1.70 (0.83-3.48); $P = .15$	0.92 (0.45-1.85); $P = .80$	1.84 (0.81-4.19); $P = .14$	2.53 (1.05-6.01); $P = .04$
Obesity	0.91 (0.45-1.85); $P = .79$	1.07 (0.82-1.40); $P = .63$	0.98 (0.43-2.22); $P = .96$	0.47 (0.19-1.13); $P = .10$
GDS score	1.22 (1.13-1.31); $P < .001$	1.17 (1.11-1.24); $P < .001$	1.05 (0.97-1.13); $P = .25$	1.05 (0.97-1.14); $P = .19$
APOE e4	1.89 (0.83-4.34); $P = .13$	1.43 (0.88-2.30); $P = .15$	1.53 (0.60-3.90); $P = .38$	2.58 (1.05-6.07); $P = .02$

Abbreviations: APOE, apolipoprotein E; FRONTIER, Facing Rural Obstacles to health Now Through Intervention, Education & Research; TARCC, Texas Alzheimer's Research & Care Consortium.

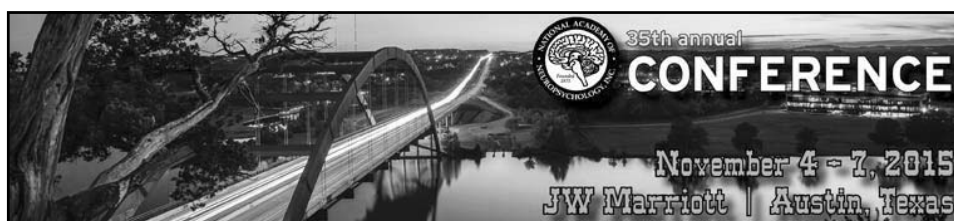


## Metabolic Factors and MCI/AD

- In midlife, being overweight (BMI = 25-29) or obesity (BMI  $\geq$  30) conveys an increased risk for the development of AD
- However, in late life the pre-clinical phase of AD is associated with decreasing BMI (5-6 years before diagnosis)
  - A loss of 1.0 unit of BMI/year was associated with about a 25% increased risk of AD compared with persons experiencing no change in BM.
  - Individuals who progress to AD begin to lose about twice as much weight 1 year before symptom onset when compared to healthy controls.

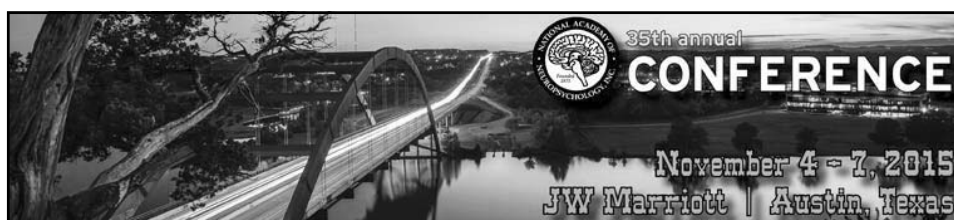
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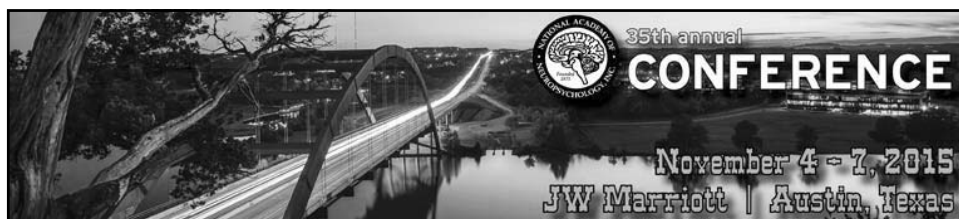
- Obesity is associated with other risk factors discussed including hypertension, hyperlipidemia, as well as diabetes and insulin resistance
- Obesity is related to chronic inflammation
- Adipose tissue produces a number of pro-inflammatory cytokines including  $\text{TNF}\alpha$ ,  $\text{TGF-}\beta$ , IL-1, IL-6 as well as CRP, an acute-phase reactant

Canello & Clement, 2006; Tilg & Moschen, 2006



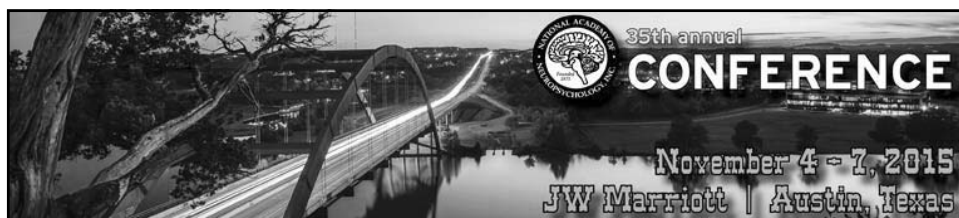
- Diabetes (particularly type-2) and insulin resistance have been found to convey a significantly increased risk for cognitive dysfunction, MCI & AD.
- **Honolulu-Asia Aging Study**
  - Those with diabetes and APO 4 $\epsilon$  had significantly increased risk for AD as compared to those without APO 4 $\epsilon$  (RR=5.5).
  - Those with both diabetes & APO 4 $\epsilon$  allele had higher number of hippocampal plaques, hippocampal and cortical NFTs, as well as higher risk for cerebral amyloid angiopathy.
- **Rotterdam Study**
  - Those with diabetes had twofold increased risk for AD.
  - Those diabetes patients treated with insulin had greatest risk.
- **WHICAP project**
  - Diabetes and smoking were the strongest risk factors for incident AD
- **Sacramento Area Latino Study on Aging (SALSA study)**
  - Diabetes is associated with 10-year risk for dementia among Mexican Americans
- Results have not always been consistent

Arvanitakis et al. 2004; Kuusisto et al. 1997; Leibson et al. 1997; Luchsinger et al. 2005; Ott et al. 1999; Mayeda 2013; Peila et al. 2002; Razay & Wilcock, 1994; Xu et al. 2004



- Cortical atrophy is more pronounced in AD patients with DM and APO 4ε allele.
- Hyperglycemia has been linked to toxic microvascular changes.
- Detrimental effects of the metabolic syndrome (insulin resistance, hypertension, dyslipidemia, obesity, in addition to pro-thrombotic and pro-inflammatory states).
- Insulin has been linked to increased tau phosphorylation as well as increased metabolism (and decreased clearance through IDE) of Aβ.

Biessels & Kappelle, 2005; Biessels et al. 2006; Freude et al. 2005;  
Gasparini et al. 2002; Nicolls 2004



Why would MCI/AD vary by ethnicity?

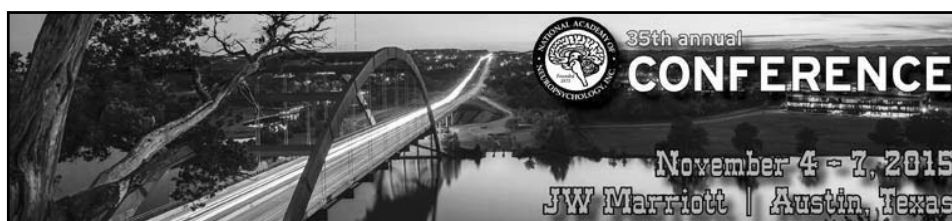




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### Metabolic Factors & MCI/AD Among Mexican Americans

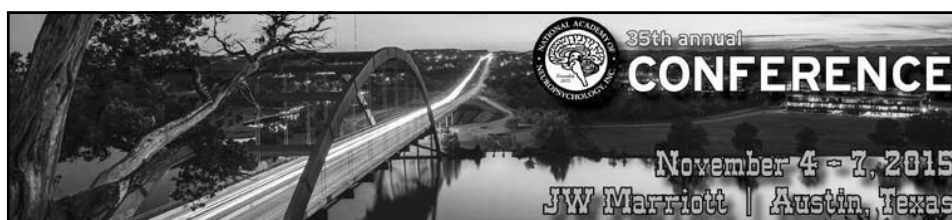
- Metabolic/CVD risk score (obesity + hypertension + dyslipidemia + diabetes):
  - Mexican Americans
    - FRONTIER (OR=1.33)
    - TARCC (OR=1.77)
  - non-Hispanic Whites
    - FRONTIER (0.98)
    - TARCC (OR=1.03)
- Currently examining the risk score in multiple other ways



## Study examining the Hachinski Ischemic Index Scale

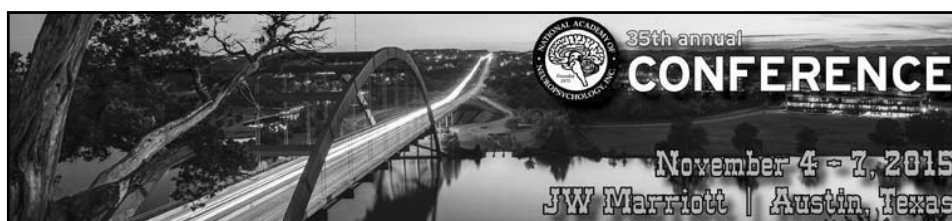
	Mexican American	Non-Hispanic Whites
	N=211	N=306
<b>Age</b>	55.5 (9.9)	65.4(12.6)
<b>Education</b>	7.5(4.1)	13.3(2.7)
<b>Male</b>	62	94
<b>Female</b>	149	212
<b>MMSE</b>	26.7(3.0)	28.4(1.9)
<b>Hachinski</b>	1.9(2.0)	1.9(2.0)
<b>MCI diagnosis</b>	32	42

Johnson et al 2014



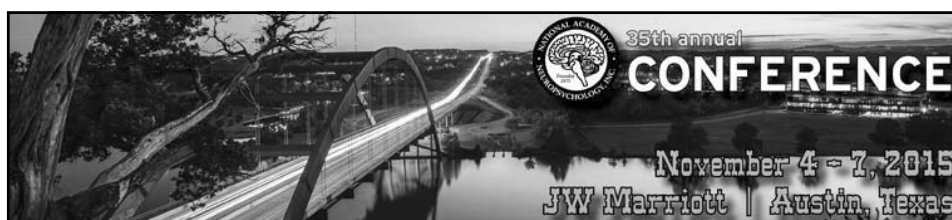
## Study examining the Hachinski Ischemic Index Scale

	Mexican American		Non Hispanic White	
	B (SE)	P	B (SE)	P
MMSE	1.16(.09)	.09	-.13(.06)	.02*
Immediate Memory	-.78(.28)	.01*	-.85(.26)	.00*
Attention	-.74(.36)	.04*	-1.6(.36)	.00*
Delayed Memory	.37(.29)	.19	.14(.28)	.62
Language	-.24(.16)	.13	-.31(.16)	.05
Visuospatial	.02(.21)	.94	-.33(.18)	.07
Exit 25	.37(.14)	.01*	.46(.12)	.00*
MCI dx	OR=1.1	0.2	OR=1.3	0.01



## Comorbidity of DM and Depression

- TARCC (clinic based, screened out for depression)
  - Mexican American = 8%
    - OR for MCI = 1.73 ( $p < 0.005$ )
  - Non-Hispanic = 2%
    - OR for MCI = 0.98
- FRONTIER (community-based)
  - Mexican American = 20%
    - OR for MCI = 2.6
  - Non-Hispanic = 5%
    - OR for MCI = 2.9
- HABLE
  - Mexican American = 17%
  - Non-Hispanic = 10%



### RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## The differential impact of depressive symptom clusters on cognition in a rural multi-ethnic cohort: a Project FRONTIER study

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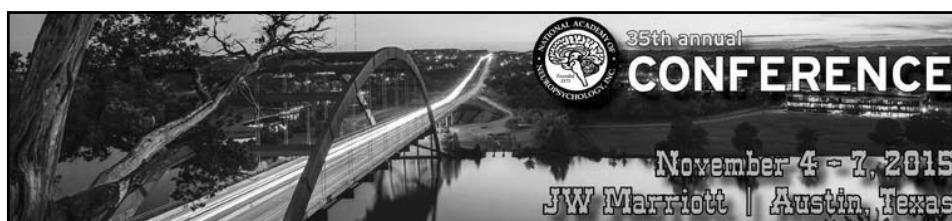
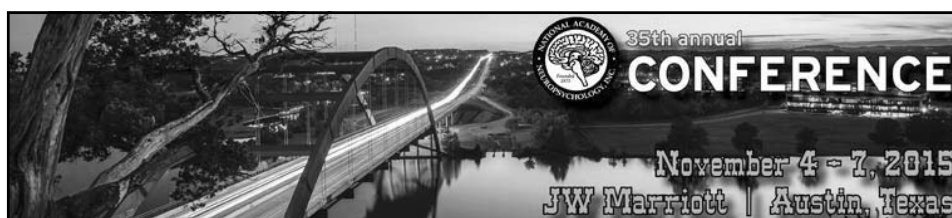


Table 4 Relation between GDS scores and RBANS index raw scores by ethnicity

	RBANS immediate memory		RBANS visuospatial		RBANS language		RBANS attention		RBANS delayed memory	
	B	*p-value	B	*p-value	B	*p-value	B	*p-value	B	*p-value
Hispanic										
GDS-30 dysphoria	-1.36	<0.001	-0.54	0.003	-0.67	0.006	-0.44	0.24	-0.68	0.13
		15%		9%		6%				
GDS-30 meaninglessness	-2.38	0.001	-0.59	0.21	-0.80	0.02	-2.27	0.003	-2.27	0.001
		11%						4%		12%
GDS-30 apathy	0.18	0.79	-0.78	0.04	-0.23	0.50	-0.54	0.49	-0.39	0.57
GDS-30 cognitive impairment	-2.53	<0.001	-0.66	0.05	-0.73	0.01	-1.66	0.01	-2.19	<0.001
		16%								15%
GDS-30 total score	-0.67	<0.001	-0.28	0.002	-0.18	0.02	-0.39	0.03	-0.57	<0.001
		16%		10%						13%
Non-Hispanic										
GDS-30 dysphoria	-1.05	0.02	-0.57	0.08	-0.30	0.06	-1.38	0.02	-1.08	0.001
										12%
GDS-30 meaninglessness	-1.57	0.03	-0.92	0.02	-0.90	0.02	-1.55	0.10	-1.77	0.02
GDS-30 apathy	-0.77	0.30	0.15	0.73	-0.10	0.79	-0.20	0.82	-1.02	0.13
GDS-30 cognitive impairment	-1.38	0.08	-0.87	0.08	-0.97	0.02	-2.41	0.02	-1.96	0.01
GDS-30 total score	-0.38	0.05	-0.18	0.16	-0.26	0.02	-0.53	0.03	-0.46	0.02

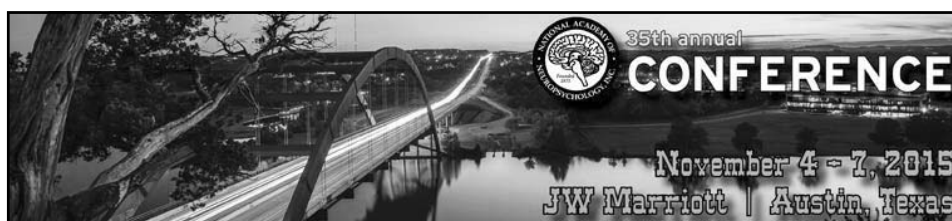
Note: Covariates entered into model = age, gender, education, and language of administration.

\*Per cent variance accounted for by GDS-30 factor score provided where significant.



## Chronic Kidney Disease

- ESRD is 1.5x higher among Hispanics
- Faster progression from CKD to ESRD
- Little literature on mild CKD and cognition among Hispanics
- HABLE
  - N=437 Mexican Americans analyzed
  - Grouping = eGFR <45, 45-59, and 60 or greater



## CLINICAL INVESTIGATIONS

### Association Between Cognitive Impairment and Chronic Kidney Disease in Mexican Americans

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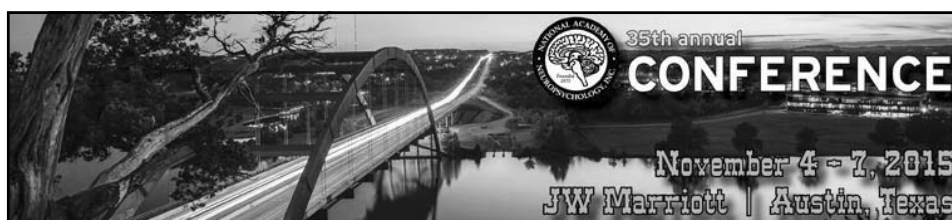


Table 1. Demographic Characteristics and Cognitive Test Results from the Health and Aging Brain Among Latino Elders Study Sample According to Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate

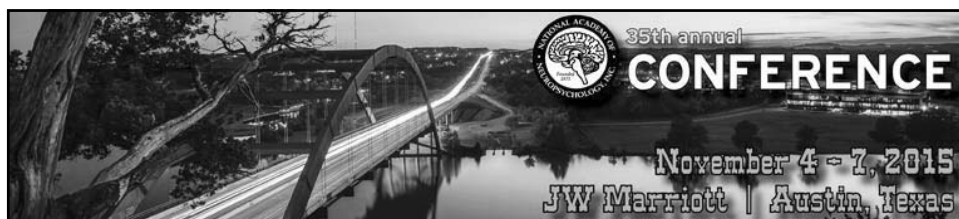
Characteristics and Tests	Total Sample	<45 mL/min per kg <sup>2</sup> , n = 14	45-59 mL/min per kg <sup>2</sup> , n = 20	≥60 mL/min per kg <sup>2</sup> , n = 403
Age, mean ± SD	61.3 ± 8.3	71.4 ± 8.1	68.9 ± 8.5	60.4 ± 7.7
Education, years, mean ± SD	7.7 ± 4.3	6.7 ± 5.7	7.6 ± 3.4	7.7 ± 4.3
Female, %		76	75	64
Estimated glomerular filtration rate 60 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , mean ± SD	86.3 ± 17.0	36.5 ± 7.5	52.1 ± 3.9	89.8 ± 12.3
Mini-Mental State Examination score, mean ± SD	25.5 ± 4.0	21.5 ± 5.9	25.9 ± 2.5	25.7 ± 3.7
TMT Part A, seconds, mean ± SD <sup>a</sup>	63.6 ± 32.4	113.3 ± 53.8	65.9 ± 22.3	61.7 ± 30.6
TMT Part B, seconds, mean ± SD <sup>a</sup>	161.3 ± 79.0	193.7 ± 84.9	198.4 ± 81.2	158.9 ± 78.4
Wechsler Memory Scale, third edition, logical memory score, mean ± SD	18.0 ± 9.0	12.4 ± 11.7	17.7 ± 8.0	18.5 ± 8.9
Consortium for the Establishment of Registry for Alzheimer's Disease recall score, mean ± SD	4.8 ± 2.4	2.7 ± 2.3	3.3 ± 2.1	4.9 ± 2.3
CLOX1 score, mean ± SD	10.7 ± 2.5	8.2 ± 2.8	10.7 ± 2.1	10.9 ± 2.4
CLOX2 score, mean ± SD	13.1 ± 1.7	11.1 ± 3.2	12.8 ± 1.6	13.2 ± 1.6
FAS score, mean ± SD	24.0 ± 10.4	21.5 ± 14.9	23.6 ± 11.4	24.3 ± 10.2
Animal naming, mean ± SD	15.4 ± 4.7	12.0 ± 5.3	14.0 ± 4.1	15.6 ± 4.6
Executive interview score, mean ± SD <sup>a</sup>	9.8 ± 4.7	13.1 ± 4.5	10.9 ± 5.7	9.6 ± 4.6

SD = standard deviation; TMT = Trail-Making Test; CLOX = clock drawing; FAS = functional assessment score.

All scores are raw values.

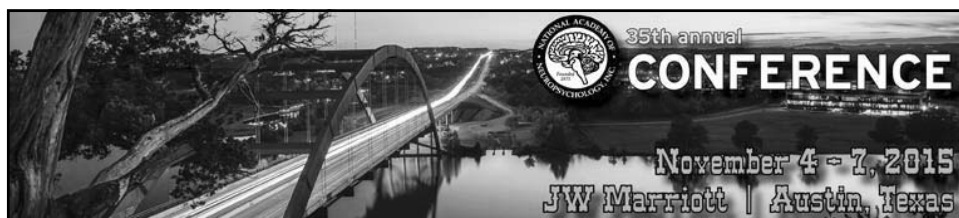
\* Higher scores indicate poorer performance; for all other tests, higher scores indicate better performance.



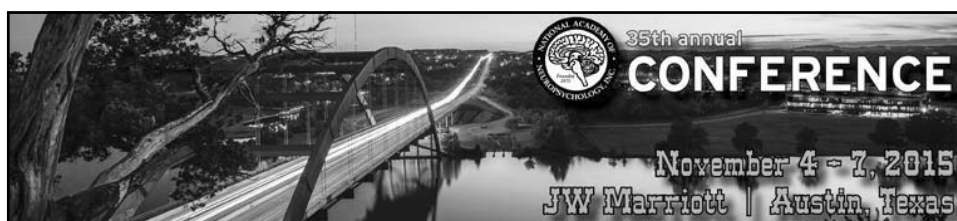


## Summary

- Mexican Americans
  - Higher prevalence of DM, depression and comorbid DM + Dep
  - Higher rates of kidney disease
  - Lower frequency of APOE4
  - Younger age of MCI (same discrepancy as age difference of DM onset)
  - “Traditional” risk factors may not contribute to AD and MCI in same manner as among non-Hispanic whites

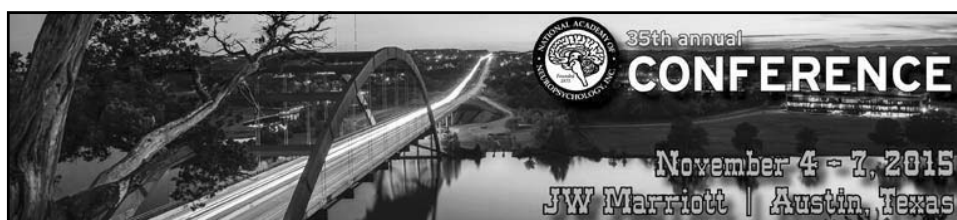


## PROTEOMICS OF AD AND MCI AMONG MEXICAN AMERICANS

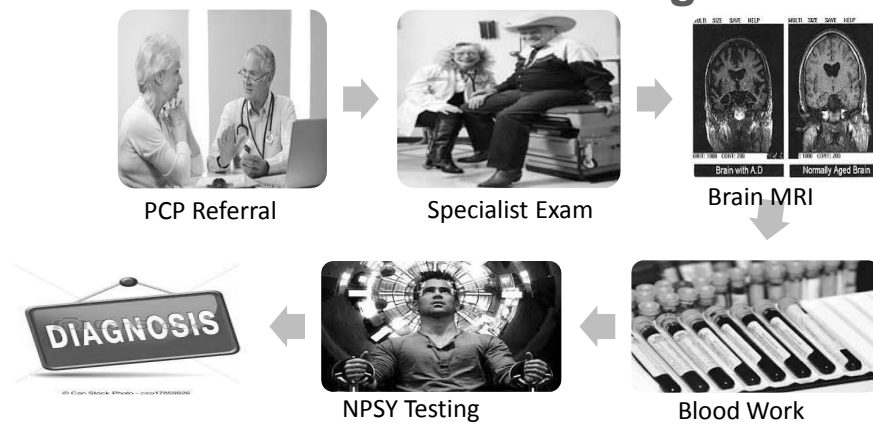


## Why examine proteomics

- Our lab has focused on the identification of a blood test to detect AD in primary care settings as the 1<sup>st</sup> step in a multi-stage diagnostic process (similar to cancer, CVD)

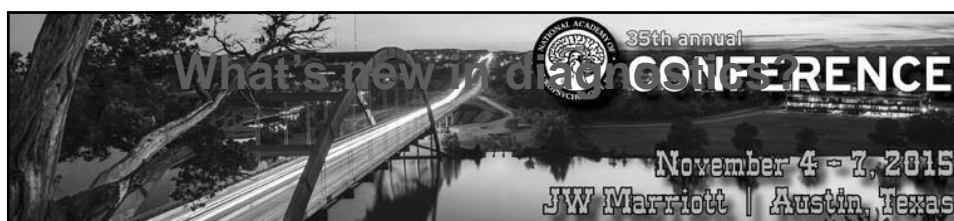


## Current state-of-the-art diagnosis

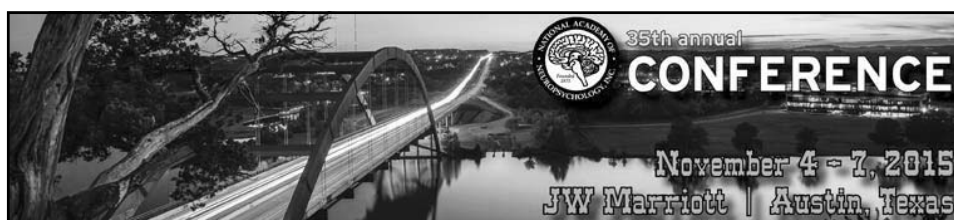






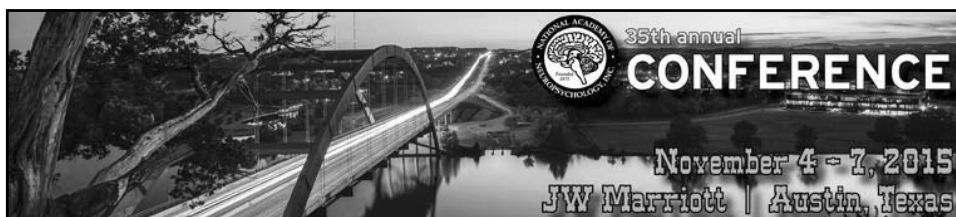


- Neuroimaging and CSF methods accurate
- Not viable for front-line screening by PCPs
- **A blood test for AD?**
  - Screening in primary care clinics
  - Access to available treatments
  - Increase access to clinical trials



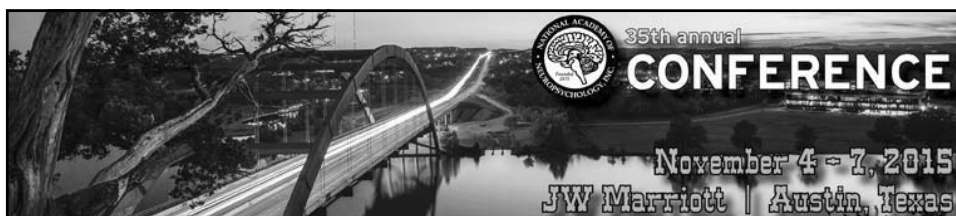
### Summary of Prior Work

- Discovery of algorithm on Luminex platform
- Validation across cohorts (TARCC, ADNI, others)
- Validation across platforms (ECL)
- Validation across species and tissue type



Diagnostic Accuracy of Blood Markers of AD	AUC	Sensitivity	Specificity
108 protein algorithm	0.95	0.94	0.84
30-protein algorithm	0.94	0.89	0.85
Serum-Plasma algorithm	0.89	0.75	0.91
CSF biomarker accuracy	0.92	0.84	1.00
21-protein version	0.98	0.90	0.90

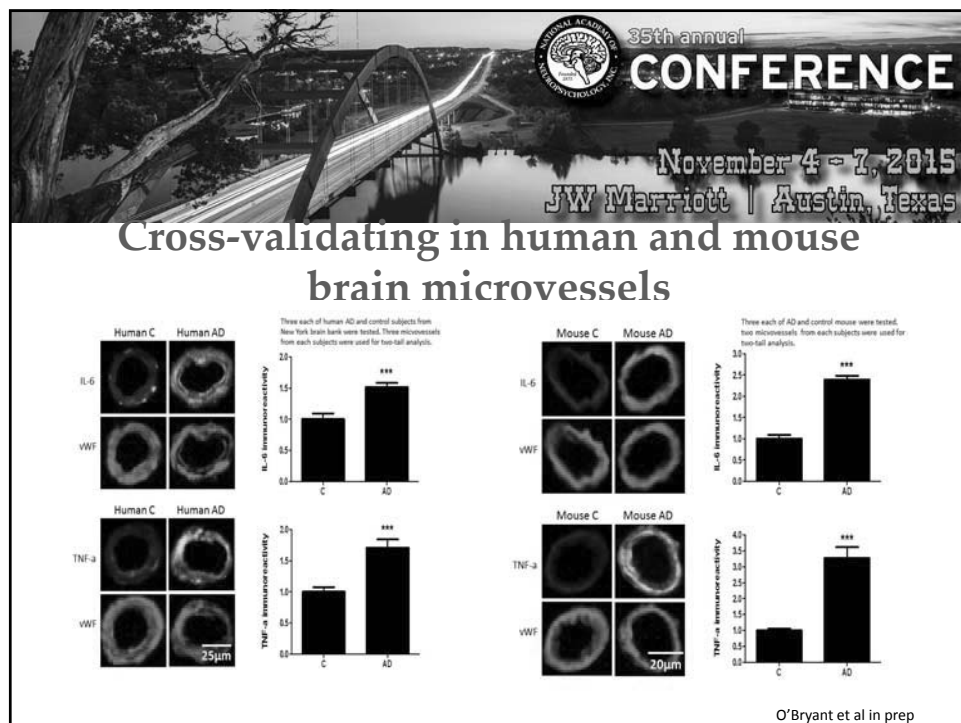
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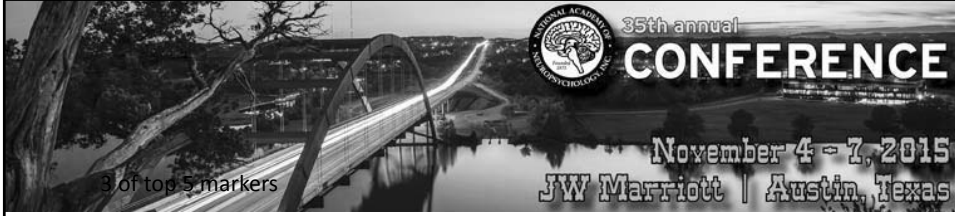


## Summary of Prior Work

- Cross-validation Among Mexican Americans
  - Luminex platform – AUC = 0.88 (TARCC)
  - ECL platform– AUC = 0.88 (HABLE)
  - MCI using ECL platform – AUC = 0.90 (HABLE)

Normal Cognition vs. Alzheimer's Disease		AUC
HABLE		.90
TARCC		.96
Panama		.96
UTSW ADC		.84
All Merged N=1,500		.90





3 of top 5 markers

**Classification Table<sup>a</sup>**

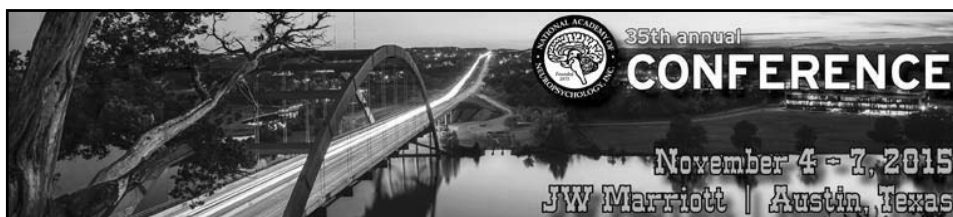
Observed			Predicted		Percentage Correct	
			diagnosis			
			0	1		
Step 1	diagnosis	0	8	1	88.9	
		1	1	8	88.9	
Overall Percentage					88.9	

a. The cut value is .500



**Blood Profile of AD and MCI among Mexican Americans**



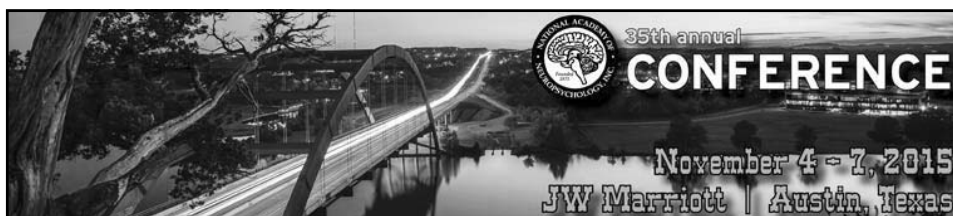


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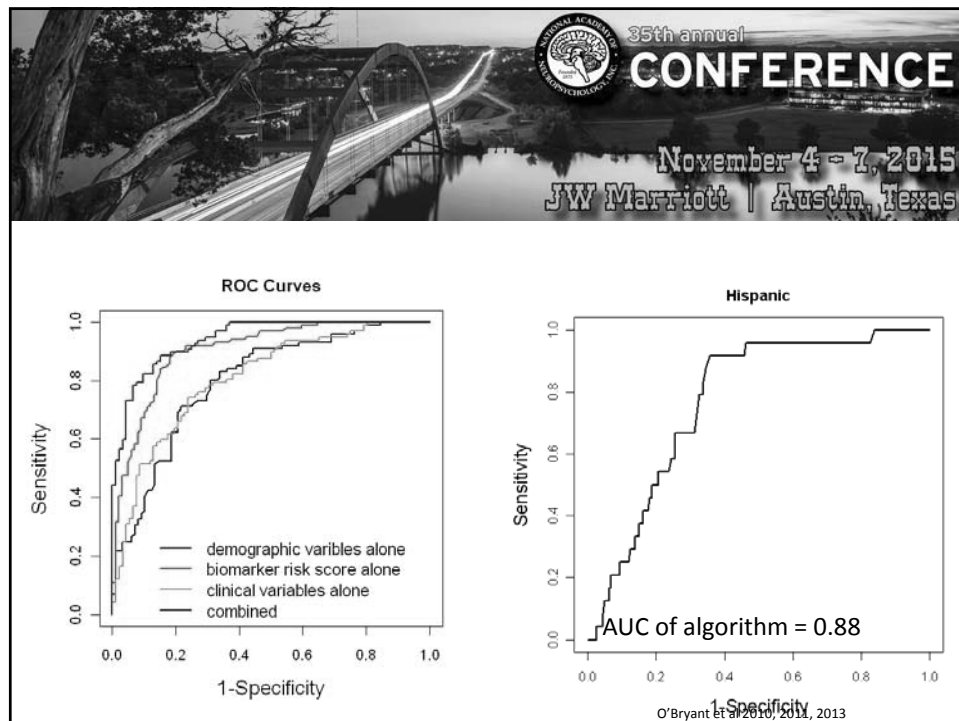
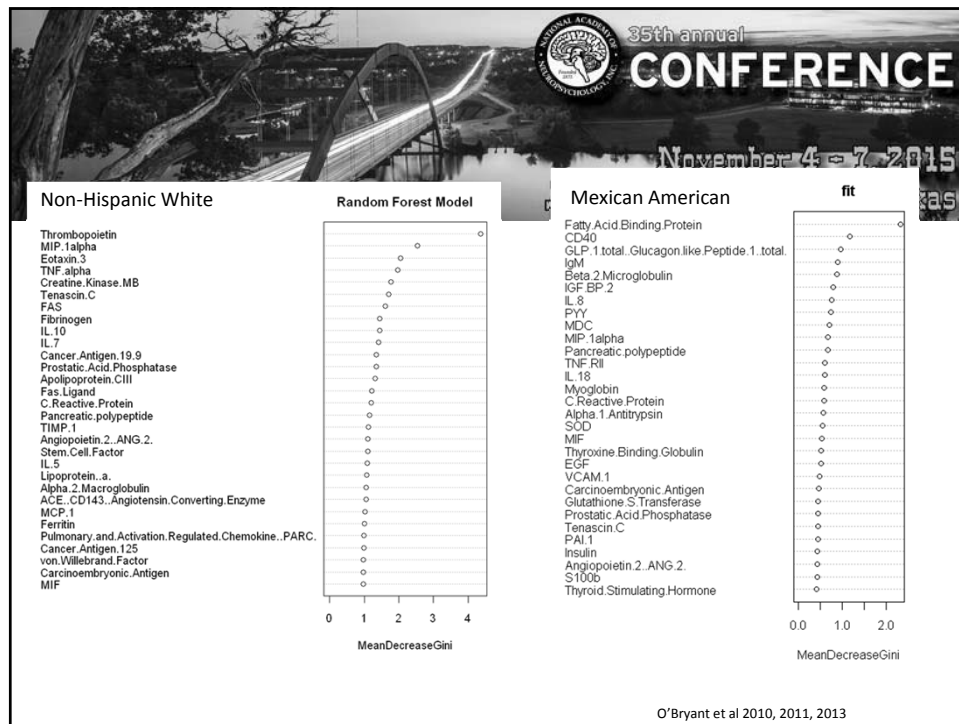
## Biomarkers of Alzheimer's Disease Among Mexican Americans

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## Blood screen among Mexican Americans

- Same biomarkers assayed from serum of 363 Mexican Americans from the TARCC study
  - AD n=49
  - NC n=314





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# Molecular Markers of Amnestic Mild Cognitive Impairment among Mexican Americans

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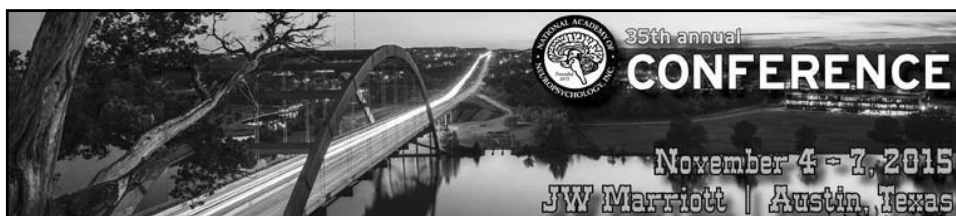
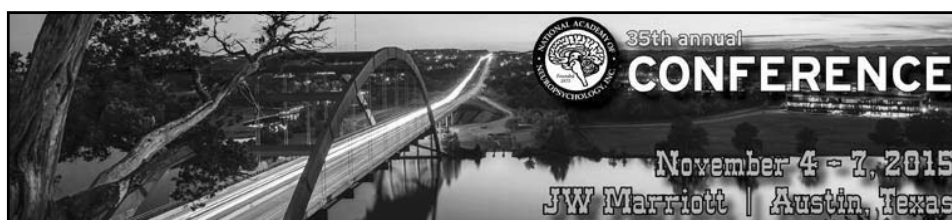
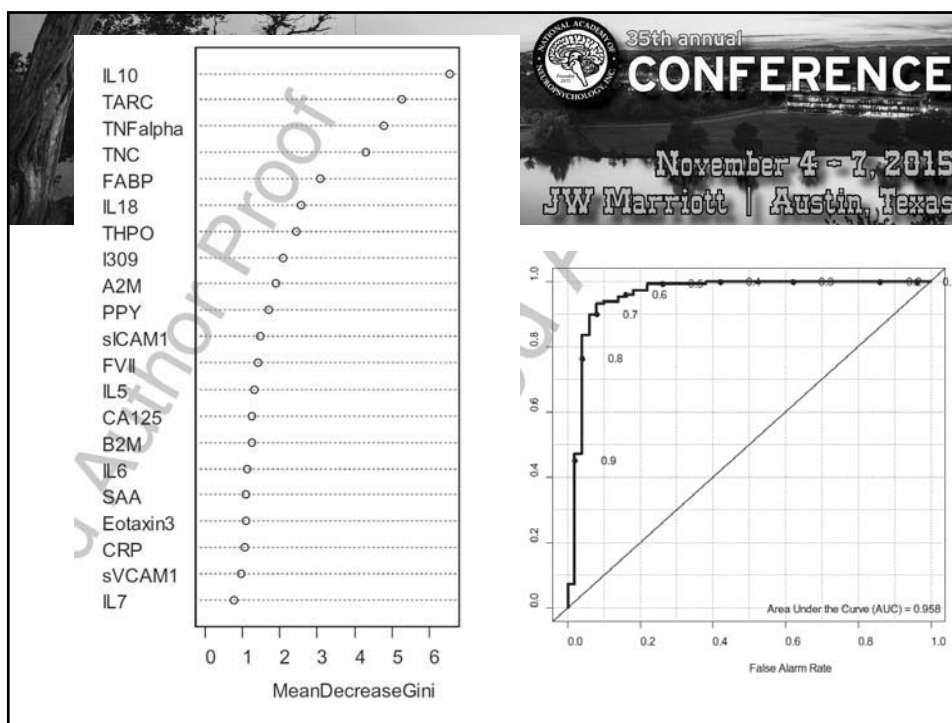


Table 1  
Demographic characteristics

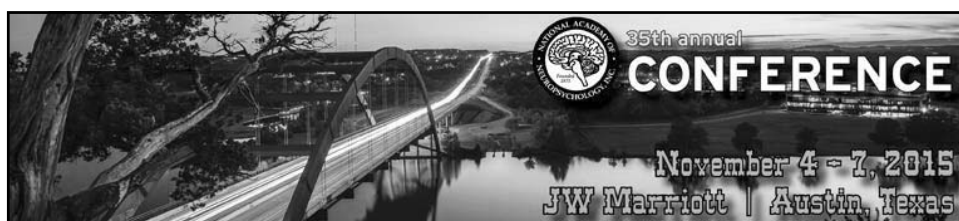
	aMCI Mean (SD) <i>n</i> = 73	Normal Control Mean (SD) <i>n</i> = 211	<i>p</i> value
Gender (% male)	21%	36%	
Age	66.30 (8.45)	58.75 (6.29)	<0.001
Education	6.96 (4.79)	8.94 (4.41)	0.001
MMSE	23.64 (3.69)	27.13 (2.40)	<0.001
CDR SB	1.21 (0.82)	0.00 (0.00)	<0.001

\**p* < 0.05.



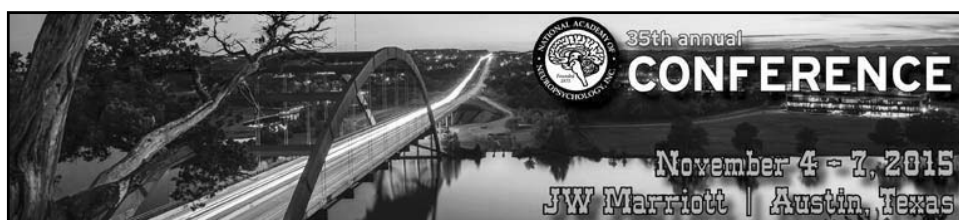
## MCI vs. AD profiles

- AD profile is metabolic in nature
- MCI is inflammatory/vascular in nature

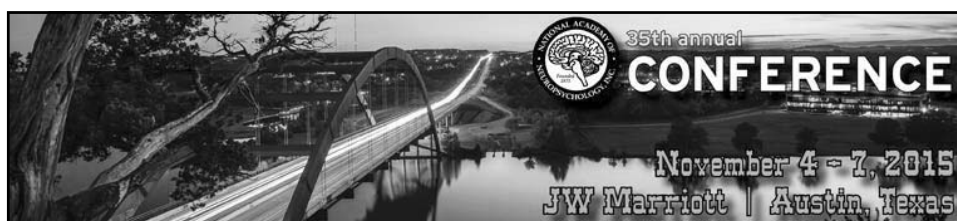


Could this have therapeutic implications?

	$\leq 60$ Inf+ Mean age = 58	$> 60$ Inf+ Mean age = 73
WMS3 LM1	5.8	8.4
WMS3 LM2	5.3	6.3

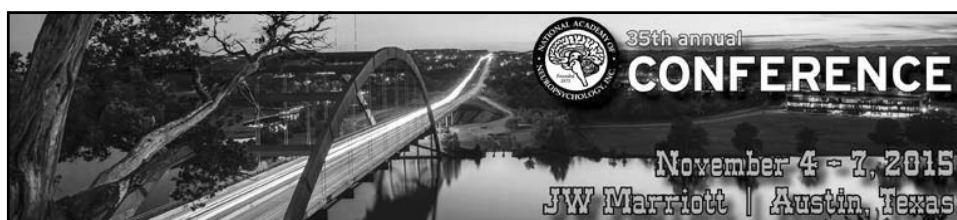


What about combining comorbidities with proteomics?



## Depression + Inflammation?

	DepE Positive			DepE Negative		
	Low Inf	Middle Inf	High Inf	Low Inf	Middle Inf	High Inf
WMS III LM1	10.3(3.1)	9.0(3.7)	8.5(3.7)	11.1(2.8)	10.7(3.2)	9.4(3.8)
WMS III LM2	10.2(3.1)	8.6(3.5)	7.7(3.8)	11.3(2.9)	11.0(3.2)	9.4(3.8)
CERAD List Recall	9.2(2.6)	8.0(2.7)	6.4(2.8)	8.5(2.6)	8.6(2.6)	7.6(3.4)

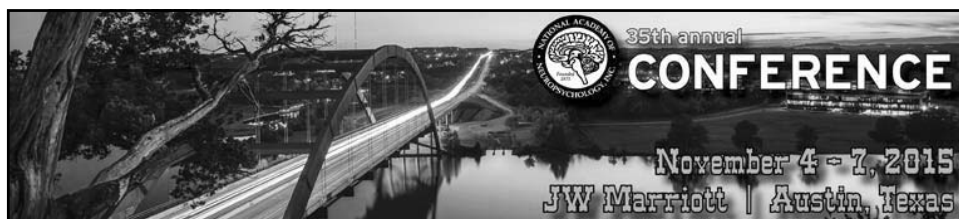


## Proteomic Profile of CKD-Related MCI

Table 3. Sensitivity and Specificity of Biomarker Profile in Detecting Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and Pre-MCI in Individuals with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

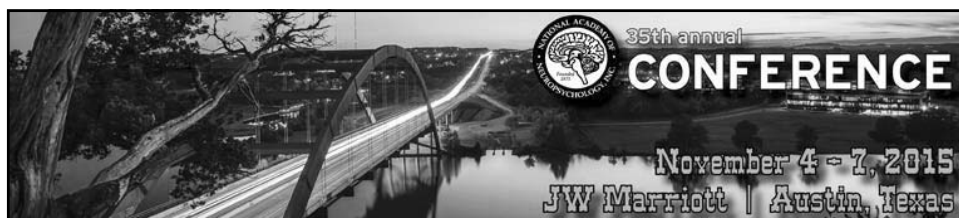
Diagnostic Category	Sensitivity (95% CI)	Specificity (95% CI)
CKD and MCI	0.86 (0.58–0.98)	1.00 (0.78–1.00)
CKD no MCI	0.24 (0.14–0.35)	0.98 (0.81–0.88)
CKD and pre-MCI	1.00 (0.71–1.00)	1.00 (0.50–1.00)
CKD no pre-MCI	0.00 (0.00–0.00)	1.00 (0.00–0.96)

CI = confidence interval.



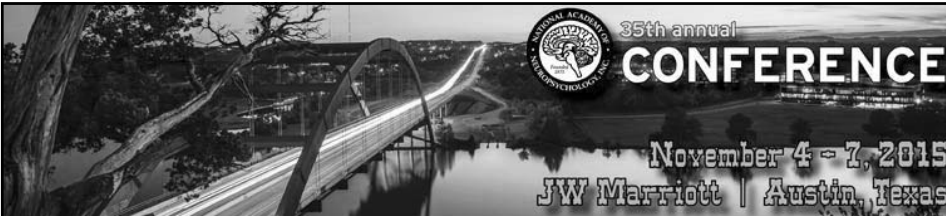
## Summary

- Clinical –
  - Do not use term “dementia”
  - Clinical interview will take longer
- Norms
  - New norms will be published soon
  - Education is a key factor for normative stratification



## Summary

- Comorbidities –
  - Higher prevalence of DM, dep, and other medical factors
  - Lower frequency of APOE4 genotype
- Proteomics -
  - Proteomic profile of AD is metabolic but MCI is inflammatory
  - Proteomic considerations may need to be condition specific
  - May assist in precision-based medicine for treating MCI/AD

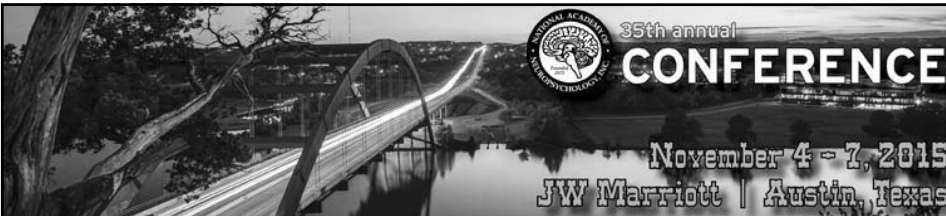


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