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Post-delirium brain pathology – the same or different from AD?

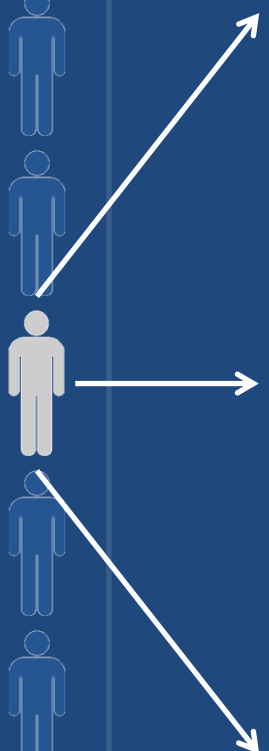
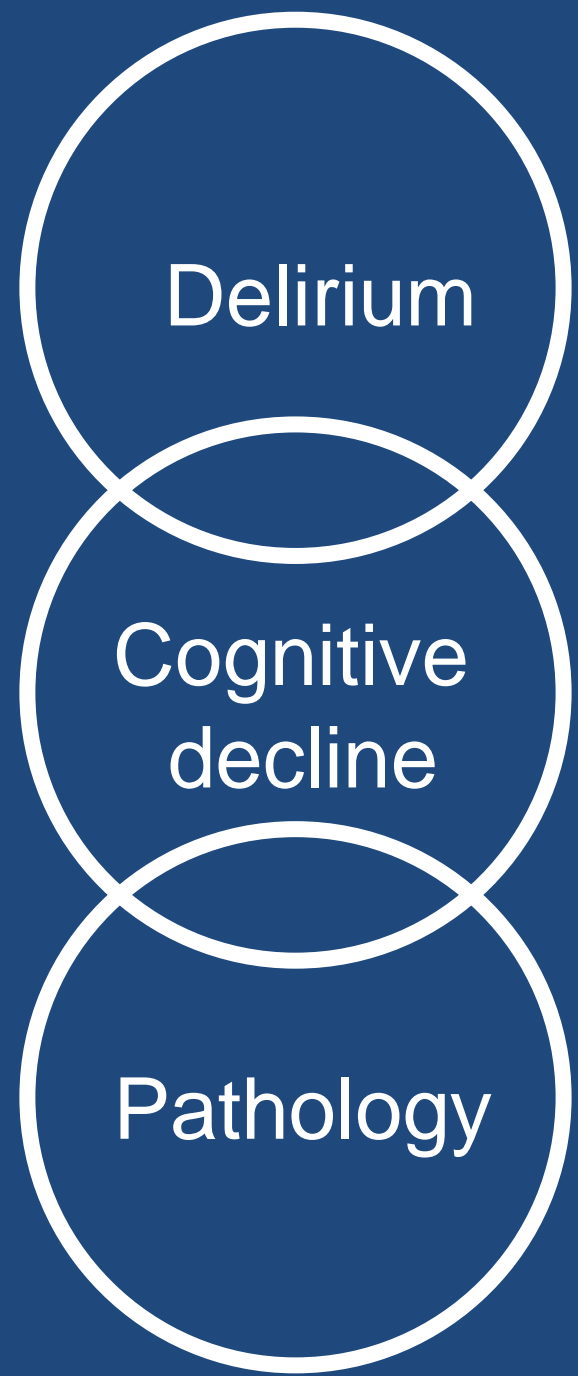
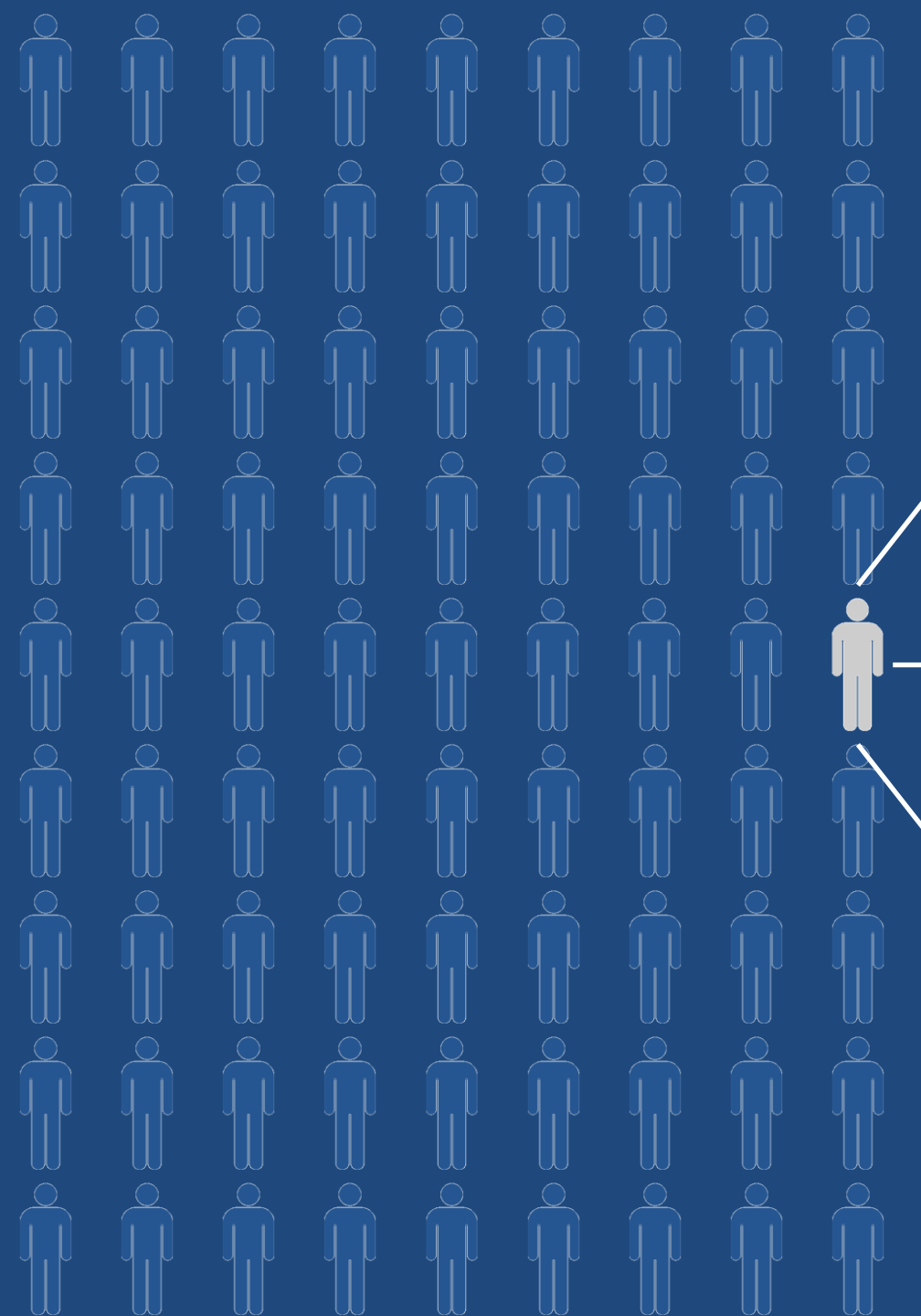
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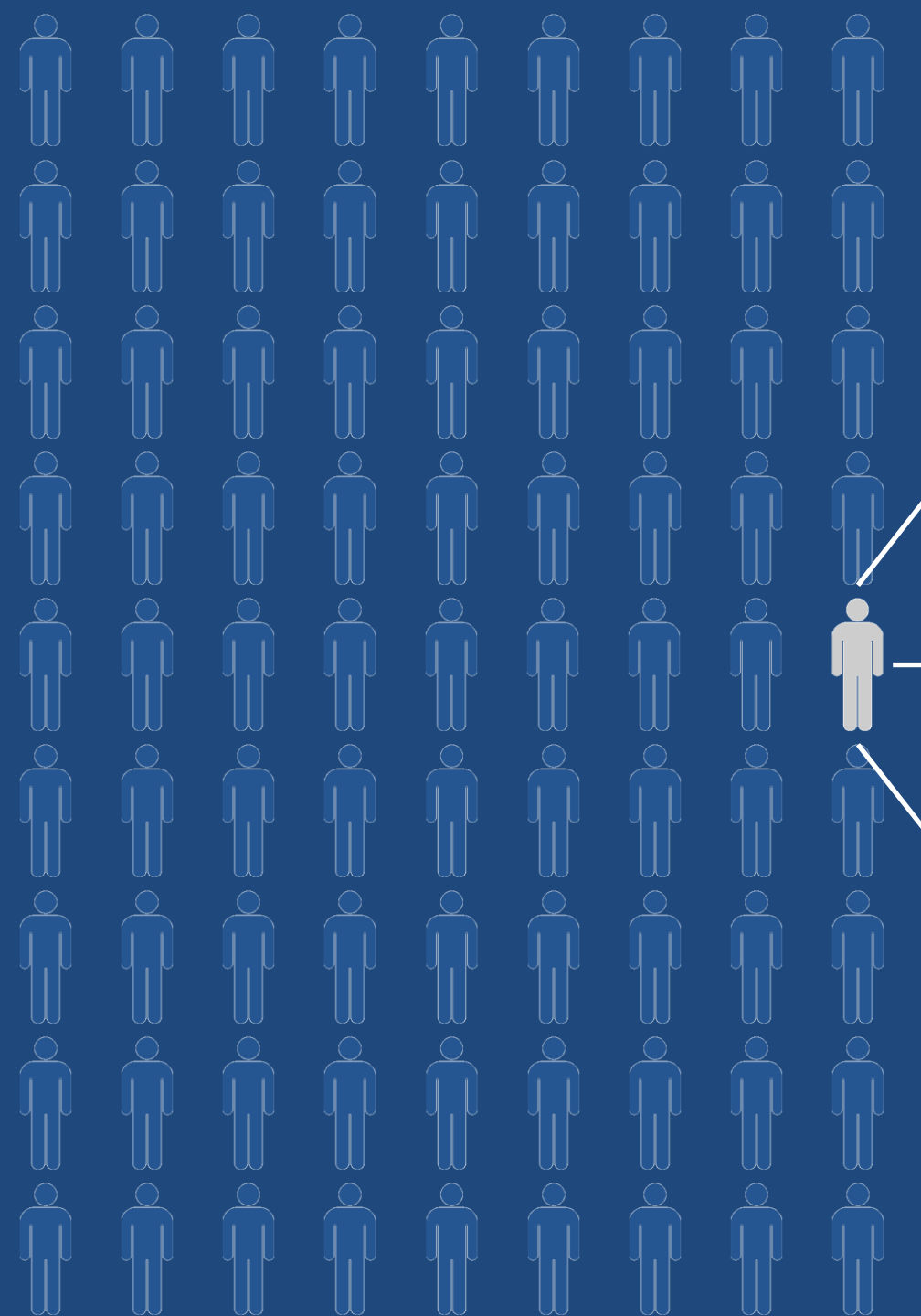
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Delirium

Cognitive decline

Pathology



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**Cognitive
decline**

Pathology

A central question

The most common problem in acute geriatric medicine...

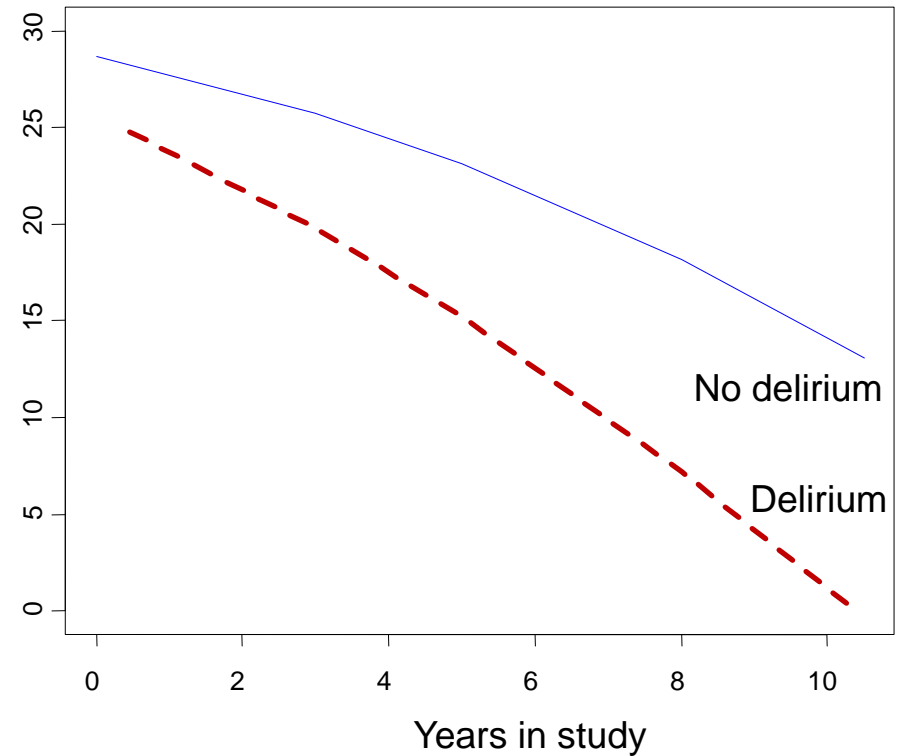
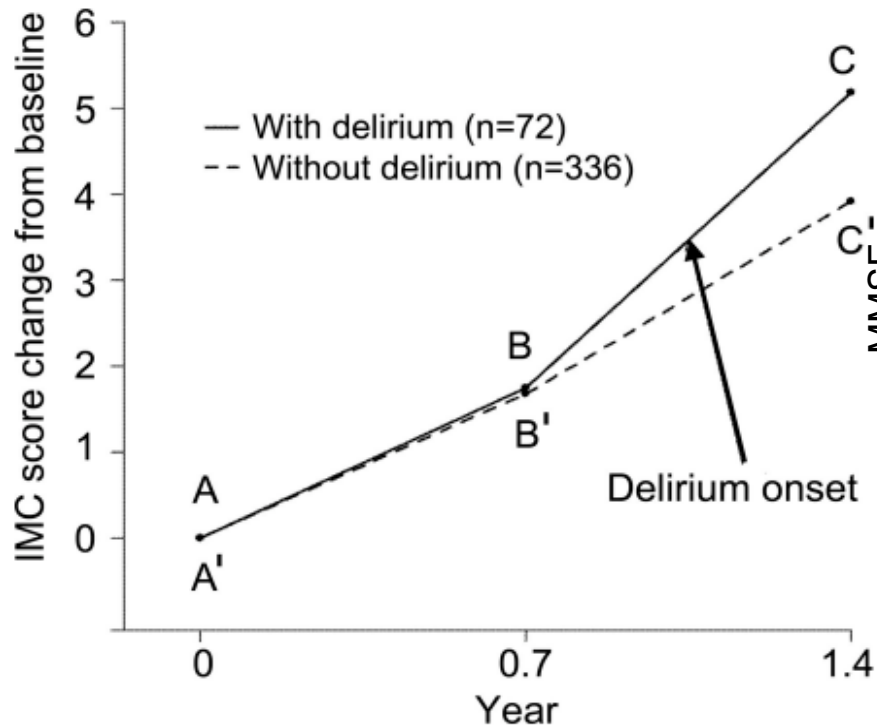


... a public health challenge
costing £23 billion?

Delirium: long-term outcomes

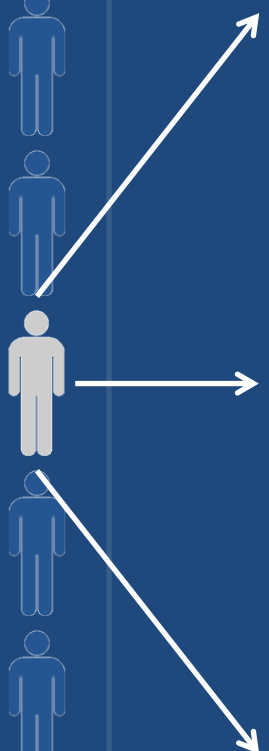
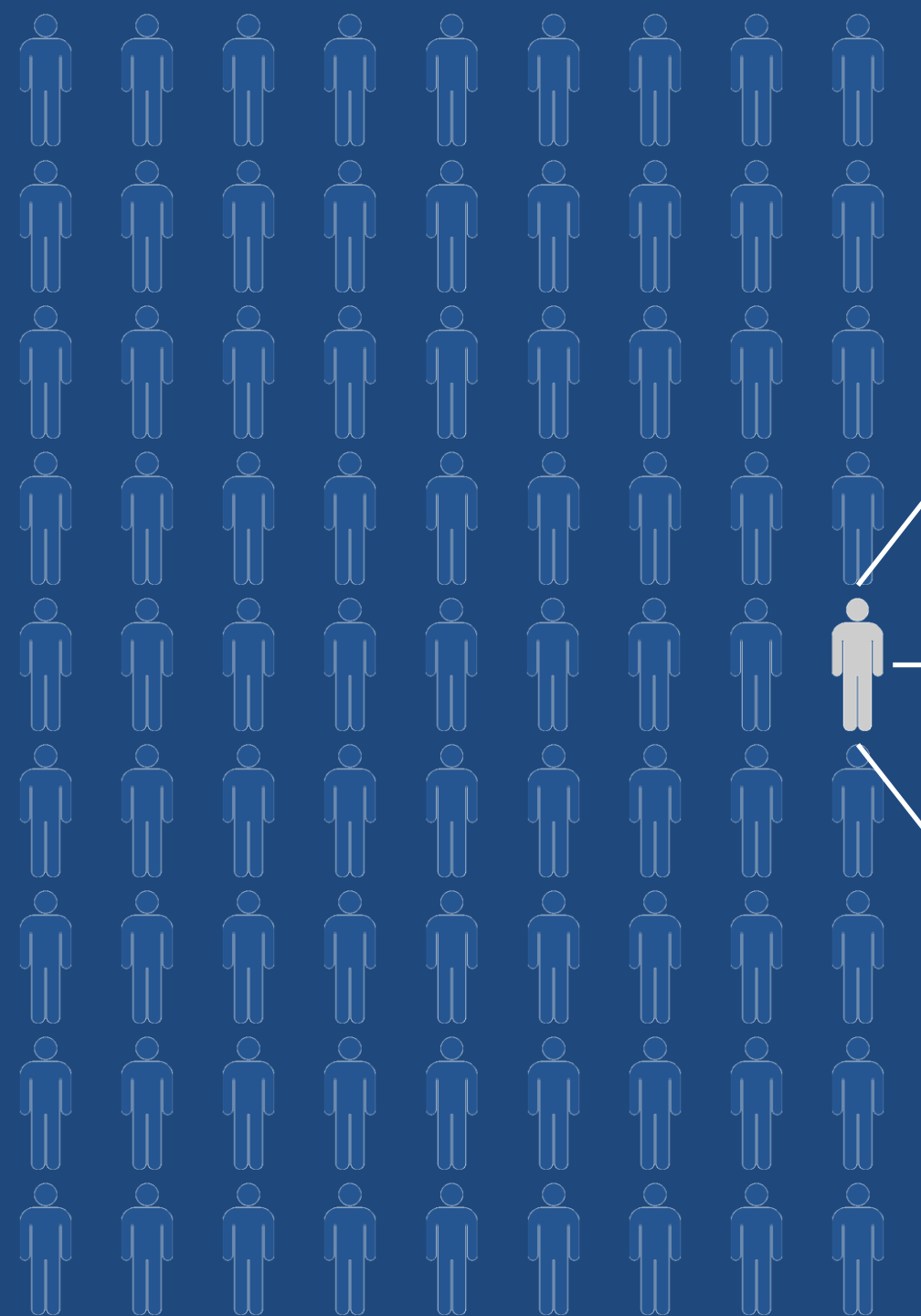
- Systematic review
- Outcomes
 - Death HR 2.0
 - Dementia OR 13
- But selection bias?
- But undiagnosed dementia?

Cognitive trajectories

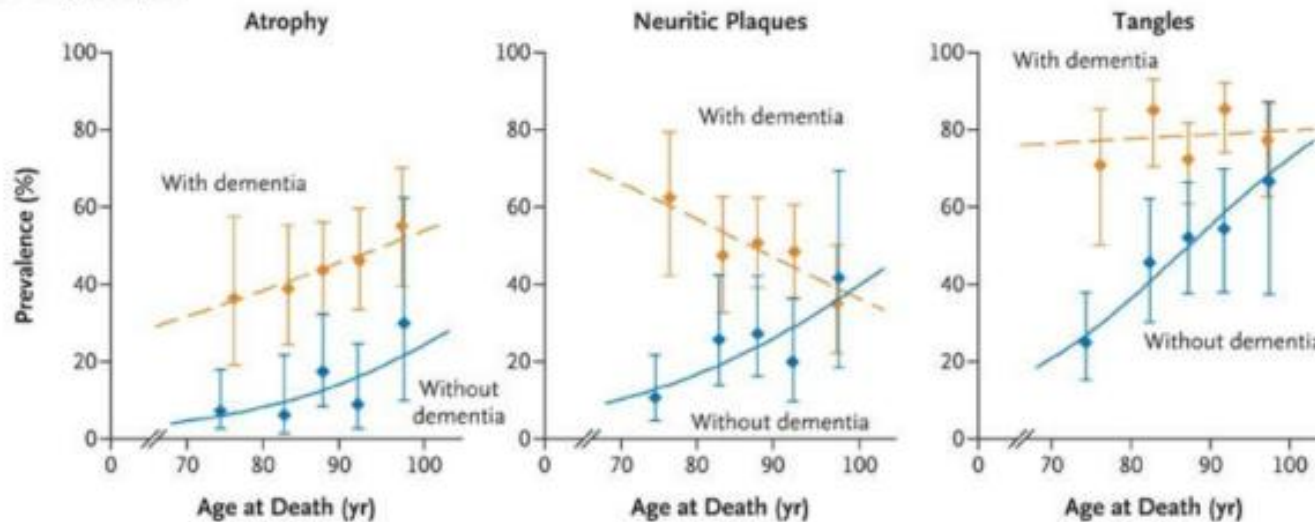


Fong 2009 Neurology

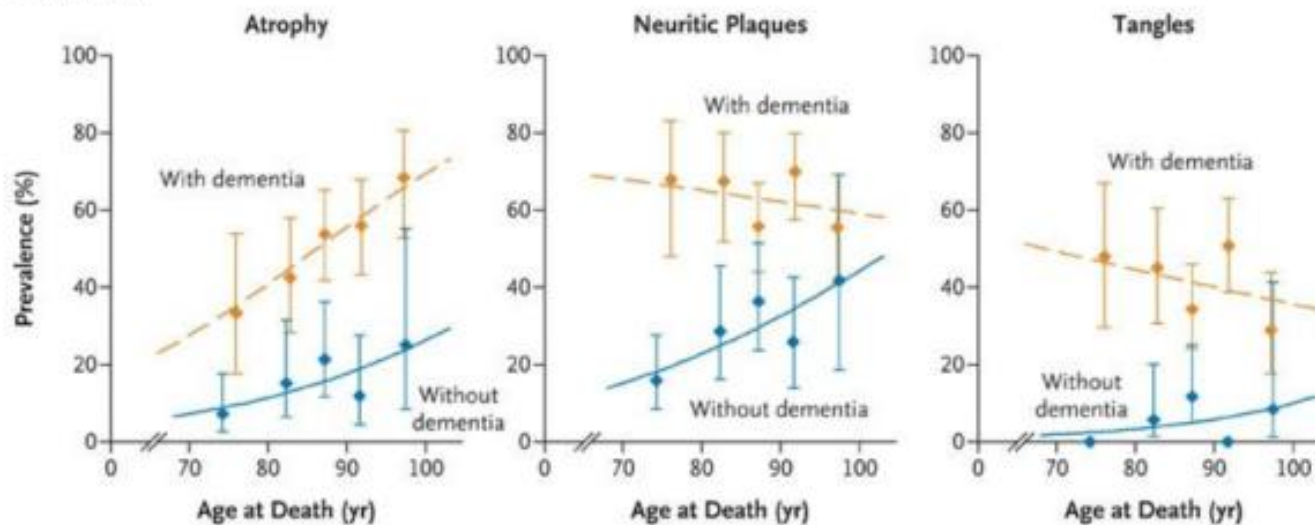
Davis 2012 Brain



A Hippocampus



B Neocortex



EClipSE

| Study | Total sample | Site | Age sample | Years follow-up | Donors |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Vantaa 85+ | 553 | Vantaa, Finland | ≥85 | 10 | 290 (52%) |
| CC75C | 2,166 | Cambridge, UK | ≥75 | 25 | 241 (11%) |
| CFAS | 18,226 | UK multicentre | ≥65 | 10 | 456 (3%) |

Delirium

Vantaa 85+

retrospective interview, case notes review

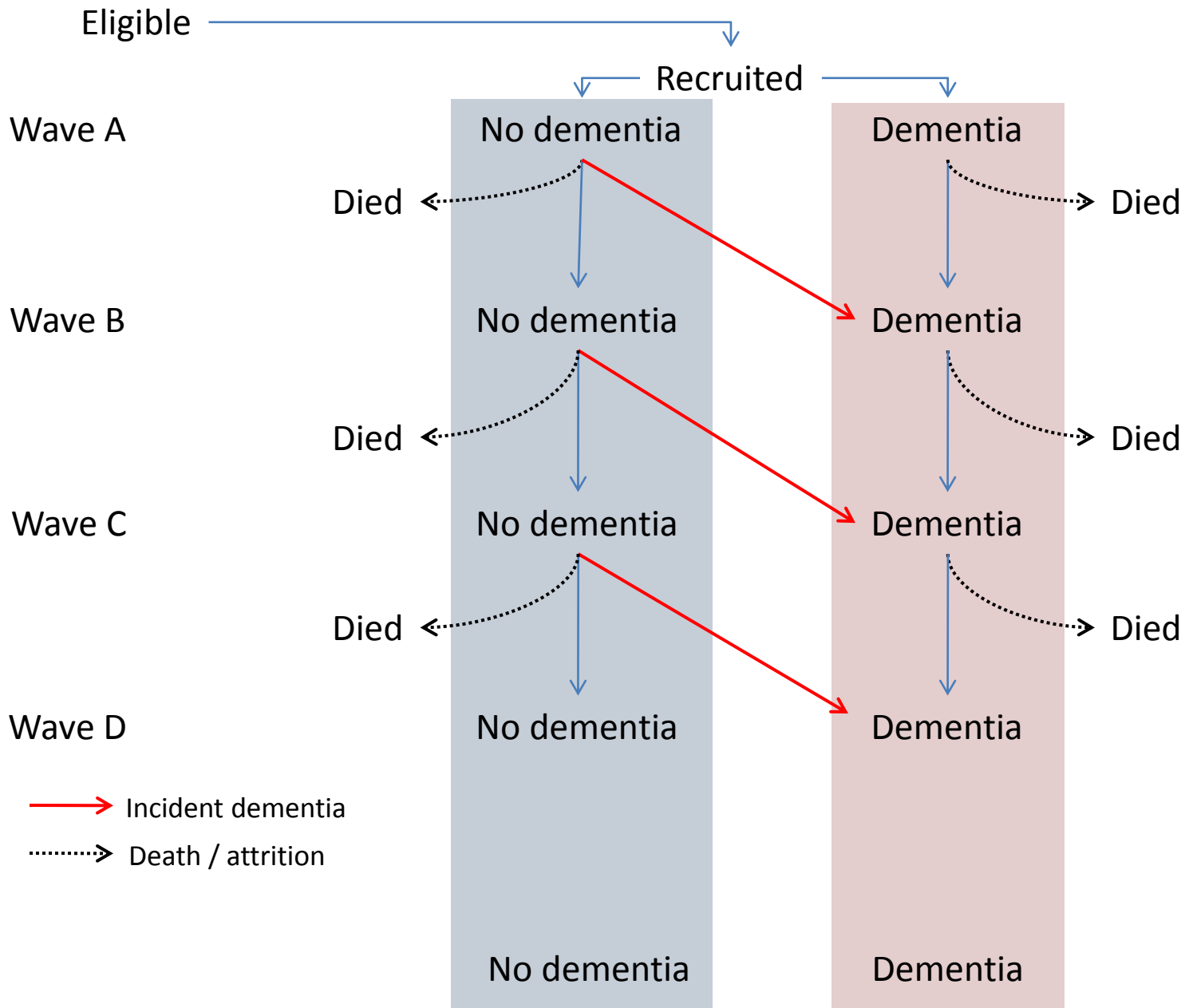
CC75C / CFAS

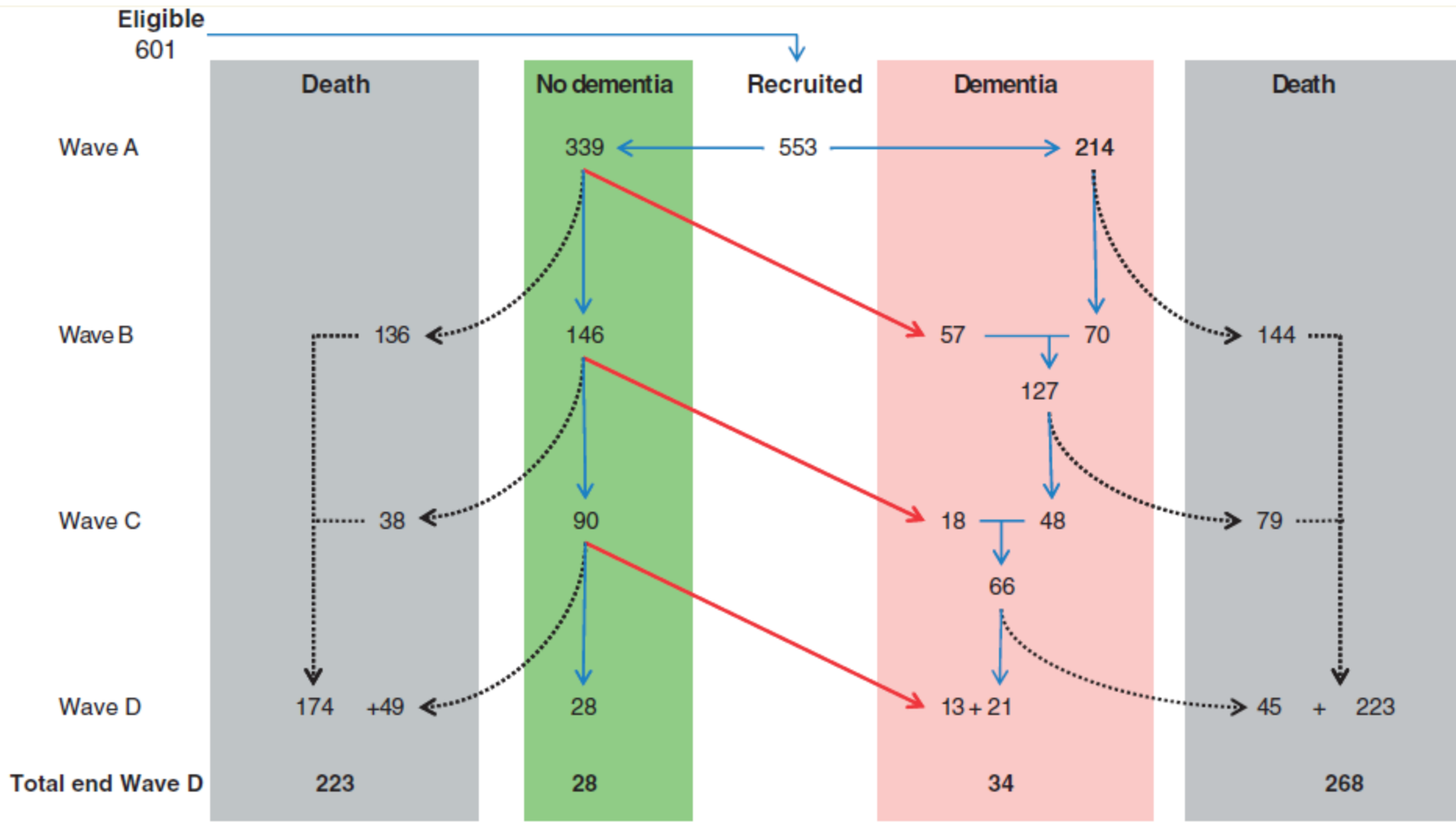
retrospective interview

Vantaa 85+ Cohort Study

- Population-based
- Southern Finland
- All residents age ≥ 85 years
- Recruited 1991
- Follow-up 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001
- Cognitive and functional assessment each wave
- 52% autopsy

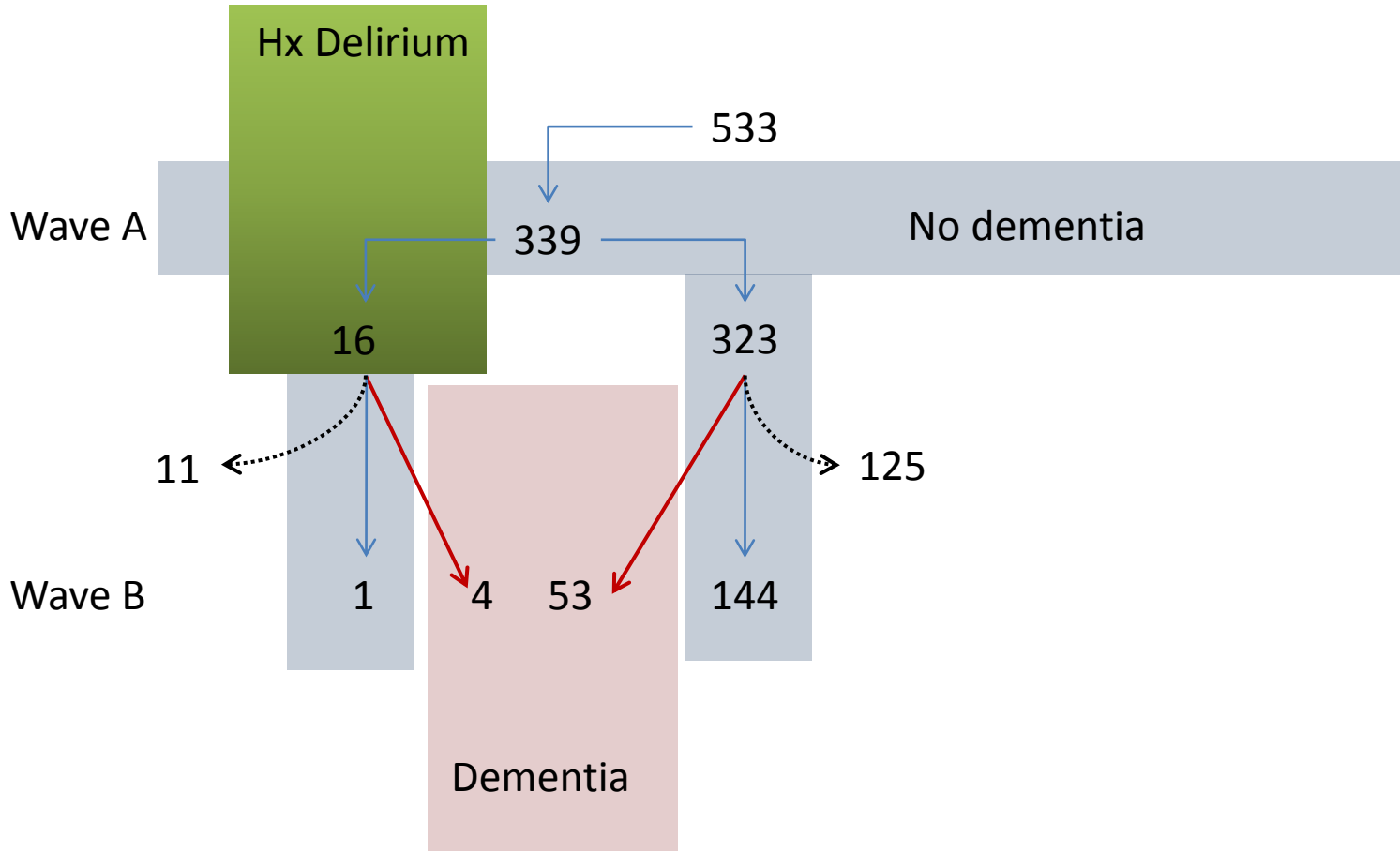
- Retrospective delirium assessments



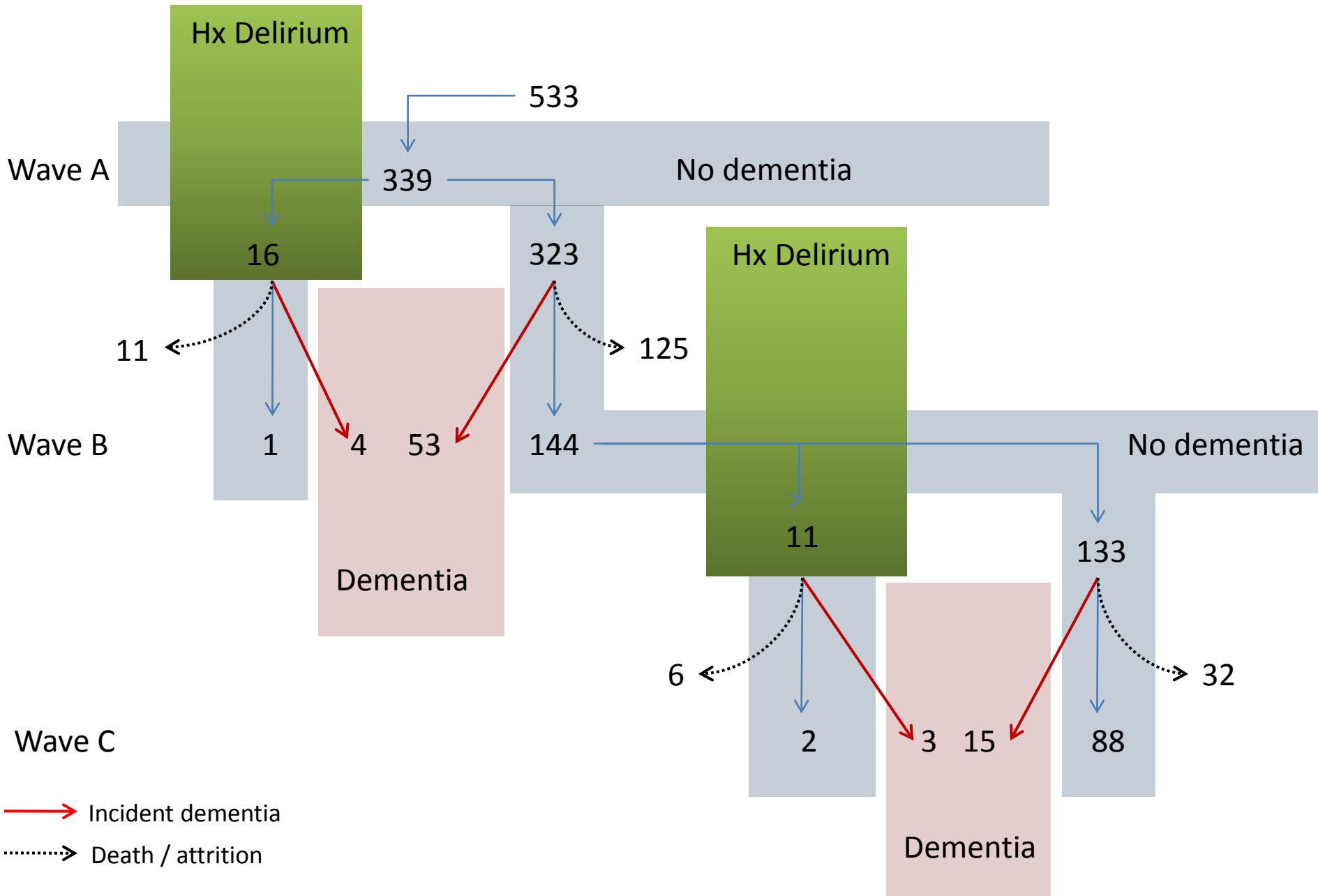


→ Incident dementia

⋯→ Death

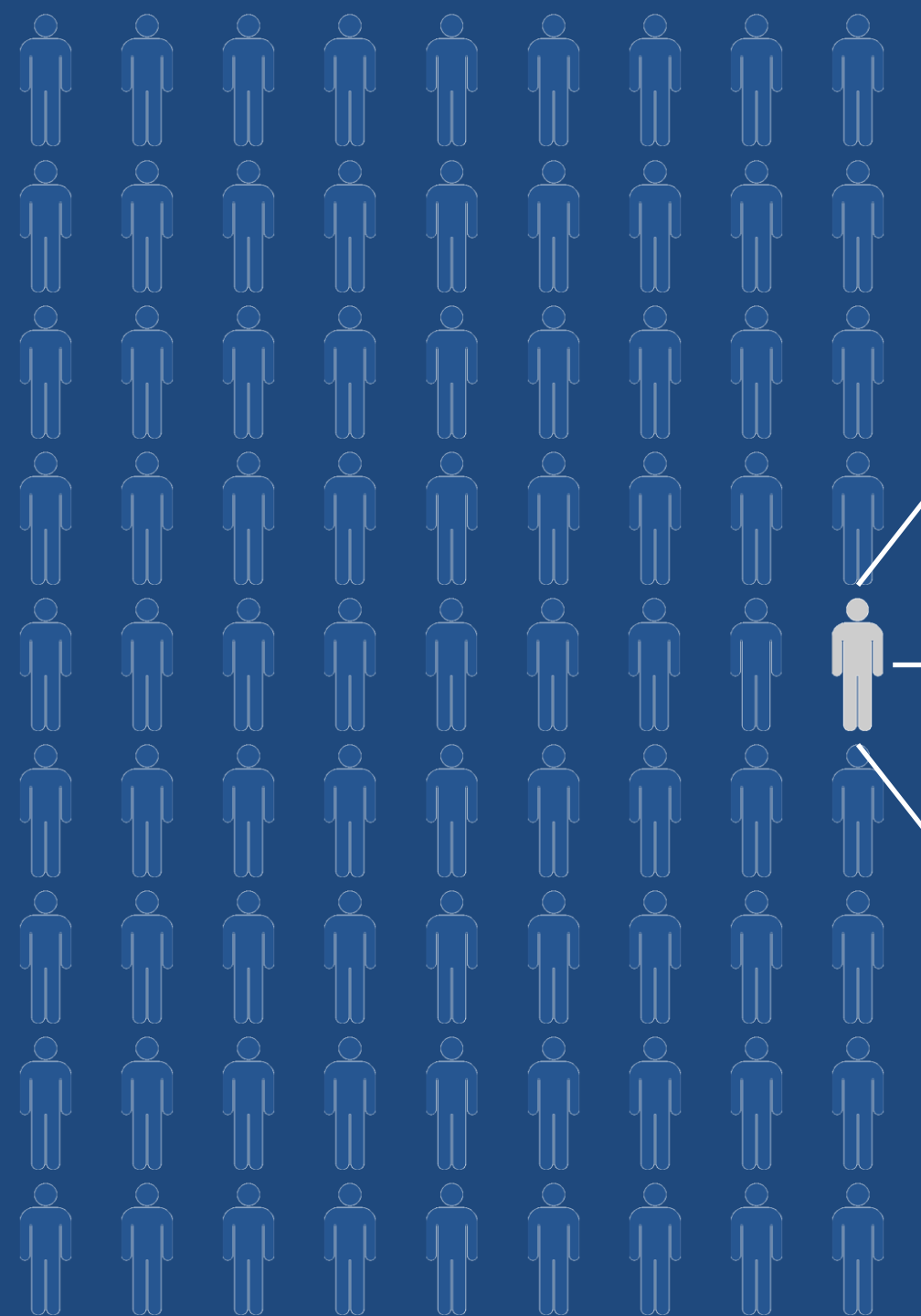


→ Incident dementia
→ Death / attrition



Participant characteristics

| | No delirium | Delirium | P |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| N | 708 | 279 | |
| Age at death; mean (SD) | 89 (6.7) | 90 (5.8) | 0.03 |
| Sex; female (%) | 472 (66) | 210 (75) | <0.01 |
| Years of education; median (IQR) | 9 (6-13) | 9 (8-14) | <0.01 |
| Pathology; N (%) | | | |
| Neurofibrillary tau | 346 (50) | 166 (59) | <0.01 |
| Amyloid plaques | 344 (50) | 138 (42) | 0.62 |
| Vascular | 358 (56) | 139 (57) | 0.54 |
| Lewy bodies | 67 (10) | 27 (10) | 0.99 |

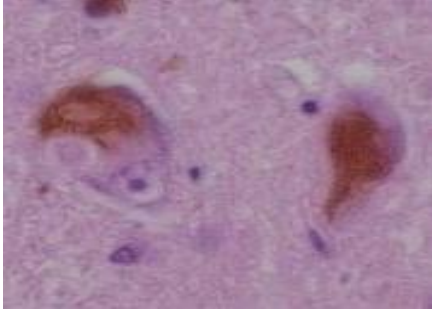
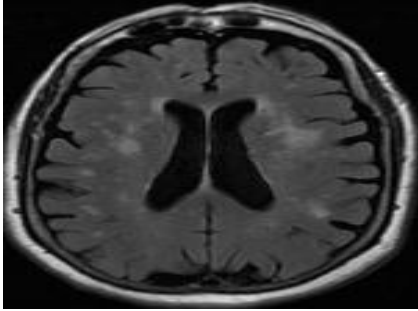
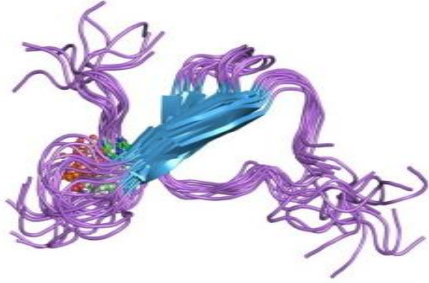
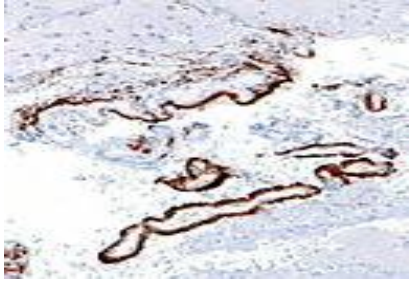


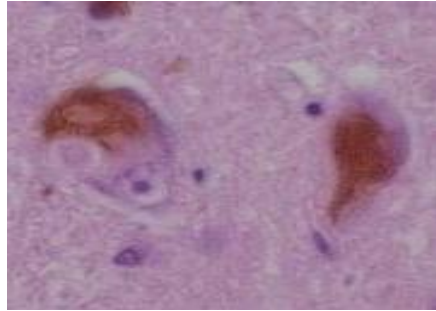
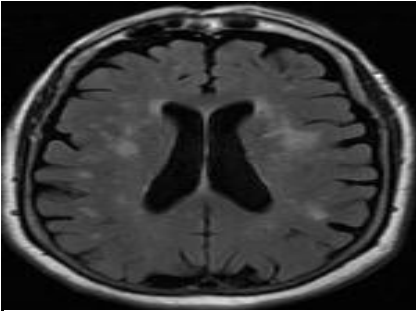
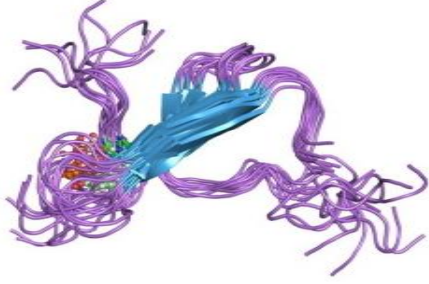
Hypothesis

Accelerated cognitive decline due to delirium

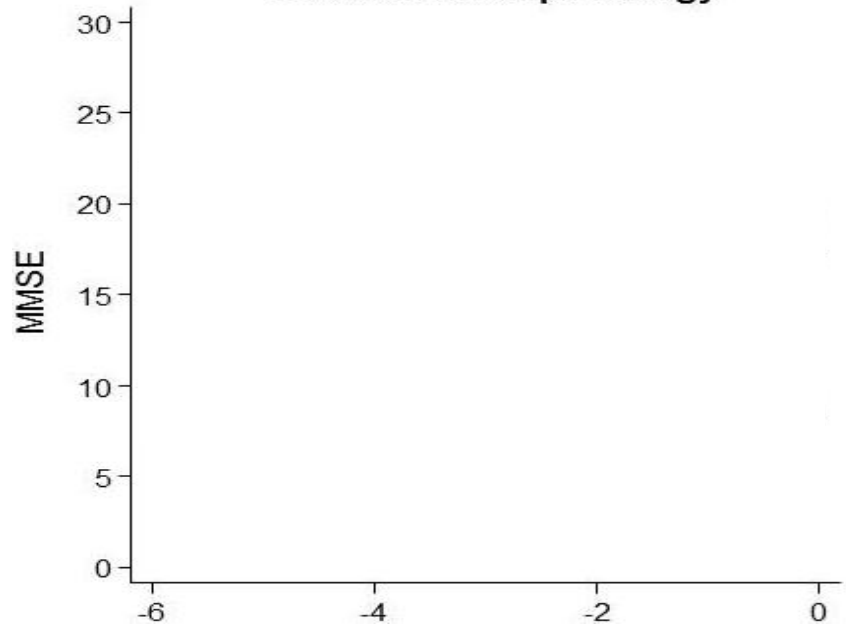


... acts independently from
classical dementia pathology

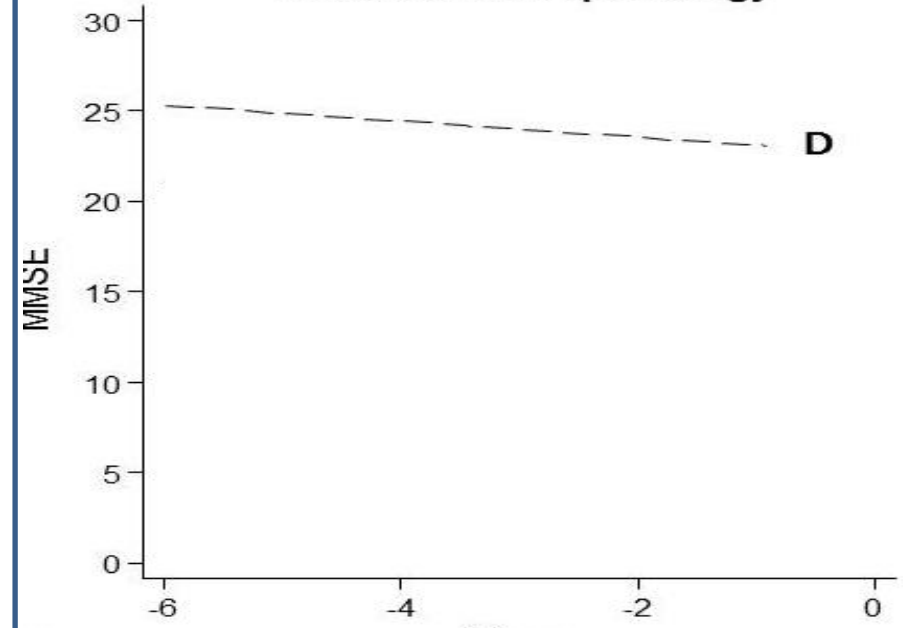


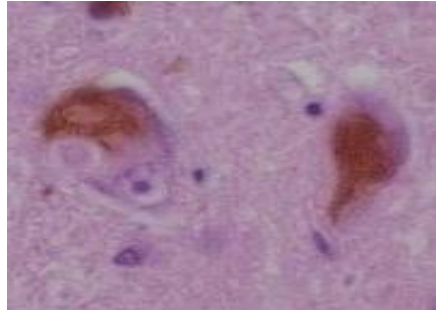
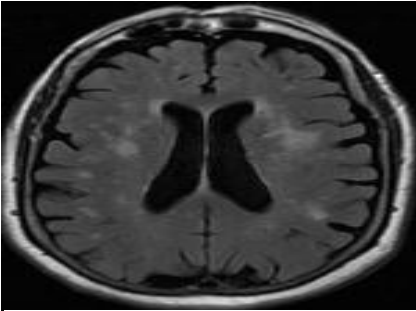
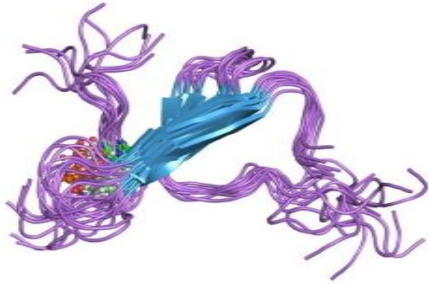


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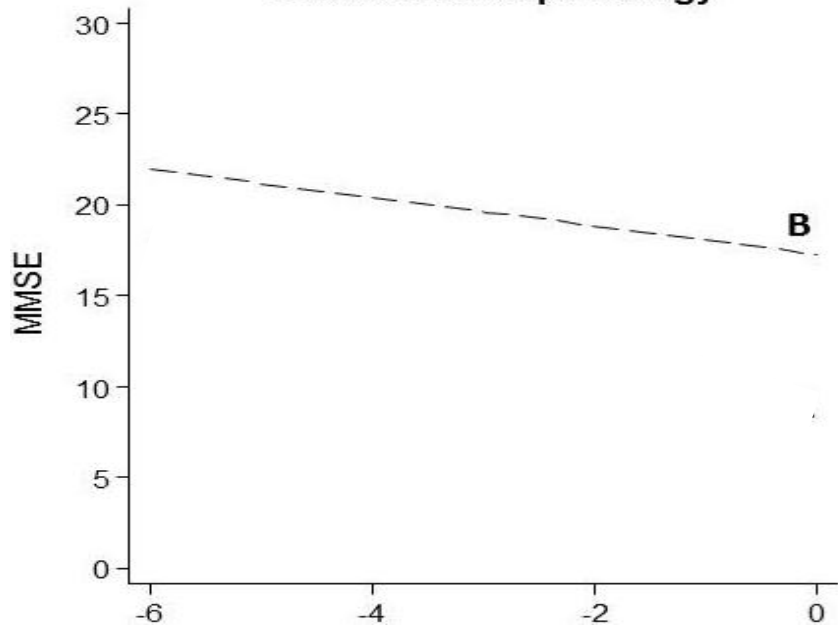


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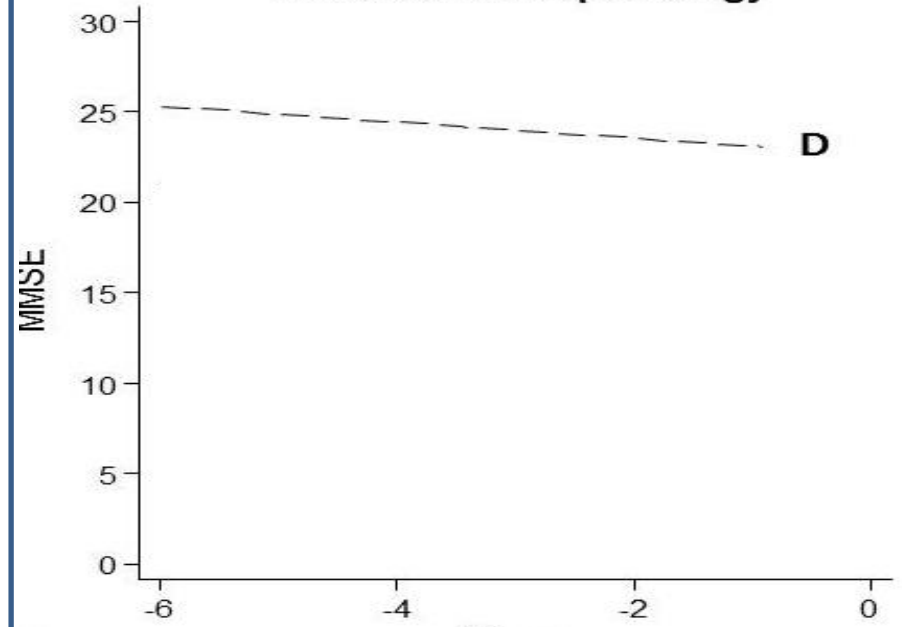


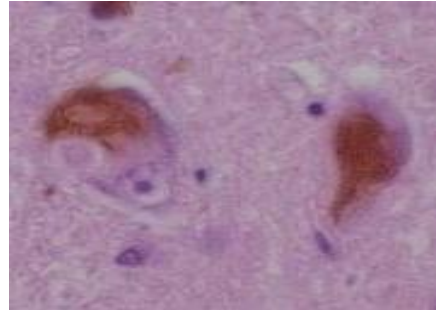
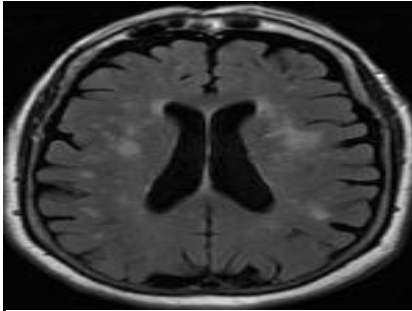
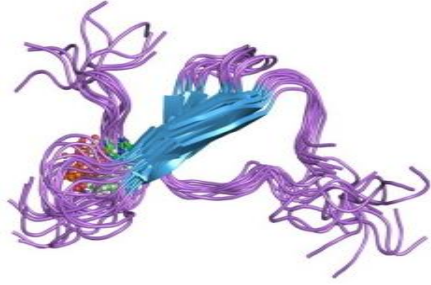


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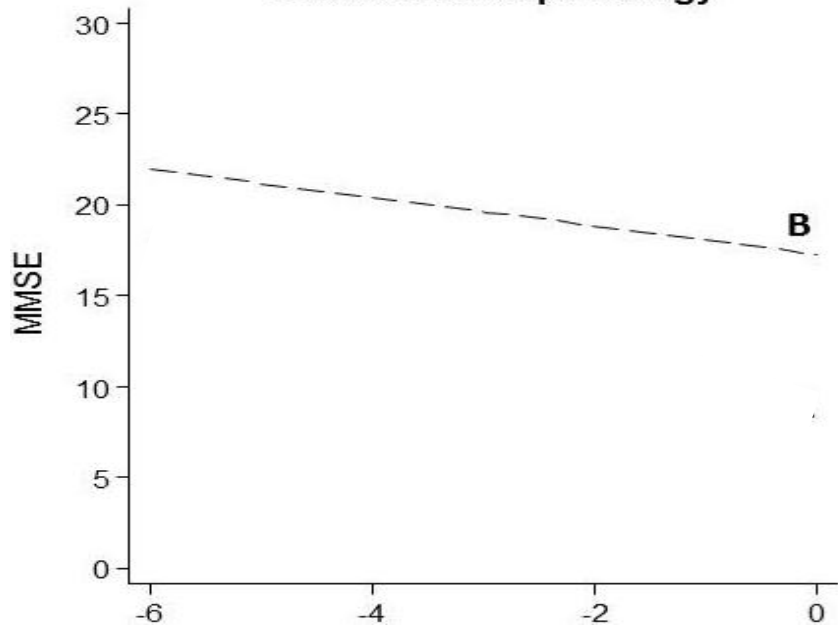


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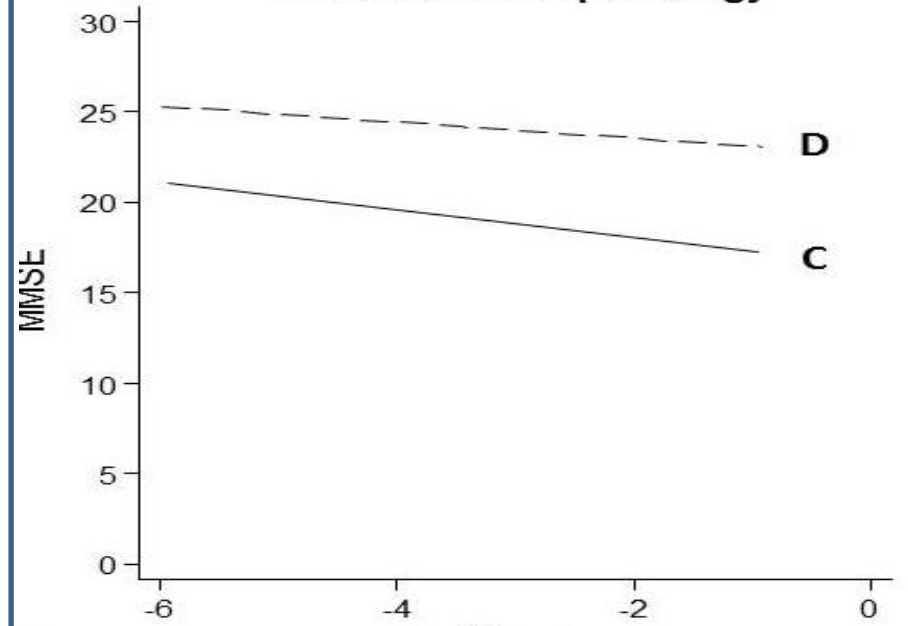


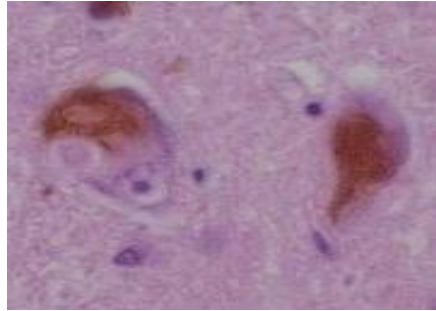
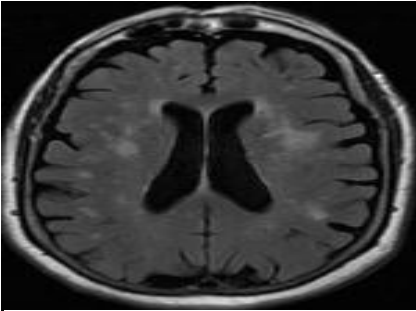
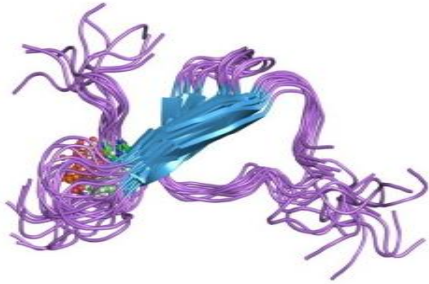


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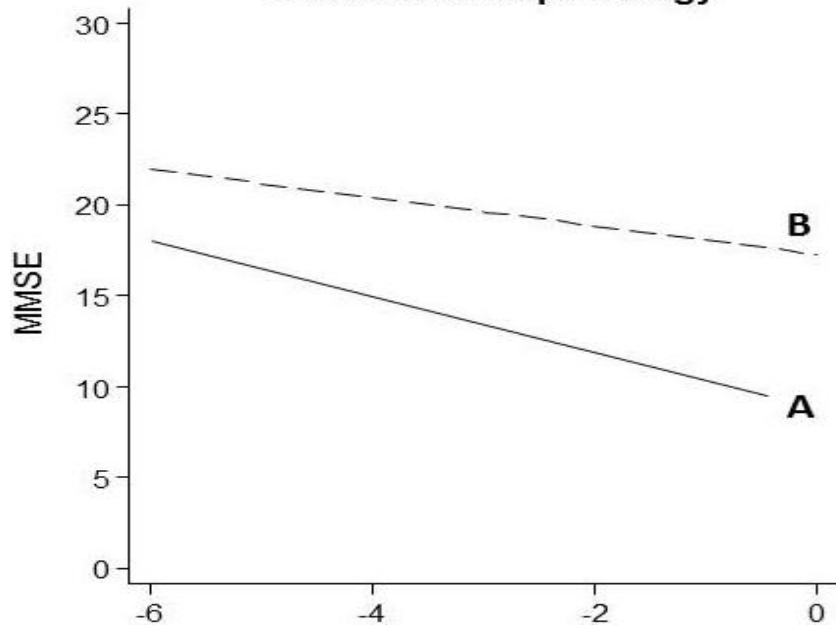


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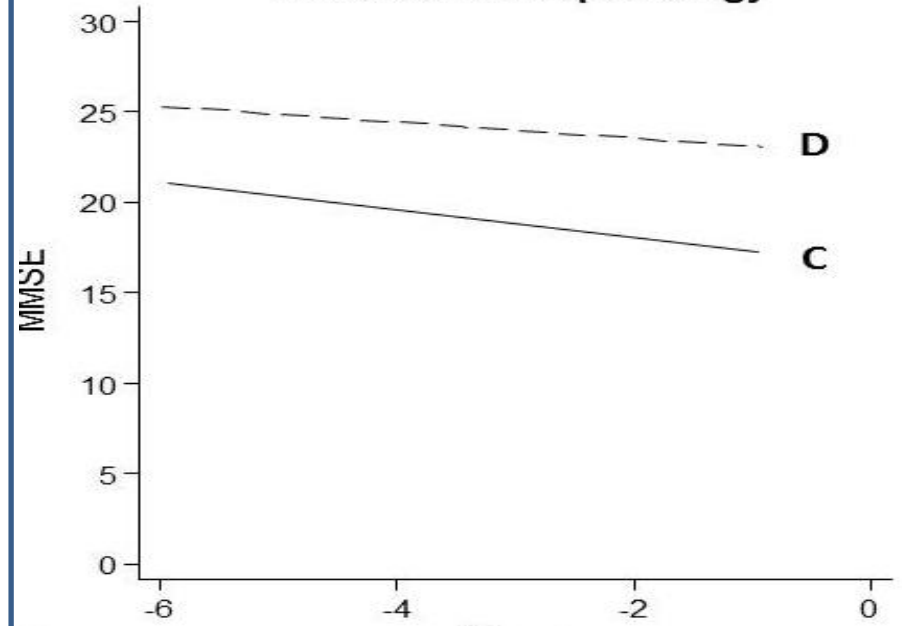


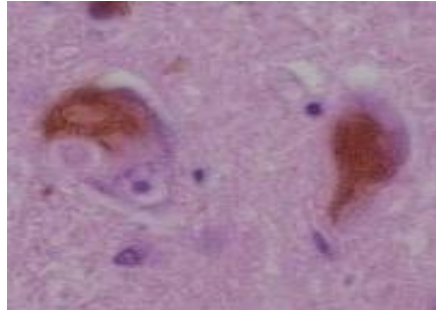
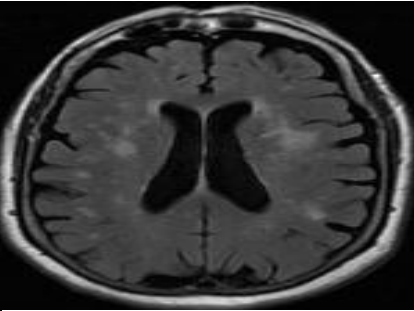
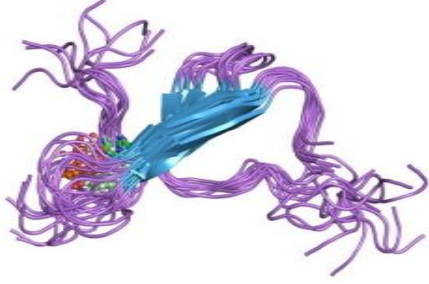
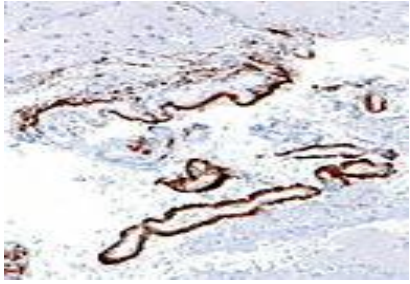


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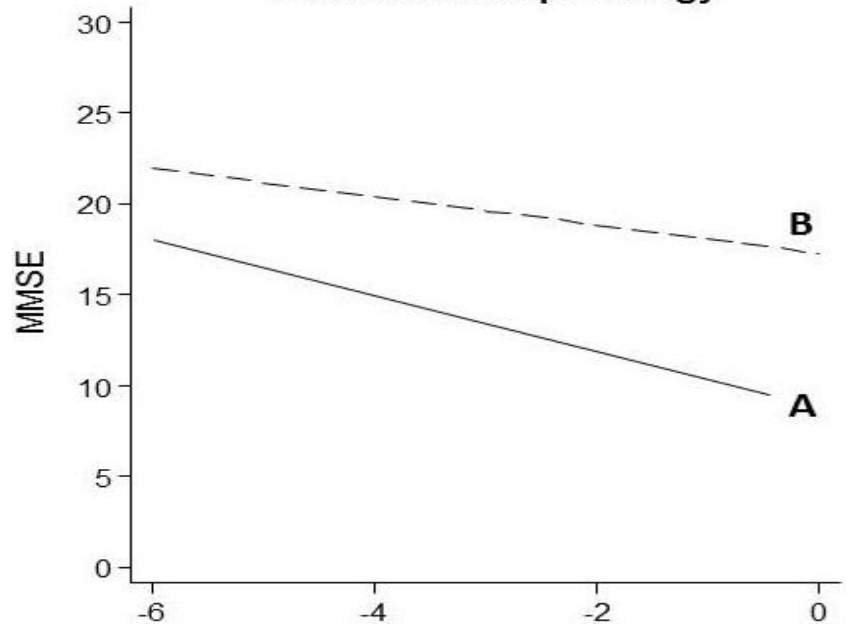


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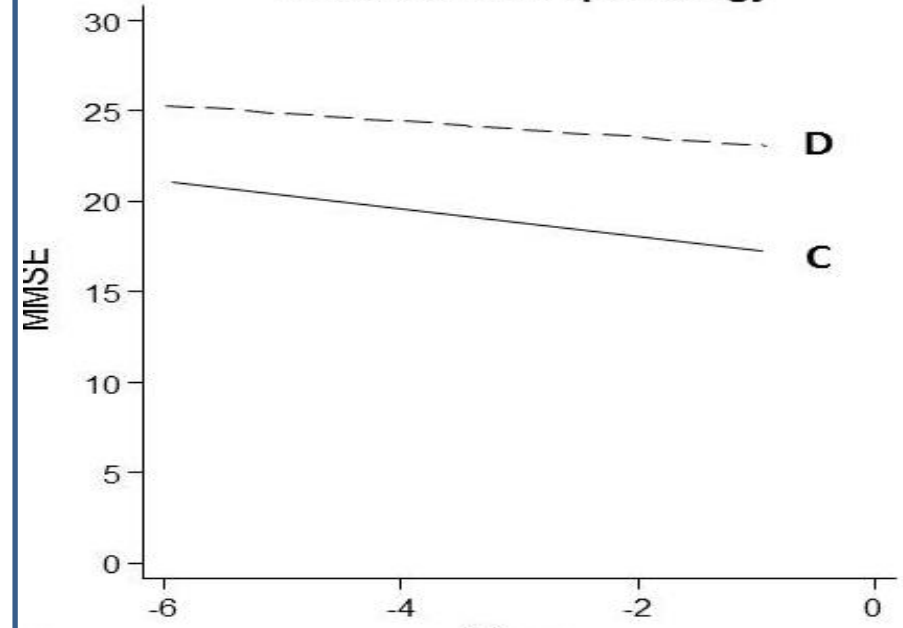


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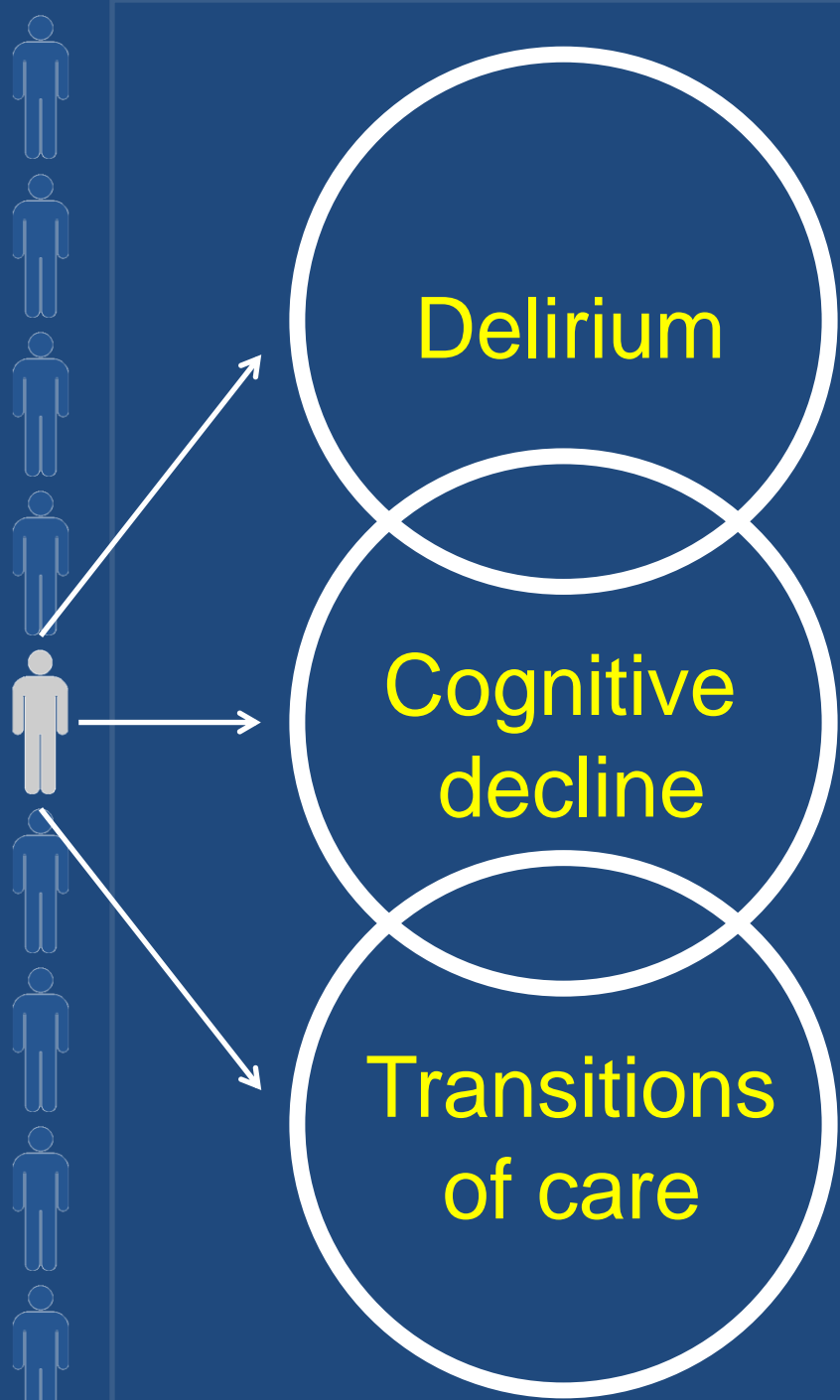
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Least dementia pathology



Delirium is a determinant of cognitive decline

Independent but additive to classical dementia pathology



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