

Summary of Christie Gardens data collection so far (February 13, 2018)

33 full data sets so far

28 F, 5 M

-missing age for 1 participant – will get that on Feb 20

-one participant only completed 7 CBS tasks

	age	MoCA	MMSE	DT	OOO	SP	GR	DS	TS	PA	SS	FM	R	P	ML
min	70	12	16	-6	2	1	-1	0	10	2	0	2	-11	-5	0
max	92	29	30	33	16	28	22	7	10	5	52	110	98	58	8
mean	82.6	24.06	27.54	7.89	8.57	11.03	10	4.66	5.56	3.40	5.91	66	29	14.69	5.43

Replication of Brenkel et al 2017

First, I split the participants into three groups based on their MoCA scores:

- Unimpaired: 27-30 (9 participants)
- Borderline: 23-26 (18 participants)
- Impaired: <22 (8 participants)

Second, I looked into further categorizing the borderline group based on their scores in each CBS task. I calculated the mean score for the Impaired and Unimpaired groups and compared each borderline score against those means. This comparison allowed me to determine whether, based on that task alone, the borderline participant could be categorized into the impaired or unimpaired groups.

Some tasks were more useful for further categorizing the borderline groups than others.

Brenkel et al, 2017 found that PA and FM were the least useful in categorizing Borderline participants. This was replicated. They also found that Double Trouble was one of the most useful for categorizing from the battery they used. This was replicated

	PA	FM	GR	DS	TS	OOO	ML	R	SP	SS	P	DT
% left in Borderline	83	83	72	72	67	61	61	39	39	33	33	22
% moved to Unimpaired	17	17	6	11	11	33	17	17	17	39	39	22
% moved to Impaired	0	0	22	17	22	6	22	44	44	28	28	56

Question:

Is a single borderline participant always categorized in the same direction?

Answer:

No. Only two participants, when categorized, were always categorized into the impaired group. The rest of the participants in the borderline group were sometimes categorized to impaired and sometimes to unimpaired.

Third, I looked into whether I could perform the same analysis on the MMSE scores.

I could not.

When the scores were divided up according the MMSE guidelines I was left with very uneven groups

- No cognitive impairment 24-30 (31 participants)
- Mild cognitive impairment 18-23 (2 participants)
- Severe cognitive impairment <17 (1 participant)

Regression analysis

In R, I performed a step-wise multiple regression analysis to determine which combination of CBS tasks best predicted both MoCA and MMSE scores.

MoCA

MoCA scores are best predicted by: Feature Match and Token Search

Adjusted $R^2 = 0.64$

Age was included as a factor and predicts 8% of the variance in MoCA scores (adjusted $R^2 = 0.077$)

MMSE

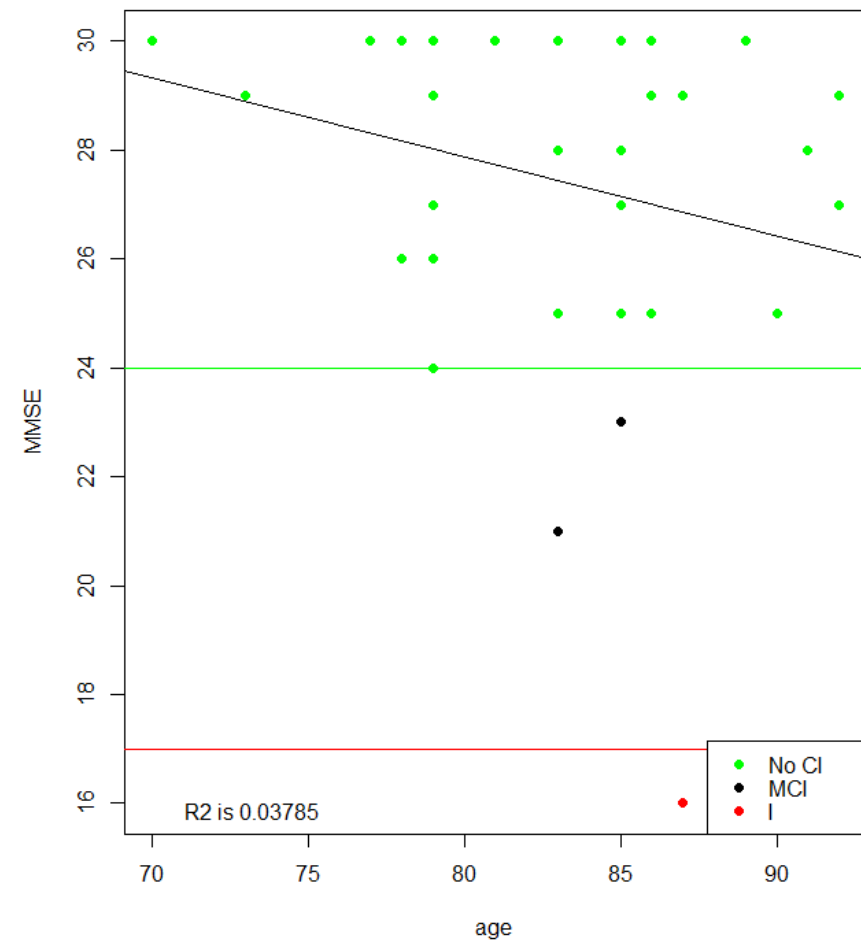
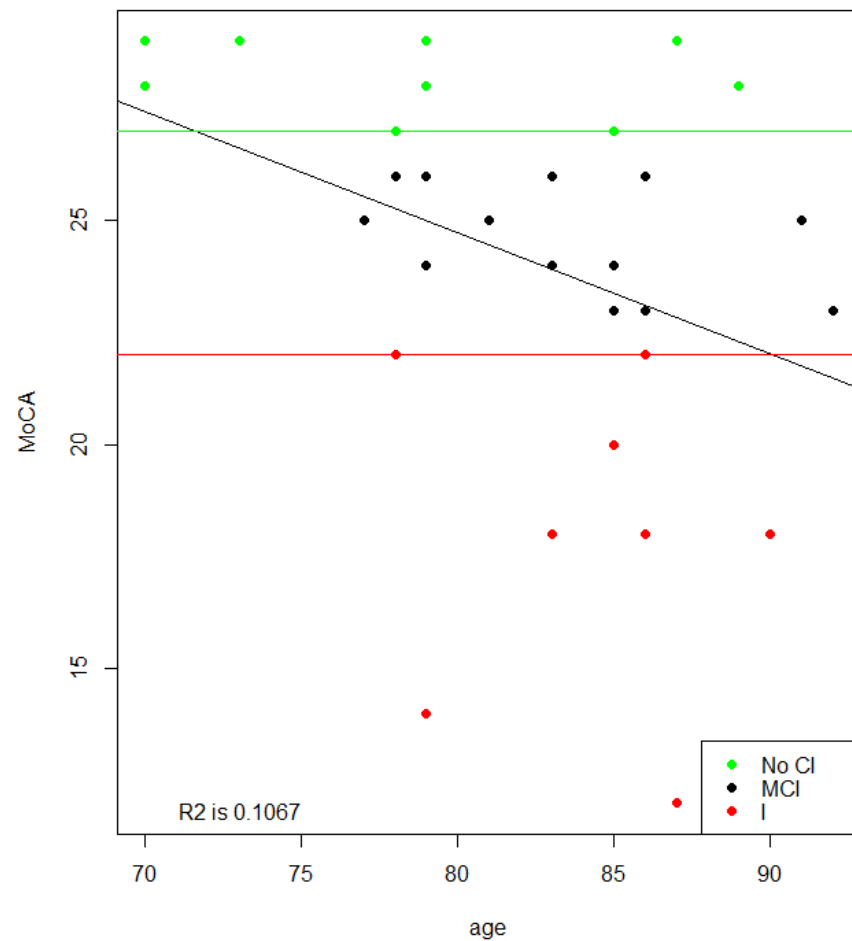
MMSE scores are best predicted by: Odd One Out and Grammatical Reasoning

Adjusted $R^2 = 0.46$

Age was included as a factor and predicts 2% of the variance in MMSE scores (adjusted $R^2 = 0.024$)

When both of these regression analyses were performed using Bayesian statistics, the same results were obtained.

Plots showing the relationship between MoCA/MMSE scores and age
The horizontal lines indicate the category cutoffs
The black line is the trend line and the R^2 values are in the bottom left



Scatter plots of all CBS task scores vs age

The CBS task scores are not normalized here (that's why all of the y-axes are different)

Interestingly, Spatial Span, Rotations, and Polygons do not show an age effect

