

## Summary of Christie Gardens data collection so far (June 12, 2018)

52 collected – 50 full datasets, 51 usable datasets

42 F, 9 M

-one participant only completed 7 CBS tasks, one participant with dementia only complete 2 tasks

|      | age  | MoCA | MMSE | DT   | OOO  | SP   | GR   | DS  | TS  | PA  | SS  | FM   | R    | P    | ML  |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|
| min  | 62   | 12   | 16   | -7   | 3    | 1    | -1   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 2    | -11  | -5   | 0   |
| max  | 97   | 30   | 30   | 39   | 19   | 30   | 22   | 7   | 10  | 6   | 7   | 110  | 98   | 66   | 8   |
| mean | 80.7 | 24.6 | 27.8 | 9.4  | 11.4 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 68.3 | 32.4 | 17.7 | 5.7 |
| SD   | 8.8  | 4.0  | 2.8  | 11.9 | 3.5  | 7.1  | 5.9  | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 25.6 | 26.1 | 16.8 | 1.8 |

## Replication of Brenkel et al 2017

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

- Unimpaired: 27-30 (17 participants)
- Borderline: 23-26 (21 participants)
- Impaired: <22 (12 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.

|                       | OOO          | DS   | SS   | GR   | FM   | ML   | P    | R    | TS   | DT          | PA          | SP          |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| % left in Borderline  | 0.71<br>(15) | 0.71 | 0.71 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.57 | 0.52 | 0.48 | 0.43 | 0.38<br>(8) | 0.33<br>(7) | 0.24<br>(5) |
| % moved to Unimpaired | 0.14         | 0.10 | 0    | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.14        | 0           | 0.14        |
| % moved to Impaired   | 0.14         | 0.19 | 0.29 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 0.48 | 0.48        | 0.67        | 0.62        |

Brenkel et al, 2017

individually (one test at a time)

- OOO and DT categorized borderline participants best (sig t tests between impaired and unimpaired groups)
- PA and FM categorized borderline participants worst (PA was deemed too difficult for older adults)
- SP – no differences between three categories of participants

Using Brenkel et al method:

**MoCA, on it's own, categorizes 59% of participants**

Individually (one test at a time)

- SP, PA, DT were the top three at categorizing borderline participants  
90% 86% 85% of total participants (51) categorized
- OOO, DS, SS were the worst three at categorizing borderline participants  
70% 70% 70% of total participants (51) categorized

Which combination of tests best categorizes borderline participants? (i.e. using more than one test – categorizing in the same direction)

- SP & PA together leave the fewest participants in the borderline condition  
80% of total participants (51) categorized
- These two tests do better on their own

Which combination of tests best categorizes ALL participants (i.e. set cut offs, but then recategorize all)

- DT & SP; SP & TS; TS & PA were equally successful  
37% of total participants (51) categorized (**worse than MoCA on its own**)

### T-tests: impaired vs unimpaired

Welch Two Sample t-test – takes into account variance within the groups (changes df)

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Double Trouble        | t(23)=-3.98, p<0.001 |
| Odd One Out           | t(17)=-5.08, p<0.001 |
| Spatial Planning      | t(24)=-2.64, p=0.014 |
| Grammatical Reasoning | t(19)=-4.34, p<0.001 |
| Digit span            | t(13)=-4.53, p<0.001 |
| Token Search          | t(14)=-2.72, p=0.017 |
| Paired Associates     | t(21)=-4.51, p<0.001 |
| Spatial Span          | t(19)=-3.73, p=0.001 |
| Feature Match         | t(15)=-5.52, p<0.001 |
| Rotations             | t(24)=-3.17, p=0.004 |
| Polygons              | t(26)=-2.56, p=0.017 |
| Monkey Ladder         | t(14)=-3.79, p=0.002 |

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 (48 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 Odd One Out

Adjusted  $R^2 = 0.6483 = 0.65$

Age was included as a factor and predicts 22% of the variance in MoCA scores (adjusted  $R^2 = 0.2216$ ) on its own

### MMSE

MMSE scores are best predicted by: Grammatical Reasoning and Feature match

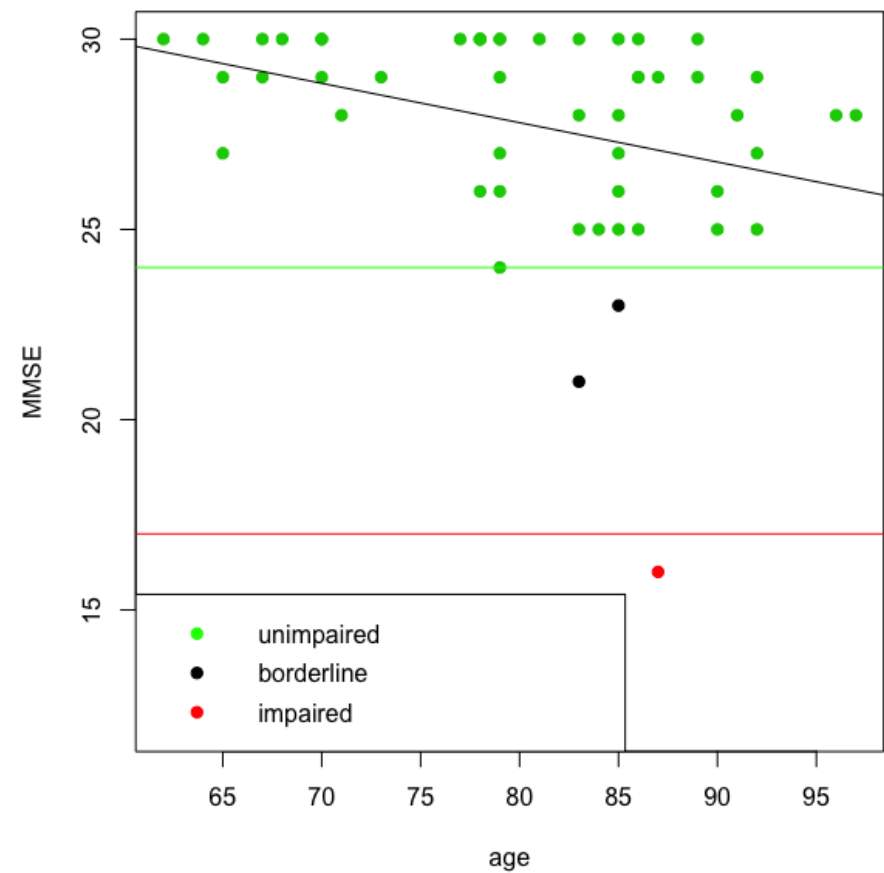
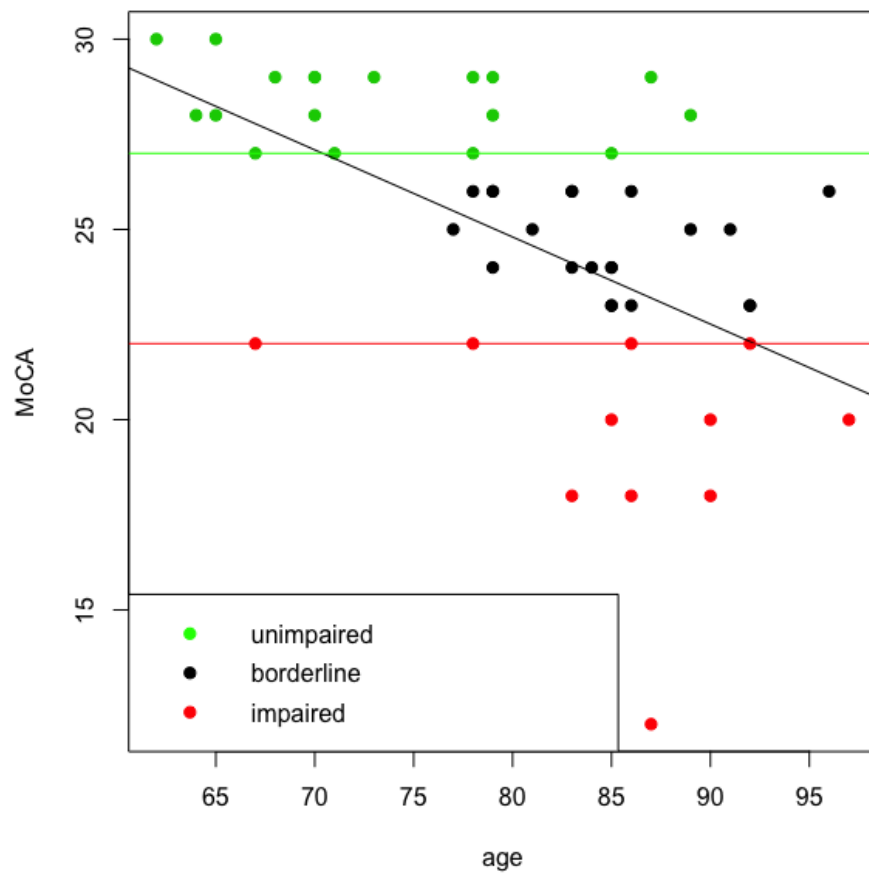
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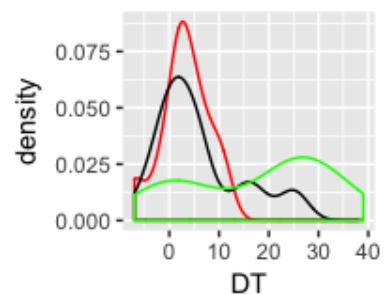
Age was included as a factor and predicts 8% of the variance in MMSE scores (adjusted  $R^2 = 0.0799$ ) on its own

## **Conclusion:**

- Using the MoCA and one additional test (Spatial Planning) 90% of participants can be categorized (more than 59% - MoCA on its own)
- Feature Match and Odd One Out best predict MoCA scores
- A MoCA 'replacement' test including only CBS tests would be a 3 test battery: FM, OO, and SP

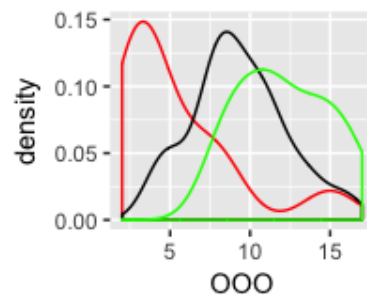
Plots showing the relationship between MoCA/MMSE scores and age  
The horizontal lines indicate the category cutoffs  
The black line is the trend line





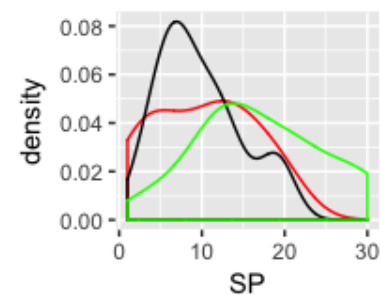
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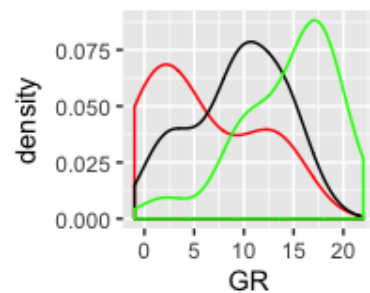
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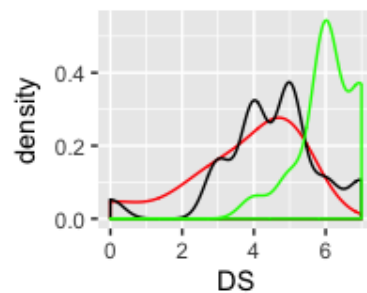
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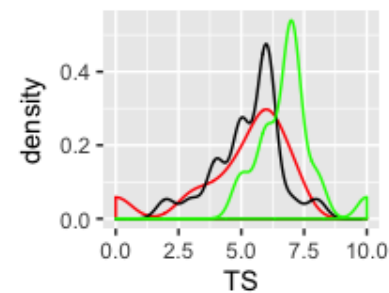
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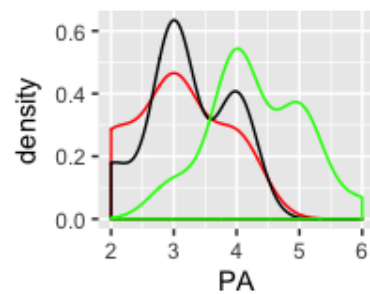
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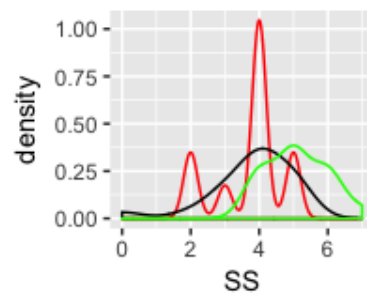
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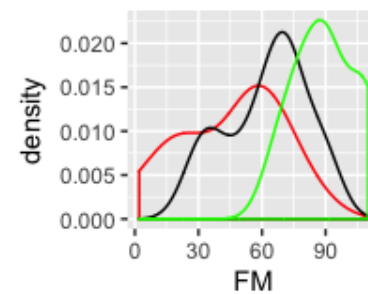
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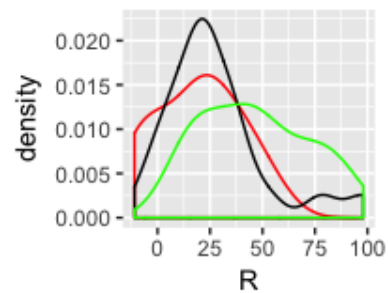
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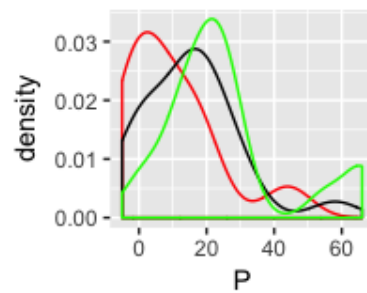
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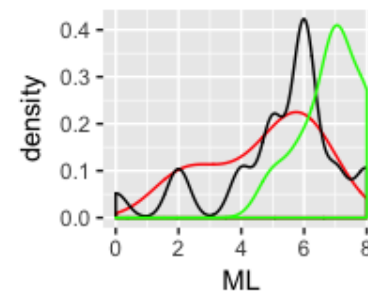
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