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# Methods

## Study Data

The Health, Aging, and Body Composition study (HABC) consists of longitudinal observations from 3,075 highly functioning black and white adults over 11 years, beginning in 1997. The response variable is a binary diagnosis of dementia, and the associated year of onset. This response variable had to be constructed using hospital visits, medical records, and scores from a cognitive test called the 3M score.

## Statistical Modeling