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Neuropsychological Tests: Which, When, and How?

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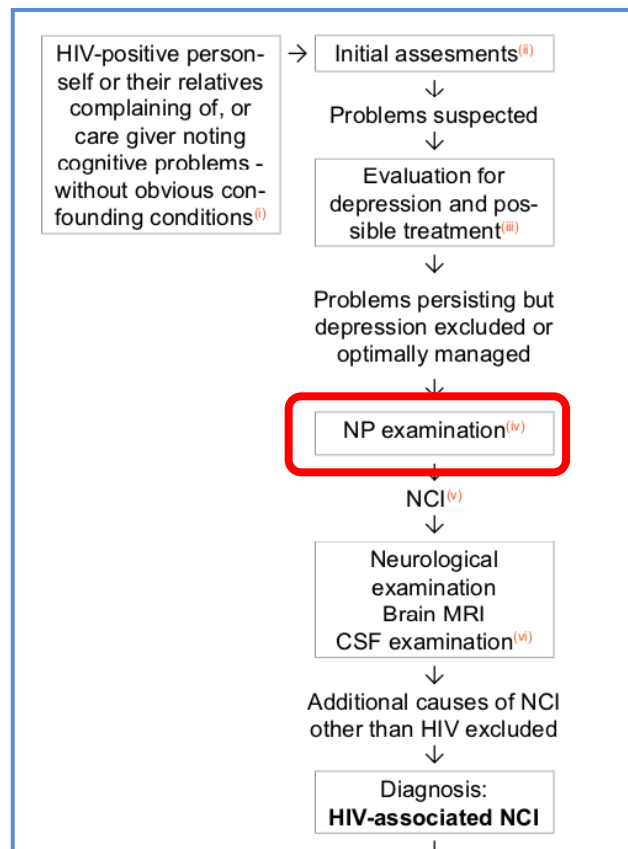
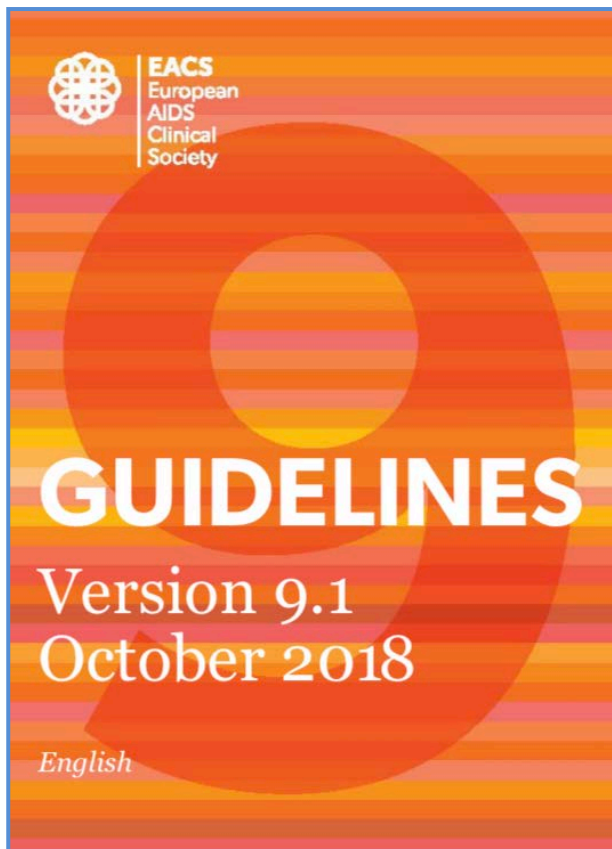
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- A. Indication of Premorbid Intelligence
 1. *Vocabulary (WAIS-R)*
 2. National Adult Reading Test (NART)
- B. Attention
 1. Digit Span (WMS-R)
 2. *Visual Span (WMS-R)*
- C. Speed of Processing
 1. Sternberg Search Task
 2. Simple and Choice Reaction Times
 3. *Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test (PASAT)*
- D. Memory
 1. *California Verbal Learning Test (CVLT)*
 2. Working Memory Test
 3. Modified Visual Reproduction Test (WMS)
- E. Abstraction
 1. Category Test
 2. Trails Making Test, Parts A and B
- F. Language
 1. Boston Naming Test
 2. Letter and Category Fluency Test
- G. Visuospatial
 1. Embedded Figures Test
 2. Money's Standardized Road-Map Test of Direction Sense
 3. Digit Symbol Substitution
- H. Construction Abilities
 1. Block Design Test
 2. Tactual Performance Test
- I. Motor Abilities
 1. Grooved Pegboard
 2. Finger Tapping Test
 3. Grip Strength
- J. Psychiatric Assessment
 1. Diagnostic Interview Schedule (DIS)
 2. *Hamilton Depression Scale*
 3. *State-Trait Anxiety Scale*
 4. Mini-Mental State Examination

Fluency

- Controlled Oral Word Association Test (FAS) (1, 2)
- Thurstone Word Fluency Test (3)
- Category Fluency (4)
- Action Fluency (5)
- Design Fluency Tests (6, 7)

Executive Functions

- Stroop Color and Word Test (8)
- Trailmaking Test – Part B (3, 9)
- Color Trails –II (10)
- Wisconsin Card Sorting Test (11)
- Halstead Category Test (3, 9)
- Odd Man Out Test (12-14)
- Tower Tests (15-17)
- Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System (7)

Speed of Information Processing

- WAIS-III Digit Symbol Subtest (18)
- WAIS-III Symbol Search Subtest (18)
- Symbol Digit Modalities Test (19)
- Trailmaking Test – Part A (3, 9)
- Color Trails – I (10)
- Digit Vigilance Test (3, 20)
- Stroop Color Naming (8)
- Reaction Time Tests, e.g., California Computerized Assessment Battery (21)

Attention/Working Memory

- WAIS-III Digit Span Subtest (18)
- WAIS-III Letter-Number Sequencing Subtest (18)
- WMS-III Spatial Span Subtest (22)
- Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test (23)
- Digit Vigilance Test (error component) (3, 20)

Verbal and Visual Learning

Verbal:

- California Verbal Learning Test (Original and Revised; Total Learning) (24)
- Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (Total Learning) (25)
- Story Memory Test (Learning component) (3)
- Hopkins Verbal Learning Test- Revised (Total Learning) (26)
- Buschke Selective Reminding Test (27)
- WMS-III Logical Memory I (22)
- WMS-III Paired Associates I (22)

Visual:

- WMS-III Visual Reproduction-I (22)
- WMS-III Family Pictures-I (22)
- Brief Visuospatial Memory Test – Revised (Total Learning) (28)
- Figure Memory Test (Learning component) (3)
- Rey-Osterreith Complex Figure Test (Immediate Recall) (29, 30)

Verbal and Visual Memory

Delayed recall scores of the 12 learning/memory tests listed above, with interpretation also guided by results on any normed, forgetting/savings scores and delayed recognition scores.

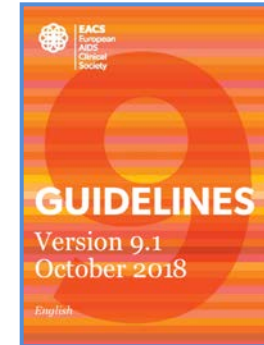
Motor Skills

- Grooved Pegboard Test (3, 31)
- Purdue Pegboard Test (32, 33)
- Arendt Central Motor Test Battery (34, 35)
- Finger Tapping Test (3)
- Timed Gait (36)

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2. Comprehensive standard neuropsychological testing should be based on the following:

- a. A comprehensive test battery including at least 6 cognitive domains including verbal/language; attention/working memory; abstraction/executive function; memory functions (learning and recall); speed of information processing; and motor skills. [CEBM 5](#); [GOR](#)

[D \(Antinori et al., 2007\)](#)

- b. Standard computerised-based neuropsychological tests may be used by clinical neuropsychologists, or they may prefer paper and pencil version of the same tests. The importance is again in the use of standard and validated instruments for detection of HAND.

[See standard reference book Lezak et al., 2004](#)

- c. Similar neuropsychological tests are recommended to be used for ANI, MND and HAD diagnosis, although a step-down battery is often more appropriate in patients with severe impairment. A standard assessment of independence in activities of daily living is needed to differentiate ANI, MND and HAD. [CEBM 5](#); [GOR D \(Antinori et al., 2007; see also Al-Khindi et al., 2011; Cysique et al., 2010a; Muñoz-Moreno et al., 2008; Ellis et al., 2002; Heaton et al., 2010; Heaton et al., 2011; Robertson et al., 2007; Robertson et al. 2010; Vivithanaporn et al., 2010\)](#)

1. Verbal fluency
2. Executive functions
3. Processing speed
4. Attention
5. Learning
6. Verbal memory
7. Motor skills

Normative data and validation of a regression based summary score for assessing meaningful neuropsychological change

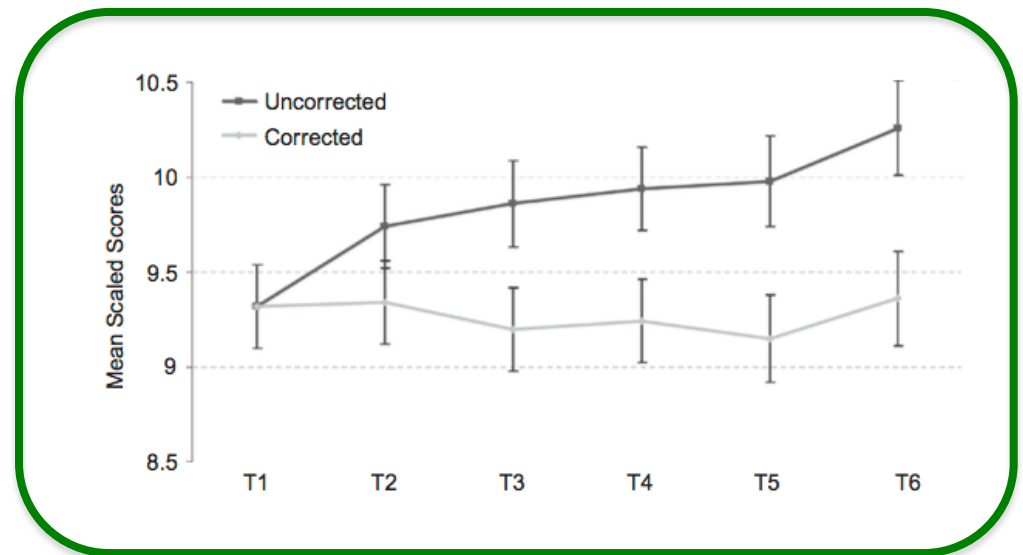
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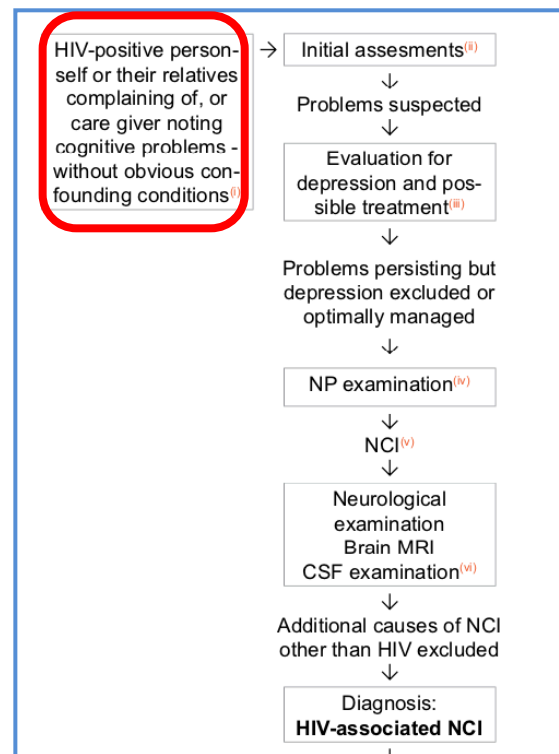
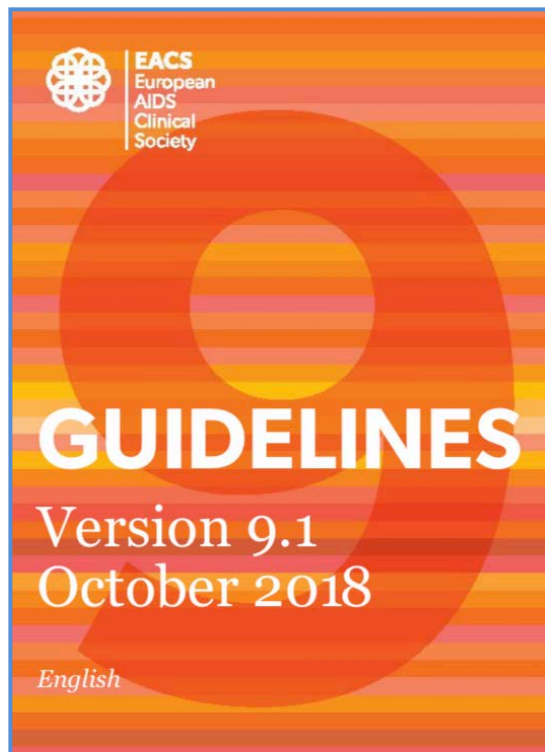
Median practice effect from baseline to follow-up on 15 NP measures

| <i>NP measure</i> | <i>T2</i> | <i>T3</i> | <i>T4</i> | <i>T5 +</i> |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Letter Fluency | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Animal Fluency | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| PASAT-50 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| WAIS-III L-N Sequencing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| WAIS-III Digit Symbol | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| WAIS-III Symbol Search | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Trail Making Test A | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| WCST-64 Perseverative Errors | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Trail Making Test B | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| HVLT-R Total Learning | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| HVLT-R Delayed Recall | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| BVMT-R Total Learning | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| BVMT-R Delayed Recall | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Grooved Pegboard DH | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
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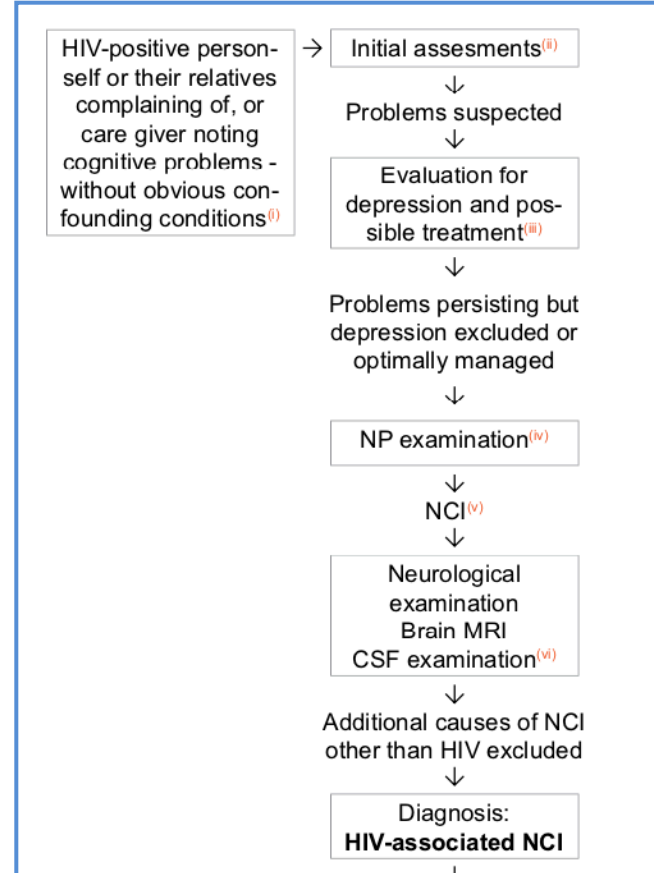
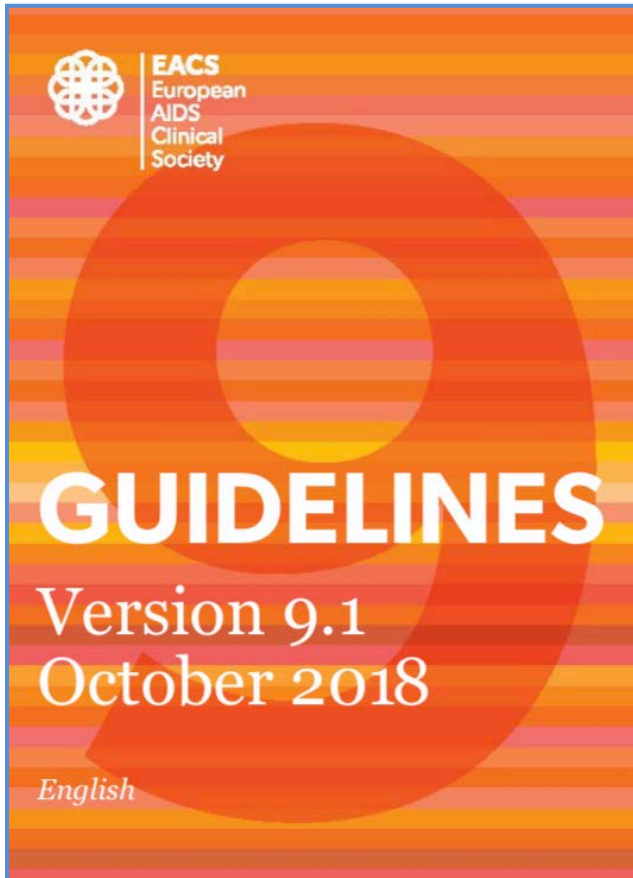


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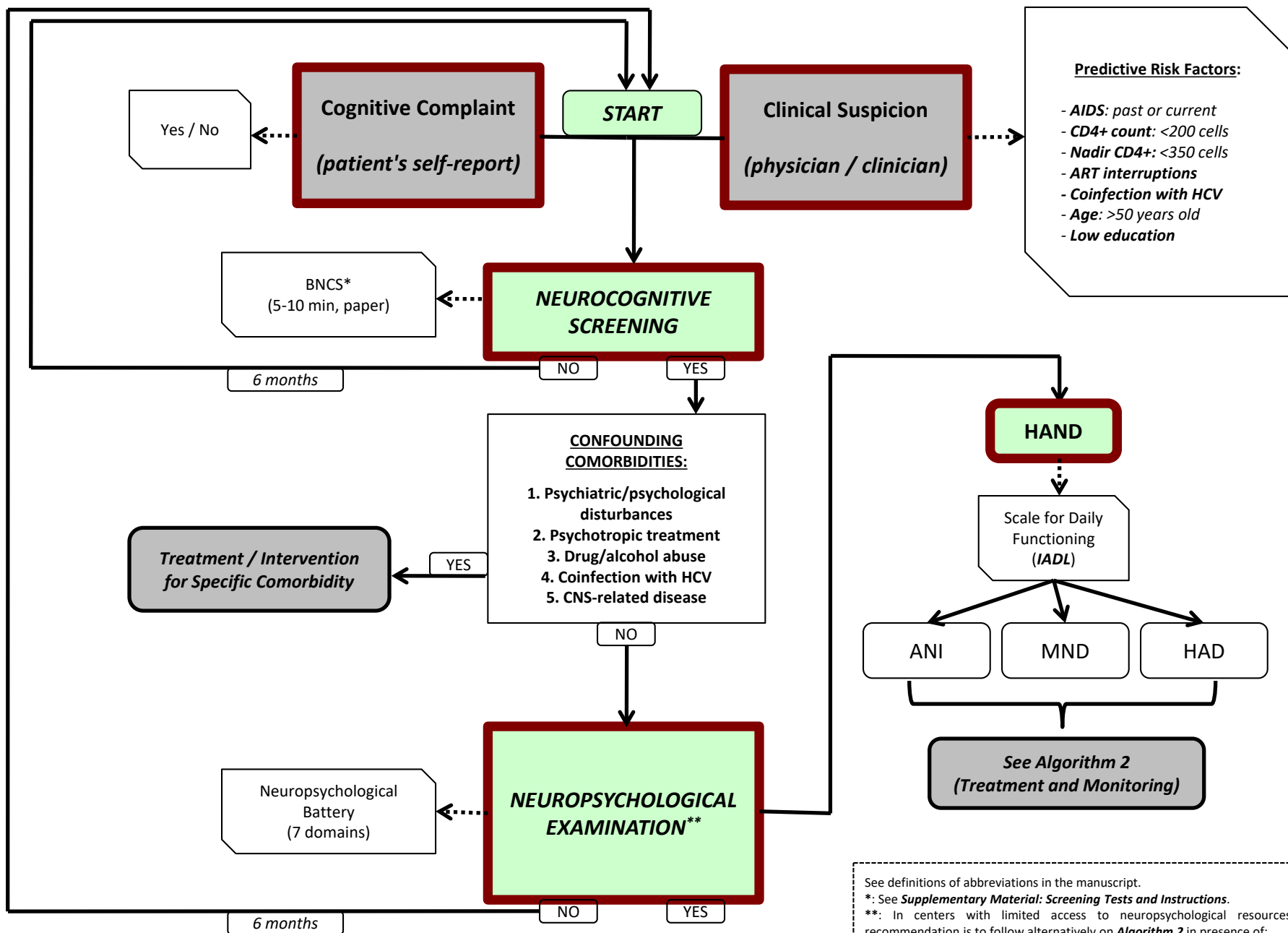
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ALGORITHM 1. Screening, assessment, and diagnosis of HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorders (HAND).



See definitions of abbreviations in the manuscript.
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1) Cognitive Complaint + 2) Clinical Suspicion + 3) Positive Screening.

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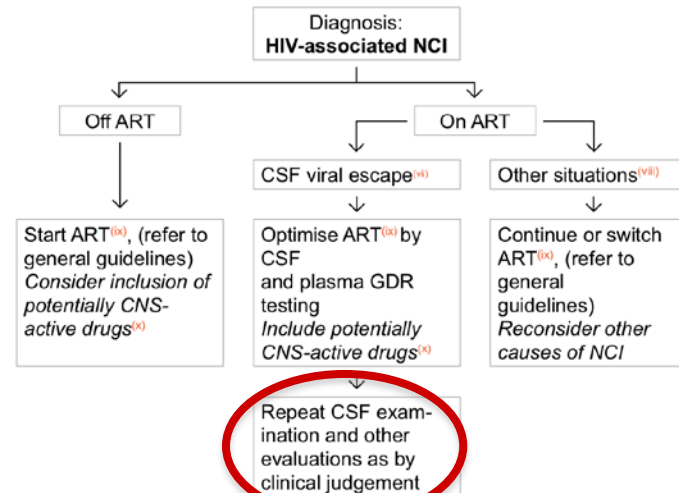
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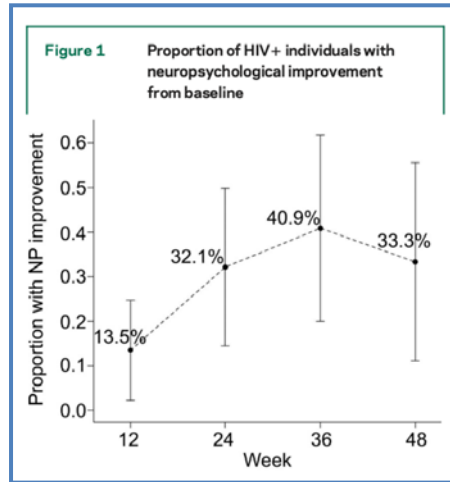
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Figure 2a. BL NPZ-12.

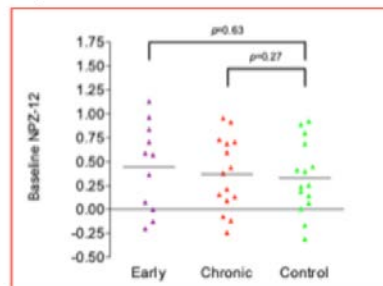
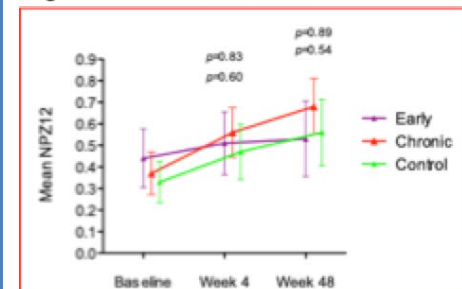


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Screening Tools



| Name | Ref | Duration | Advantages | Limitations |
|---|---|-----------|---|---|
| CogState® | <i>Cysique et al, J Int Neuropsych Soc, 2006</i> | 10-15 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 areas covered - Low practice effect | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economical cost - Feasibility (computerized) |
| CAMCI® (Computer Assessment of Mild Cogn. Impairm.) | <i>Becker et al, AIDS Patient Care and STDs, 2011</i> | 20 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 areas covered - Low practice effect | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economical cost - Feasibility (computerized) |
| HNRC Screen | <i>Carey et al, Clin Neuropsychol, 2004</i> | 5-10 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good accuracy (78%, 85%) - Only 2 measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economical cost - Instrumental requirements (pegboard) |
| IHDS (International HIV Dementia Scale) | <i>Sacktor et al, AIDS, 2005</i> | 5-10 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative score - Extensively used | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designed for HAD - Limited accuracy |
| BNCS (Brief NeuroCognitive Screen) | <i>Ellis et al, J Neurovirol, 2005</i> | 5-10 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paper-based use - Extensively used | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economical cost - Limited sensitivity (65%) |
| MoCA® (Montreal Cognitive Assessment) | <i>Koski et al, HIV Medicine, 2011</i> | 5-10 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative score - 4 areas covered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designed for aging - Limited specificity (42%) |
| NEU Screen | <i>Muñoz-Moreno et al, JAIDS, 2013</i> | 5-10 min | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good accuracy (74%, 81%) - No copyright restrictions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited to Spanish speakers - No formal validation |

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| WHEN? | Cognitive Symptoms/Complaints | - Patient's report - EACS questions - Other tests (eg, PAOFI, ...) | 1) Clinical impact confirmed 2) Chance to HAND | - | NIH, UNAIDS, Frascati, Mind Exchange, EACS, ... |
| | Clinical Suspicion | - Specific reason - Suspected risk factor | 1) Widespread covering 2) Potential decline anticipated | 1) Overestimated frequency? 2) Unclear clinical relevance | - Valcour, 2013 (<i>AIDS Res&Hum Retro</i>) - Grant, 2014 (<i>Neurology</i>) |
| | Monitoring | - 3-6 Months → ART start / Severe CI - 1-2 Years → Mild CI | 1) Close follow-up 2) Interventional options | 1) Practice effect | - Mind Exchange - Cognitive improvement studies |
| HOW? | Trained Neuropsychologist | - HIV Unit - Neurology/ Neuropsychological Units | 1) Individualized management 2) Close collaboration (eg, comorbidities assessment, ...) 3) Oriented to treatment | 1) Cost 2) Practice effect | NIH, UNAIDS, Frascati, Mind Exchange, EACS, ... |
| | Physician/ Clinician | - Screening | 1) Time 2) Cost | 1) Scarce information 2) Poor differential diagnosis 3) Difficulty to treat | --- |