The Brain Health Registry:
An Internet-Based Registry
Recruitment, Assessment, & Longitudinal Monitoring
for Clinical Neuroscience Research

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GOALS

• To reduce costs of AD clinical trials
  – An on line registry for recruitment, screening, and monitoring progression
  – Available to investigators for all types of neuroscience studies
• To establish a large cohort of elders who are monitored longitudinally
• Specifically, to develop on-line tests who indicate elders at risk for AD
• Evidence supporting the feasibility of this approach
PROBLEMS WITH ONLINE COHORTS

• Concerns about:
  – Privacy
  – Reliability
  – Validity
  – Generalizability
  – Feasibility: **Biggest Problem**

• These concerns must be addressed
WHY ANOTHER REGISTRY?

• There are a number of existing registries, and new ones are being created

• What is unique about the Brain Health Registry?
  – Not limited to Alzheimer’s disease
  – Solicits registration of all ages, no excludes
  – Extensive questionnaires
  – Neuropsychological tests: Cogstate, Lumos
  – Advertised by Lumosity: we have their data
  – Available to many investigators
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Brain Health Registry Receives
Your medical history may provide important insight into potential influences on your current brain health. All information you provide remains private.

This section includes a set of health-related questionnaires. Next to each questionnaire, you can see its anticipated duration. After completing a questionnaire, you will see a check mark.

We strongly encourage you to complete all the questionnaires, and please do so at your own pace.

By answering all the questions, you are helping us develop a better understanding of the human brain.
Registry questionnaires:

- Personal medical history
- Family medical history
- Diet, sleep, exercise, lifestyle
- Basis for questionnaires:
  - Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS)
  - Everyday Cognition Scale (Ecog)
  - Short Form Health Survey (SF-36)
  - Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI)
Age, current members: approx. 7000
Dashboard: Initial figures

**Gender**
- Female: 59%
- Male: 29%
- Unknown: 11%

**Family History of Alzheimer's**
- No: 68%
- Unknown: 11%
- Yes: 20%

**Memory Concern**
- No: 53%
- Unknown: 11%
- Yes: 34%

**Sleep Problems**
- No: 43%
- Unknown: 11%
- Yes: 44%
Geriatric Depression Scale:
Key partner: Cogstate
Cogstate card test

A. Simple Reaction time task
B. Choice RT task
C. 1-card learning & 1-card back tasks
COGSTATE RESULTS

• Currently approx 3500 cogstate results
• Scores exactly coincide with age adjusted norms from Cogstate in-clinic subjects
• Age related reduction in subjects over 60
• Reduced cognition in those with complaints
• Overall the results are extremely encouraging: in-clinic validation is funded
Lumosity: Sharing tests and data

Improve your brain performance and live a better life
Build your Personalized Training Program
- Enhance memory and attention
- Web-based personalized training program
- Track changes in your performance

Get Started Now

The Science Behind Lumosity

Lumosity exercises are designed by neuroscientists to improve core cognitive
Researchers have measured improvements in working memory and attention after
Dozens of research collaborators help us to improve the Lumosity training
Lumosity: Also sharing contacts

50 million members!

A map of users’ locations based on their IP address
Memory Match Game Score
LOWER 25$^{\text{TH}}$ OF DECLINING ELDERS LEARNING RATE BY TIME
SIMULATED TRIAL RESULTS

Lower quartile of subjects
Power to detect a 25% attenuation of learning rate decline

• 80% power, 5% significance
• Sample Size : 110 per arm
• These results support the concept of using prior game score data to predict future decline and enroll subjects into trials
HOW TO BE INVOLVED

• For help with subject recruitment, contact me
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• An “investigator’s portal” will be available
  – To access data, to identify subjects for your studies
  – Can perform targeted recruitment for your study

• You can develop new studies
  – Which are completely on line
  – Which take advantage of this portal

• You can write grant proposal which use this portal

• You can pilot on-line assessment for clinical use
CONCLUSION

• Use of the internet will facilitate AD clinical trials
• Establishing a large cohort of subjects followed longitudinally will assist recruitment, reduce costs, and improve statistical power of AD trials
• Problems of feasibility, reliability, validity, and generalizability need to be addressed
• This new approach has great promise to accelerate progress in AD research
• We wish to work with academic/industry partners
• We hope to partner with NIA and ADCs