

REPLY

Reply to “Neuropsychiatric symptoms in community-dwelling older Brazilians with mild cognitive impairment and dementia”

We thank the readers for their interest in our manuscript. We agree that Nunes et al.,¹ found elevations in mild cognitive impairment on 7 of 12 Neuropsychiatric Inventory items. The study by Wilson et al.,² was built on the prior literature including Nunes et al.,² by deriving composite measures of behavioral and psychological symptoms from the Neuropsychiatric Inventory and using these as outcomes instead of individual Neuropsychiatric Inventory items, thereby likely minimizing measurement error. With these composite measures, we were able to show that mild cognitive impairment is characterized by a global (rather than a selective) elevation in neuropsychiatric symptoms. Thus, our paper differs from and nicely complements that of Nunes et al.

Separately, we apologize for not specifically acknowledging the sources of cases for the study. We requested that the editor add an acknowledgment or correction to the paper, which states “The authors thank the thousands of Brazilian informants who participated in this study. We thank the staff of the Pathology, Alzheimer’s and Related Dementias Study (PARDoS) and the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center for their support. We thank the Núcleo de Estudos Pesquisa e Assessoria à Saúde (NEPAS), and the Instituto de Assistência Médica ao Servidor Público Estadual (IAMSPE), where the project is now located and active. We also thank the Fundação Faculdade de Medicina (FFM), the São Paulo Autopsy Service (SVOC) at the University of São Paulo (USP), and its Medical School (FMUSP), where the project was conducted until September 5, 2019.”

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