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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

## eMethods. Participants and [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol PET

### Participants

The study population included 262 patients with mild cognitive complaints from the prospective and longitudinal Swedish BioFINDER cohort ([www.biofinder.se](http://www.biofinder.se)) who had undergone [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol PET evaluation. The patients were referred for assessment of their cognitive complaints and were recruited between 2010 and 2014. They were thoroughly assessed for their cognitive complaints by physicians with special interest in dementia disorders. The inclusion criteria were: 1) cognitive symptoms; 2) not fulfilling the criteria for dementia; 3) a Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score of 24 – 30 points; 4) age 60 – 80 years; and 5) fluent in Swedish. The exclusion criteria were: 1) cognitive impairment that without doubt could be explained by another condition (other than prodromal dementias); 2) severe somatic disease; and 3) refusing lumbar puncture or neuropsychological investigation. These criteria resulted in a clinically relevant population where 47% were classified as subjective cognitive decline (SCD), 40% as amnesic MCI, and 11% as non-amnesic MCI. The classification was based on a neuropsychological battery assessing the cognitive domains of verbal ability, visuospatial construction, episodic memory, and executive functions and the clinical assessment by a senior neuropsychologist. The characteristics of the study participants are given in eTable 1.

### [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol PET

Cerebral A $\beta$  deposition was visualized with the PET tracer [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol (approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and the European Medical Agency). [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol was manufactured at the radiopharmaceutical production site in Risø, Denmark, using a FASTlab synthesizer module (GE Healthcare, Cleveland, OH). Subjects received a single dose of [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol according to a method described previously.<sup>1</sup> PET/CT scanning of the brain was conducted at two sites using the same type of scanner (Gemini, Philips Healthcare, Best, the Netherlands). [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol scans were rated by a board-certified neuroradiologist who had successfully completed a training programme provided by GE. Images were designated as PET positive or negative. The rater was blinded to all clinical characteristics of the study participants.

In addition, sum images (from 90-110 min post injection) were analyzed using the software NeuroMarQ (GE Healthcare, Cleveland, OH, USA). [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol activity was quantified with a previously described fully automated PET-only method that uses an adaptive template for handling different uptake patterns in negative and positive [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol images.<sup>2</sup> [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol images were spatially normalized to Montreal Neurological Institute template space using the adaptive template method. A volume of interest (VOI) template was applied for the following 9 bilateral regions: prefrontal, parietal, lateral temporal, medial temporal, sensorimotor, occipital, anterior cingulate, posterior cingulate/precuneus, and a global neocortical composite region.<sup>2</sup> The standardized uptake value ratio (SUVR) was defined as the uptake in a VOI normalized for the cerebellar cortex uptake. We used [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol SUVR cutoff >1.42 for abnormally increased A $\beta$  deposition. This cutoff was established in our previous study based on the same [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol procedure.<sup>3</sup>

## eResults. Visual A $\beta$ PET vs CSF AD Biomarker Measured Using Antibody-Independent MS-based RMP

Both A $\beta$ 42<sup>MS</sup> and A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40<sup>MS</sup> accurately predicted visual [<sup>18</sup>F]flutemetamol PET assessment with area under the curve (AUC) of 0.83 (95% CI 0.75 - 0.92) and 0.93 (0.86 - 0.99), respectively. However, the A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40<sup>MS</sup> ratio performed significantly better than A $\beta$ 42 (p=0.004 when comparing AUCs of the two ROC curves using DeLong test). The optimal cutoff for A $\beta$ 42<sup>MS</sup> was 741 pg/ml (sensitivity 87%, specificity 75%, Youden's index 0.62) and for A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40<sup>MS</sup> 0.07 (sensitivity 97%, specificity 90%, Youden's index 0.87). The number of cases with discordant CSF A $\beta$  status compared to visual PET assessments was higher for A $\beta$ 42<sup>MS</sup> (n=20, 20%) than for A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40<sup>MS</sup> (n=7, 7%) and consisted mainly of CSF A $\beta$ 42-positive and visual PET-negative cases (eTable 2).

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**eTable 1. Biofinder Cohort Characteristics**

	Biofinder cohort
Age	70.9 ± 5.5
Gender (female, %)	41%
Diagnosis	SCD 115 (44%) MCI 143 (55%)
MMSE	27.8 ± 1.7
Composite 18-flutemetamol PET score	1.6 ± 0.5
<i>Innotest</i>	
Aβ42 <sup>INC</sup> , pg/ml	578.5 ± 227.1
Aβ42 <sup>INM</sup> , pg/ml	1114.9 ± 424.3
Aβ40, pg/ml	9545.1 ± 3230.5
Aβ42 <sup>INC</sup> /Aβ40	0.066 ± 0.030
Aβ42 <sup>INM</sup> /Aβ38	0.123 ± 0.045
P-tau 181P, pg/mL	61.4 ± 28.2
<i>Euroimmun</i>	
Aβ42, pg/ml	523.3 ± 246.6
Aβ40, pg/ml	4770.5 ± 1754.4
Aβ42/Aβ40	0.115 ± 0.047
T-tau, pg/mL	386.0 ± 173.6
<i>Mesoscale discovery</i>	
Aβ42, pg/ml	531.5 ± 230.9
Aβ40, pg/ml	5898.2 ± 1376.2
Aβ42/Aβ40	0.090 ± 0.032
<i>Mass Spectrometry (n=98)</i>	
Aβ42, pg/ml	841.6 ± 399.5
Aβ40, pg/ml	10744.9 ± 3423.7
Aβ42/Aβ40	0.080 ± 0.028

Data are shown as mean±SD unless otherwise specified.

INC, Innotest classical; INM, Innotest modified; EI, Euroimmun; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MMSE, Mini Mental State Examination; MSD, Mesoscale Discovery; MS, mass spectrometry; SCD, subjective cognitive decline.

**Table 2.** Comparisons Of ROC Analysis Of CSF Biomarkers For Distinguishing Abnormal From Normal Visual Reading Assessments Of [<sup>18</sup>F]Flutemetamol PET

	Difference between AUCs	95% CI for the difference	P-value
<b>Innotest</b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /A $\beta$ 40	0.0012	-0.0347 to 0.0370	0.9495
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /T-tau	0.0237	-0.0074 to 0.0548	0.1346
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup> vs A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup>/P-tau</b>	<b>0.0284</b>	<b>0.0023 to 0.0545</b>	<b>0.0329</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup>/A<math>\beta</math>40 vs A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup>/t-tau</b>	<b>0.0249</b>	<b>0.0068 to 0.0430</b>	<b>0.0071</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup>/A<math>\beta</math>40 vs A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INC</sup>/P-tau</b>	<b>0.0295</b>	<b>0.0094 to 0.0497</b>	<b>0.0040</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INM</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INM</sup>/A<math>\beta</math>40</b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> vs. A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /T-tau	0.0687	0.0259 to 0.1120	0.0017
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INM</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>INM</sup>/P-tau</b>	<b>0.0750</b>	<b>0.0365 to 0.1140</b>	<b>0.0001</b>
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs. A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /T-tau	0.0090	-0.0060 to 0.0240	0.2400
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /P-tau	0.0153	-0.0039 to 0.0346	0.1183
<b>Euroimmun</b>			
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup>/A<math>\beta</math>40</b>	<b>0.0529</b>	<b>0.0120 to 0.0939</b>	<b>0.0112</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup>/T-tau</b>	<b>0.0582</b>	<b>0.0202 to 0.0962</b>	<b>0.0027</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>EI</sup>/p-tau</b>	<b>0.0650</b>	<b>0.0298 to 0.1000</b>	<b>0.0003</b>
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs. A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /T-tau	0.0053	-0.0099 to 0.0204	0.4976
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /P-tau	0.0121	-0.0036 to 0.0277	0.1320
<b>Mesoscale discovery</b>			
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup> vs. A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup>/A<math>\beta</math>40</b>	<b>0.0594</b>	<b>0.0269 to 0.0919</b>	<b>0.0003</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup> vs A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup>/T-tau</b>	<b>0.0475</b>	<b>0.0096 to 0.0853</b>	<b>0.0139</b>
<b>A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup> vs A<math>\beta</math>42<sup>MSD</sup>/P-tau</b>	<b>0.0564</b>	<b>0.0230 to 0.0897</b>	<b>0.0009</b>
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /T-tau	0.0119	-0.0074 to 0.0312	0.2257
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /A $\beta$ 40 vs A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /P-tau	0.0030	-0.0094 to 0.0154	0.6353

AUC, area under the curve; INC, Innotest classical; INM, Innotest modified; EI, Euroimmun; MSD, Mesoscale Discovery. Significant results are shown in bold.

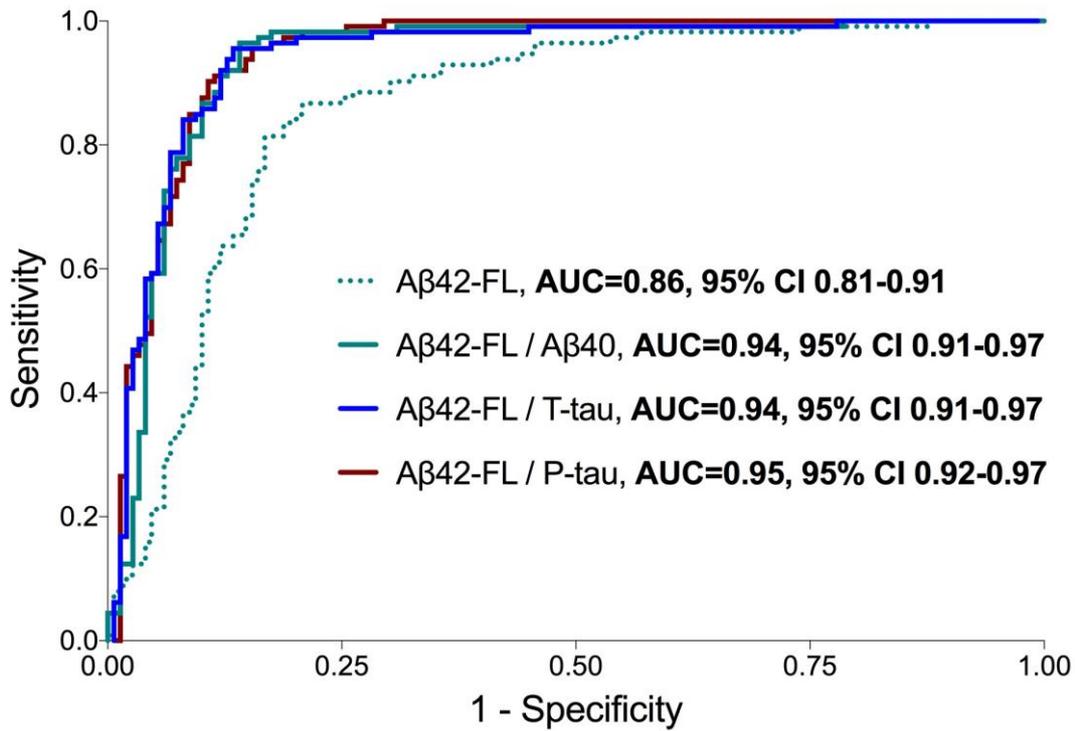
**eTable 3. Concordance Between CSF Biomarkers and Visual PET Rating**

	PET <sub>vis</sub> -neg	PET <sub>vis</sub> -pos	Cohen's $\kappa$
<b><i>INC</i></b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> -neg	46.6%	1.5%	0.76
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> -pos	<b>10.3%</b>	41.6%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-neg	46.9%	4.2%	0.72
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-pos	<b>9.9%</b>	38.9%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /P-tau-neg	50.4%	2.7%	0.81
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> /P-tau-pos	<b>6.5%</b>	40.5%	
<b><i>INM</i></b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> -neg	42.4%	3.8%	0.63
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INC</sup> -pos	<b>14.5%</b>	39.3%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-neg	48.5%	3.4%	0.76
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-pos	<b>8.4%</b>	39.7%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /P-tau-neg	49.6%	2.3%	0.80
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>INM</sup> /P-tau-pos	<b>7.3%</b>	40.8%	
<b><i>EUROIMMUN</i></b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> -neg	45.8%	7.6%	0.62
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> -pos	<b>11.1%</b>	35.5%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-neg	50.4%	3.4%	0.79
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-pos	<b>6.5%</b>	39.7%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /P-tau-neg	49.2%	2.3%	0.80
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>EI</sup> /P-tau-pos	<b>7.6%</b>	40.8%	
<b><i>Mesoscale discovery</i></b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> -neg	43.5%	2.7%	0.68
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> -pos	<b>13.4%</b>	40.5%	

A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-neg	51.1%	2.3%	0.84
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /A $\beta$ 40-pos	<b>5.7%</b>	40.8%	
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /P-tau-neg	49.2%	1.5%	0.82
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MSD</sup> /P-tau-pos	<b>7.6%</b>	41.6%	
<b>MS</b>			
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MS</sup> -neg	43.9%	5.1%	0.60
A $\beta$ 42 <sup>MS</sup> -pos	<b>15.3%</b>	35.7%	
A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40 <sup>MS</sup> -neg	53.1%	1.0%	0.85
A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40 <sup>MS</sup> -pos	<b>6.1%</b>	39.8%	

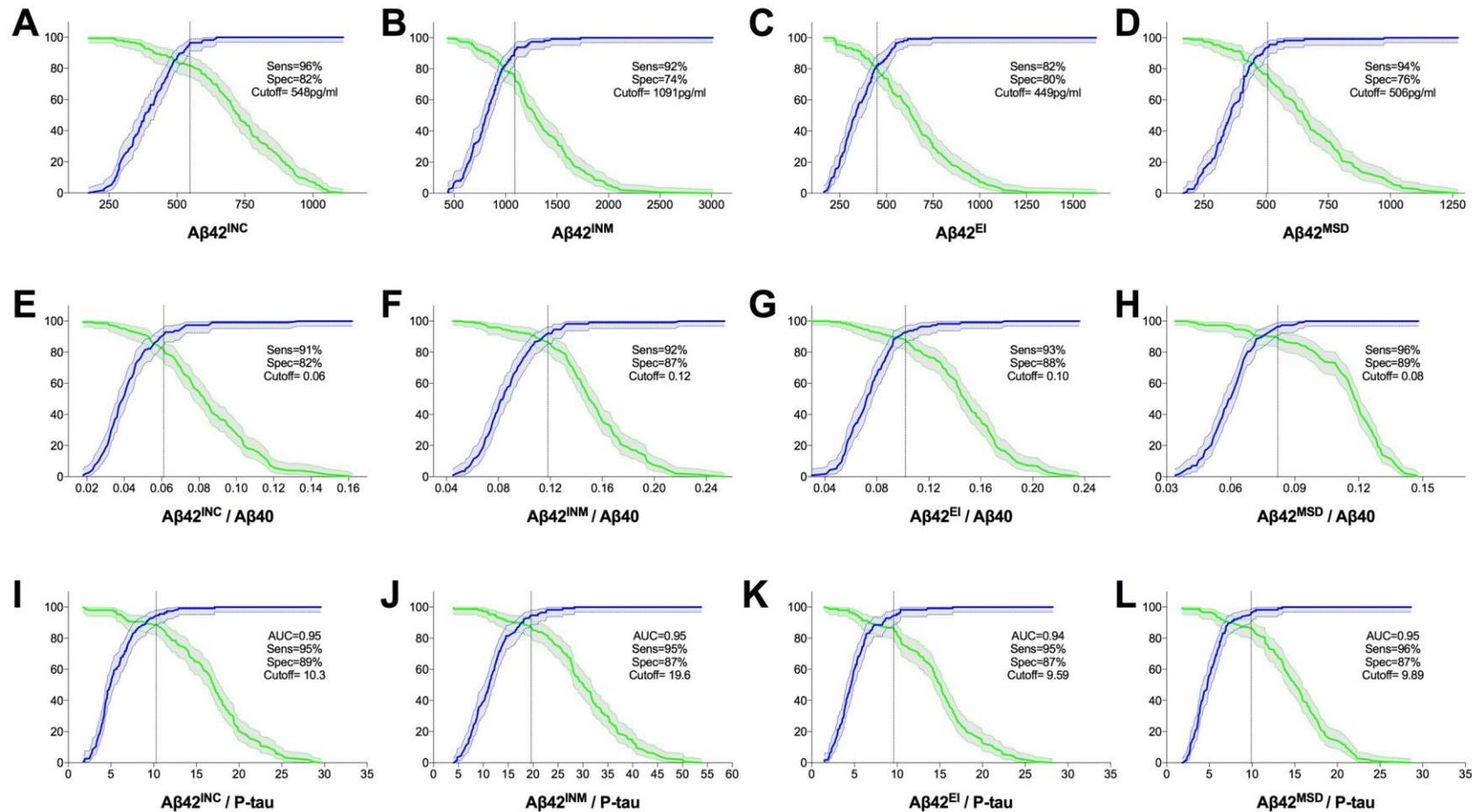
CSF A $\beta$ 42 positive and visual PET negative discordant group, where the strongest effect of the ratios was observed, is shown in bold. INC, Innotest classical; INM, Innotest modified; EI, Euroimmun; MS, mass spectrometry; MSD, Mesoscale Discovery.

**eFigure 1. CSF AD Biomarkers as Predictors of Amyloid PET Status According to Visual Analysis**



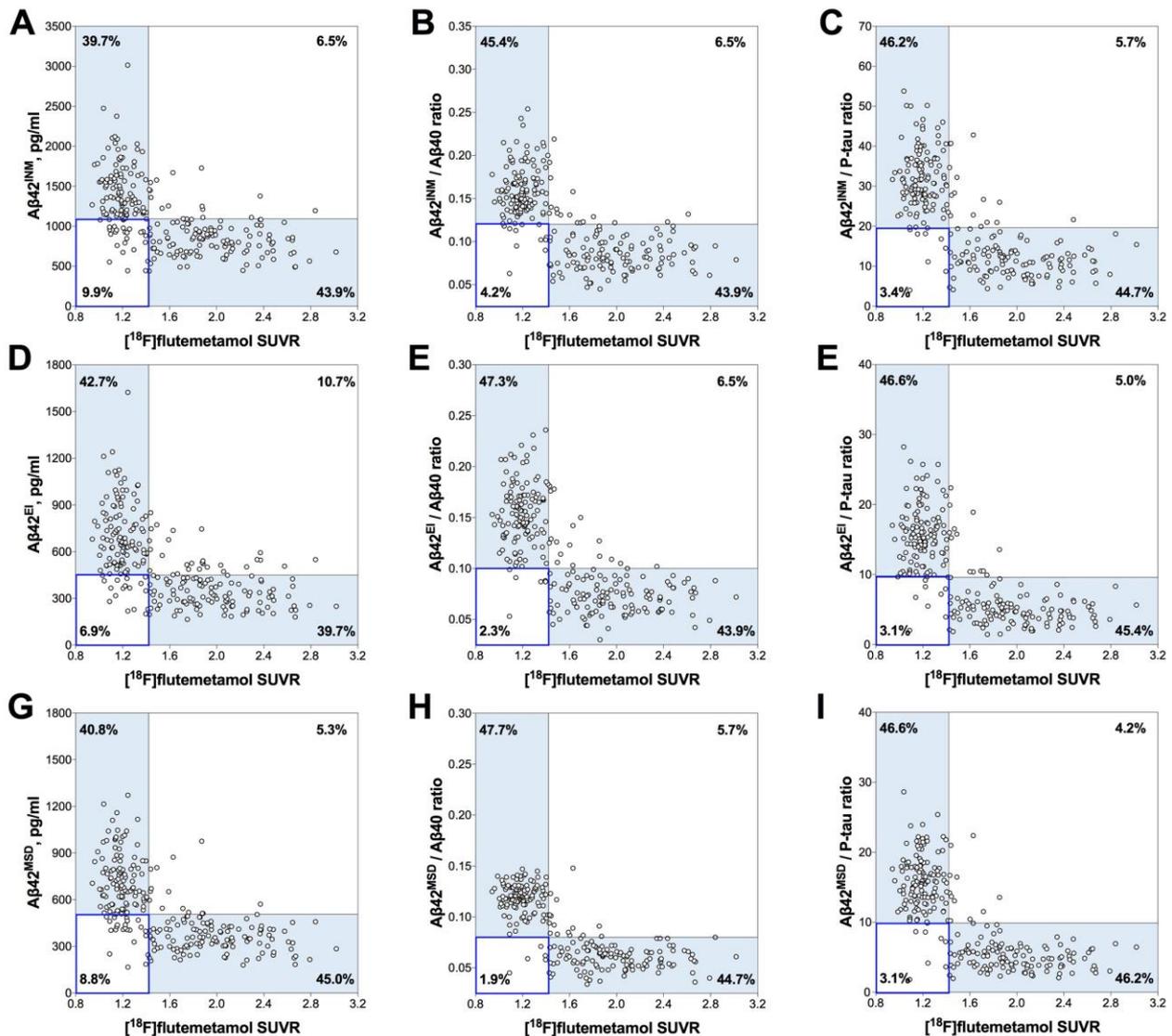
CSF Aβ42 was analyzed with fully automated Lumipulse assay from Fujirebio. CSF Aβ40, T-tau, and P-tau were measured as described in the materials and methods. ROC curves were generated for Aβ42, the Aβ42/Aβ40, the Aβ42/T-tau, and the Aβ42/P-tau ratios to determine their accuracy in differentiating PET PET Aβ-negative (n=149) and Aβ-positive (n=113) visual readings. AUC, area under the curve; FL, Fujirebio Lumipulse.

**eFigure 2. Sensitivities and Specificities of CSF A $\beta$ 42 and the A $\beta$ 42/A $\beta$ 40 and A $\beta$ 42/P-tau Ratios at Different Cutoffs For Predicting Visual Amyloid PET Assessment**



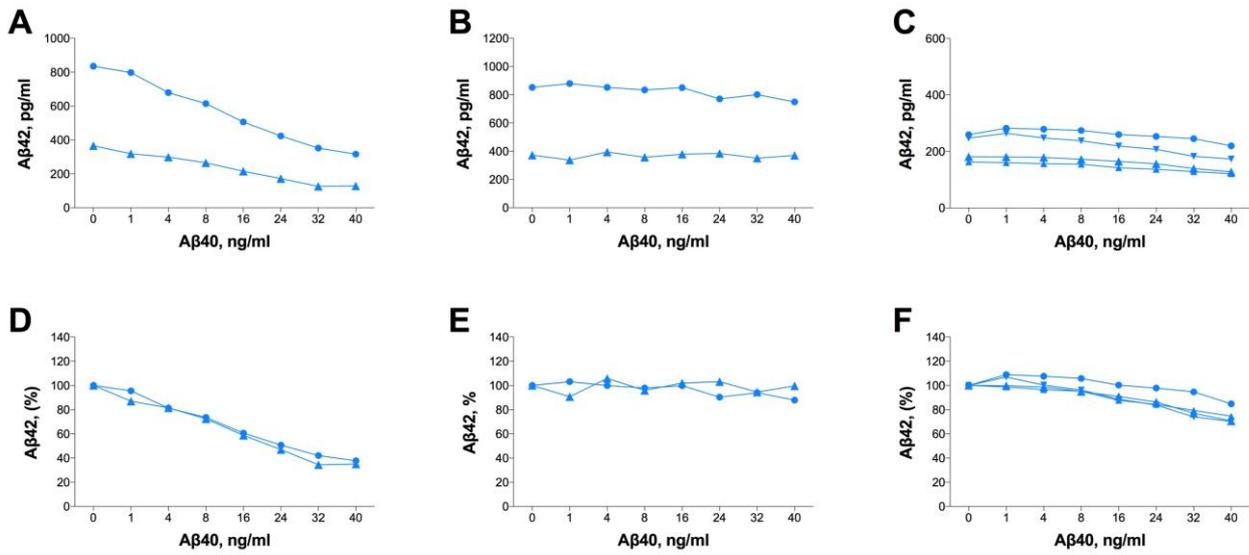
Sensitivity (blue curves) and specificity (green curves) were derived from the receiver-operator characteristic (ROC) curve analysis. The shaded area around the curves represents 95% confidence interval. Dashed lines indicate cutoff points associated with Youden's index. INC, Innostest classical; INM, Innostest modified; EI, Euroimmun; MSD, Mesoscale Discovery; Sens, sensitivity; Spec, specificity.

### eFigure 3. Agreement Between CSF A $\beta$ Biomarkers and Amyloid PET SUVR



Scatterplots of [18F]flutemetamol SUVR and CSF A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>INM</sup> (A), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>INM</sup>/A $\beta$ <sub>40</sub> (B), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>INM</sup>/P-tau (C), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>EI</sup> (D), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>EI</sup>/A $\beta$ <sub>40</sub> (E), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>EI</sup>/P-tau (F), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>MSD</sup> (G), A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>MSD</sup>/A $\beta$ <sub>40</sub> (H) and A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub><sup>MSD</sup>/P-tau (I). Percentages of the discordant and concordant cases are shown in the corners of the quadrants. Horizontal lines indicate Youden's index cutoffs for CSF biomarkers. Vertical lines indicate cutoff >1.42 SUVR. Data on quantitative [18F]flutemetamol PET and CSF A $\beta$  measured using EI and MSD assays was previously reported<sup>4</sup> and are shown in Fig.S2 for comparison with other assays. EI, Euroimmun; INM, Innotech modified; MSD, Mesoscale Discovery; PET, positron emission tomography; SUVR, the standardized uptake value ratio.

### eFigure 4. Spiking of CSF Samples With Increasing Concentrations of A $\beta$ 1-40



Two CSF samples were spiked with 0, 1, 4, 8, 16, 24, 32, and 40 ng/ml of A $\beta$  1-40. CSF concentration of A $\beta$ 42 was determined using the classical (A, C) and modified (B, D) Innotest assays as well as MSD (C, F) assay as described in the materials and methods.