Appendix A.

Protocol Literature Review

Author	Study Design	Sample size	Patient Pop.	Outcomes	Assessment	Follow-up	Results
Tow et al[1]	Prospective cohort	142	Older adults undergoing elective orthopedic surgery	Incidence and severity of POD	CAM, Memorial Delirium Assessment Scale, cognitive reserve (literacy and cognitive activities)	First assessment median 22 hrs postoperatively, second assessment median 32 hrs postoperatively	Greater participation in cognitive activity was associated with lower incidence and severity of delirium
Neufeld et al[2]	Prospective cohort	91	Consecutive patients undergoing surgical procedure, ≥ 70 y/o	Cognitive functioning	ADLs, IADLs, MMSE, Word Fluency, Digit Span, DSM-IV delirium criteria	19 months postoperatively	No differences in any outcomes between patients with versus without PACU delirium
Sprung et al[3]	Population based prospective cohort	1,731	70-89 y/o (data abstracted retrospectivel y for anesthesia exposure from 40 years old until time of evaluation)	Mild cognitive impairment	1) impairment in one of the four cognitive domains; 2) cognitive concerns by the subject, informant, examining nurse, or physician; 3) essentially normal functional activities, and; 4) absence of dementia (based on published criteria)	Median 4.8 years	31% developed MCI; Cumulative exposure to procedures requiring GA after the age 40 was not associated with the development of incident MCI in cognitively normal elderly participants. Does not exclude possibility that anesthetic exposures occurring later in life may be associated an increase in the rate of incident MCI, especially in patients undergoing vascular surgery
Hempenius et al[4]	RCT	260	Consecutive patients ≥65 years undergoing surgery for a solid tumor	mortality, rehospitalizati on, ADL functioning, return to the independent pre-operative living situation, use of supportive care, cognitive functioning and health related QOL	DOS for delirium, MMSE for cognition	3 months	Geriatric liaison intervention did not improve outcomes. POD was associated with: an increased risk of decline in ADL functioning, an increased use of supportive assistance, and a decreased chance to return to the independent preoperative living situation.
Youngblom et al[5]	Prospective cohort	421	>65 y/o, noncardiac surgery	Delirium and POCD	For delirium: CAM; for POCD: verbal fluency, digit	2 days postop	80% of patients experienced delirium or POCD on POD1. 48%

					symbol test, and word list		experienced postoperative delirium on POD1, POD2, or both days. The delirium group had a lower preoperative cognitive status score. incidence of pre-existent dementia was not different between the group that developed delirium and the group that did not.
Hussain et al[6]	Review	N/A	N/A	Relationship between general anesthesia, major surgery, and dementia, specifically AD	N/A	N/A	Future studies need: sufficient sample size, good control group (no anesthesia, no surgery, well-matched otherwise), preop cognitive assessment, maybe use biomarkers for AD.
Abelha et al[7]	Prospective	562	SICU patients	Primary: Mortality Secondary: hospital mortality and "becoming dependent"	ICDSC for postoperative delirium, SF-36 for health-related QOL	6 months	POD is an independent risk factor for mortality, hospital mortality, and becoming dependent for personal ADLs. Delirium incidence: 16%
Witlox et al[8]	Prospective cohort nested w/in RCT	53	≥75 years old, hip fracture repair	Delirium and postoperative cognitive decline	Delirium: CAM Cognition: MMSE, the expanded digit span test, and the GDS	3 months	All pts who developed delirium were asked to f/u and an equal number of control pts invited to f/u as well; 5 patients still delirious at 3 months; delirium was associated with impairments in global cognition and episodic memory at follow-up
Radtke et al[9]	RCT	1155	≥60 y/o with at least 60 minute surgery with general anesthesia	Delirium and postoperative cognitive dysfunction	Delirium: DSM IV delirium criteria Cognition: Motor Screening Test, two tests of visual memory and a test of attention, visual verbal learning test and the Stroop Color Word interference test	Assessed for delirium while admitted, f/u at 1 week and 3 months	Delirium incidence was lower in the BIS-monitored group (16.7 vs 21.4%), but POCD was not different in the BIS vs non-BIS group.
Saczynski et al[10]	Prospective cohort	225	>60 y/o, undergoing CABG or	Delirium and cognition	Delirium: CAM; Cognition: MMSE	Delirium assessed starting POD2	Delirium incidence: 43%; Those who developed delirium has a lower

			valve replacement			until pt discharge; Cognitive tests preop and at 1, 6, and 12 months postop	preoperative cognitive score.
Koster et al[11]	Prospective follow-up study	300	>45 y/o undergoing elective cardiac surgery	Delirium, postoperative cognition and functionality, Mortality, readmission	Delirium: DOS scale; Cognition: SF-36, the Cognitive Failure Questionnaire, and a purpose- designed questionnaire	6 months	Delirium incidence: 17%; Delirium was associated w/increased mortality, a higher hospital readmission rate, lower quality of life, cognitive failure, and reduced mobility.
Quinlan et al[12]	Secondary analysis of prospective study	1218 (948 complet ed 3 month function al assess ment)	Non-cardiac surgery, ≥ 60 y/o	Delirium, cognition, POCD	MMSE, chart review, ISPOCD neuropsychological tests	3 months postoperatively	After adjustment for age, sex, education, cognition, and surgery duration, delirium remained associated with functional decline
Wallbridge et al[13]	Prospective cohort	89	Patients undergoing elective abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery y/o	Cognition and function	Battery of cognitive measures, Portland Adaptability Inventory (PAI) for function	3 months postoperatively	Cognitive impairment postoperatively was mild but was associated with number of days delirious and preoperative deficits in verbal memory and psychomotor speed
Jankowski et al[14]	Prospective cohort	418	≥ 65 y/o, undergoing total hip or knee arthroplasty	Delirium, cognition, function	CAM, MMSE, neurocognition and functional testing (American National Adult Reading Test, AVLT, COWAT, SCWT, CAGE, IADL)	3 months postoperatively	Independent predictors of POD included age, history of psychiatric illness, decreased functional status, and decreased verbal memory
Rudolph et al[15]	Prospective cohort	190	≥ 60 y/o, elective or urgent cardiac surgery	Delirium, activities of daily living (function)	CAM, IADL	1 and 12 months postoperatively	Delirium associated with functional decline at 1 month and tended toward association at 12 months
Koster et al[16]	Prospective cohort	112	Consecutive patients undergoing elective cardiac surgery, ≥ 45 y/o	Delirium, mortality, readmission, cognition, function	DSM-IV criteria, study designed questionnaire for cognition	1-1.5 years after surgery	POD associated with increased mortality, readmission, memory and concentration problems, and sleep disturbance

Gogol et al[17]	Review	N/A	N/A	Cognition, dementia, mortality, functional status	N/A	N/A	Delirium is associated with increased short- and long-term mortality, iatrogenic complications, functional decline, and future development of cognitive impairment or dementia.
Bickel et al[18]	Prospective cohort	200	Consecutive hip surgery patients ≥ 60 years old	Delirium, cognition, mortality, need for long term care	MMSE, CAM	8 to 38 months postoperatively	Delirium was a strong independent predictor of cognitive impairment and severe dependency in activities of daily living - more marked long- than for the short-term
Kat et al[19]	Prospective matched controlled cohort	112	Hip surgery patients ≥70 y/o	Delirium, dementia/mild cognitive impairment (MCI)	CAM, MMSE	30 months postoperatively	Delirium associated with increased risk of dementia/MCI, mortality, and institutionalization
Rudolph et al[20]	Prospective cohort	1218	Non-cardiac surgery, ≥ 60 y/o	Delirium, cognition, POCD	MMSE, chart review, ISPOCD neuropsychological tests	7 days and 3 months postoperatively	Delirium associated with early but not late POCD
Olofsson et al[21]	Prospective cohort	61	Consecutive patients undergoing femoral head fracture operation, ≥ 70 y/o	Delirium, LOS, activities of daily living	IADL, Cognition: MMSE, Delirium: OBS, Depression: GDS-15, PGCMS, S-COVS	4 months postoperatively	Delirium incidence: 68%. Delirium was associated with more dementia and depression before their fractures, longer LOS after surgery, and more dependence before surgery, on discharge, and at 4 month f/u.
Rothenhau sler et al[22]	Prospective cohort	30	Patients undergoing cardiac surgery with CPB	Cognition, depression, posttraumatic stress symptoms, health status, delirium	Syndrom Kurztest, SF-36, Delirium Rating Scale (DRS)	1 year postoperatively	Lower cognition associated with lower HRQOL
Duppils et al[23]	Prospective cohort	115	≥ 65 y/o, prior participation in observational hip fracture - delirium study	Delirium, cognition, quality of life	DMS-IV criteria for delirium, MMSE, SF-36	6 months postoperatively	Delirium associated w/ greater cognitive deterioration in hospital, lower health-related quality of life at follow up
Edelstein et al[24]	Prospective cohort	921	≥ 65 y/o, operatively treated hip fracture	Postoperative complication rates, in-hospital		1 year follow up	POD incidence: 5.1%. Patients w/ POD had longer LOS, higher 1 year mortality, less likely to

				mortality, hospital LOS, hospital discharge status, 1-year mortality rate, place of residence, recovery of ambulatory ability, and activities of daily living			recover level of ambulation, more likely to show a decline independence. No difference in postoperative complications, in-hospital mortality, discharge residence, and recovery of instrumental activities of daily living at 1 year.
Adunsky et al[25]	Retrospectiv e cohort	281	Elderly hip fracture patients	Cognition, delirium, function	MMSE, CAM, functional independence measure (FIM)	1 week postop and at discharge	Delirium patients tend to be more disabled and more cognitively impaired
Lundstrom et al[26]	Prospective cohort	78	≥ 65 y/o, non- demented, femoral neck fracture	Dementia and mortality	Organic Brain Syndrome (OBS) scale and MMSE	5 year follow up	Increased dementia and mortality in patients with POD vs. not
Edlund et al[27]	Prospective cohort	54	Consecutive patients admitted for femoral neck fractures, age range 40-98 y/o	Postoperative delirium incidence	OBS	6 months follow up	POD incidence: 27.8%. Dementia & increased surgery wait time = greater POD incidence; delirium = worse outcomes after surgery
Goldstein et al[28]	Prospective cohort	362	General surgical, orthopedic, non-surgical, ≥ 55 y/o	Postoperative decline	Psychosocial questionnaire, tests of cognition, affect, function	10 months postoperatively	No significant contribution to changes from baseline

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