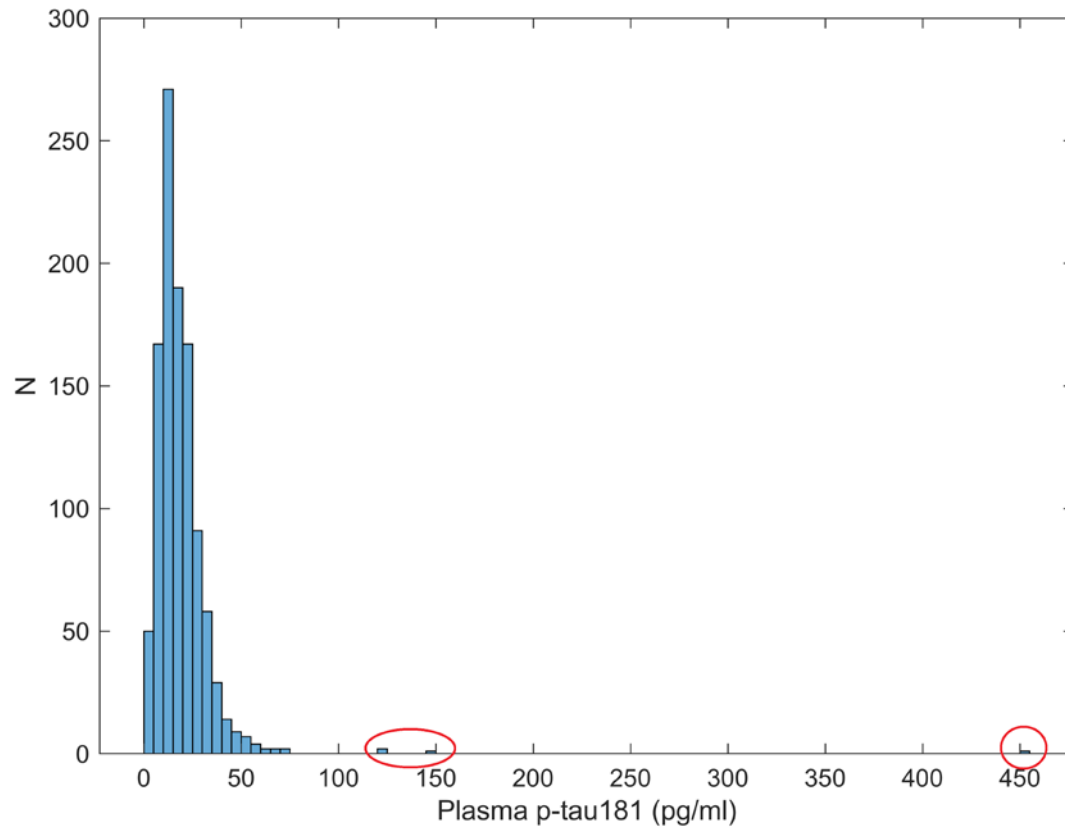
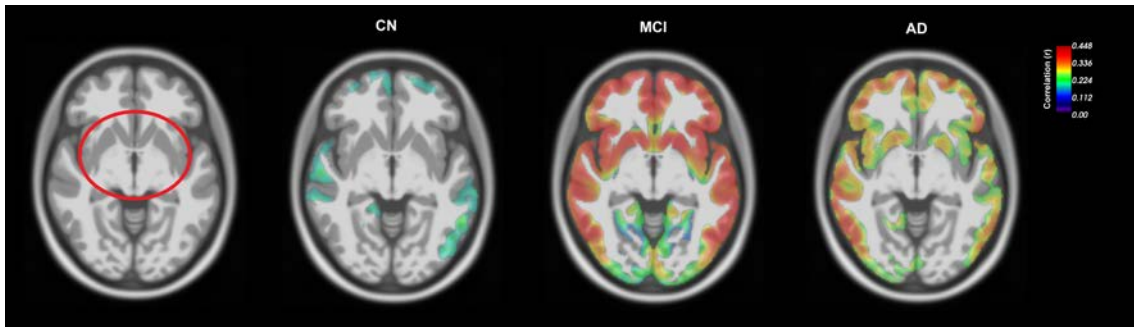


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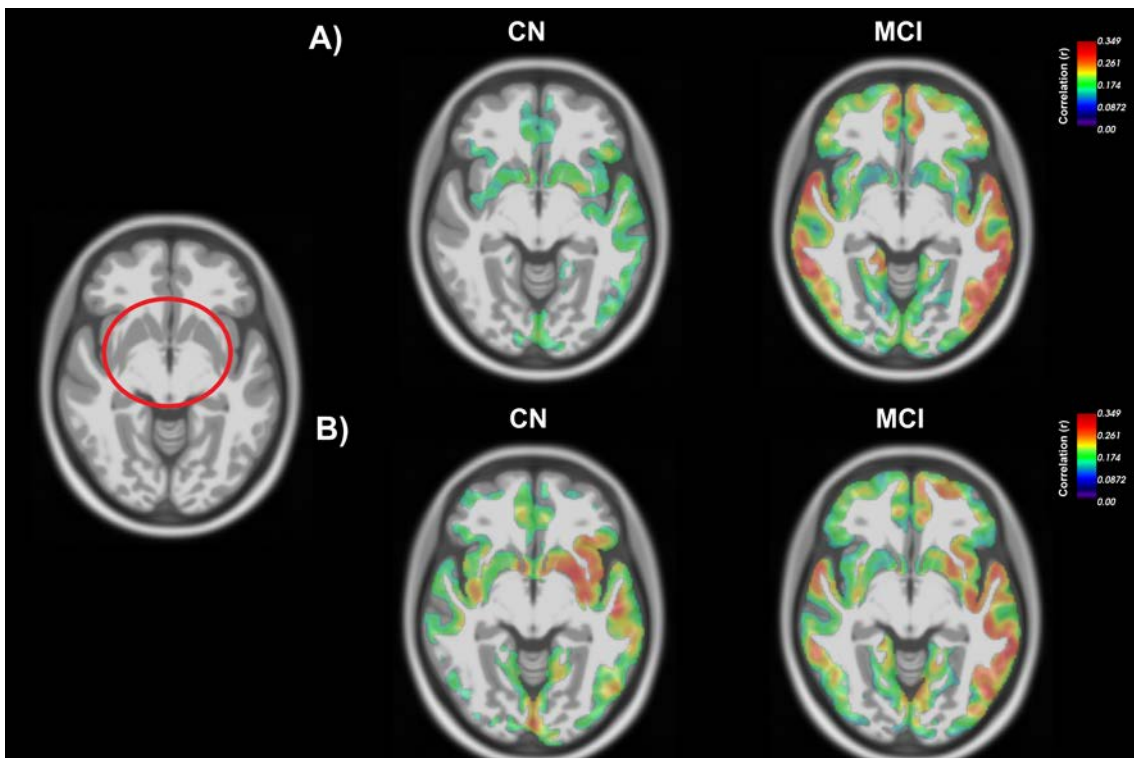
Supplementary Figure 1. Distribution of baseline plasma p-tau181 levels. Enclosed in red circles are the four outlier measurements (121, 124, 148, and 451 pg/ml) that were excluded from analyses.



Supplementary Figure 2. Axial slices showing association maps in the striatum between baseline plasma p-tau181 and baseline FBP SUVR for CN, MCI, and Alzheimer's disease dementia (AD) participants. Models were adjusted for age and sex.

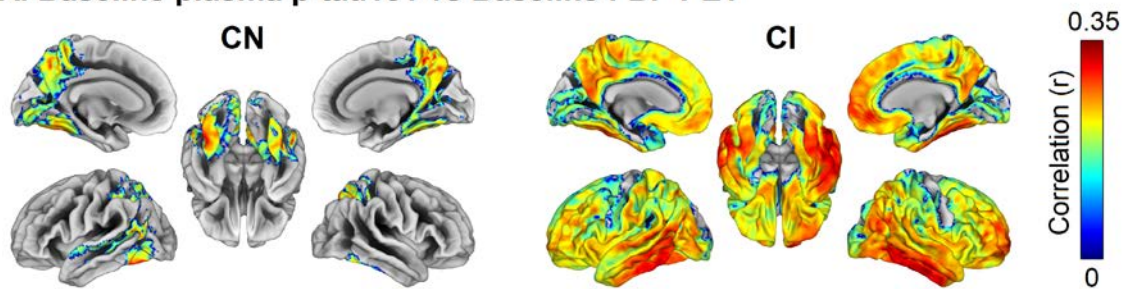


Supplementary Figure 3. Axial slices showing association maps in the striatum between FBP SUVR change and A) baseline plasma p-tau181, B) plasma p-tau181 change. Models were adjusted for age and sex.

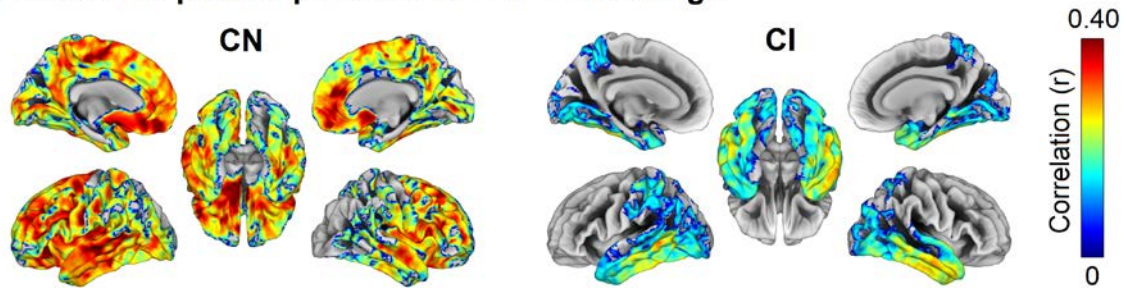


Supplementary Figure 4. Regional associations of plasma p-tau181 with PET-measured A β deposition and longitudinal accumulation among A β + subjects. Voxel-wise analyses (adjusted for age and sex) assessing regional associations between (A) baseline plasma p-tau181 levels and baseline FBP SUVR, (B) baseline plasma p-tau181 levels and FBP SUVR change, and (C) plasma p-tau181 change and FBP SUVR change for both CN and cognitively impaired individuals. Significant associations in voxel-wise analyses were determined based on a family-wise error (FWE)-corrected threshold of $p < 0.05$ at the cluster level, with initial voxel-level height thresholds of $p < 0.05$. No significant associations were found among A β - subjects. CI: Cognitively impaired.

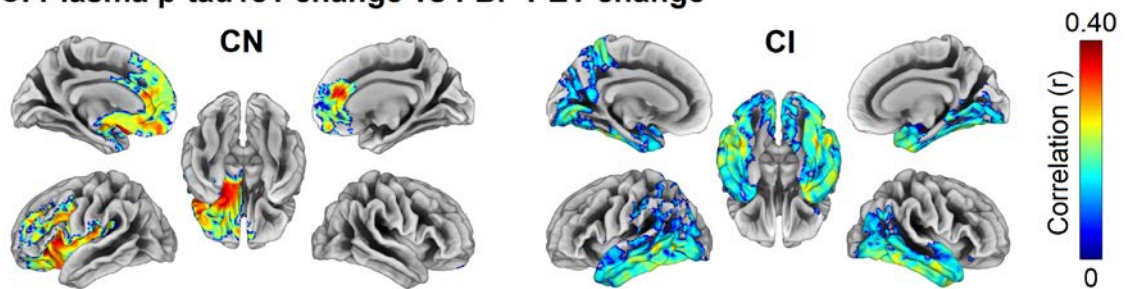
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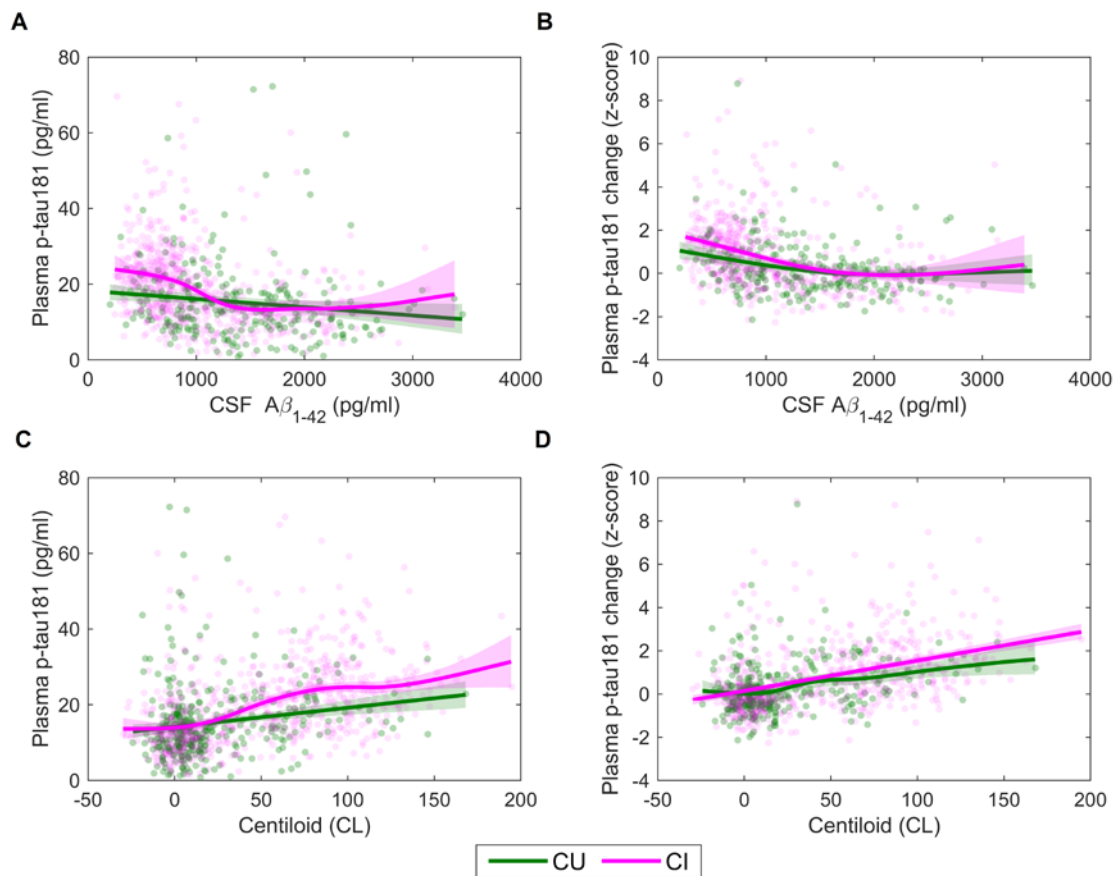
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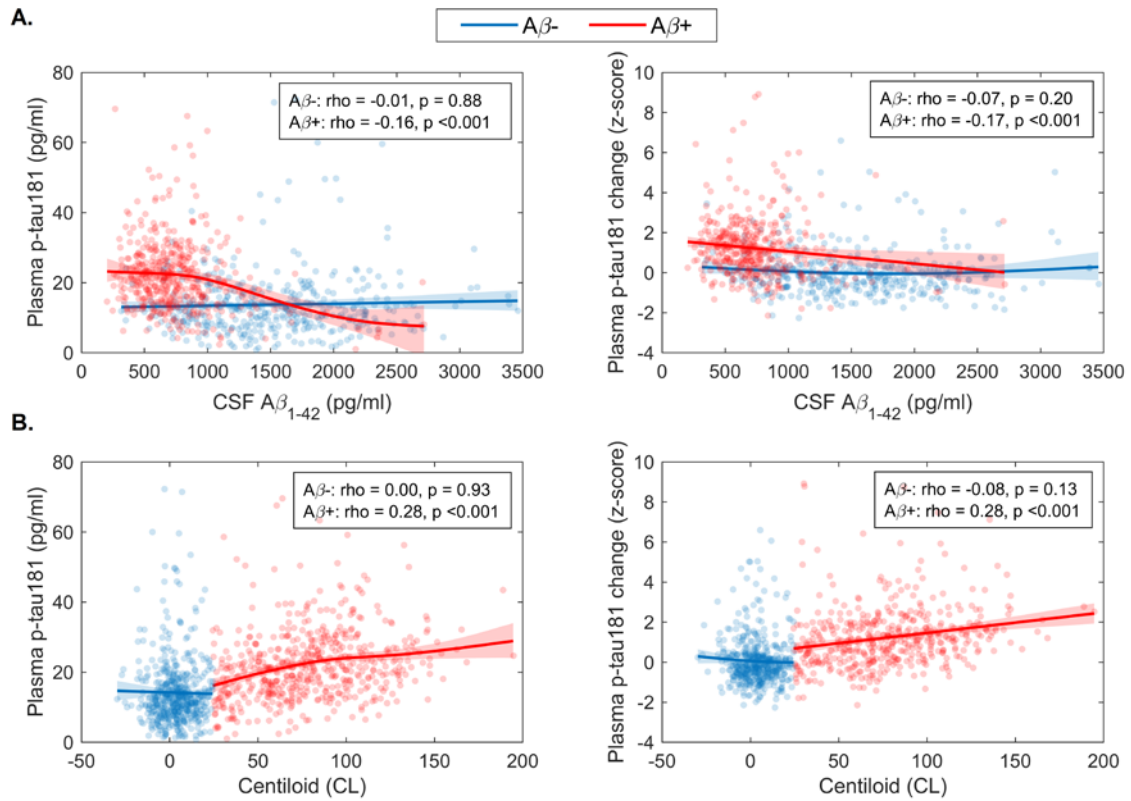
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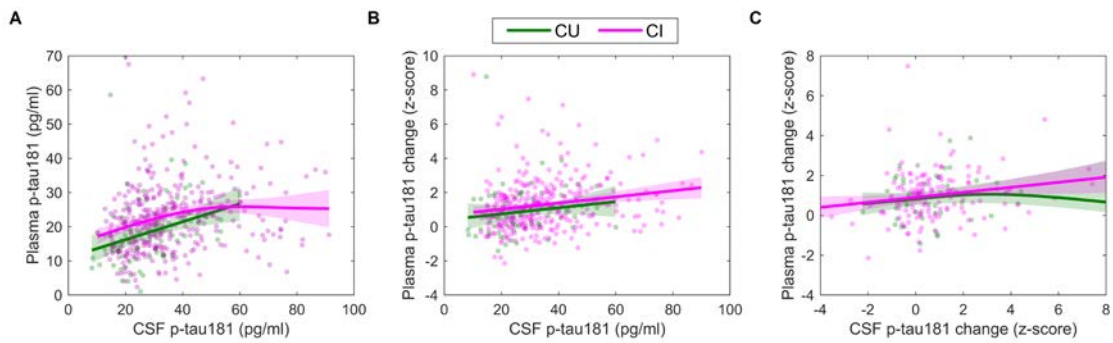
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Supplementary Figure 6. Baseline and longitudinal associations of plasma p-tau181 with PET and CSF biomarkers of global A β pathology, according to A β status. Spline regressions, fit separately for A β + and A β - individuals, describe the statistical dependence of baseline levels of plasma p-tau181 (A and C) and longitudinal change in plasma p-tau181 (B and D) on CSF A β 1-42 levels and Centiloids (C and D). Shaded areas are 95% confidence intervals for the fit. Spline fits and Spearman rhos suggest that the association of plasma p-tau181 with A β markers was only present among A β + subjects.



Supplementary Figure 7. Baseline and longitudinal associations between plasma p-tau181 and CSF p-tau181 among A β + subjects, according to cognitive status. Spline regressions describing the statistical dependence of baseline levels of plasma p-tau181 (A) and plasma p-tau181 change (B) on CSF p-tau181 levels, as well as plasma p-tau181 change vs CSF p-tau181 change (C). Z-scores were computed using A β - CN levels as the reference. Shaded areas are 95% confidence intervals for the fit. Spline fits suggest that the relationship between p-tau181 in plasma and in CSF is not modified by cognitive status (overlapping 95% confidence intervals over the entire shared range). CU: Cognitively unimpaired, cognitively normal (CN). CI: Cognitively impaired (MCI+AD).



Supplementary Figure 8. Within-subject trajectories of plasma p-tau181 accumulation as a function of time from baseline. Regression lines were estimated using the mean slope as determined by the previously derived linear mixed model.

