

## Supplementary Online Content

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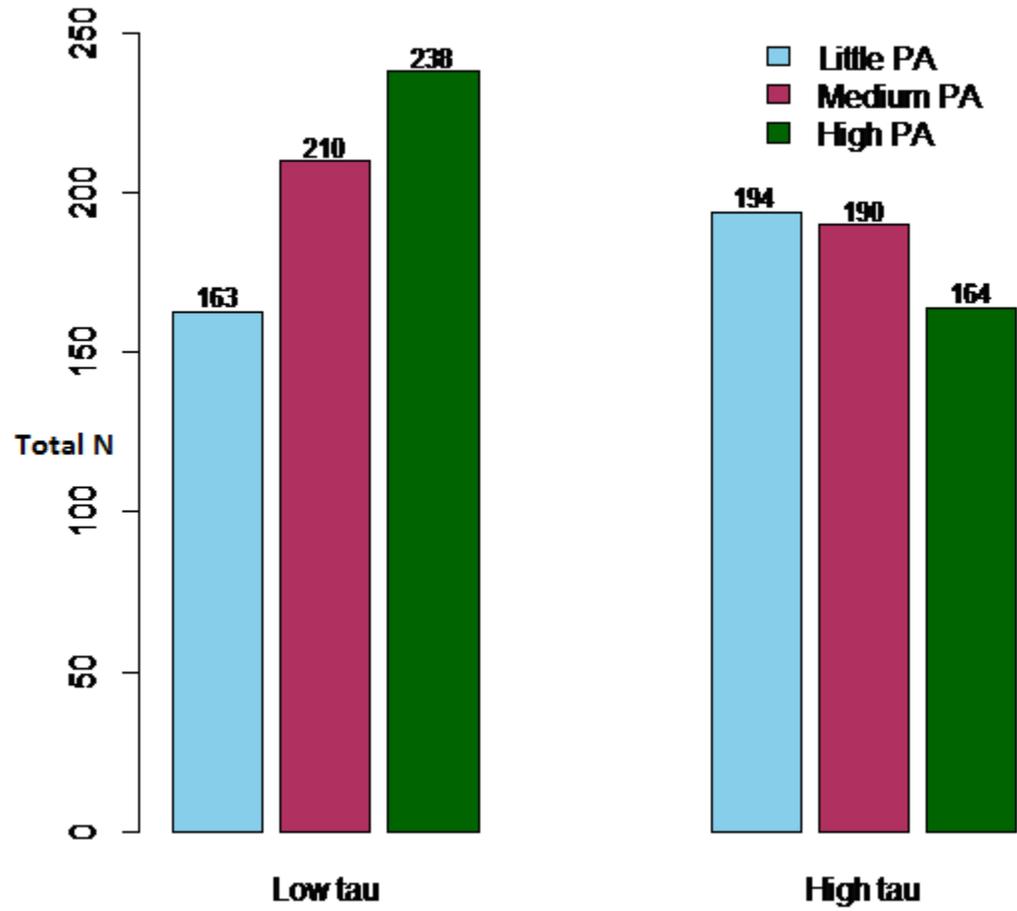
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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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**eTable 1.** Longitudinal Association of Continuous Variables: Physical Activity and Total Tau With Cognitive Outcomes

	Global Cognition (N=1159)			Episodic Memory (N=1150)			Perceptual Speed (N=1120)			MMSE (N=1160)		
	$\beta$	SE	p-value	$\beta$	SE	p-value	$\beta$	SE	p-value	$\beta$	SE	p-value
<b>Intercept</b>	0.408	0.050	0.000**	0.273	0.064	0.000**	0.717	0.060	0.000**	0.406	0.047	0.000**
<b>time</b>	-0.057	0.009	0.000**	-0.033	0.011	0.003**	-0.069	0.009	0.000**	-0.075	0.011	0.000**
<b>age</b>	-0.021	0.004	0.000**	-0.014	0.005	0.004**	-0.031	0.004	0.000**	-0.018	0.003	0.000**
<b>age*time</b>	-0.005	0.001	0.000**	-0.005	0.001	0.000**	-0.002	0.001	0.007**	-0.005	0.001	0.000**
<b>Log tau</b>	-0.014	0.048	0.780	0.038	0.062	0.545	-0.088	0.058	0.128	-0.027	0.045	0.554
<b>Log tau*time</b>	-0.019	0.009	0.035*	-0.023	0.011	0.031*	-0.006	0.009	0.508	-0.023	0.011	0.036
<b>Baseline PA</b>	0.000	0.007	0.988	-0.002	0.009	0.872	0.012	0.009	0.161	-0.002	0.007	0.760
<b>PA*time</b>	0.001	0.001	0.502	0.001	0.002	0.540	0.002	0.001	0.198	0.000	0.002	0.943
<b>PA*age</b>	0.000	0.001	0.914	0.000	0.001	0.825	-0.001	0.001	0.484	0.000	0.001	0.891
<b>PA*age*time</b>	0.000	0.000	0.633	0.000	0.000	0.263	0.000	0.000	0.219	0.000	0.000	0.379
<b>Log tau*PA</b>	-0.002	0.009	0.786	-0.005	0.012	0.684	0.011	0.011	0.305	-0.001	0.008	0.904
<b>Log tau*PA*time</b>	0.000	0.002	0.780	0.001	0.002	0.561	0.001	0.002	0.395	-0.001	0.002	0.547

All models adjusted for age, race, sex, education, chronic medical conditions, and APOE4 and each of their interactions with time.  
p<.05\*, p<.01\*\*

**eTable 2.** Longitudinal Association of Categorical Variables: Physical Activity and Total Tau With Global Cognitive Function

	Low Total Tau (N=611)			High Total Tau (N=548)		
	$\beta$	SE	p-value	$\beta$	SE	p-value
<b>Intercept</b>	0.280	0.068	0.000**	0.442	0.078	0.000**
<b>time</b>	-0.051	0.011	0.000**	-0.066	0.016	0.000**
<b>Medium PA</b>	0.131	0.059	0.027**	0.037	0.064	0.569
<b>High PA</b>	0.115	0.061	0.062	0.037	0.070	0.595
<b>Medium PA*time</b>	0.001	0.010	0.959	0.038	0.014	0.006**
<b>High PA *time</b>	0.014	0.010	0.187	0.027	0.015	0.066

\*PA: Little activity (responded to at least four items and reported little activity for all responses), Medium activity (< 150 mins/ wk), High activity ( $\geq$ 150 mins/ wk)  
 Little activity is referent.

Total Tau: Low ( $\leq$  .40 pg/mL), High (> .40 pg/mL)

All models adjusted for age, race, sex, education, chronic medical conditions, and APOE4 and each of their interactions with time.  
 p<.05\*, p<.01\*\*

**eTable 3.** Longitudinal Association of Categorical Variables: Physical Activity and Total Tau With Cognitive Outcomes

	Episodic Memory						Perceptual Speed						MMSE					
	Low Total Tau (N=607)			High Total Tau (N=543)			Low Total Tau (N=599)			High Total Tau (N=521)			Low Total Tau (N=611)			High Total Tau (N=549)		
	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$\beta$	SE	<i>p</i> -value
<b>Intercept</b>	0.119	0.089	0.182	0.279	0.098	0.005**	0.668	0.085	0.000	0.819	0.093	0.000**	0.321	0.061	0.000**	0.414	0.076	0.000**
<b>time</b>	-0.021	0.014	0.129	-0.035	0.019	0.068	-0.070	0.012	0.000	-0.091	0.016	0.000**	-0.077	0.013	0.000**	-0.077	0.021	0.000**
<b>Medium PA</b>	0.139	0.078	0.075	0.088	0.081	0.281	0.090	0.074	0.223	0.003	0.076	0.964	0.067	0.053	0.207	0.013	0.062	0.831
<b>High PA</b>	0.112	0.080	0.161	-0.003	0.088	0.969	0.074	0.076	0.333	0.068	0.082	0.407	0.066	0.055	0.226	0.083	0.068	0.219
<b>Medium PA*time</b>	-0.008	0.013	0.552	0.026	0.017	0.117	0.011	0.011	0.329	0.031	0.014	0.025*	0.015	0.012	0.209	0.047	0.018	0.007**
<b>High PA*time</b>	0.007	0.013	0.613	0.036	0.018	0.049	0.016	0.011	0.134	0.031	0.015	0.034*	0.025	0.012	0.034*	0.014	0.019	0.456

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All models adjusted for age, race, sex, education, chronic medical conditions, and APOE4 and each of their interactions with time.

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**eTable 4.** Baseline Level of Episodic Memory, Perceptual Speed and MMSE

<b>Episodic Memory</b>					
	<b>Estimate (95% CI)</b>		<b>Difference (95% CI)</b>		<b>% Difference</b>
<b>Low Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.119	(-0.056, 0.294)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.258	(0.098, 0.417)	0.139	(-0.014, 0.292)	>100%
High PA	0.232	(0.085, 0.378)	0.112	(-0.045, 0.27)	94%
<b>High Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.279	(0.087, 0.471)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.366	(0.181, 0.552)	0.088	(-0.072, 0.247)	32%
High PA	0.275	(0.092, 0.459)	-0.003	(-0.176, 0.169)	1%
<b>Perceptual Speed</b>					
	<b>Estimate (95% CI)</b>		<b>Difference (95% CI)</b>		<b>% Difference</b>
<b>Low Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.668	(0.501, 0.835)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.758	(0.605, 0.91)	0.090	(-0.055, 0.235)	13%
High PA	0.741	(0.603, 0.88)	0.074	(-0.076, 0.223)	11%
<b>High Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.819	(0.638, 1.001)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.823	(0.647, 0.998)	0.003	(-0.147, 0.153)	0.37%
High PA	0.887	(0.714, 1.06)	0.068	(-0.093, 0.229)	8%
<b>MMSE</b>					
	<b>Estimate (95% CI)</b>		<b>Difference (95% CI)</b>		<b>% Difference</b>
<b>Low Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.321	(0.202, 0.441)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.388	(0.279, 0.497)	0.067	(-0.037, 0.171)	21%
High PA	0.388	(0.287, 0.488)	0.066	(-0.041, 0.174)	21%
<b>High Tau</b>					
Little PA	0.414	(0.265, 0.562)	Ref		Ref
Medium PA	0.427	(0.283, 0.571)	0.013	(-0.109, 0.136)	3%
High PA	0.497	(0.355, 0.639)	0.083	(-0.05, 0.216)	20%

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