

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

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Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of the reference population of cognitively normal participants

CSF cutoff points for $A\beta_{1-42}$ and the $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio for this study were defined by calculating a range of quantiles for each biomarker in a cognitively normal middle-aged population (below 60 years old) of 69 volunteers of the SPIN cohort. All volunteers in the SPIN cohort received a standard neuropsychological evaluation that was in normal range to ensure that cognition was preserved. Cerebrospinal fluid was obtained from all volunteers following the same standard preanalytical protocol followed in the present study. CSF levels of core AD biomarkers ($A\beta_{1-42}$, $A\beta_{1-40}$, tTau, and pTau181) were measured in the Lumipulse fully-automated platform (Fujirebio Europe, Ghent, Belgium).

More details on the SPIN cohort protocol and inclusion/exclusion criteria can be found in Alcolea D et al. *Alzheimers Dement (N Y)* 2019.

N=69	Mean (SD)	Range
Age, years	48.6 (9.67)	23-60
Female / Male (% Female)	46/23 (66.7%)	-
MMSE score	29.3 (0.905)	27-30
Education, years	17 (3.58)	8-20
Follow-up time, years	2.67 (2.22)	0-7.08
APOE4+ / APOE4- (%APOE4+)	24/45 (34.8%)	-
CSF $A\beta_{1-42}$, pg/ml	1154 (355)	597-2034
CSF $A\beta_{1-40}$, pg/ml	11368 (2889)	5657-17404
CSF $A\beta_{1-42} / A\beta_{1-40}$	0.101 (0.0143)	0.045-0.121
CSF tTau, pg/ml	232 (72.7)	111-404
CSF pTau181, pg/ml	33.2 (10.5)	18.2-66.8
CSF NfL, pg/ml	350 (136)	104-725

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Supplementary Table 2. Quantile-based cutoffs used in this study

As described in the Methods section, different cutoff levels were tested in this study. The framed row indicates the level that was used to present the main results and correspond to 95% quantile values in a cognitively normal population of participants < 60 years. Percentile scales for A β ₁₋₄₂ and the A β ₁₋₄₂/A β ₁₋₄₀ ratio are reversed.

Reference population: Cognitively normal participants <60 years

Quantile	A β ₁₋₄₂ (pg/ml)	A β ₁₋₄₂ / A β ₁₋₄₀ ratio	tTau (pg/ml)	pTau181 (pg/ml)	NfL (pg/ml)
2.5%	1898	0.119	116	18.6	147
5%	1828	0.117	131	19.4	165
10%	1663	0.114	141	21.3	189
20%	1396	0.111	166	23.7	220
30%	1317	0.108	189	26	287
50%	1107	0.104	218	31.8	347
70%	929	0.102	273	38.3	371
80%	829	0.098	293	42.6	466
90%	732	0.082	327	46.4	538
95%	637	0.07	357	52.2	554
97.5%	617	0.06	376	54.6	582

Reference population: Cognitively normal participants >50 years

Quantile	A β ₁₋₄₂ (pg/ml)	A β ₁₋₄₂ / A β ₁₋₄₀ ratio	tTau (pg/ml)	pTau181 (pg/ml)	NfL (pg/ml)
2.5%	1960	0.121	141	20.5	218
5%	1813	0.12	145	21.9	267
10%	1678	0.115	174	24.5	287
20%	1569	0.11	191	27.1	350
30%	1396	0.108	220	32.5	375
50%	1166	0.103	268	39.8	508
70%	880	0.094	306	46.6	561
80%	779	0.072	333	53.3	606
90%	667	0.058	418	63.2	721
95%	604	0.05	502	86.8	1193
97.5%	544	0.045	659	109.9	1232

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Supplementary Table 3. Characteristics of the subset of participants included in the prognostic assessment

CN: cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer's disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLN: frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndrome; MMSE : Mini-mental state examination.

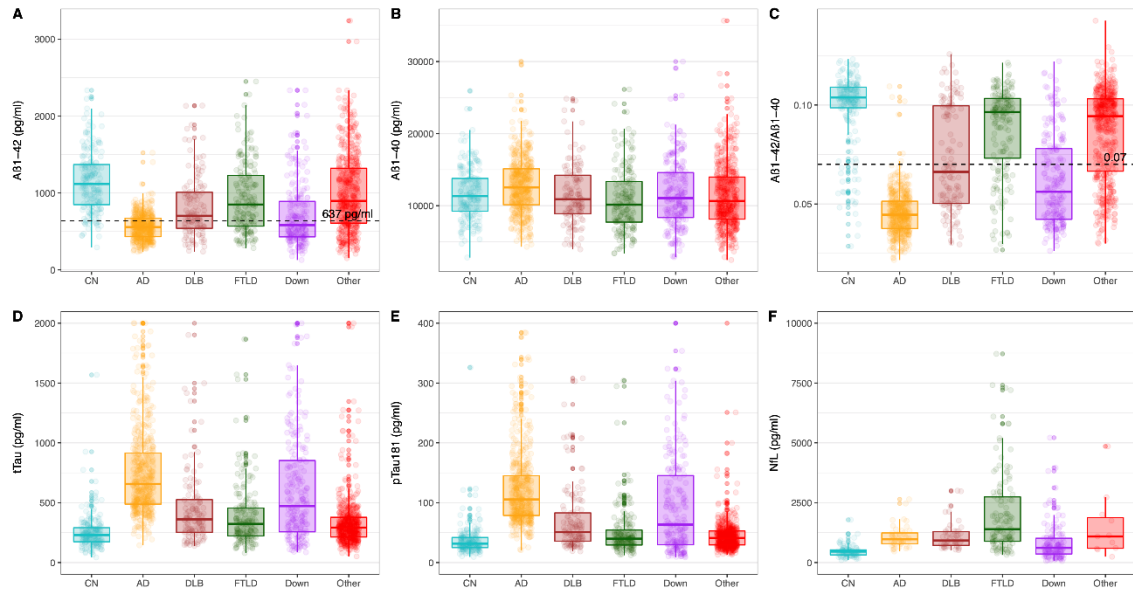
	AD	DLB	FTLD	Other
N	296	60	90	348
AGE, years	74 [70-77.2]	75 [70.8-79]	70 [65-74]	71 [65-76]
SEX, females/males (%females)	181/115(61.1%)	35/25(58.3%)	35/55(38.9%)	199/148(57.3%)
MMSE score	26 [24-27]	27 [24-28]	27 [25-28]	27 [25-28]
Education, years	10 [8-13]	8 [6.75-12]	12 [9-17.8]	10 [8-14]
APOEϵ4, APOEϵ4-/APOEϵ4+ (%APOEϵ4+)	149/141(51,4%)	14/46(23,3%)	19/68(21,8%)	68/277(19,7%)
Follow-up, years	0.567 [0-2.28]	3.68 [2.52-4.42]	1.68 [1.04-2.96]	0 [0-1.15]
Aβ₁₋₄₂, pg/ml	568 [448-684]	728 [552-1110]	892 [626-1229]	1002 [689-1367]
Aβ₁₋₄₀, pg/ml	13152 [10898-15467]	10990 [8897-13936]	10320 [8174-14531]	11376 [8618-14313]
Aβ₁₋₄₂ / Aβ₁₋₄₀	0.0439 [0.0368-0.05]	0.0735 [0.0514-0.102]	0.0979 [0.0765-0.104]	0.0961 [0.0692-0.105]
tTau, pg/ml	638 [485-863]	340 [248-490]	314 [218-433]	290 [215-370]
pTau181, pg/ml	102 [78.4-140]	47.7 [34.5-78.8]	39.2 [28.8-53.2]	41.2 [30.4-52.1]
NfL, pg/ml	931 [732-1114]	736 [640-905]	1186 [640-2141]	1295 [690-1995]
Amyloid profile (Aβ₁₋₄₂[-]Ratio[-] / Aβ₁₋₄₂[-]Ratio[+] / Aβ₁₋₄₂[+]Ratio[-] / Aβ₁₋₄₂[+]Ratio[+])	2/96/1/197	30/8/2/20	62/5/9/14	242/32/16/58

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Supplementary Figure 1. CSF biomarkers across clinical groups

CN: cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer's disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLD: frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndrome. Horizontal dashed lines indicate 95% quantile values (Q95%) for $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ in a middle-aged cognitively normal population as described in the Methods section.

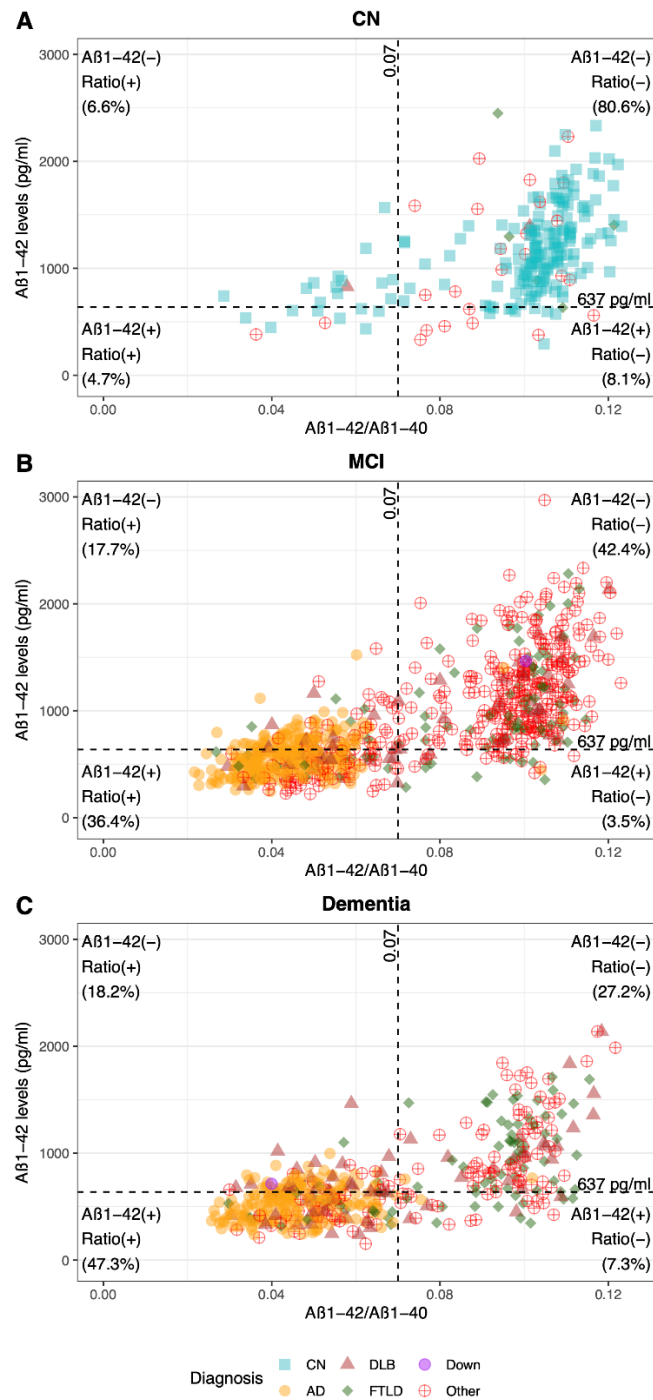


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Supplementary Figure 2. Distribution of participants according to their CSF levels of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio within stages

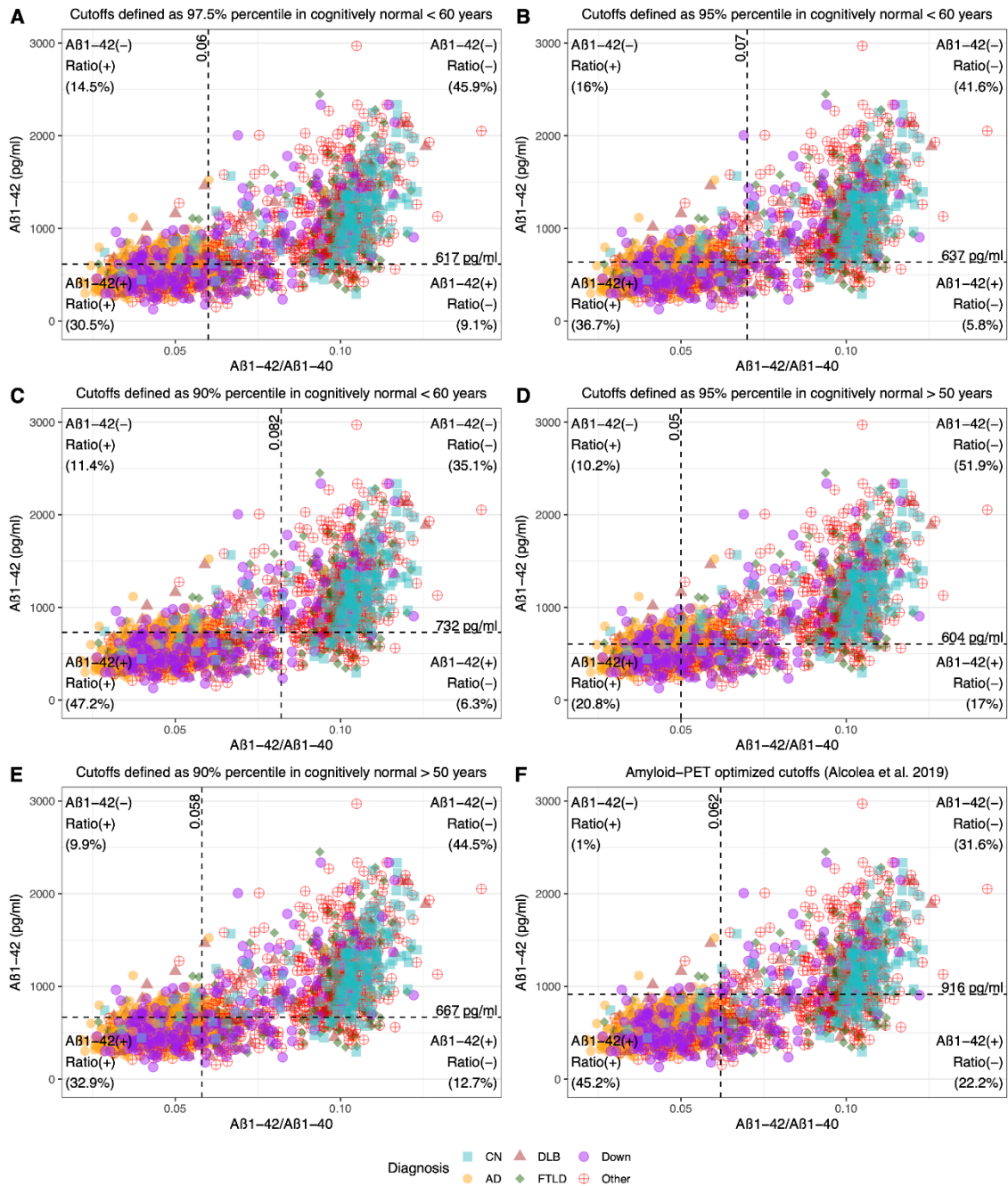
CN: cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer's disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLD: frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndrome; MCI: mild cognitive impairment. Dashed lines indicate 95% quantile values (Q95%) for $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ in a middle-aged cognitively normal population as described in the Methods section.



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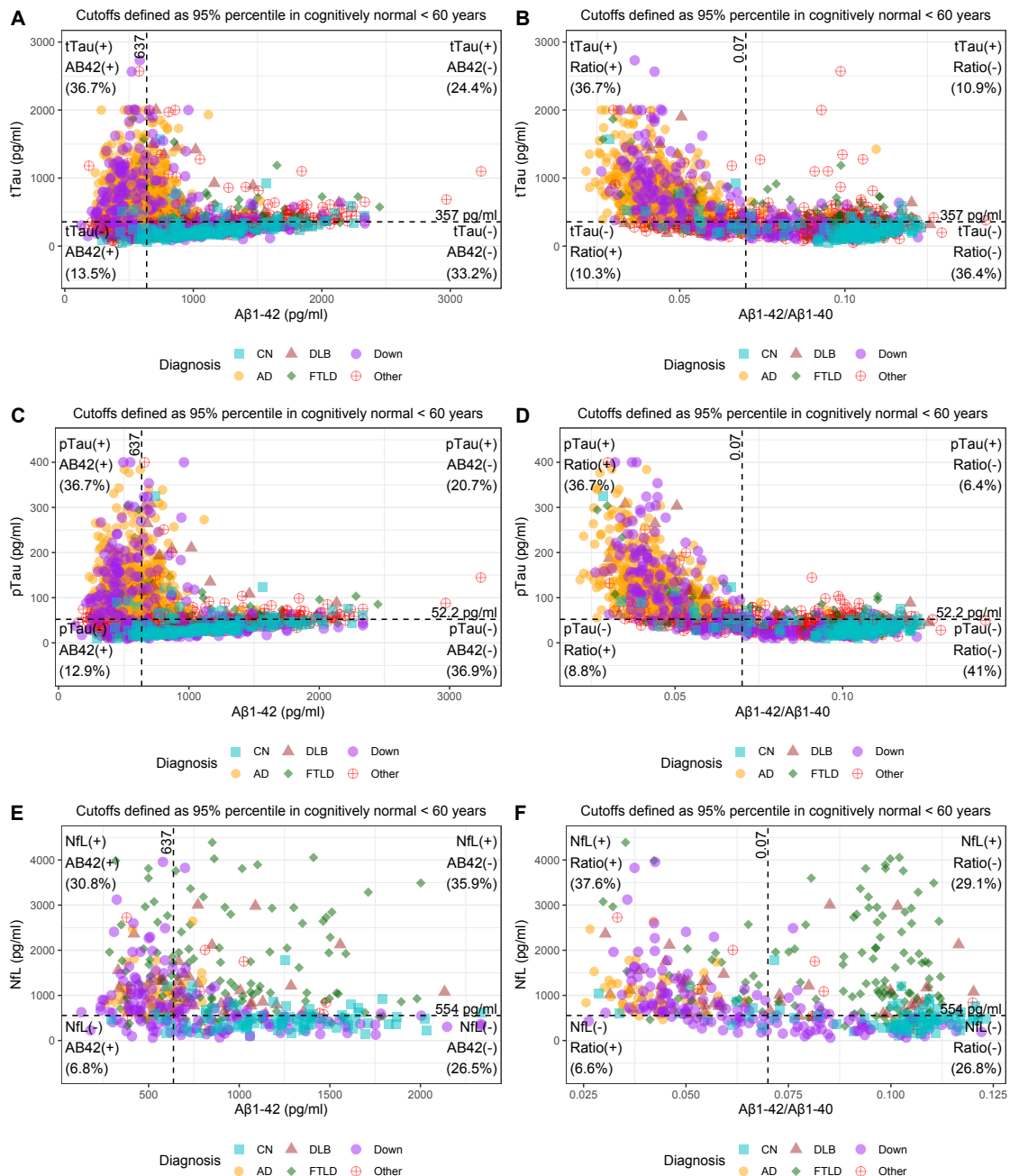
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Supplementary Figure 3. Distribution of participants according to their CSF levels of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with different cutoff definitions



Supplementary Figure 4. Agreement of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and the $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with tTau, pTau and NfL

CN: cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer’s disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLD: frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndrome; MCI: mild cognitive impairment. Dashed lines indicate 95% quantile values (Q95%) in a middle-aged cognitively normal population as described in the Methods section.

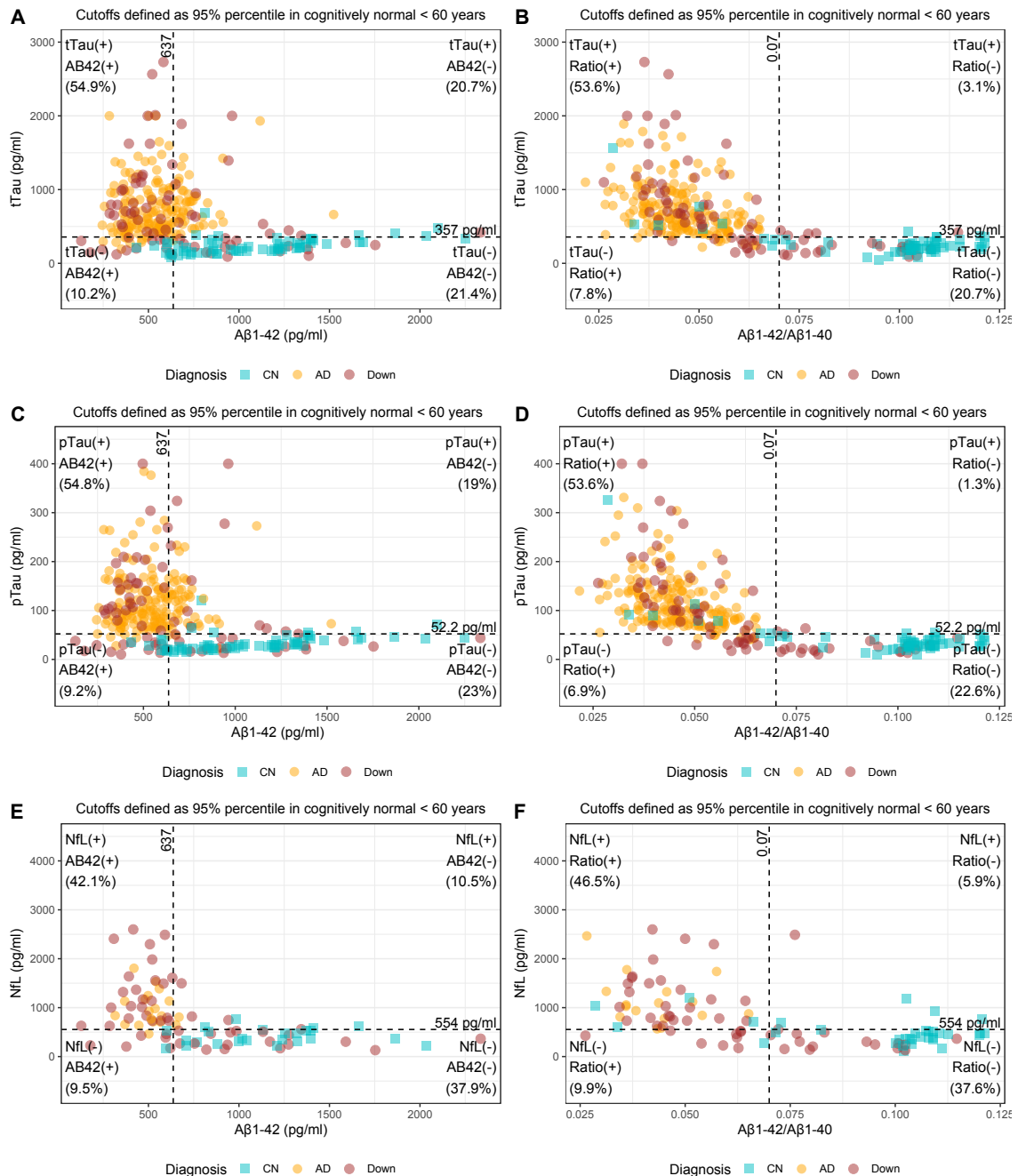


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Supplementary Figure 5. Agreement of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and the $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with tTau, pTau and NfL in the groups of CN, AD and Down participants

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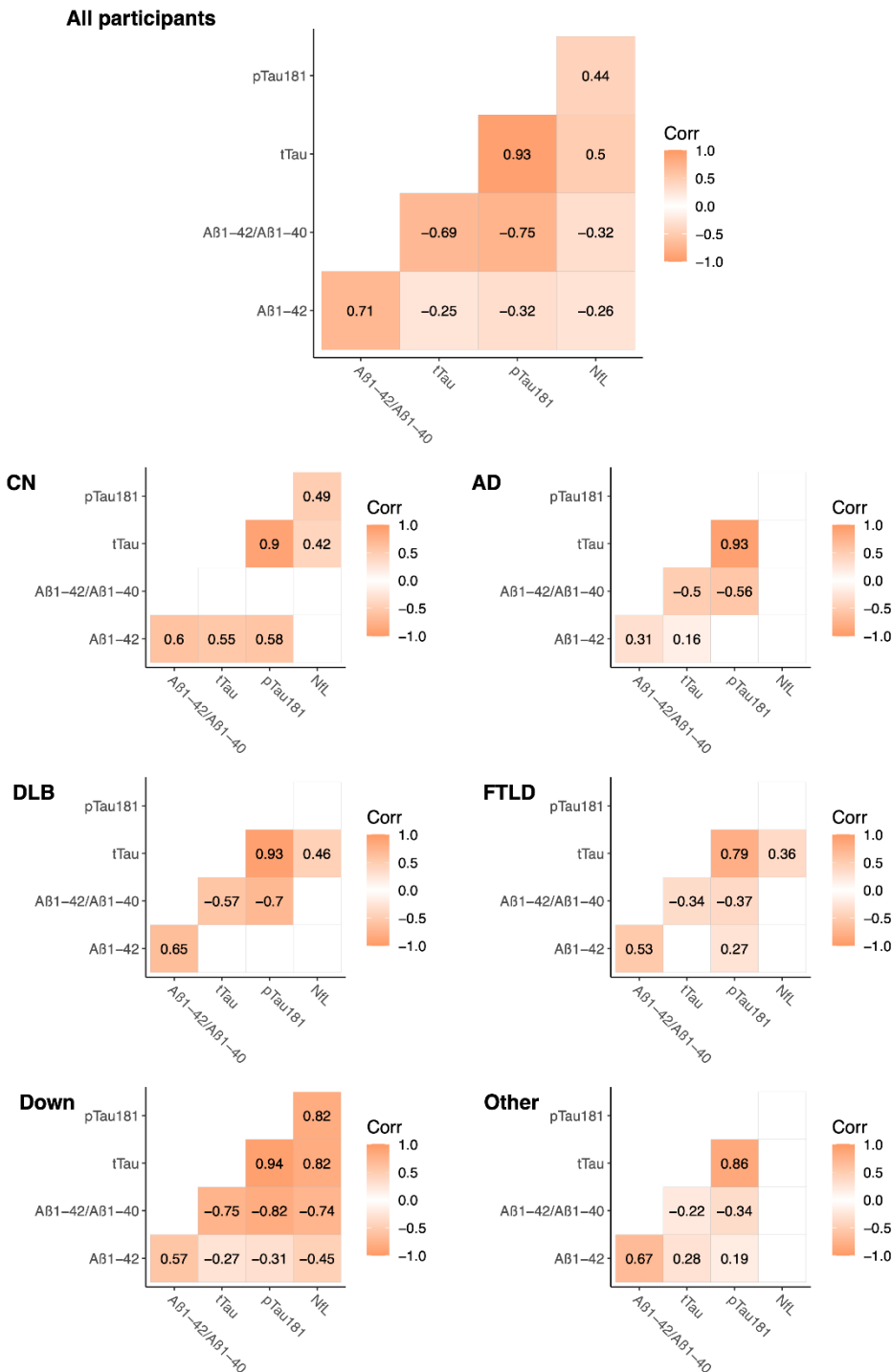


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Supplementary Figure 6. Correlation of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with other CSF biomarkers

Values in the cells correspond to Spearman's Rho coefficient. Shaded cells indicate significant correlations after adjustment for multiple comparisons. All paired correlations were assessed, but only significant correlations are displayed. CN: Cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer's disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLT: Frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndromes.

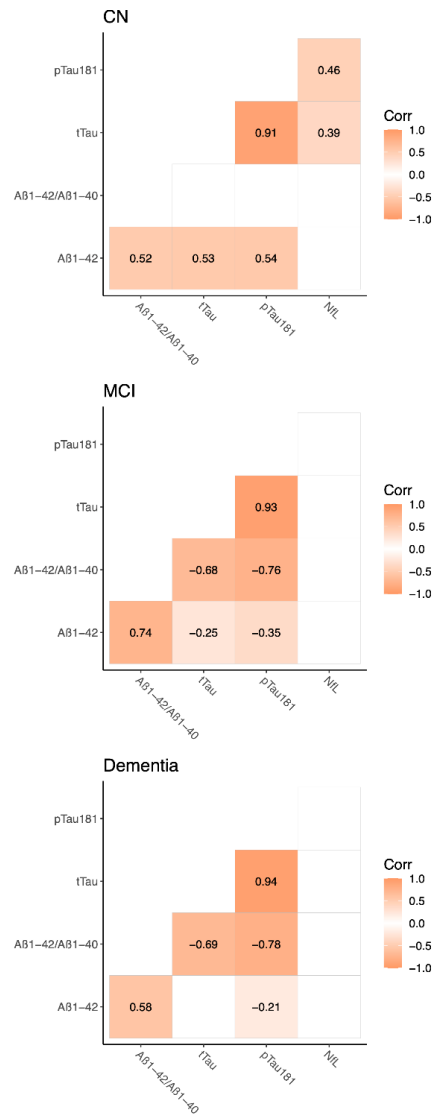


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Supplementary Figure 7. Correlation of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with other CSF biomarkers within clinical stages

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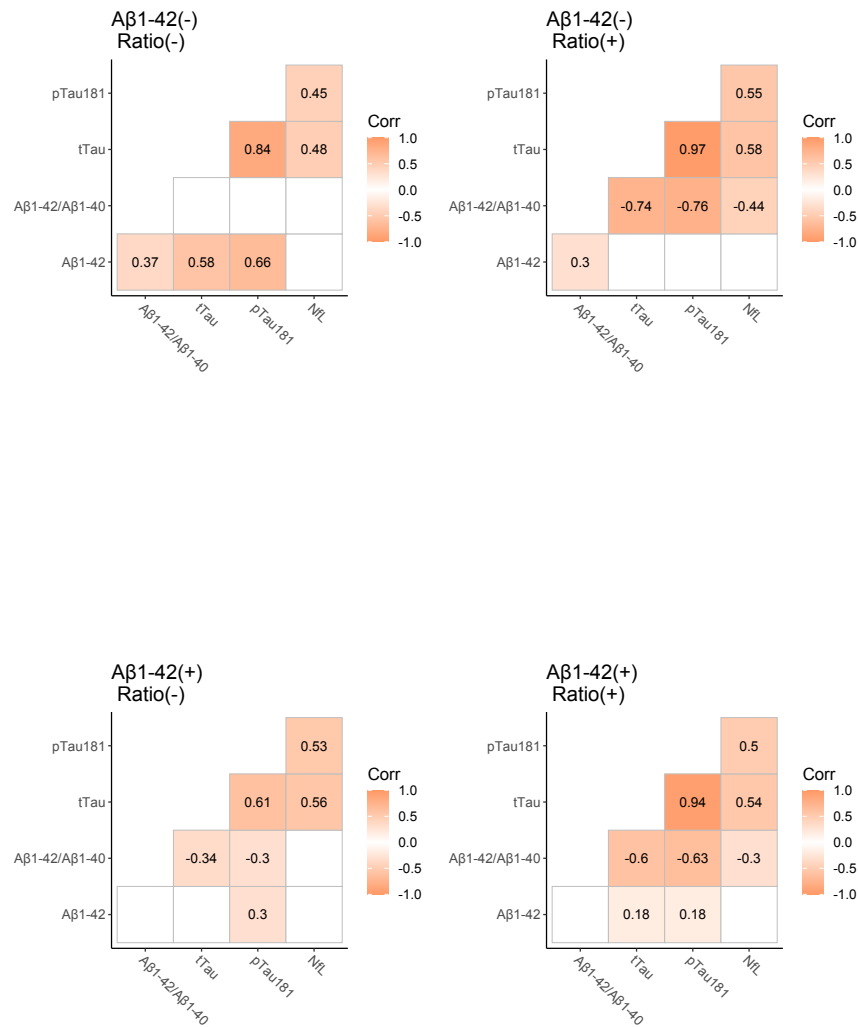


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Supplementary Figure 8. Correlation of $A\beta_{1-42}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}/A\beta_{1-40}$ ratio with other CSF biomarkers within amyloid profiles

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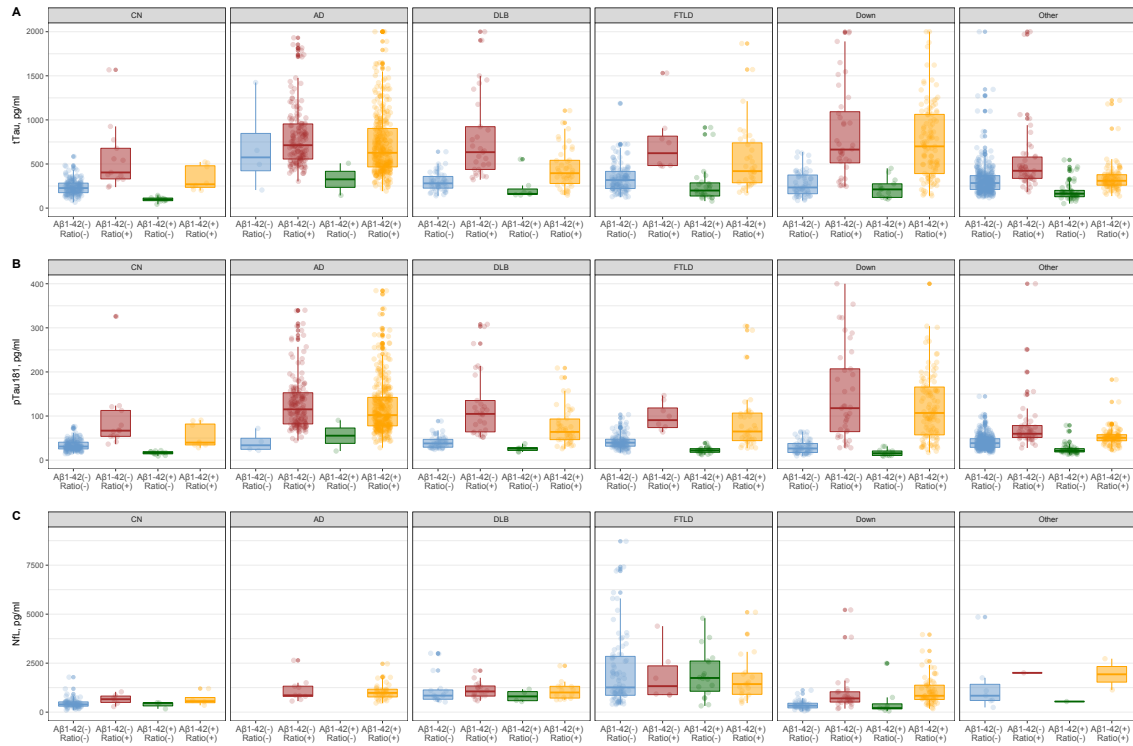


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Supplementary Figure 9. Levels of tTau (A), pTau181 (B) and NfL (C) in CSF according to their amyloid profile stratified by diagnosis

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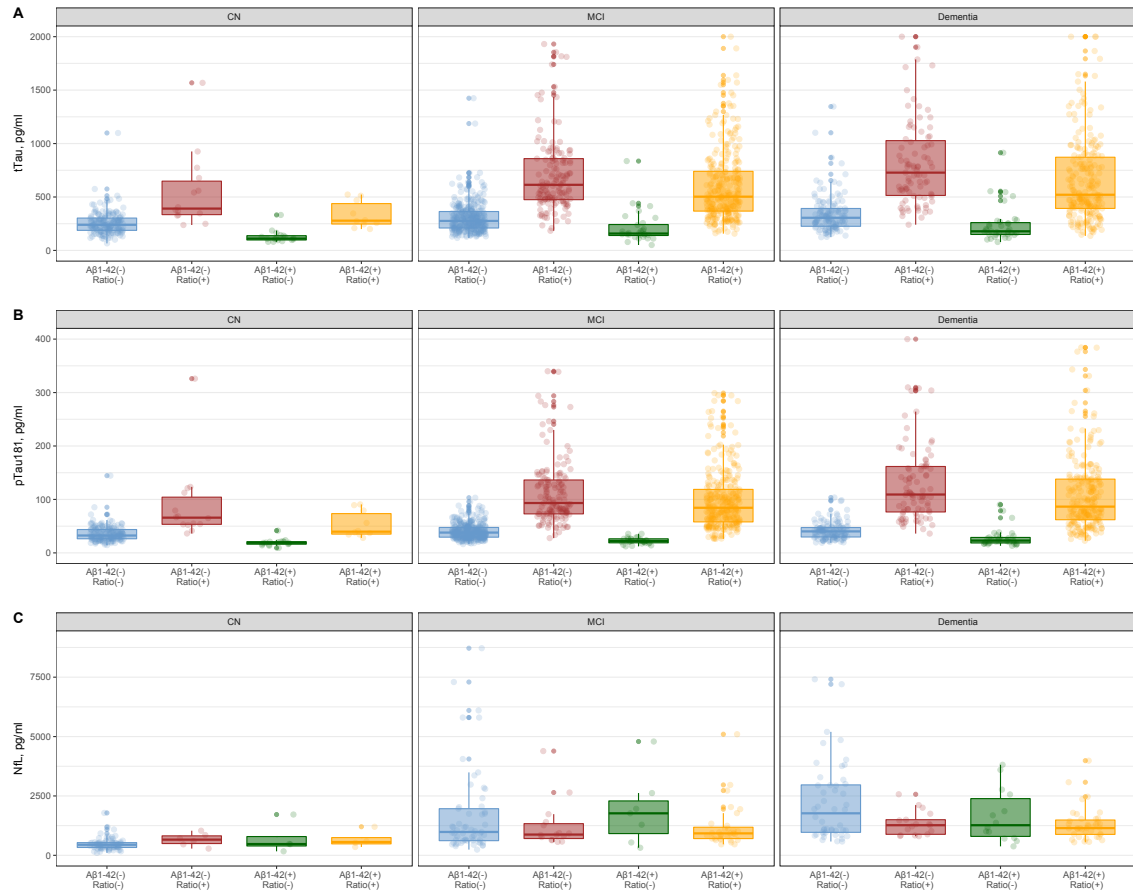


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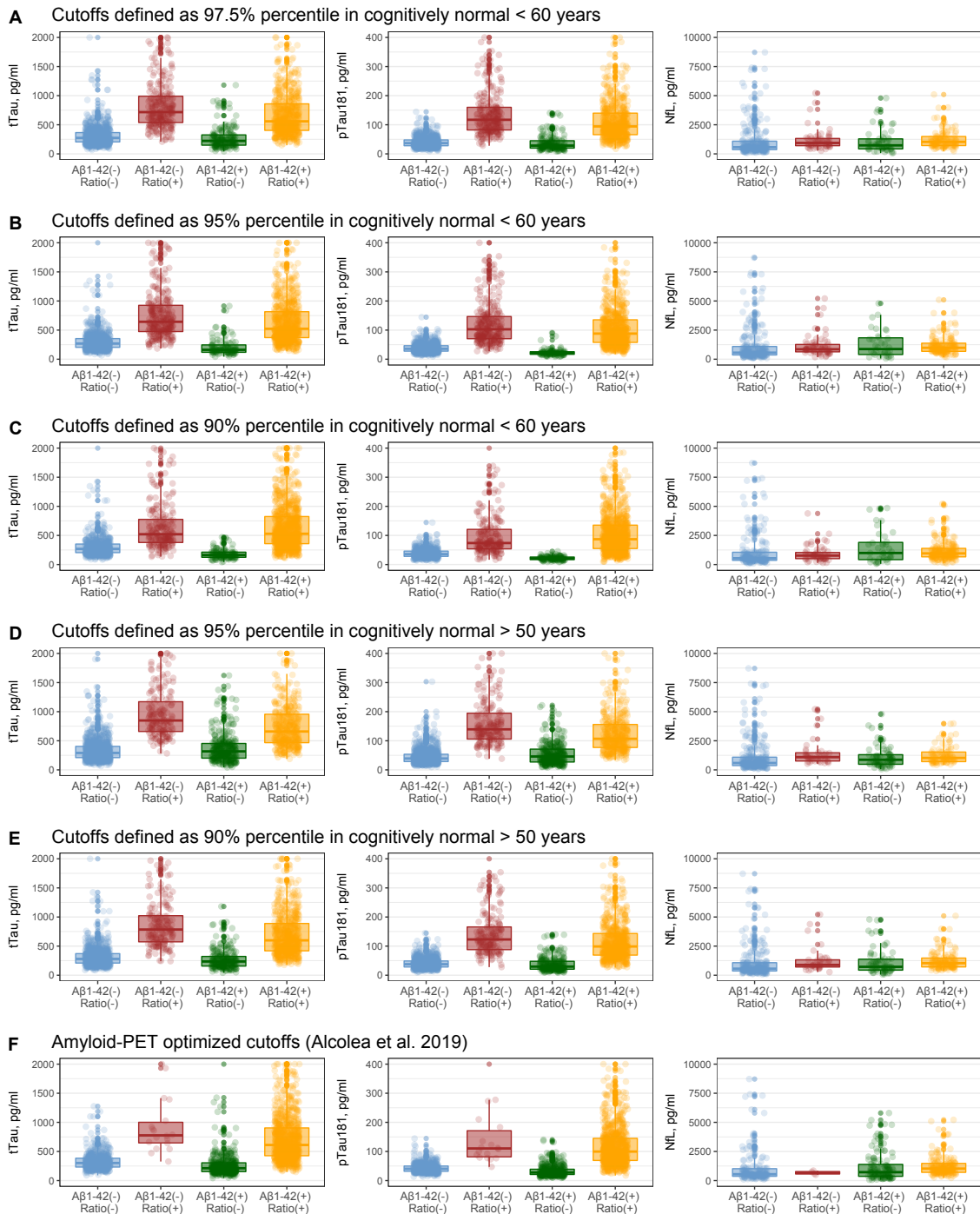
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Supplementary Figure 10. Levels of tTau (A), pTau181 (B) and NfL (C) in CSF according to their amyloid profile stratified by clinical stage

CN: Cognitively normal; MCI: Mild cognitive impairment.



Supplementary Figure 11. Levels of tTau, pTau181 and NfL in CSF according to their amyloid profile when different cutoffs were applied



Supplementary Figure 12: Estimation of the annual change in cognitive and functional scores across amyloid profiles stratified by diagnosis

Estimations of the annual change in MMSE (A), CDR-SOB (B) and FCSRT total score (C) were calculated through linear-mixed models adjusted by baseline MMSE score, baseline age, sex, years of education, pTau181 levels, *APOE4* status and diagnosis. MMSE: Mini-Mental State Examination; CDR-SOB: Clinical Dementia Rating Sum of Boxes; FCSRT: Free and cued selective reminding test; CN: Cognitively normal; AD: Alzheimer’s disease; DLB: dementia with Lewy bodies; FTLD: Frontotemporal lobar degeneration-related syndromes.

