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Supplementary Figure 2. Example of phase shuffling. (A) Electroencephalography timeseries before and after phase shuffling. (B) Phase shuffling sustains the power spectra while randomizing the signal phase.



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Supplementary Figure 4. Lempel Ziv Complexity correlation with slow wave activity (SWA). (A) LZC analysis (n = 89) and (B) LZCn analysis (n = 89) with statically significant electrodes shown by white dots (corrected TFCE P < 0.05). SWA was defined as log10

transformed power spectral density at 0.5-6Hz. Example Spearman's correlation plotted at 90th percentile effect size overlapping between LZC and LZCn, shown by white and black "X" (channel 87).



Supplementary Figure 5. Surface Laplacian: Delirium severity (DRS) is associated with decreased Lempel Ziv Complexity (LZC). Repeating figure 2 after applying surface Laplacian (Legendre polynomial 40, lambda 10^{-5}) before LZC calculation. Correlation of change in DRS with (A) LZC (n = 88) and (B) LZCn (n = 88) with statically significant electrodes shown by white dots (corrected TFCE P < 0.05). Example channel Spearman's correlation with DRS plotted at 90th percentile effect size overlapping between LZC and LZCn, shown by white "X" in (A) and black "X" in (B) (channel 179).



Supplementary Figure 6. Surface Laplacian: Delirium severity (DRS) correlation with slow wave activity (SWA). SWA calculation after surface Laplacian (Legendre polynomial 40,

lambda 10⁻⁵). Correlation of change in DRS with SWA (n = 88) with statically significant electrodes shown by white dots (corrected TFCE P < 0.05). Example channel Spearman's correlation with SWA plotted at peak effect size (black "X", channel 139).

Supplementary Table 1. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for the IPOD-B2 cohort (NCT02926417).

Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria		
1. Adult (>21 years old)	1. Contraindication for spinal drain		
2. Patients scheduled for an elective open	2. Documented history of dementia		
thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm or TEVAR	3. Unable to communicate with the research		
(thoracic endovascular aortic/aneurysm repair)	staff due to language barriers		
3. Requiring spinal drain for surgery that is	4. Individuals who the PI determines are not		
predicted to stay in two or more days	appropriate for the study such as a history of		
4. Willing and able to provide informed consent	appointment cancellations.		
	5. Pregnant or Nursing		
	6. Prisoners		
	0.1115011015		

Supplementary Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria for the IPOD-B3 cohort (NCT03124303).

Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria		
1. Age ≥65 years	1. Contraindication to EEG,		
2. Anticipated length of hospital stay of at least 2	2. Unable or unwilling to attend the follow-		
days after surgery that occurs under general or	up appointments,		
neuraxial anesthesia	3. Documented history of dementia		
4. Written Informed Consent prior to surgery	4. Deemed incapable of providing consent		
	by surgical team		
	4. Residing in a nursing home,		
	5. Undergoing intracranial surgery		
	6. Unable to complete neurocognitive		
	testing due to language, vision or hearing		
	impairment,		
	7. Unable to communicate with the research		
	staff due to language barriers,		
	8. For optional MRI portion of the study:		
	Contraindication to MRI (e.g., implanted		
	devices not safe for MRI studies,		
	claustrophobia, unable to lie flat or still)		

	Delirious	Non-delirious	
Age (Years)	68.91 ± 8.61	72.13 ± 5.66	
Sex (F)	49% 29%		
Peak DRS	19.66 ± 6.50	9.25 ± 2.48	
ASA score	3.00 ± 0.64	2.72 ± 0.68	
Diabetes	20%	82%	
Tobacco user	86% 71%		
COPD	39% 13%		
Obstructive Sleep Apnoea	31% 24%		
Body Mass Index	28.34 ± 4.87	7 28.04 ± 4.82	
Hypertension	89% 76%		
Stroke/Transient Ischaemic Attack	Stroke: 6%, TIA: 14% Stroke: 2%, TIA: 2%		
Surgery Type	Vascular: 63%, Vascular: 29%,		
	Thoracic: 0%,	Thoracic: 2%,	
	General: 3%,	General: 5%,	
	Orthopedic: 20%,	Orthopedic: 42%,	
	Urological: 3%, Urological: 7%,		
	Cardiac: 11%	Cardiac: 15%	
Blood loss (mL)	4230.91 ± 4452.41	680.29 ± 1064.14	
Operative time (min)	452.17 ± 219.93	275.11 ± 125.70	

Supplementary Table 3. Clinical and demographic data for the cohort

Note: Values show mean ± SD or percent. DRS, Delirium Rating Scale-98-R.

Supplementary Table 4. Linear regression

	Estimate	SE	t	р
DRS~1+LZC+SWA				
LZC	-30.89	10.40	-2.97	0.004
SWA	1.92	2.06	0.93	0.354
DRS~1+LZCn+SWA				
LZCn	-29.87	14.50	-2.06	0.042
SWA	5.48	1.58	3.47	< 0.001

Note: Linear regression fit on pre- to post-operative changes (channel 179, N = 89). Channel 179 is in the peak effect overlap of LZC and LZCn correlation with DRS. DRS, Delirium Rating Scale-98-R; LZC, Lempel Ziv Complexity; LZCn, phase shuffle normalized Lempel Ziv Complexity; SWA, slow wave activity.