

has not included equitable number of participants from communities of color to be representative of the U.S. population. Hispanic/Latinos currently represent 1% of ADRD clinical trials' samples despite representing 18% of the US population.

Participants and Methods: In our previous outreach and recruitment study with the Human Connectome Project – Aging, we attained a 11.35% recruitment success rate of Hispanics/Latinos living in Los Angeles County Districts. We implemented a comprehensive Spanish-English bilingual, multi-method, multi-setting community-academic engagement, outreach, and recruitment protocol with a focus on brain health literacy and ADRD biomarker research literacy.

Results: Whereas community educational engagement and outreach was the most efficient and highest interest turn-out recruitment strategy, 61% of engaged and interested Hispanic/Latinos (50 years old and older) were automatically excluded during the telephone screening due to English-language proficiency/fluency. Highest enrollment success rate was from UCLA mailing list, clinical registries, and referrals. Hispanics/Latinos successfully recruited were bilingual or multi-lingual, 83% identified white as their racial background, 85% attained higher education, and 70% resided in middle-to-high income levels areas.

Conclusions: Our results captured institutional barriers leading to a recruitment bias towards affluent Hispanics/Latinos with access to healthcare systems. Our applied science of recruitment and retention requires significant improvements in study design and methodology, tailored and targeted to communities' socio-ecological context. It also requires the extrapolation of generalizable theoretically informed mechanisms of successful engagement, recruitment, and retention strategies for replication and/or modification in other settings/locations, and countries.

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5 Cognitive, Emotional, and Functional Predictors of Clinical Trial Enrollment

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Objective: Objective: With participant recruitment being a top barrier to AD research progress, the rate of screen failure in Alzheimer's disease (AD) clinical trials is unsustainable. Although steps have been undertaken to consider solutions to the continued recruitment shortage, there is unfortunately minimal emphasis on reducing screen failure rates based on study inclusion criteria. Here we present information attempting to understand the cognitive, emotional, and functional features of individuals who failed screening measures for AD trials.

Participants and Methods: Method: The current study is a retrospective, cross-sectional analysis. Thirty-eight participants (aged 50-83) having (1) previously received a clinical diagnostic workup at a transdisciplinary cognitive specialty clinic and (2) previously screened for a specific industry-sponsored clinical trial of MCI/early AD (EMERGE) met inclusion criteria. Previously collected clinical data were analyzed to identify predictors of AD trial screen pass/fail status.

Results: Results: Of the 38 participants in the current study, 14 screen passed into this AD clinical trial, and 24 screen failed. Higher screen failure rates were significantly related to gender, with 83% of female participants screen failing this AD trial versus 45% of male participants. There was no difference in age or education between screen pass/fail groups, nor were differences present for performance on visual or verbal memory tasks, or the MOCA. Conversely, those participants screen failing this AD clinical

trial performed significantly worse on non-memory cognitive domains pertaining to general fund of knowledge, working memory, and executive functioning. Additionally, the screen fail group reported greater levels of anxiety, but not depression nor endorsements on a measure of functional status.

Conclusions: Conclusions: Worse performance on non-memory neuropsychological domains was related to screen failure status for the EMERGE AD clinical trial. This finding may be explained by the traditional recruitment pathway from clinic to trials, which beyond the diagnosis of interest is up to the opinion of the physician to determine “fit” for a trial. Higher screen failure rates may result from physicians erroneously viewing more globally-impaired patients as being more appropriate for an AD clinical trial, resulting in greater tendencies towards recruiting patients who are too severe to meet inclusion criteria for a trial. Recruiting patients into clinical trials earlier in their disease course – when disease severity is less – may result in reduced screen failure rates in AD trials. That we could not detect a relationship between memory-related tasks and screen fail/pass status may be explained by either (1) the measures used in the EMERGE trial were not as sensitive to subtle changes in memory, or (2) that memory dysfunction is necessary for a diagnosis of AD but not sufficient to distinguish who will be successfully screened into an AD clinical trial. Overall, these findings have the potential to advance the field by reducing screen failure rates in AD clinical trials by using information already available to clinical trial teams, which will enhance trial-recruitment infrastructure and encourage greater engagement of older adults in AD research.

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1 Social Brain Network Connectivity Relates to Social and Adaptive Outcomes Following Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury

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Objective: Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a prevalent cause of long-term morbidity in children and adolescents and can lead to persistent difficulties with social and behavioral function. TBI may impact brain structures that support social cognition, social perception, and day-to-day social interactions—termed the social brain network (SBN). We examined differences in links among the SBN and regions of interest from other neural networks thought to support social outcomes, i.e., the default mode network (DMN) and salience network (SN). Furthermore, we examined how differences in co-activation among the SBN and these other key networks were associated with ratings of social and day-to-day adaptive outcomes.

Participants and Methods: Participants included children and adolescents with moderate to severe TBI (msTBI; $n=11$, $M_{age}=11.78$, 6 male), complicated-mild TBI (cmTBI; $n=12$, $M_{age}=12.59$, 9 male), and orthopedic injury (OI; $n=22$, $M_{age}=11.69$, 15 male). Participants underwent resting-state functional MRI on a 3Tesla Siemens Prisma scanner. Parents rated their child's social and adaptive function on the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) and Adaptive Behavior Assessment System-Third Edition (ABAS-3). Resting-state connectivity was assessed using the CONN Toolbox, including preprocessing, denoising, and alignment to the participants' processed T1 MPRAGE sequence followed by