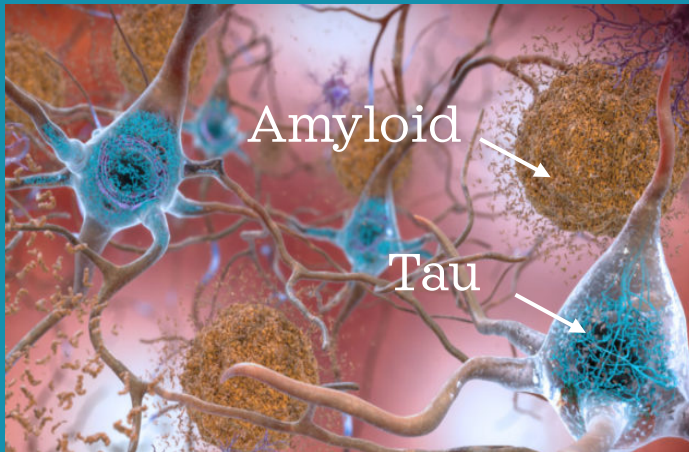


# Detecting People at Risk of Alzheimer's Disease: Amyloid and Tau Burden and Name Recall Impairments in Cognitively Unimpaired Individuals

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# Is the performance on an experimental cognitive task associated with higher levels of amyloid and tau proteins in the brains of cognitively unimpaired individuals at risk of AD dementia?



N = 56



40



16

68.8 y/o

## Face-Name Task

### Encoding

« Remember the name that corresponds to each face »



Mary



Susan

### Retrieval

(Immediate)

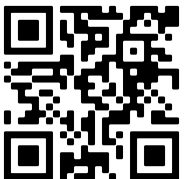
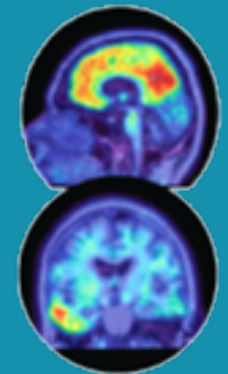
« What name was associated with each face? »



## PET Imaging

Amyloid → global

Tau → entorhinal cortex





# Results and conclusion



- Worse performance on the Face-Name task was associated with higher tau protein levels
- No significant association with amyloid protein levels

**The Face-Name task could detect people early in the pathological process before they show their first cognitive symptoms**

