

Inflamación y Trastornos Cognitivos en la Infección por VIH

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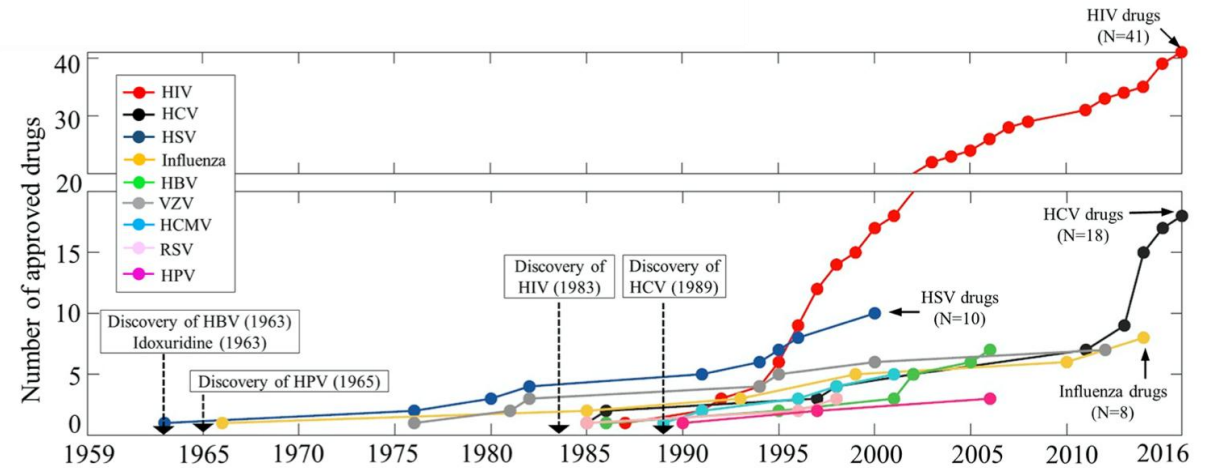
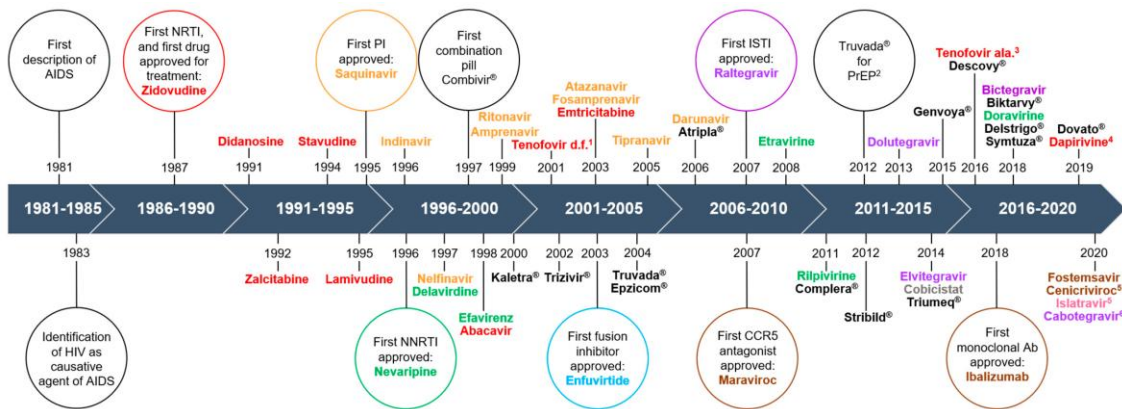
Neuropsychological studies of asymptomatic human immunodeficiency virus-type-1 infected individuals. The HNRC Group. HIV Neurobehavioral Research Center

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seropositive asymptomatic and seronegative individuals. Overall, the differences observed between median rates of impairment for asymptomatic (35%) and seronegative (12%) groups provided the clearest indication of deficits in asymptomatics. In addition, five variables were



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Medicalising normality? Using a simulated dataset to assess the performance of different diagnostic criteria of HIV-associated cognitive impairment

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Moving on From HAND: Why We Need New Criteria for Cognitive Impairment in Persons Living With Human Immunodeficiency Virus and a Proposed Way Forward

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Cognitive criteria in HIV: greater consensus is needed

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Neurological Symptoms in People With HIV on Antiretroviral Therapy

Evidence is currently not available to support empiric intensification or switch of ARV regimens in people on systemically suppressive ART with mild neurological and/or cognitive symptoms who do not have documented CSF escape. Such individuals should be referred for neurological evaluation to

Adherence Concerns

Suboptimal adherence to ART is the most common cause of treatment failure. Although most older people with HIV are able to achieve viral suppression with a single-tablet regimen, some people who have a long history of ART may have acquired drug resistance, thus requiring more complex multiple-pill regimens. Complex dosing requirements, high pill burden, polypharmacy, inability to access medications because of cost or availability, limited health literacy (including misunderstanding of instructions), depression, substance use, frailty, and neurocognitive impairment

Cerebrospinal Fluid Viral Escape

Presentation with new-onset central nervous system (CNS) signs and symptoms has been reported as a rare form of “compartmentalized” virologic failure. People experiencing this present with new,

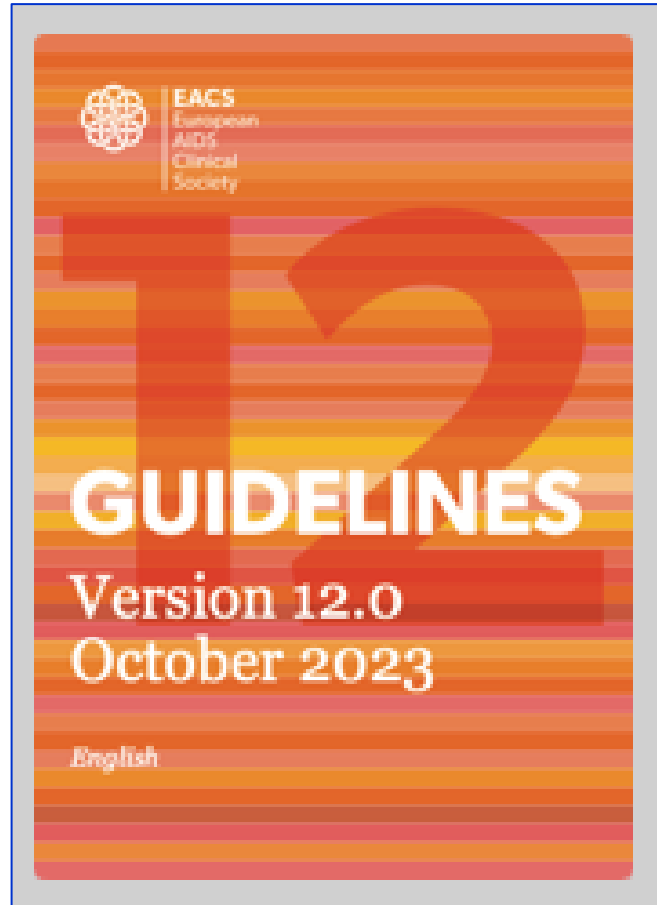
Neurocognitive Impairment in the Older Person With HIV

Cognitive impairment in people with HIV can manifest as difficulty with memory, attention, speed of information processing, and executive and motor functions. Studies that use neuropsychological testing to define categories of impaired cognition—termed HIV-associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND)—find that up to 30% of people with HIV on virally suppressive ART meet these research-based criteria¹⁴⁴, although these categories have not been validated for use in clinical practice. Research studies also demonstrate a steeper decline in performance on neuropsychological

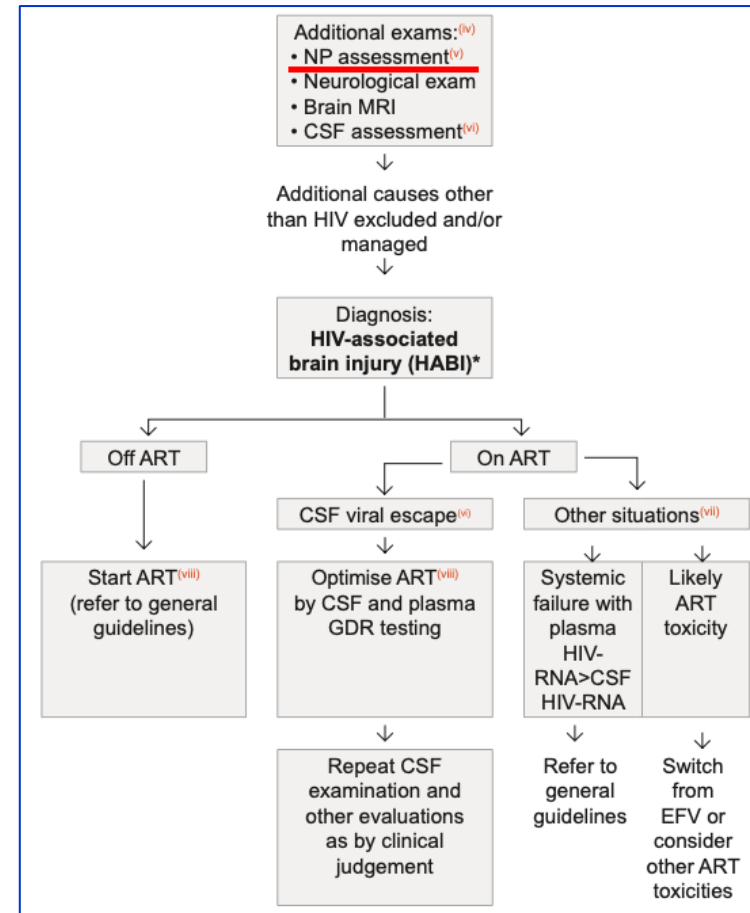
Polypharmacy in Older People With HIV

In people aging with HIV, the effects of polypharmacy, including the use of drugs that affect neurocognitive function, can contribute to serious adverse outcomes, such as serious falls and fractures, delirium, hospitalization (including intensive care unit admissions), and death.⁵²⁻⁵⁷





Algorithm for Diagnosis and Management of Cognitive and Central Nervous System Neurological Symptoms



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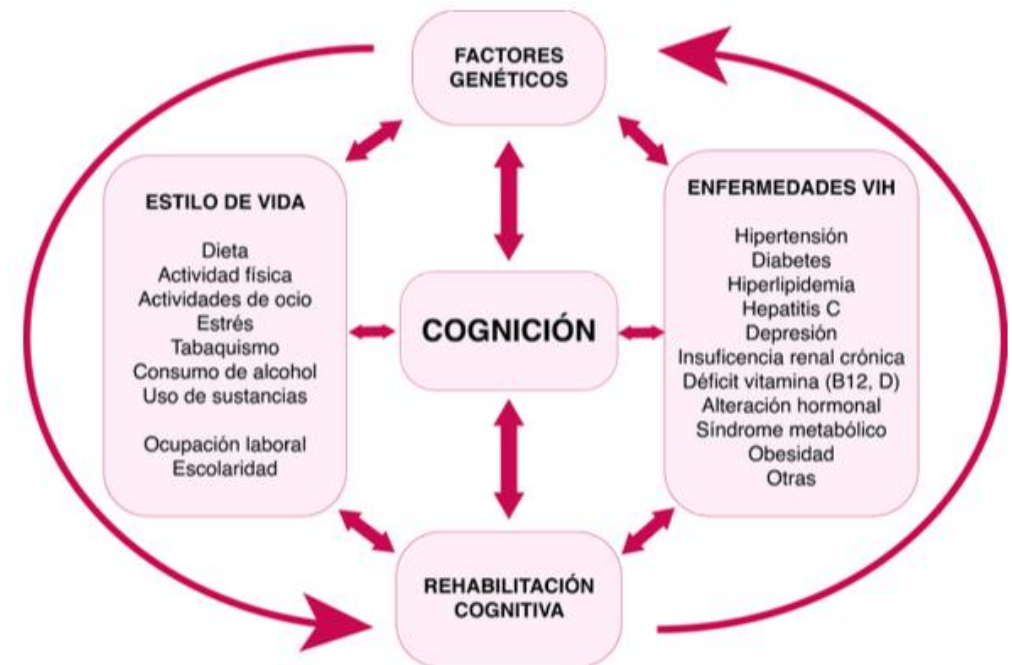
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5.5.2. DIAGNÓSTICO NEUROPSICOLÓGICO

El diagnóstico neuropsicológico de los TNAV comprende la evaluación tanto del funcionamiento cognitivo como del grado de afectación funcional que puedan presentar los pacientes diagnosticados de deterioro cognitivo, a nivel profesional, en el hogar y/o a nivel social.

Evaluación del funcionamiento neurocognitivo

5. TRASTORNOS NEUROCOGNITIVOS ASOCIADOS AL VIH



2. VIH e Inflamación

Inflamación Crónica en el VIH

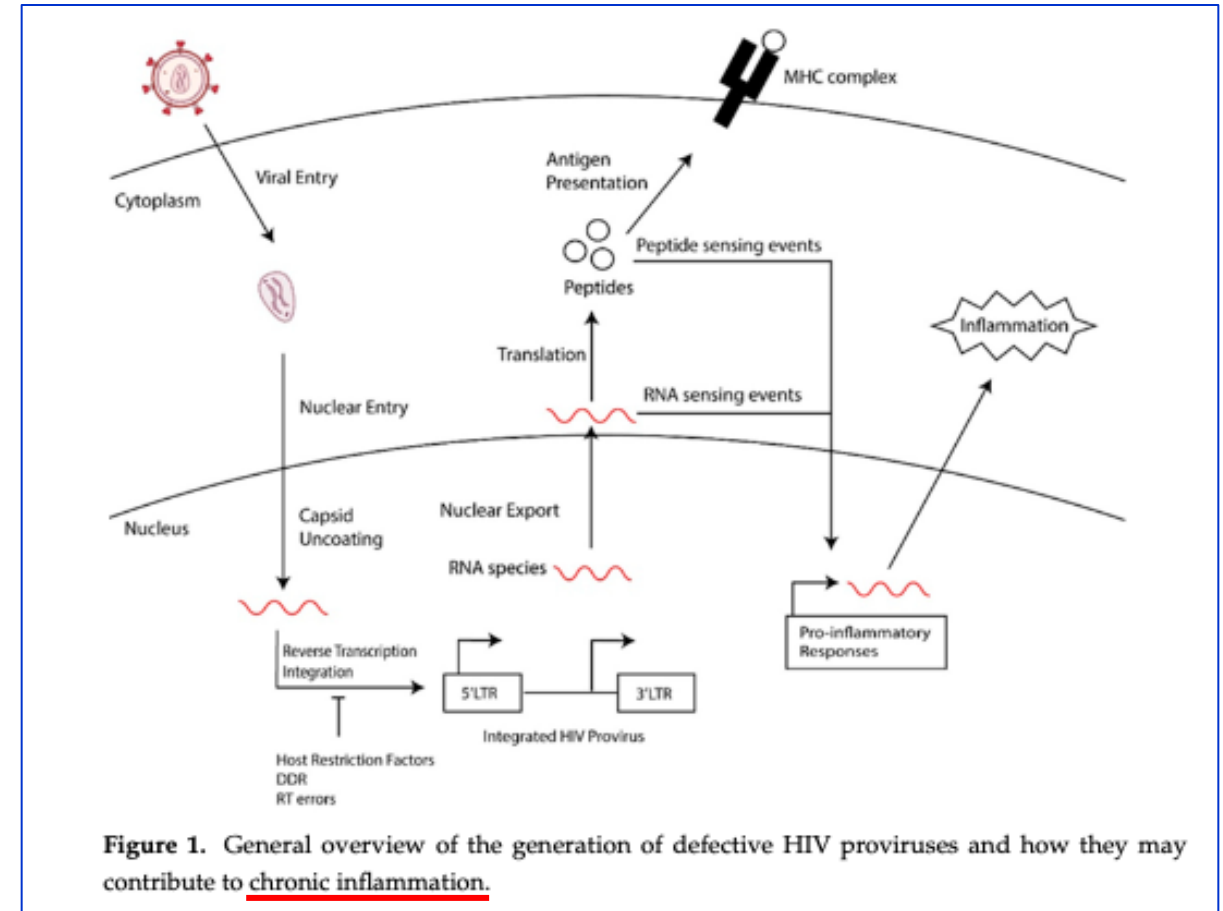


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Chronic HIV Transcription, Translation, and Persistent Inflammation

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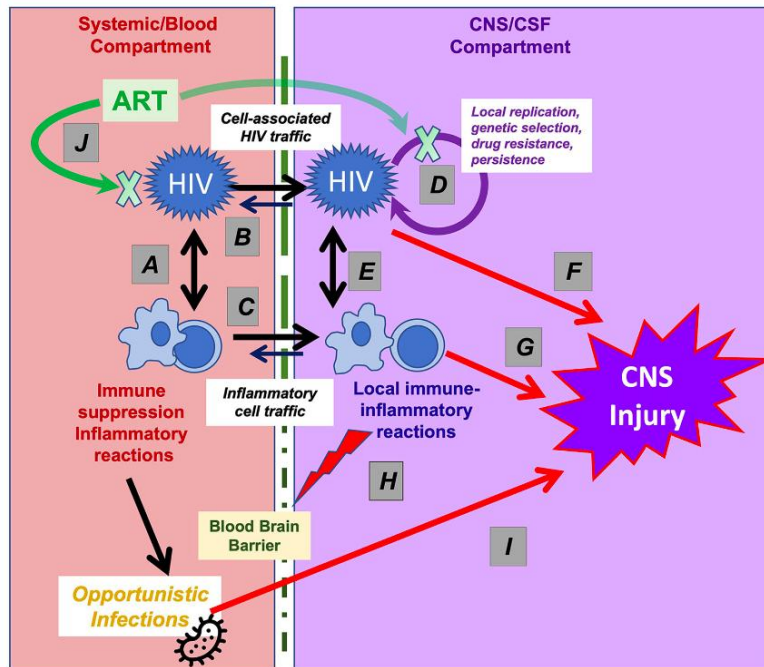
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Neuroimmunology of CNS HIV Infection: A Narrative Review

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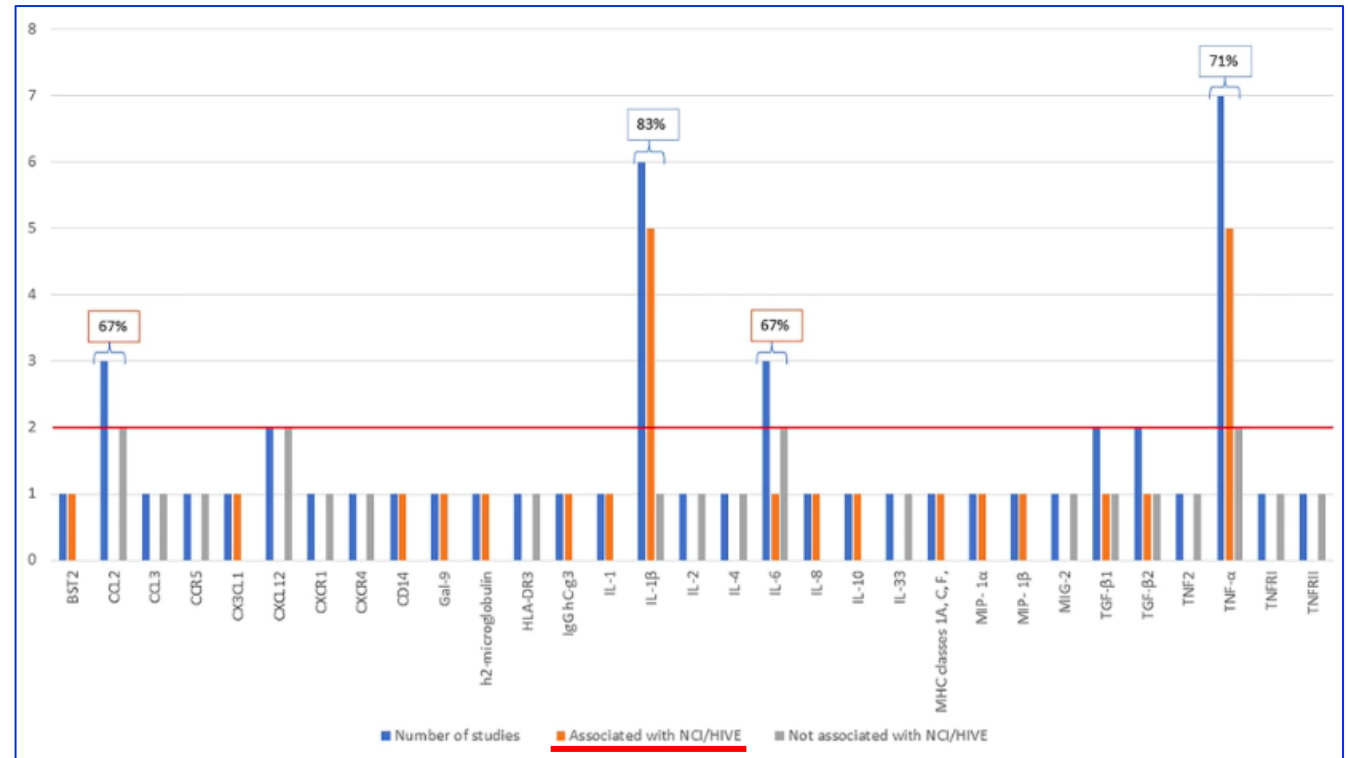
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The relationship between HIV-1 neuroinflammation, neurocognitive impairment and encephalitis pathology: A systematic review of studies investigating post-mortem brain tissue

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Microbioma, Inflamación y Alteración Cognitiva en el VIH



Interactions between gut microbiota signatures and CNS status in a HIV cure strategy

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BACKGROUND

The microbiome-gut-brain axis interplay is a major player in regulating the neurocognitive functioning.

The BCN02-Neuro study¹ investigated the effects of the HIV latency reversing agent rimepispin (RMD) on the central nervous system (CNS) in early-treated HIV-infected individuals (Figure 1), showing no significant alterations in cognitive and functional outcomes. Although, participants with lower cognitive functioning (standardized neuropsychological test score covering 6 cognitive domains, NPZ-6) showed a trend toward progressive improvement over time (Figure 2).

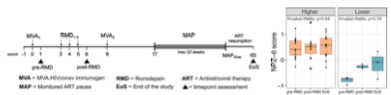


Figure 1. Study design.

Figure 2. Longitudinal changes of NPZ-6 score.

Additionally, the BCN02-Microbiome study² identified host and gut microbial pro-inflammatory signatures as potential predictors of immune-mediated HIV-1 control during 32-weeks of monitored antiretroviral pause.

OBJECTIVES

- To characterize the gut microbiota composition and functions in participants with lower and higher cognitive functioning in the BCN02-Neuro study.
- To identify potential gut microbial signatures for predicting cognitive functioning evolution.
- To validate microbial predictive signatures in two BCN02 sub-cohorts.

METHODS

Participants with lower (≤ -0.5 , n=3) and higher (> -0.5 , n=15) NPZ-6 score at the study entry and with characterized gut microbiome (shotgun metagenomics data analyzed using Metaphlan2 and Humann2) were included in the study. Assessments were performed before (pre-RMD) and after RDM administration (post-RMD) and at the end of the study (EoS) (Figure 1).

Associations between microbial taxa, cognitive functioning and functional outcomes (CNS-related symptoms, emotional status, daily functioning, and quality of life) were characterized in HIV-1 viremic controllers and non-controllers (C-NC, n=11) and RMD-intervention and RMD-no-intervention (I-NI, n=16) sub-cohorts from the paternal BCN02 study².

Differentially abundant taxa were estimated by Random forest and discriminant LEfSe analysis. Spearman's correlations and BH-adjusted p-values were calculated by R/Corr and microbiome profiling assessed using R/phyloseq.

HIV-infected early-treated patients presenting worse cognitive functioning and enriched in neurological-linked bacteria showed recovery in the BCN02-Neuro study

RESULTS

I. Taxonomic and functional signatures associated with different cognitive functioning

Participants with lower NPZ-6 score at pre-RMD were enriched in bacterial species previously described in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other neurological disorders³ (Figure 3a). Also, this group was functionally enriched in 1,2-propanediol degradation (pathway of propionic acid synthesis) at pre-RMD (Figure 3b). Previous evidence suggests that propionic acid is produced by gut bacteria related to ASD, such as *Desulfovibrio* spp and *Clostridium* spp⁴.

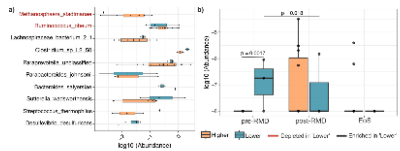


Figure 3. a) Differentially abundant bacterial species between Lower NPZ-6 and Higher NPZ-6 groups (p<0.05) at pre-RMD. b) Longitudinal changes of L-1,2-propanediol degradation (PWY7013) pathways.

II. Microbiome-based index for NPZ-6 score evolution

To investigate the evolution of NPZ-6 score-associated bacteria over time, an index was obtained by calculating the log ratio of geometric means of taxon abundances enriched in the Lower NPZ-6 group (p-val<0.05) over taxa depleted in Lower NPZ-6 group (p-val < 0.05), compared to the Higher NPZ-6 group, as following:

$$Index = \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{X_i}{Y_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{X_j}{Y_j}} \right)$$

The index was negatively correlated with NPZ-6 score at pre-RMD (Figure 4a) and positively correlated with delta NPZ-6 score (EoS – pre-RMD) (Figure 4b).

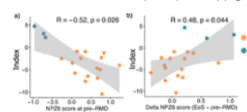


Figure 4. Correlations between microbiome-based Index and NPZ-6 score.

RESULTS

Also, in the participants with lower NPZ-6 score, the microbiome-based index showed a significant longitudinal decrease from pre-RMD to EoS (p=0.039) (Figure 5).

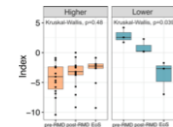


Figure 5. Longitudinal evolution of microbiome-based Index in Lower and Higher NPZ-6 groups.

III. Microbiome-based index evaluation in BCN02 sub-cohorts

BCN02 sub-cohorts showed no differences in the microbial index values (Figure 6a). In the BCN02 subcohort, bacteria associated to neurological disorders negatively correlated with NPZ-6 score, quality of life and daily functioning and positively with CNS related symptoms, depression, stress and anxiety. An opposite trend was observed in bacteria enriched in participants with higher NPZ-6 score and typically described as anti-inflammatory (*R. obeum* and *M. stadtmanae*) (Figure 6b).

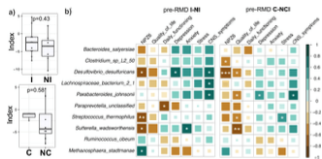


Figure 6. a) Microbiome-based index comparison in the BCN02 sub-cohorts at pre-RMD. b) Correlations between differentially abundant bacteria, cognitive functioning and functional outcomes significance in the BCN02 sub-cohorts at pre-RMD. Significance after FDR adjustment is indicated by asterisks (*p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001).

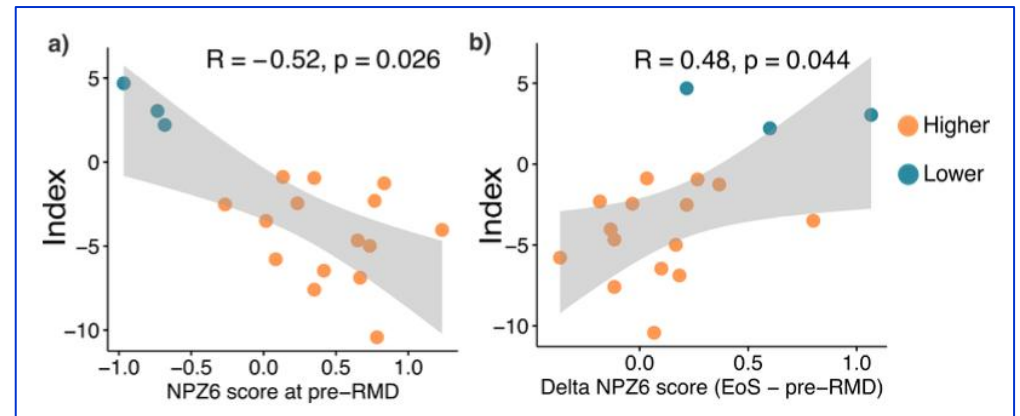
CONCLUSIONS

- In participants presenting worse cognitive functioning at study entry and progressive NPZ-6 score recovery, the abundance of bacterial species related to neurological alterations is significantly reduced over time.
- Bacterial species related to neurological alterations showed global negative correlation with cognitive functioning and quality of life and positive correlation with emotional status.
- The microbial index might represent a potential predictor of cognitive functioning evolution.

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$$Index = \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n}}{\sqrt{y_1 y_2 \dots y_m}} \right)$$

x = *Desulfovibrio desulfuricans*, *Streptococcus thermophilus*, *Sutterella wadsworthensis*, *Bacteroides salyersiae*, *Parabacteroides johnsonii*, *Paraprevotella unclassified*, *Clostridium* sp L2 50, *Lachnospiraceae bacterium_2_1_58FAA* at pre-RMD

y = *Ruminococcus obeum*, *Methanosphaera stadtmanae* at pre-RMD



Neopterin en Sangre y Alteración Cognitiva en el VIH



PLASMA NEOPTERIN AS A POTENTIAL BIOMARKER FOR NEUROCOGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN AGING PEOPLE WITH HIV

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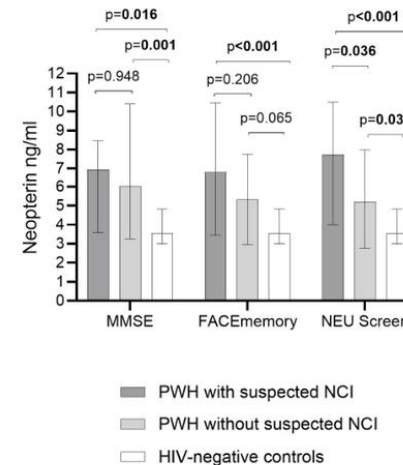
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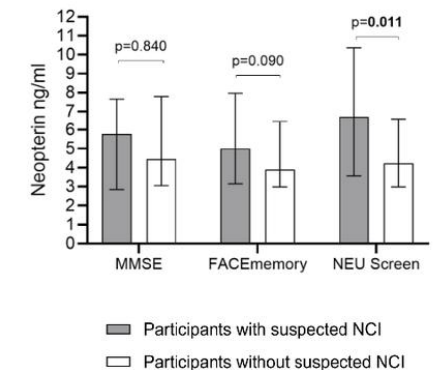
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Conclusions:

The higher levels of plasma neopterin observed in aging PWH compared to HIV-negative individuals suggest persistent immune activation despite effective ART. Elevated neopterin levels were significantly associated with suspected NCI as measured by the NEU Screen. These results reinforce the NEU Screen as a useful NCI screening test in HIV infection, and, additionally, underscore the potential utility of neopterin as a plasma biomarker for cognitive decline in aging PWH.

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TABLE 2. CAUSES OF, AND POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO, NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT IN HIV PATIENTS *

HIV-RELATED	VIRAL	METABOLIC	LIFESTYLE	AGING
I N F L A M M A T I O N				
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Low CD4 cell nadir	Hepatitis C virus coinfection	History of, or risk for cardiovascular disease	Heavy, long-term use of drugs and/or alcohol	Neurodegenerative disease
Inflammatory Immune Reconstitution Syndrome	Polyomavirus JC (JC virus)	Insulin resistance/ type 2 diabetes	Injection drug use (IDU)	Polypharmacy/drug toxicity
Poor cART adherence	Cytomegalovirus	Dyslipidemia	Sedentary lifestyle	
Opportunistic infections; certain cancers, past syphilis			High BMI/unhealthy diet	
ART-associated toxicities (central nervous system toxicity, dyslipidemia, insulin resistance)			Smoking	

*Many of these factors foster neuroinflammation and can cause or worsen neurocognitive impairment.



Neuroinflammation in HIV-associated depression: evidence and future perspectives

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