faster change from 'now driving' state to 'driving cessation' state over time in the elderly ( $\beta = -0.508$ , P < 0.001).

In both cross-sectional and longitudinal aspects, the Conclusion degree of WMH might be one of the predictive factors for driving cessation in the elderly, reflecting both motor and cognitive functions or independently.

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## Swallowing disturbances and psychiatric profile in older adults: The GreatAGE study

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Introduction Several studies have reported controversial links between swallowing disturbances (SD) and psychiatric disorders in older age. The available data on the epidemiology of SD in the general population are scarce and often conflicting, because of numerous methodological factors source of possible counfounders. Objectives We aimed to screen the presence of psychiatric and cognitive disorders associated with SD in a random sampling of the general population > 65.

Methods A sample of 1127 elderly individuals collected in a population-based study (GreatAGE) in Castellana Grotte (53,50% males, mean age  $74.1 \pm 6.3$  years), South-East Italy, were mailed a validated self-report questionnaire to assess SD (Eating Assessment Tool-EAT10). Psychiatric disorders and symptoms [assessed with Semi-structured Clinical Diagnostic Interview for DSM-IV-TR Axis I Disorders, Geriatric Depression Scale-30 (GDS-30) and Symptom Checklist Revised-90 (SCL-90R)], cognitive functions were assessed with a comprehensive neuropsychological battery, neurological exam, and demographics were compared in participants with and without SD using t-tests and Mann-Whitney U-test.

The prevalence rates of SD amounted at 5.97%. Psychiatric Results diagnosis (24.22% of the sample) was statistically significant associated with SD (EAT  $\geq$  3, P = 0.038), and a trend was found for major depressive disorder and generalized anxiety disorder. Among SCL-90R domains, only anxiety showed a significant association with EAT > 3 (P=0.006). GDS-30 score was found to be higher in subjects with SD (P=0.008). Cognitive functions did not differ between the two groups except for an increasing trend for Clinical Dementia Rating Scale in EAT  $\geq$  3 (P = 0.058).

Conclusions These preliminary results showed an association between SD in older age and late-life major depression and anxiety disorders.

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## Educational level influenced the gold standard diagnosis of late-life depression in the GreatAGE study

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Introduction The validity of the 30-item Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS-30) in detecting late-life depression (LLD) requires a certain level of cognitive functioning. Further research is needed in population-based setting on other socio-demographic and cognitive variables that could potentially influence the accuracy of clinician rated depression.

Obiective To compare the diagnostic accuracy of two instruments used to assess depressive disorders [(GDS-30) and the Semi-structured Clinical Diagnostic Interview for DSM-IV-TR Axis I Disorders (SCID)] among three groups with different levels of cognitive functioning (normal, Mild Cognitive Impairment - MCI, Subjective Memory Complain – SMC) in a random sampling of the general population 65+ years.

Methods The sample, collected in a population-based study (GreatAGE Study) among the older residents of Castellana Grotte, South-East Italy, included 844 subjects (54.50% males). A standardized neuropsychological battery was used to assess MCI, SMC and depressive symptoms (GDS-30). Depressive syndromes were diagnosed through the SCID IV-TR. Socio-demographic and cognitive variables were taken into account in influencing SCID performance. According to the SCID, the rate of depressive disor-Results ders was 12.56%. At the optimal cut-off score ( $\geq$  4), GDS-30 had 65.1% sensitivity and 68.4% specificity in diagnosing depressive symptoms. Using a more conservative cut-off ( $\geq$  10), the GDS-30 specificity reached 91.1% while sensitivity dropped to 37,7%. The three cognitive subgroups did not differ in the rate of depression diagnosis. Educational level is the only variable associated to the SCID diagnostic performance (P = 0.015).

At the optimal cut-off, GDS-30 identified lower lev-Conclusions els of screening accuracy for subjects with normal cognition rather than for SMC (AUC 0.792 vs. 0.692); educational attainment possibly may modulate diagnostic clinician performance.

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