

Supplementary Material

The Relationship Between Hearing and Mild Behavioral Impairment and the Influence of Sex: A Study of Older Adults Without Dementia from the COMPASS-ND Study

Supplementary Table 1. Multivariable Regression Models for the Association between HHIE-S Score and MBI Burden in Non-Dementia

| Outcome Variable | Exp(β) or OR (95% CI) | <i>p</i> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| HHIE-S Models | | |
| Global MBI Burden ^a | 1.02 (1.00 – 1.04) | 0.002 |
| MBI Apathy ^b | 1.09 (1.03 – 1.14) | 0.002 |
| MBI Affect ^b | 1.08 (1.04 – 1.13) | <0.001 |
| MBI Impulse ^b | 1.02 (0.98 – 1.06) | 0.37 |
| MBI Social ^b | 0.99 (0.94 – 1.05) | 0.81 |
| MBI Psychosis ^b | 1.07 (1.00 – 1.14) | 0.06 |
| Audiometry Models | | |
| Global MBI Burden ^a | -0.06 (-0.23 – 0.11) | 0.51 |
| MBI Apathy ^b | 0.88 (0.65 – 1.18) | 0.38 |
| MBI Affect ^b | 1.02 (0.82 – 1.26) | 0.89 |
| MBI Impulse ^b | 0.99 (0.80 – 1.23) | 0.94 |
| MBI Social ^b | 0.70 (0.48 – 1.02) | 0.06 |
| MBI Psychosis ^b | 0.90 (0.59 – 1.37) | 0.62 |
| CDTT Models | | |
| Global MBI Burden ^a | 0.06 (-0.10 – 0.23) | 0.46 |
| MBI Apathy ^b | 1.08 (0.93 – 1.26) | 0.33 |
| MBI Affect ^b | 1.11 (0.97 – 1.27) | 0.12 |
| MBI Impulse ^b | 0.97 (0.85 – 1.11) | 0.68 |
| MBI Social ^b | 0.85 (0.66 – 1.10) | 0.22 |
| MBI Psychosis ^b | 1.12 (0.91 – 1.37) | 0.29 |

Models were adjusted for age, sex, years of education, hearing aids use, and MoCA score (n = 219). HHIE-S, Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly – Screening Version; MBI, mild behavioral impairment; MoCA, Montreal Cognitive Assessment.

^a Multivariable linear regression with standardized continuous log-transformed global MBI score as the outcome variable.

^b Multivariable logistic regression with dichotomized MBI domain (presence/absence of symptoms) as the outcome variable.

Supplementary Table 2. Prevalence of MBI by HHIE-S Group (*data behind Fig. 1 in manuscript)

| HHIE-S | All | 0-8 No Hearing Handicap | 10-24 Mild/Moderate Hearing Handicap | 26-40 Significant Hearing Handicap |
|-------------------------|------------|--|---|---|
| N | 219 | 143 | 62 | 14 |
| Global MBI | 51.6 | 46.9 | 58.1 | 71.4 |
| Apathy | 16.0 | 11.2 | 21.0 | 42.9 |
| Affective Dysregulation | 35.2 | 28.7 | 41.9 | 71.4 |
| Impulse Dyscontrol | 32.9 | 32.2 | 30.6 | 50.0 |
| Psychosis | 51.6 | 46.9 | 58.1 | 71.4 |

MBI status was classified as positive if participants had a score of >0 in the relevant domain(s). All prevalence values reported as percentages. HHIE-S, Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly – Screening Version; MBI, mild behavioral impairment.