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Reviewer 1
I am still concerned about the varying numbers in different models, which makes interpretation of relative strengths of variables more uncertain. The discussion does not address this sufficiently. I advise specifying the numbers included in the multivariate models and adding a little in the discussion about the possible biases that may be introduced by the reduced numbers with cognitive tests.

We now specify the varying numbers in the different multivariate models and explicitly state the limitations of the smaller sample sizes in the Discussion.

Editor
Clarify under the Methods section of the manuscript the details of the institutional review board that granted ethical approval for the study.

We now state this explicitly.