表一: Neuron number remains stable in the superior temporal sulcus region during normal aging. (Handbook of Aging Brain 2ed)

Age	n	Numbers of neuron X ±	
		$SD(10^3)$	
<60	5	94.28 <u>+</u> 7.0	
61-70	6	94.36 <u>+</u> 11.6	
71-80	10	92.17 <u>+</u> 8.8	
81<90	7	96.36 <u>+ </u> 9.2	
>90	4	84.87 <u>+</u> 8.3	

表二: Neuron number remains stable in the superior temporal sulcus region in Alzheimer's reflects of symptoms. (Handbook of Aging Brain 2ed)

/	During (years)	n	Numbers of neuron $X \pm SD(10^3)$
Control (age:69~90)	2 (1)	28	96.0 <u>+</u> 10.0
	0-3	10	77.7 <u>+</u> 23.5
	4-6	13	54.7 <u>+</u> 16.1
Alzheimer's	7-9	12	38.4 <u>+</u> 7.7
disease	10-12	6	34.1 <u>+</u> 7.7
	13-15	8	33.3 <u>+</u> 7.8
	>15	4	29.7 <u>+</u> 6.8

DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria

- A. The development of multiple cognitive deficits manifested by both
 - (1) memory impairment (impaired ability to learn new information or to recall previously learned information
 - (2) one (or more) of the following cognitive disturbances:
 - (a) aphasia (language disturbance)
 - (b) apraxia (impaired ability to carry out motor activities despite intact motor function)
 - (c) agnosia (failure to recognize or identify objects despite intact sensory function)
 - (d) disturbance in executive functioning (i.e., planning, organizing, sequencing, abstracting)
- **B.** The cognitive deficits in Criteria A1 and A2 each cause significant impairment in social or occupational functioning and represent a significant decline from a previous level of functioning.
- C. The deficits do not occur exclusively during the course of a delirium.

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NINCDS-ADRDA Diagnostic Criteria

- A. Decline in memory and other cognitive functions in comparison with the patient's previous level of functions as determined by
 - (1) a history of decline in performance
 - (2) abnormalities noted on clinical examination
 - (3) abnormalities noted on neuropsychological tests
- **B.** Diagnosis of dementia cannot be made when consciousness is impaired by delirium, drowsiness, stupor, or coma or when other clinical abnormalities prevent adequate evaluation of mental status.

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表四: DSM-IV and NINCDS-ADRDA Diagnostic Criteria for

Alzheimer's disease

NINCDS-ADRDA Criteria for Clinical Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease

- I. The criteria for the clinical diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease include:
 - 1. Dementia established by clinical examination and documented by the Mini-Mental State Test, Blessed Dementia Scale, or some similar examination, and confirmed by neuropsychological tests
 - 2. Deficits in two or more areas of cognition
 - 3. Progressive worsening of memory and other cognitive functions
 - 4. No disturbance of consciousness
 - 5. Onset between ages 40 and 90, most often after age 65
 - 6. Absence of systemic disorders or other brain diseases that in and of themselves could account for the progressive deficits in memory and cognition
- II. The diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease is supported by:
 - 1. Progressive deterioration of specific cognitive functions such as language (aphasia), motor skills (apraxia), and perception (agnosia)
 - 2. Impaired activities of daily living and altered patterns of behavior
 - 3. Family history of similar disorders, particularly if confirmed neuropathologically
 - 4. Laboratory results of:
 - a. Normal lumbar puncture as evaluated by standard techniques
 - b. Normal pattern or nonspecific changes in EEG, such as increased slow-wave activity
 - c. Evidence of cerebral atrophy on CT with progression documented by serial observation
- III. Other clinical features consistent with the diagnosis of *probable* Alzheimer's disease, after exclusion of causes of dementia other than Alzheimer's disease include:
 - 1. Plateaus in the course of progression of the illness
 - 2. Associated symptoms of depression, insomnia, incontinence, delusions, illusions, hallucinations; catastrophic verbal, emotional, or physical outbursts; sexual disorders; and weight loss
 - 3. Other neurologic abnormalities in some patients, especially those with more advanced disease and including motor signs such as increased muscle tone, myoclonus, or gait disorder
 - 4. Seizures in advanced disease
 - 5. CT normal for age
- IV. Features that make the diagnosis of *probable* Alzheimer's disease uncertain or unlikely include:
 - 1. Sudden, apoplectic onset
 - 2. Focal neurological findings such as hemiparesis, sensory loss, visual field deficits, and incoordination early in the course of the illness
 - 3. Seizures or gait disturbances at the onset or very early in the course of the illness
- V. Clinical diagnosis of *possible* Alzheimer's disease:
 - 1. May be made on the basis of the dementia syndrome; in the absence of other

- neurological, psychiatric, or systemic disorders sufficient to cause dementia; and in the presence of variations in the onset, presentation, or clinical course
- 2. May be made in the presence of a second systemic or brain disorder sufficient to produce dementia, which is not considered to be the cause of the dementia
- 3. Should be used in research studies when a single, gradually progressive, severe cognitive deficit is identified in the absence of other identifiable cause
- VI. Criteria for diagnosis of definite Alzheimer's disease are:
 - 1. The clinical criteria for probable Alzheimer's disease
 - 2. Histopathologic evidence obtained from a biopsy or autopsy
- VII. Classifications of Alzheimer's disease for research purposes should specify features that may differentiate subtypes of the disorder, such as:
 - 1. Familial occurrence
 - 2. Onset before age 65
 - 3. Presence of trisomy-21
 - 4. Coexistence of other relevant conditions such as Parkinson's disease

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DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria for Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type

- A. The development of multiple cognitive deficits manifested by both
 - (1) memory impairment (impaired ability to learn new information or to recall previously learned information)
 - (2) one (or more) of the following cognitive disturbances:
 - (a) aphasia (language disturbance)
 - (b) apraxia (impaired ability to carry out motor activities despite intact motor function)
 - (c) agnosia (failure to recognize or identify objects despite intact sensory function)
 - (d) disturbance in executive functioning (i.e., planning, organizing, sequencing, abstracting)
- **B.** The cognitive deficits in Criteria A1 and A2 each cause significant impairment in social or occupational functioning and represent a significant decline from a previous level of functioning.
- C. The course is characterized by gradual onset and continuing cognitive decline.
- D. The cognitive deficits in Criteria A1 and A2 are not due to any of the following:
 - (1) other central nervous system conditions that cause progressive deficits in memory and cognition (e.g., cerebrovascular disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, subdural hematoma, normal-pressure hydrocephalus, brain tumor)
 - (2) systemic conditions that are known to cause dementia (e.g., hypothyroidism vitamin B12 or folic acid deficiency, niacin deficiency, hypercalcemia, neurosyphilis, HIV infection)
 - (3) substance-induced conditions
- E. The deficits do not occur exclusively during the course of a delirium.
- F. The disturbance is not better accounted for by another Axis I disorder (e.g., Major Depressive Disorder, Schizophrenia).

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表五:Genetic factors predisposing to Alzheimer's disease:relationships to the $\ensuremath{\beta}\xspace$ -amyloid phenotype

Chromosome	Gene Defect	Age of onset	Aß phenotype	
21	ß-APP mutation	50s	Production of total Aß	
			peptides or of Aß ₄₂	
			peptides	
19	ApoE4	60s and older	Denisty of Aß plaques	
	polymorphism		and vascular	
			deposites	
14	Presillin 1	40s and 50s	Production of Aß ₄₂	
	mutation		peptides	
1	Presillin 2	50s	Production of Aß ₄₂	
	mutation		peptides	

Ref: Diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease Disease 1th.