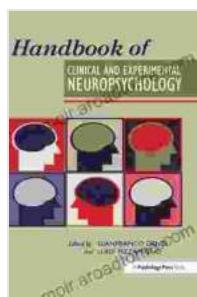


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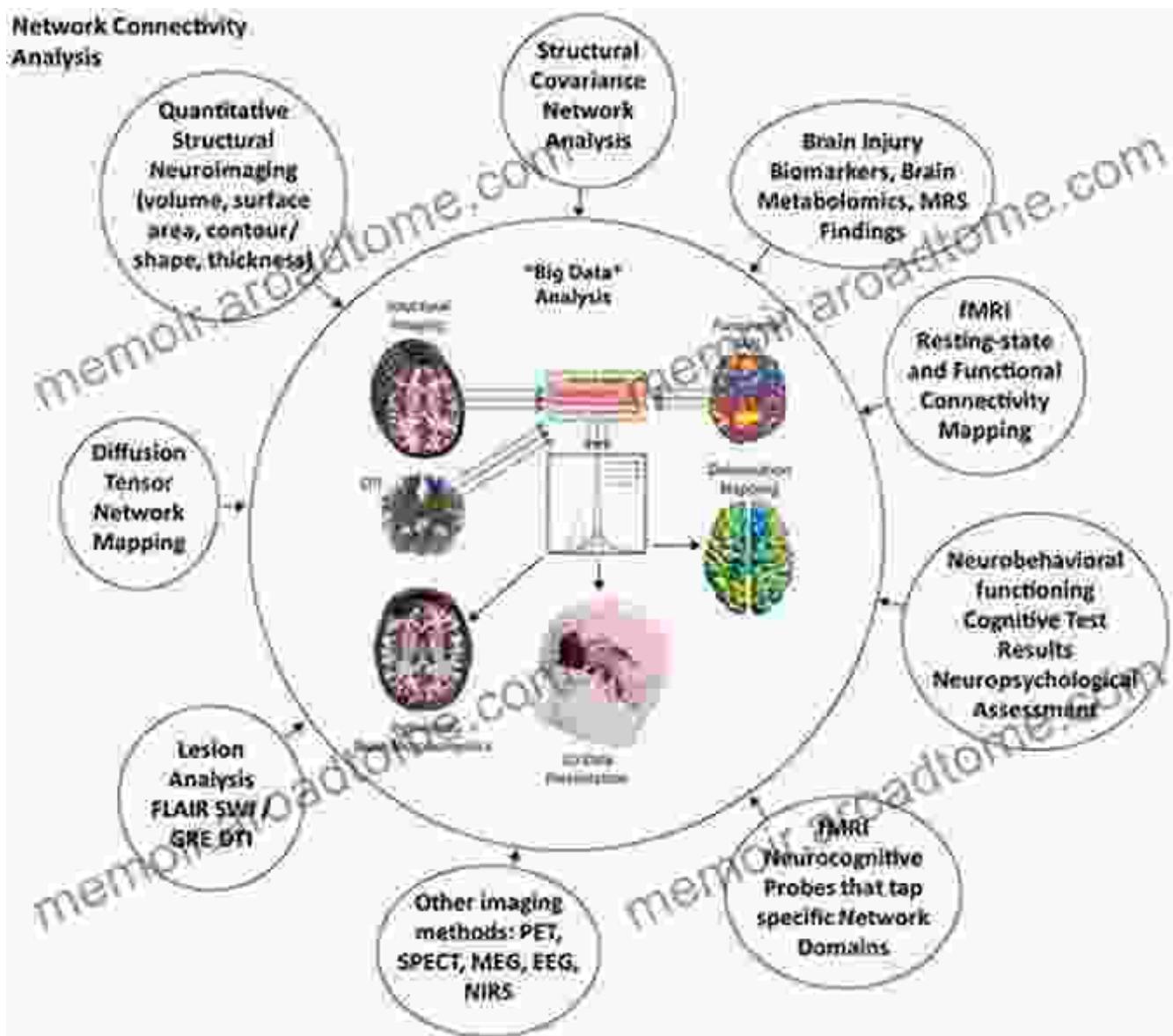
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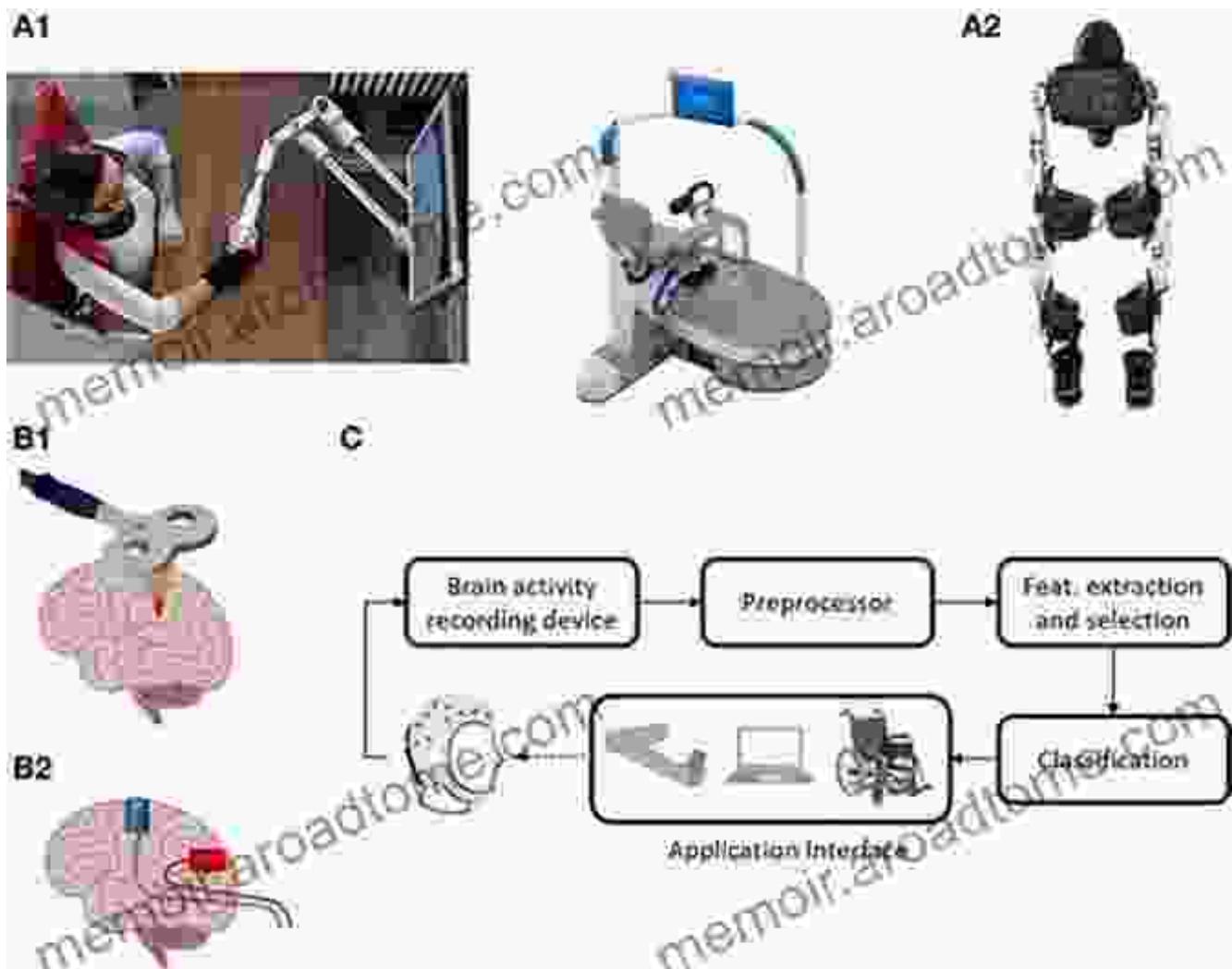
Summary	Introduction	Method	Results	Conclusion
<b>Abstract</b> Clinical post-stroke cognitive impairment is a common problem after stroke. The Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status (RBANS) was developed for screening for post-stroke cognitive impairment.	<b>Methods</b> The RBANS and a neuropsychological test battery were administered to 60 participants recovering from stroke.	<b>Results</b> Very good sensitivity (95%) and specificity (100%) were found for cognitive impairment. ROC curve analysis showed an Youden index of 0.62, which corresponds to a sensitivity of 77% and specificity of 88%. The RBANS had a higher sensitivity and specificity than a cut-off of 10/20 points ROC curve analysis showed a Youden index of 0.62, which corresponds to a sensitivity of 77% and specificity of 88%.	<b>Conclusion</b> The RBANS had an acceptable minimum sensitivity post-stroke cognitive impairment, but does not include assessment of executive ability.	
<b>Keywords:</b> Stroke, Cognitive impairment, Screening, RBANS	<b>Abbreviations:</b> RBANS = Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status; ROC = receiver operating characteristic; Youden = Youden index.			
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Cognitive problems following stroke, confusion, and screening for cognitive impairment is part of routine clinical practice (Lafarga et al., 2002). National clinical guidelines for stroke recommend that stroke patients should be screened for possible cognitive impairment as soon as reasonably practicable (Dolan et al., 2003; Royal College of Physicians, 2000; National Stroke Foundation, 2004).

Cognitive screening allows therapists to modify their rehabilitation according to the nature of the cognitive difficulties, and because cognitive impairment is an important predictor of treatment responsiveness and outcome independence (Elman et al., 2003). It also provides an explanation for patients' cues and word choice why patients may, or the absence of physical impairment, experience difficulties in daily life tasks. For example, people may face problems with decoding reading and navigating space, which cannot be accounted for by physical impairments but may

be due to cognitive problems. However, difficulties change very rapidly in the acute stage after stroke, so very early cognitive screening may identify problems that quickly resolve.

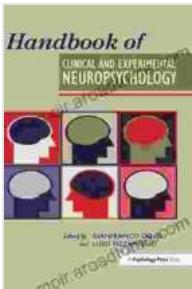
Screening for cognitive impairments saves the time and cost of administering a full battery of neuropsychological tests. Screening tests should be quick and easy to administer and it should be possible for non-specialist members of the healthcare team to administer them (Bakker et al., 2001). Screening tests can be designed to detect the presence or absence of cognitive impairment generally, or specific impairments within cognition domains, including memory, executive function, visual perceptual abilities, attention, visuo-spatial and language. For a screening test to be clinically useful to inform therapy, it should be able to detect impairments in cognitive domains. Screening tests are considered to be diagnostically valid if they demonstrate acceptable levels of sensitivity and specificity. In practice, there is a trade-off between sensitivity and specificity,



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