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### NEW OR CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS DISTRIBUTION

This table describes the changes to the last published V2\_V7\_CNF dictionary. As the dataset undergoes modifications, this table will describe the updates made to the previously distributed dataset.

<b>Modification Date</b>	<b>Variable Name</b>	<b>Reason(s) for Change</b>
2/7/2020	GLOBALFS1, LANGUAGEFS1, EXECFUNCFS1, MEMORYFS1	Factor scores recalculated using an updated measure harmonization and item banking approach (Chan, Gross, Pezzin, Brandt, & Kasper, 2015; Armstrong, et al., 2017) recommended by Alden Gross. See Manual 30 for details.
5/6/2020	GLOBALFS1, LANGUAGEFS1, EXECFUNCFS1, MEMORYFS1	Observations from ARIC participants who completed additional neurocognitive assessments while participating in the Aging and Cognitive Health Evaluation in Elders (ACHIEVE) randomized controlled trial have been added to the dataset.

## 1. OVERVIEW

The V2\_V7\_CNF dataset contains 44,907 records from 14,534 participants who completed one or more neurocognitive assessments between Visit 2 (1990-1992) and Visit 7 (2018-2019). The dataset utilizes a long format in which each participant has multiple records. Each record represents a specific visit or sub-study during which the participant completed an assessment. The purpose of this dataset is to provide ARIC collaborators with a set of variables that can be used to examine risk and protective factors associated with cognitive change over time.

The dataset naming conventions are as follows: The dataset name retains the retrieval date (ex: V2\_V7\_CNF\_190719) until the dataset is considered final and frozen. After a dataset is frozen, the retrieval date is dropped from the dataset name (ex: V2\_V7\_CNF). The first two characters refer to the earliest visit included in the dataset. The next two characters indicate the last visit in the dataset. The variable naming convention is similar. Across-visit variables have identical names. The last digit in the variable name identifies the definition version of a variable.

Details about the administration of neurocognitive measures can be found in ARIC Manual 17. The construction of factor scores based on these neurocognitive measures is described in ARIC Manual 30.

## 2. ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative variables are used to identify specific participants as well as the visit and date on which the participant completed a neurocognitive assessment.

### 2.1 SUBJECTID (ARIC Subject ID (CIR))

Type: Character; length: \$7.

### 2.2 ID (ARIC ID - same as SUBJECTID)

Description: The historical participant identifier from visits 1-4 is ID. The value of ID is the same value as SUBJECTID. Use ID when merging visit 7/NCS stage 1 data with datasets from previous visits necessary for longitudinal analyses.

Type: Character; length: \$7.

Algorithm: ID=SUBJECTID.

Source variable(s): SUBJECTID

### 2.3 VTYPE (Visit type)

Description: A variable created to indicate the specific visit at which an assessment was administered. Neurocognitive tests were administered at Visit 2 (1990-1992), Visit 3 (1993-1995), Visit 4 (1996-1998), Visit 5 (2011-2013), Visit 6 (2016-2017) and Visit 7 (2018-2019). Neurocognitive tests were also administered during two MRI sub-studies ('BRAIN' from 2004 to 2006 and 'CarMRI' from 2005 to 2006) and the ongoing ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial.

Type: Character; length: \$6.

Algorithm: If ID is in [CNFA] then VTYPE='V2'.  
If ID is in [CNFB04] then VTYPE='V3'.  
If ID is in [CNFC04] then VTYPE='V4'.  
If ID is in [NCS Visit 5] then VTYPE='V5NCS'.  
If ID is in [NCS Visit 6] then VTYPE='V6NCS'.  
If ID is in [NCS Visit 7] then VTYPE='V7NCS'.  
If ID is in [NCS ACHIEVE] and EventName='Screen and Baseline' and ID and ncs0a are not present in [NCS Visit 7] then VTYPE='ACHY0'.  
If ID is in [NCS ACHIEVE] and EventName='Year 1' and ID and ncs0a are not present in [NCS Visit 7] then VTYPE='ACHY1'.  
If ID is in [NCS ACHIEVE] and EventName='Year 2' and ID and ncs0a are not present in [NCS Visit 7] then VTYPE='ACHY2'.  
If ID is in [CNF\_IA1] then VTYPE='BRAIN'.  
If ID is in [CNFF] then VTYPE='CarMRI'.

Source variable(s): ID, NCS0A

### 2.4 VDATE (Visit date)

Description: A variable created to indicate the specific date on which a neurocognitive test was administered.

Type: Date

Algorithm: If VTYPE='V2' then VDATE=[DERIVE2\_10]V2DATE21.  
If VTYPE='V3' then VDATE=[DERIVE37]V3DATE31.  
If VTYPE='V4' then VDATE=[DERIVE46]V4DATE41.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' then VDATE=[NCS Visit 5]NCS0A.  
Else if VTYPE='V5NCS' and VDATE is missing then VDATE=[DERIVE52]V5DATE51.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' then VDATE=[NCS Visit 6]NCS0A.

Else if VTYPE='V6NCS' and VDATE is missing then  
VDATE=[DERIVE61]V6DATE61.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' then VDATE=[NCS Visit 7]NCS0A.  
Else if VTYPE='V7NCS' and VDATE is missing then  
VDATE=minimum, non-missing value of [ANT Visit 7]ANT0A  
And [SBP Visit 7]SBP0A.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' then  
VDATE=[NCS ACHIEVE]NCS0A.  
If VTYPE='Brain' then VDATE=[CNF\_IA1]CNFD97.  
If VTYPE='CarMRI' then VDATE=[CNFF]CNFF5.

Source variable(s): VTYPE, V2DATE21, V3DATE31, V4DATE41, NCS0A, V5DATE51, V6DATE61, ANT0A, SBP0A, CNFD97, CNFF5

### 3. NEUROCOGNITIVE Z SCORES

During Visit 2, three neurocognitive tests were administered to each participant. These tests included the Delayed Word Recall, the Digit Symbol Substitution, and the Word Fluency Test which respectively measured memory, executive functioning, and language ability. The tests were re-administered at Visits 3 through 7 as well as during two MRI sub-studies (VTYPE='BRAIN' and VTYPE='CarMRI') and the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial. The raw scores of these tests were standardized to Visit 2 by calculating the mean (mean<sub>v2</sub>) and standard deviation (sd<sub>v2</sub>) at Visit 2, subtracting mean<sub>v2</sub> from all values, and dividing by sd<sub>v2</sub>.

#### 3.1 ZSCORE\_DWR (Z score of delayed word recall)

Description: A z score version of the Delayed Word Recall standardized to Visit 2.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm:  
If VTYPE='V2' then DWRSCORE=[CNFA]CNFA01.  
If VTYPE='V3' then DWRSCORE=[CNFB04]CNFB1.  
If VTYPE='V4' then DWRSCORE=[CNFC04]CNFC1.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' then DWRSCORE=[NCS Visit 5]NCS3B.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' then DWRSCORE=[NCS Visit 6]NCS3B.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' then DWRSCORE=[NCS Visit 7]NCS3B.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' then DWRSCORE=[NCS ACHIEVE]NCS3B.  
If VTYPE='Brain' then DWRSCORE=[CNF\_IA1]CNFD5.  
If VTYPE='CarMRI' then DWRSCORE=[CNFF]CNFF2.  
If DWRSCORE <0 or >10 then DWRSCORE is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V2' then calculate the mean of DWRSCORE as DWRSCORE<sub>meanV2</sub> and the standard deviation of DWRSCORE as DWRSCORE<sub>sdV2</sub>. Calculate ZSCORE\_DWR for all visits as  $ZSCORE\_DWR = (DWRSCORE - DWRSCORE_{meanV2}) / DWRSCORE_{sdV2}$ .

Source variable(s): VTYPE, CNFA01, CNFB1, CNFC1, NCS3B, CNFD5, CNFF2

### 3.2 ZSCORE\_DSS (Z score of digit symbol substitution)

Description: A z score version of the Digit Symbol Substitution standardized to Visit 2.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm:  
If VTYPE='V2' then DSSSCORE=[CNFA]CNFA02.  
If VTYPE='V3' then DSSSCORE=[CNFB04]CNFB2.  
If VTYPE='V4' then DSSSCORE=[CNFC04]CNFC2.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' then DSSSCORE=[NCS Visit 5]NCS2B.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' then DSSSCORE=[NCS Visit 6]NCS2B.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' then DSSSCORE=[NCS Visit 7]NCS2B.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' then DSSSCORE=[NCS ACHIEVE]NCS2B.  
If VTYPE='Brain' then DSSSCORE=[CNF\_IA1]CNFD3.  
If VTYPE='CarMRI' then DSSSCORE=[CNFF]CNFF3.  
  
If VTYPE='V2' then calculate the mean of DSSSCORE as DSSSCORE<sub>meanV2</sub> and the standard deviation of DSSSCORE as DSSSCORE<sub>sdV2</sub>. Calculate ZSCORE\_DSS for all visits as  $ZSCORE\_DSS = (DSSSCORE - DSSSCORE_{meanV2}) / DSSSCORE_{sdV2}$ .

Source variable(s): VTYPE, CNFA02, CNFB2, CNFC2, NCS2B, CNFD3, CNFF3

### 3.3 ZSCORE\_WFT (Z score of word fluency test)

Description: A z score version of the Word Fluency Test standardized to Visit 2.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm:  
If VTYPE='V2' then WFTSCORE=[CNFA]CNFA04.  
If VTYPE='V3' then WFTSCORE=[CNFB04]CNFB4.  
If VTYPE='V4' then WFTSCORE=[CNFC04]CNFC4.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' then WFTSCORE=[NCS Visit 5]NCS5E.

If VTYPE='V6NCS' then WFTSCORE=[NCS Visit 6]NCS5E.  
 If VTYPE='V7NCS' then WFTSCORE=mean([NCS Visit 7] NCS5B, NCS5C, NCS5D).  
 If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' then WFTSCORE=mean([NCS ACHIEVE] NCS5B, NCS5C, NCS5D).  
 If VTYPE='Brain' then WFTSCORE=[CNF\_IA1]SUM (CNFD7A, CNFD7B, CNFD7C, CNFD9A, CNFD9B, CNFD9C, CNFD11A, CNFD11B, CNFD11C) if none are missing.  
 If VTYPE='CarMRI' then WFTSCORE=[CNFF]CNFF4.  
 If WFTSCORE <0 or >75 then WFTSCORE is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V2' then calculate the mean of WFTSCORE as WFTSCORE<sub>meanv2</sub> and the standard deviation of WFTSCORE as WFTSCORE<sub>sdv2</sub>. Calculate ZSCORE\_WFT for all visits as  $ZSCORE\_WFT = (WFTSCORE - WFTSCORE_{meanv2}) / WFTSCORE_{sdv2}$ .

Source variable(s): VTYPE, CNFA04, CNFB4, CNFC4, NCS5B, NCS5C, NCS5D, NCS5E, CNFD7A, CNFD7B, CNFD7C, CNFD9A, CNFD9B, CNFD9C, CNFD11A, CNFD11B, CNFD11C, CNFF4

### 3.4 MISSINGTESTS (Number of missing neurocognitive tests)

Description: A variable created to indicate whether the Delayed Word Recall, the Digit Symbol Substitution, or the Word Fluency Test was missing from a specific visit or sub-study. The count ranges from 0 to 3.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm: Count of missing from ZSCORE\_DWR, ZSCORE\_DSS, and ZSCORE\_WFT.

Source variable(s): ZSCORE\_DWR, ZSCORE\_DSS, and ZSCORE\_WFT

### 3.5 GLOBZ\_NCTS (Mean of DWR, DSS, and WFT z scores)

Description: A score of global cognition calculated by computing the mean from the z score versions of the Delayed Word Recall, the Digit Symbol Substitution, and the Word Fluency Test administered during a specific visit or sub-study.

Type: Numeric



Algorithm: If MISSINGTESTS=0 then GLOBZ\_NCTS=mean(ZSCORE\_DWR, ZSCORE\_DSS, ZSCORE\_WFT).

Source variable(s): MISSINGTESTS, ZSCORE\_DWR, ZSCORE\_DSS, ZSCORE\_WFT

#### 4. FACTOR SCORES FROM THE CSCC

At Visit 2 and Visit 4 three neurocognitive tests were administered. These included the Delayed Word Recall, the Digit Symbol Substitution, and the Word Fluency Test. During one of the MRI sub-studies (VTYPE='BRAIN'), eight neurocognitive tests were administered. The five additional tests were the Logical Memory Test (Wechsler, 1987), Incidental Learning (Ryan & Lopez, 2001), Animal Naming Score (Benton & Hamsher, 1976), Trail Making Test A (Reitan, 1958), and Trail Making Test B (Reitan, 1958). At Visit 5, Visit 6, and Visit 7, the Boston Naming Test (Williams, Mack, & Henderson, 1989) and the Digit Span Backwards (Wechsler, 1987) were added to the test battery. All ten tests were administered during the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial. Raw scores from each neurocognitive test were discretized into ten or fewer categories. A categorical confirmatory factor analysis (Gross, et al., 2015) was utilized to compute a global cognition factor score for each participant. Separate factor scores for the cognitive domains of language, executive functioning, and memory (Hayden, et al., 2011; Park, et al., 2012; Rawlings, et al., 2016; Siedlecki, et al., 2010) were estimated. The ARIC cohort was treated as a single group in the factor analysis. Differential item functioning across subgroups was *not* used to compute the factor scores. Each factor score was standardized to Visit 5 by calculating the mean (mean<sub>V5</sub>) and standard deviation (sd<sub>V5</sub>) at Visit 5, subtracting mean<sub>V5</sub> from all values, and dividing by sd<sub>V5</sub>. Additional details about the creation of factor scores can be found in ARIC Manual 30.

##### 4.1 GLOBALFS1 (Global cognition factor score from categorized data (ver1))

Description: A factor score of global cognition estimated from a categorical confirmatory factor analysis of the Delayed Word Recall, Digit Symbol Substitution, Word Fluency Test, Logical Memory Test, Incidental Learning, Animal Naming Score, Trail Making Test A, Trail Making Test B, Boston Naming Test, and Digit Span Backwards. A factor score was computed based on discretized versions of each neurocognitive test for Visits 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as one of the MRI sub-studies (VTYPE='BRAIN') and the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm: Factor score computed from the source variables listed below utilizing a model described in ARIC Manual 30. If VTYPE='V2' and V7DWRC2, V7DSSC2, and V7WFTC2 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V4' and V7DWRC4, V7DSSC4, and V7WFTC4 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V5NCS' and V7DWRC5, V7WFTC5, V7DSSC5, V7ILRC5, V7ANSC5, V7DSBC5, V7BNTC5, V7LMTC5, V7TMTAC5, and V7TMTBC5 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V6NCS' and V7DWRC6, V7WFTC6, V7DSSC6, V7ILRC6, V7ANSC6, V7DSBC6, V7BNTC6, V7LMTC6, V7TMTAC6, and V7TMTBC6 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='V7NCS' and V7DWRC7, V7WFTC7, V7DSSC7, V7ILRC7, V7ANSC7, V7DSBC7, V7BNTC7, V7LMTC7, V7TMTAC7, and V7TMTBC7 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' and V7DWRC7, V7WFTC7, V7DSSC7, V7ILRC7, V7ANSC7, V7DSBC7, V7BNTC7, V7LMTC7, V7TMTAC7, and V7TMTBC7 are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

If VTYPE='BRAIN' and V7DWRCM, V7WFTCM, V7DSSCM, V7ILRCM, V7ANSCM, V7LMTCM, V7TMTACM, and V7TMTBCM are missing then GLOBALFS1 is set to missing.

Source variable(s): [V7FactorsMplus] VTYPE, V7DWRC2, V7DSSC2, V7WFTC2, V7DWRC4, V7DSSC4, V7WFTC4, V7DWRC5, V7WFTC5, V7DSSC5, V7ILRC5, V7ANSC5, V7DSBC5, V7BNTC5, V7LMTC5, V7TMTAC5, V7TMTBC5, V7DWRC6, V7WFTC6, V7DSSC6, V7ILRC6, V7ANSC6, V7DSBC6, V7BNTC6, V7LMTC6, V7TMTAC6, V7TMTBC6, V7DWRC7, V7WFTC7, V7DSSC7, V7ILRC7, V7ANSC7, V7DSBC7, V7BNTC7, V7LMTC7, V7TMTAC67, V7TMTBC7, V7DWRCM, V7WFTCM, V7DSSCM, V7ILRCM, V7ANSCM, V7LMTCM, V7TMTACM, V7TMTBCM

#### **4.2 LANGUAGEFS1 (Language domain factor score from categorized data (ver1))**

Description: A language domain factor score estimated from a categorical confirmatory factor analysis of the Word Fluency Test, Animal Naming Score, and Boston Naming Test. A factor score was computed based on discretized versions of each neurocognitive test for Visits 5, 6, and 7 as well as the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm: Factor score computed from the source variables listed below utilizing a model described in ARIC Manual 30.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' and V7WFTC5, V7ANSC5, and V7BNTC5 are missing then LANGUAGEFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' and V7WFTC6, V7ANSC6, and V7BNTC6 are missing then LANGUAGEFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' and V7WFTC7, V7ANSC7, and V7BNTC7 are missing then LANGUAGEFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' and V7WFTC7, V7ANSC7, and V7BNTC7 are missing then LANGUAGEFS1 is set to missing.

Source variable(s): [V7FactorsMplusLang] VTYPE, V7WFTC5, V7ANSC5, V7BNTC5, V7WFTC6, V7ANSC6, V7BNTC6, V7WFTC7, V7ANSC7, V7BNTC7

#### **4.3 EXECFUNCFS1 (Executive functioning domain factor score from categorized data (ver1))**

Description: An executive functioning domain factor score estimated from a categorical confirmatory factor analysis of the Digit Symbol Substitution, Trail Making Test A, and Trail Making Test B. A factor score was computed based on discretized versions of each neurocognitive test for Visits 5, 6, and 7 as well as the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm: Factor score computed from the source variables listed below utilizing a model described in ARIC Manual 30.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' and V7DSSC5, V7TMTAC5, and V7TMTBC5 are missing then EXECFUNCFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' and V7DSSC6, V7TMTAC6, and V7TMTBC6 are missing then EXECFUNCFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' and V7DSSC7, V7TMTAC7, and V7TMTBC7 are missing then EXECFUNCFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' and V7DSSC7, V7TMTAC7, and V7TMTBC7 are missing then EXECFUNCFS1 is set to missing.

Source variable(s): [V7FactorsMplusExecFunc] VTYPE, V7DSSC5, V7TMTAC5, V7TMTBC5, V7DSSC6, V7TMTAC6, V7TMTBC6, V7DSSC7, V7TMTAC7, V7TMTBC7

#### 4.4 MEMORYFS1 (Memory domain factor score from categorized data (ver1))

Description: A memory domain factor score estimated from a categorical confirmatory factor analysis of the Delayed Word Recall, Incidental Learning, and Logical Memory Test. A factor score was computed based on discretized versions of each neurocognitive test for Visits 5, 6, and 7 as well as the ACHIEVE randomized controlled trial.

Type: Numeric

Algorithm: Factor score computed from the source variables listed below utilizing a model described in ARIC Manual 30.  
If VTYPE='V5NCS' and V7DWRC5, V7ILRC5, and V7LMTC5 are missing then MEMORYFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V6NCS' and V7DWRC6, V7ILRC6, and V7LMTC6 are missing then MEMORYFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='ACHY0', 'ACHY1', or 'ACHY2' and V7DWRC7, V7ILRC7, and V7LMTC7 are missing then MEMORYFS1 is set to missing.  
If VTYPE='V7NCS' and V7DWRC7, V7ILRC7, and V7LMTC7 are missing then MEMORYFS1 is set to missing.

Source variable(s): [V7FactorsMplusMem] VTYPE, V7DWRC5, V7ILRC5, V7LMTC5, V7DWRC6, V7ILRC6, V7LMTC6, V7DWRC7, V7ILRC7, V7LMTC7

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