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Title page		
1	<p>Answer to reviewers: Please provide point to point answer to all reviewers. Authors should revise their article according to the reviewers' comments/suggestions and provide point-by-point responses to each in a letter that is to accompany their resubmission.</p> <p>CrossCheck report: Similar sentences with other articles (highlighted in the 49882-CrossCheck Report), please rephrase these sentences. Your manuscript has been checked by CrossCheck. Please read the attached CrossCheck report for details. Our editorial policy states the overall similarity should be less than 30%, the overlapped section should be less than 5% in single papers, including author's own work.</p> <p>Title: The title should be no more than 12 words. A succinct and impactful title will include minimal nonfunctional words, such as "a," "an," "the," "roles of," <i>etc.</i> and will avoid non-standard abbreviations. Please don't include abbreviations in the title.</p>	<p>A copy of this response letter has been uploaded.</p> <p>As is the case for most published studies which have presented their findings at a conference prior to publication of a full manuscript, there is necessary overlap between the two. The similarity noted in the CrossCheck report is primarily due to the posters pertaining to the current studies being made available to the public via the Cognivue website. Both posters have been removed and are no longer available from the website. The "overlapped section" should now be >5% as requested.</p> <p>The title has been modified.</p>
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	<p>What are the appropriate summarizations of the current knowledge that this study provided? What are the original insights into the current knowledge that this study offered? What are the new hypotheses that this study proposed? What are the new methods that this study proposed? What are the new phenomena that were found through experiments in this study? What are the hypotheses that were confirmed through experiments in this study? What are the implications of this study for clinical practice in the future? (7) Research perspectives What experiences and lessons can be learnt from this study? What is the direction of the future research? What is/are the best method/s for the future research?</p> <p>Please write this section.</p>	
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30 (Table 5)	<p>According to the rules of BPG, we do not allow color labels in the table, please revise it.</p>	<p>The table has been modified as requested.</p>

Reviewer #1 (code 02445242)

#	Comment/question	Authors' response
1	<p>Clarify that the 2 studies referred to on p7 of the FDA de novo request, the 2 posters presented at AAGP, and the current paper are all referring to the same 2 studies</p> <p>"Cognivue® was cleared by the FDA in 2015. This was done based on two studies (reference 31 of manuscript). Page 7 of this reference states that: "The sponsor conducted two separate studies. The first study was conducted to determine the cut-off values for Cognivue (eg, impaired, intermediate, and unimpaired cognitive function) by comparing the performance of Cognivue against a reference standard, the St. Louis University Mental Status (SLUMS) Examination. The second study was a clinical validation study which examined the agreement between the Cognivue classifications and the SLUMS classifications. The clinical validation study also examined the test – retest reliability study of Cognivue, and the determination of the construct validity of Cognivue via comparison with traditional paper and pencil neuropsychological tests." The "Cut-off" study had 92 participants and the "Clinical validation" study had 401 participants. More recently the same authors appeared to have presented their results as posters at the AAGP Annual Meeting 2019. One of these posters is about the "Cut-off study" with 92 participants (American journal of Geriatric Psychiatry - March 2019 Volume 27, Issue 3, Supplement, Page S211), while the other is regarding the results of the "Clinical validation" study with 401 participants (March 2019 Volume 27, Issue 3, Supplement, Page S212). Now in this manuscript the authors again present the results of "Cut-off" and "Clinical validation" studies. It is not at all clear if these 3 sources of data leading to the 3 pairs of studies are the same. I think the authors need to clarify this."</p>	<p>The last paragraph of the introduction section has been rephrased for clarity.</p>
2a	<p>Preference for a more independent group of authors</p> <p>"Secondly, the authors have clearly disclosed their conflicts of interest and source of funding. One of them has acted as a consultant and speaker for Cognivue Inc. while the other two are employees of Cognivue Inc. Though this is not clearly stated the study appeared to be funded by the same company. Although the full disclosure is helpful, personally I would have been happier to read a paper on the usefulness of the Cognivue® by an independent set of authors. This would have done away with lingering suspicion of bias that will always exist when the authors have such a close connection with the company marketing the device."</p>	<p>We appreciate the reviewer's comment and would like to clarify that the data presented in this manuscript are the original data from the US FDA clearance study for Cognivue. All methods and analyses were discussed in detail with the FDA which provided full product clearance based on their independent review of the validity and significance of our data.</p>
2b	<p>Request for information pertaining to additional</p>	<p>As mentioned in the previous response, this</p>

	<p>validation studies</p> <p>"In this regard, something I found surprising was the lack of validation studies apart from the ones cited above. Since the Cognivue® has been around for 3-4 years I would have expected many more studies examining its properties in detecting cognitive impairment. However, I could find only one more study on multiple sclerosis (reference 30 of the manuscript). Perhaps the authors could let us know if there have been other studies."</p>	<p>manuscript contains the original US FDA clearance data for Cognivue. We understand the reviewer's point regarding a lack of additional studies in the 3 to 4 years after clearance, and this is due to the fact that the company has been focused on presenting/publishing existing data and pursuing additional data-generation opportunities. With that, at present we are not aware of any other published studies using Cognivue other than the MS paper referred to in the reviewer's question.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Clarification of similarities and differences between sensitivity/specificity and the results as presented in terms of NPA and PPA</p> <p>"The authors present the results of cross-validation with the SLUMS in terms of negative percent agreement (NPA) and positive percent agreement (PPA). These are somewhat different the sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV values, which are the indices generally used to evaluate screening instruments including those for cognitive impairment (for example - Mitchell & Malladi, Am J Geriatr Psychiatry 2010; 18:759–782). It would be helpful if the authors could clarify the similarities and differences between the NPA/PPA and these more traditional indices of screening."</p>	<p>This manuscript contains original data used for the US FDA Cognivue clearance. The statistical methods were discussed with, and agreed upon, by the FDA, which wanted to confirm that Cognivue would not cause any false-positive or false-negative results when testing for cognitive impairment. Additionally, the FDA wanted us to compare conservatively with the SLUMS, which is a validated cognitive testing method used in most US government facilities. The FDA agreed that NPA and PPA analyses were appropriate for the purpose of clinical validation.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Further comment regarding: the issue of utility of Cognivue vs. paper and pencil tests (MMSE, Mini-Cog, MoCA), relative higher cost in an uninsured context, and/or "nature of sub-tests"</p> <p>"The final question that needs to be answered is about the usefulness of the Cognivue® versus paper and pencil tests particularly the ones such as the MMSE, Mini-Cog and the MOCA which have been found useful earlier (Mitchell & Malladi, 2010; Tsoi et al. JAMA Intern Med. 2015;175(9):1450-1458). The authors do address this issue on pages 10 and 11 but it is quite apparent that without further testing on larger samples it would not be possible to comment on the usefulness of the Cognivue® versus other screening instruments. Moreover, some of its utility may be offset by the high costs of the test in settings where insurance is not available. In this regard, a recent systematic review of the diagnostic accuracy of automated tests for cognitive impairment concluded that: "Some tests have shown promising results for identifying MCI and early dementia. However, concerns over small sample sizes, lack of replicability of studies, and lack of evidence available make it difficult to make recommendations on the clinical use of the computerised tests for diagnosing, monitoring progression, and treatment response for MCI and early dementia. Research is required to establish stable cut-off points for automated computerised tests used to</p>	<p>We thank the reviewer for their comment. Cognivue is distinct from other computerized tests mentioned due to the unique science behind it—adaptive psychophysics—which is described in the manuscript. We believe computerized cognitive testing rooted in adaptive psychophysics is an evolution in the optimization of cognitive impairment detection and test-retest reliability, in addition to other advantages mentioned in the discussion section of this manuscript.</p> <p>The data analyses and results presented in this first manuscript are based on the original US FDA clearance study. We agree that additional data generation and dissemination are needed to solidify the benefits of Cognivue as compared to other traditional methods such as the MMSE and MoCA, and we are working on the initial stages of such trials and additional long-term longitudinal studies. We do think it is important to publish our first manuscript based on these relevant FDA clearance data so that it might be included in future independent meta-analyses, as mentioned in the reviewer's comment.</p> <p>We fully agree with the reviewer's comment pertaining to the importance of specific cognitive domains (eg, memory, executive function) in helping with the evaluation of the cognitive health</p>

<p>diagnose patients with MCI or early dementia." (Aslam et al. <i>Int J Geriatr Psychiatry</i>. 2018;33:561–575) Incidentally, this review of 11 studies did not mention the Cognivue® studies. A second review systematic review & meta-analysis on neuropsychological measures that predict progression from mild cognitive impairment to Alzheimer's type dementia in older adults found that: "Verbal memory measures and many language tests yielded very high predictive accuracy. Other domains (eg, executive functions, visual memory) showed better specificity than sensitivity. Predictive accuracy was highest when combining memory measures with a small set of other domains or when relying on broad cognitive batteries." (Belleville et al <i>Neuropsychol Rev</i> 2017 27:328–353) Thus, the nature of sub-tests included in the Cognivue® (page 4 of the manuscript) will probably be crucial in determining the ultimate utility of the test. I think it would be useful if the authors could comment on this issue."</p>	<p>of patients. With that, Cognivue was compared with the SLUMS and with a battery of other neuropsychological tests (RAVL, trail making A & B, etc; results described in Table 5), as needed for the FDA clearance. Subsequently, a factor analysis was used to describe the correlation between Cognivue scores/variables and each neuropsychological test. This is further described in Table 5 which shows significant correlations with memory (RAVL correlations) and executive function tests (Trail making A & B). The current Cognivue report provides an overall score based on the clinical validation and cut-off values from the comparison with SLUMS and an additional breakdown into cognitive domains.</p>
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Reviewer #2 (code 02726248)

#	Comment/question	Authors' response
1	<p>Repetition of introduction part in methods section</p> <p>"There is substantial repetition of a part from introduction in methods section."</p>	<p>The methods section has been modified slightly to address the reviewer's concern.</p>
2	<p>Addition of figure depicting Cognivue sub-tests w/ score range and corresponding SLUMS questions</p> <p>"In methods there is a need to plot the 10 tests of Cognivue in a more illustrative [way] to illustrate the minimum and maximum score for each item and for each one of the 3 sub battery in order to make a more clear relation between each item with its relevant question in the gold standard test (SLUMS); this needs also to plot each question from SLUMS against its related test in Cognivue."</p>	<p>We thank the reviewer for their comment. The minimum and maximum value for each of the 10 sub-tests are 0 (zero) and 100 (one hundred), respectively. We did not explicitly show this because each sub-test alone does not account for the overall score comparing with SLUMS in the 3 categories (the cut-off explanation is in the methods section of the manuscript) or for the correlations with the other neuropsychological tests (factor analysis in Table 5).</p> <p>In addition, we do not have individual plotting for each SLUMS question, as the main point of correlation with cognitive domains was answered with the factor analysis we performed and is described in Table 5.</p> <p>Please note that the design, methodology, and statistical analyses described in this manuscript were discussed/determined by the US FDA as these are the study data used for the FDA clearance study.</p>
3	<p>Addition of scatterplots showing data for Cognivue sub-tests and corresponding SLUMS questions</p> <p>"Authors present well the factor analysis table with the data reduced to 5 factors but it will be more illustrative to plot all the Cognivue tests against the SLUMS questions also."</p>	<p>We appreciate the reviewer's comment, however we do not have individual plotting for each SLUMS question. The comparison with SLUMS was to conservatively determine Cognivue cut-off scores and main cognitive impairment ranges (described in the methods section of the manuscript).</p> <p>As it relates to an analysis broken down by cognitive domain, we performed factor analysis among Cognivue scores/variables and other neuropsychological tests performed during this study as well (Table 5).</p> <p>Please note that the design, methodology, and statistical analyses described in this manuscript were discussed/determined by the US FDA as these are the study data used for the FDA clearance study.</p>
4	<p>Clarification re: rationale for not using standard ROC to estimate the cut-off values</p> <p>"Why was the standard Receiver operator Curve (ROC) not used to estimate the cutoff values? please elaborate on this point."</p>	<p>This manuscript contains original data used for the US FDA Cognivue clearance. The statistical methods were discussed/directed by the FDA, which wanted to confirm that Cognivue would not cause any false-positive or false-negative results when testing for cognitive impairment. Additionally, the FDA wanted us to compare conservatively with the SLUMS, which is a validated cognitive testing method used in most US government facilities. The FDA agreed that NPA and PPA analyses were appropriate for the purpose of clinical validation.</p>