

Table S1 – Delirium prevalence and recognition at participating sites

| | Delirium prevalence - % (N) | Delirium recognition - % (N) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hospital 1 | 22.6 (7/31) | 57.1 (4/7) |
| Hospital 2 | 16.7 (2/12) | 0.0 (0/2) |
| Hospital 3 | 9.1 (3/33) | 33.3 (1/3) |
| Hospital 4 | 26.7 (4/15) | 25.0 (1/4) |
| Hospital 5 | 19.2 (5/26) | 40.0 (2/5) |
| Hospital 6 | 31.4 (11/35) | 72.7 (8/11) |
| Hospital 7 | 14.7 (5/34) | 40.0 (2/5) |
| Hospital 8 | 27.8 (5/18) | 20.0 (1/5) |
| Hospital 9 | 23.8 (5/21) | 40.0 (2/5) |
| Hospital 10 | 25.9 (7/27) | 85.7 (6/7) |
| Hospital 11 | 23.1 (3/13) | 66.7 (2/3) |
| Hospital 12 | 14.0 (6/43) | 66.7 (4/6) |
| Hospital 13 | 19.0 (4/21) | 75.0 (3/4) |
| Hospital 14 | 13.8 (4/29) | 50.0 (2/4) |
| Hospital 15 | 3.8 (1/26) | 100.0 (1/1) |
| Hospital 16 | 27.6 (8/29) | 37.5 (3/8) |
| Hospital 17 | 38.5 (10/26) | 60.0 (6/10) |
| Hospital 18 | 14.3 (2/14) | 50.0 (1/2) |
| Hospital 19 | 29.6 (8/27) | 75.0 (6/8) |
| Hospital 20 | 14.3 (3/21) | 66.7 (2/3) |
| Hospital 21 | 16.7 (1/6) | 0.0 (0/1) |
| Hospital 22 | 14.3 (3/21) | 66.7 (2/3) |
| Hospital 23 | 33.3 (5/15) | 80.0 (4/5) |
| Hospital 24 | 37.5 (6/16) | 83.3 (5/6) |
| Hospital 25 | 28.0 (7/25) | 28.6 (2/7) |
| Hospital 26 | 8.7 (2/23) | 0.0 (0/2) |
| Hospital 27 | 26.3 (5/19) | 100.0 (5/5) |

Table S2 – Logistic regression of variables predictive of delirium presence

The presence of dementia and increasing frailty were associated with increased likelihood of delirium. Admission under other surgery specialties was associated with reduced likelihood of delirium as compared to acute medicine.

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value | |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|------|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | | |
| Age | 0.02 | 0.01 | 1.61 | 1 | 1.02 | 0.99 | 1.05 | 0.205 | |
| Gender | -0.43 | 0.22 | 3.77 | 1 | 0.66 | 0.43 | 1.00 | 0.052 | |
| Dementia | 0.92 | 0.25 | 13.19 | 1 | 2.51 | 1.53 | 4.13 | <0.001* | |
| Frailty c.f. 1-3 | | | 12.77 | 2 | | | | 0.002* | |
| | 4-6 | 0.96 | 0.34 | 8.07 | 1 | 2.61 | 1.35 | 5.05 | 0.004* |
| | 7-9 | 1.40 | 0.39 | 12.72 | 1 | 4.04 | 1.88 | 8.71 | <0.001* |
| | | | 12.76 | 6 | | | | 0.047 | |

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|------|---|------|------|------|-------|
| Specialty c.f. Acute medicine | Geriatric medicine | 0.12 | 0.30 | 0.16 | 1 | 1.13 | 0.63 | 2.01 | 0.691 |
| | Stroke | -2.15 | 1.06 | 4.14 | 1 | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.92 | 0.042 |
| | Other medicine | -0.25 | 0.32 | 0.61 | 1 | 0.78 | 0.42 | 1.45 | 0.433 |
| | Other surgery | -2.34 | 1.05 | 4.98 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.01 | 0.75 | 0.026 |
| | General surgery | -0.55 | 0.51 | 1.15 | 1 | 0.58 | 0.21 | 1.58 | 0.284 |
| | Orthopaedic surgery | -0.56 | 0.47 | 1.40 | 1 | 0.57 | 0.23 | 1.44 | 0.237 |

Table S3 – Logistic regression of variables predictive of screening for delirium being performed

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|---------|------|---------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | | |
| | | | | | | Age | 0.03 | | 0.01 |
| Gender | <0.01 | 0.19 | <0.01 | 1 | 1.00 | 0.70 | 1.45 | 0.982 | |
| Dementia | 0.49 | 0.24 | 4.06 | 1 | 1.63 | 1.01 | 2.61 | 0.044* | |
| Frailty c.f. 1-3 | | | 7.10 | 2 | | | | 0.029* | |
| | 4-6 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 0.74 | 1 | 1.22 | 0.77 | 1.94 | 0.389 |
| | 7-9 | -0.51 | 0.33 | 2.32 | 1 | 0.60 | 0.31 | 1.16 | 0.128 |
| Specialty c.f. Acute medicine | | | 20.59 | 6 | | | | 0.002* | |
| | Geriatric medicine | 0.44 | 0.27 | 2.76 | 1 | 1.55 | 0.92 | 2.61 | 0.097* |
| | Stroke | -0.49 | 0.49 | 1.00 | 1 | 0.61 | 0.24 | 1.59 | 0.315 |
| | Other medicine | -0.58 | 0.28 | 4.26 | 1 | 0.56 | 0.33 | 0.97 | 0.039* |
| | Other surgery | -0.35 | 0.42 | 0.67 | 1 | 0.71 | 0.31 | 1.62 | 0.412 |
| | General surgery | -0.88 | 0.44 | 4.00 | 1 | 0.41 | 0.18 | 0.98 | 0.045* |
| | Orthopaedic surgery | -0.55 | 0.38 | 2.04 | 1 | 0.58 | 0.27 | 1.23 | 0.153 |

Increasing age and admission under geriatric medicine as compared to acute medicine were associated with increased likelihood of screening for delirium being performed.

Table S4 – Logistic regression of the association of delirium with inpatient mortality

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|---------|------|---------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | |
| | | | | | | Delirium unadjusted | 1.56 | |
| Delirium adjusted¥ | 1.19 | 0.35 | 11.53 | 1 | 3.27 | 1.65 | 6.48 | <0.001 |

The presence of delirium was associated with an increased likelihood of death within 30 days of admission in both univariable and multivariable analysis.

¥ Delirium adjusted for age, gender, dementia status, frailty, and specialty

Table S5 – Logistic regression for the association of delirium with discharge to a new care home

The presence of delirium was associated with increased chance of discharge to a new care home in univariable but not multivariable analysis (including frailty and dementia status).

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value |
|--------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|---------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | |
| | | | | | | Delirium unadjusted | 0.95 | |
| Delirium adjusted¥ | 0.23 | 0.50 | 0.22 | 1 | 1.26 | 0.48 | 3.36 | 0.639 |

¥ Delirium adjusted for age, gender, dementia status, frailty, and specialty

Table S6 – General linear model for the impact of delirium on log¹⁰ length of stay in multivariable analysis

Only frailty independently impacted upon length of stay.

| Source | Type III Sum of squares | Freedom | Mean square | F | p value |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|
| Corrected model | 5.58 | 12 | 0.47 | 4.29 | <0.001 |
| Intercept | 3.23 | 1 | 3.23 | 29.78 | <0.001 |
| Delirium | 0.37 | 1 | 0.37 | 3.37 | 0.067 |
| Gender | 0.03 | 1 | 0.03 | 0.28 | 0.600 |
| Specialty | 1.35 | 6 | 0.23 | 2.08 | 0.054 |
| Dementia | 0.06 | 1 | 0.06 | 0.59 | 0.444 |
| Frailty | 1.05 | 2 | 0.53 | 4.84 | 0.008 |
| Age | 0.06 | 1 | 0.06 | 0.57 | 0.450 |
| Error | 61.19 | 564 | 0.11 | | |
| Total | 520.55 | 577 | | | |

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| Corrected total | 66.77 | 576 | | | |
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Table S7 – Comparison of main effects for delirium status and log¹⁰ length of stay

The presence of delirium did not significantly impact upon length of stay

| Delirium status (a) | Delirium status (b) | Mean difference (b-a) | S.E. | p value | Confidence interval | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| | | | | | Lower | Upper |
| No delirium | Delirium | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.067 | -0.01 | 0.14 |

Table S8 – Logistic regression for the impact of recognition of delirium upon inpatient mortality

Recognition of delirium did not impact upon likelihood of inpatient mortality.

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value |
|-----------------------|-------|------|------|---------|------|------------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | |
| | | | | | | Recognition unadjusted | -0.53 | |
| Recognition adjusted¥ | -0.50 | 0.51 | 0.97 | 1 | 0.61 | 0.22 | 1.64 | 0.324 |
| Recognition adjusted‡ | -0.56 | 0.55 | 1.05 | 1 | 0.57 | 0.20 | 1.67 | 0.305 |

¥ Recognition adjusted for age, gender, dementia status, frailty, and specialty

‡ Recognition adjusted for variables above, duration, and subtype

Table S9 – Logistic regression for the impact of recognition of delirium upon likelihood of discharge to a new care home

Recognition of delirium did not impact upon the likelihood of discharge to a new care home. The odds ratios represent the likelihood of discharge to a new care home compared to previous residence in home own home in recognised delirium compared to unrecognised delirium.

| | Beta | S.E. | Wald | Freedom | OR | Confidence Interval | | p value |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|------------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | | | Lower | Upper | |
| | | | | | | Recognition unadjusted | 1.55 | |
| Recognition adjusted¥ | 1.50 | 1.25 | 1.43 | 1 | 4.47 | 0.38 | 52.07 | 0.232 |
| Recognition adjusted‡ | 0.95 | 1.41 | 0.45 | 1 | 2.59 | 0.16 | 41.43 | 0.501 |

¥ Recognition adjusted for age, gender, dementia status, frailty, and specialty

‡ Recognition adjusted for variables above, duration, and subtype

Table S10 – General linear model for the impact of recognition of delirium upon \log^{10} length of stay

Recognition of delirium was not associated with length of stay. Delirium duration was associated with length of stay.

| Source | Type III Sum of squares | Freedom | Mean square | F | p value | Partial Eta squared |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|---------------------|
| Corrected model | 4.49 | 16 | 0.28 | 4.38 | <0.001 | 0.44 |
| Intercept | 0.44 | 1 | 0.44 | 6.86 | 0.010 | 0.07 |
| Recognition | <0.01 | 1 | <0.01 | 0.03 | 0.860 | <0.01 |
| Gender | 0.12 | 1 | 0.12 | 1.79 | 0.184 | 0.02 |
| Specialty | 0.53 | 6 | 0.09 | 1.39 | 0.23 | 0.09 |
| Dementia | <0.01 | 1 | <0.01 | 0.22 | 0.639 | <0.01 |
| Subtype | 0.09 | 3 | 0.03 | 0.47 | 0.703 | 0.01 |
| Age | <0.01 | 1 | <0.01 | 0.03 | 0.860 | <0.01 |
| Duration | 2.94 | 1 | 2.94 | 45.81 | <0.001 | 0.337 |
| Error | 5.77 | 90 | 0.06 | | | |
| Total | 115.32 | 107 | | | | |
| Corrected total | 10.26 | 106 | | | | |

Table S11 – Comparison of main effects for recognition of delirium and \log^{10} length of stay

There was no significant difference in length of stay between those with recognised and unrecognised delirium.

| Recognition status (a) | Recognition status (b) | Mean difference (b-a) | S.E. | p value | Confidence interval | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| | | | | | Lower | Upper |
| Recognised | Unrecognised | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.860 | -0.10 | 0.12 |

Table S12 – General linear model for the impact of delirium recognition upon \log^{10} delirium duration

Recognition was associated with \log^{10} delirium duration in multivariable analysis. No other variables impacted upon delirium duration.

| Source | Type III Sum of squares | Freedom | Mean square | F | p value | Partial Eta squared |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------|------|---------|---------------------|
| Corrected model | 3.74 | 15 | 0.25 | 1.68 | 0.065 | 0.18 |
| Intercept | 0.28 | 1 | 0.28 | 1.91 | 0.170 | 0.02 |
| Recognition | 0.97 | 1 | 0.97 | 6.51 | 0.013 | 0.05 |
| Gender | 0.11 | 1 | 0.11 | 0.77 | 0.383 | 0.01 |
| Specialty | 1.13 | 6 | 0.19 | 1.27 | 0.28 | 0.06 |

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|-----------------|-------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|
| Dementia | 0.08 | 1 | 0.08 | 0.55 | 0.459 | 0.01 |
| Subtype | 0.54 | 3 | 0.19 | 1.26 | 0.288 | 0.02 |
| Age | 0.01 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.09 | 0.764 | <0.01 |
| Error | 16.92 | 114 | 0.15 | | | |
| Total | 90.61 | 130 | | | | |
| Corrected total | 20.66 | 129 | | | | |

Table S13 – Comparison of main effects for impact of recognition upon \log^{10} delirium duration

Unrecognised delirium was associated with a reduced mean \log^{10} delirium duration compared to recognised delirium.

| Recognition status (a) | Recognition status (b) | Mean difference (b-a) | S.E. | p value | Confidence interval | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| | | | | | Lower | Upper |
| Recognised | Unrecognised | -0.19 | 0.07 | 0.013 | -0.34 | -0.04 |