

Clinical Characteristics of CTNNB1

CTNNB1 Connect and Cure Conference

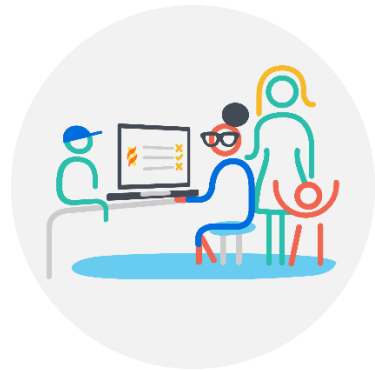
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What are the Goals of Simons Searchlight?

Our mission is to shed light on rare genetic neurodevelopmental disorders by collecting high quality, standardized natural history data and building strong partnerships between researchers and families.



Collect detailed
medical and behavioral
histories along with
optional blood samples



Synthesize the
information provided
and share results back
to families



Share deidentified
data and samples
with qualified
researchers



Connect
researchers and
participants from
around the world



Promote better
understanding of
these genetic
variants

Phenotypic Information **We Collect**

What information is collected from individuals with genetic variants? ‡		Baseline	Annual
Demographic & Genetic	Background History	X	
	Clinical Genetic Lab Results	X	
Medical & Seizures	Medical History, Medication Use	X	X
	Previous Diagnoses (Developmental, Psychiatric)	X	X
	Seizure History	X	X
Sleep	Children's Sleep Habits Questionnaire*	X	
	Simons Searchlight Sleep Supplement	X	
Developmental & Behavioral	Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales-3*	X	X
	Observer-Reported Communication Ability (ORCA)*	X	X
	Child Behavior Checklists (1.5-5 yr, 6-18 yr)*	X	X
	Adult Behavior Checklist*	X	
	Social Responsiveness Scale-2 (School Age)*	X	X
	Social Communication Questionnaire*	X	
	Quality of Life (Qi-Disability*, PedsQL Family Impact*)	X	
	Brief Developmental Update (Communication, Mobility)	X	X

CTNNB1 Publications with **Simons Searchlight**

Recruited CTNNB1 Simons Searchlight Participants

- Diagnostic preferences include discussion of etiology for adults with cerebral palsy and their caregivers ([Aravamathan et al., Dev Med Child Neurol., 2022](#))

Analyzed Simons Searchlight data and biospecimens submitted by CTNNB1 families

- Clinical phenotypic spectrum of CTNNB1 neurodevelopmental disorder ([Sudnawa et al., Clin Genet., 2024](#))
- Motor phenotypes associated with genetic neurodevelopmental disorders ([Almansa et al., Ann Clin Transl Neurol., 2024](#))
- Clinical and neuropsychological phenotyping of individuals with somatic variants in neurodevelopmental disorders ([Mo and Walsh, Neurol Genet., 2025](#))
- Comparison of autism domains across thirty rare variant genotypes ([Ali et al., eBioMedicine., 2025](#))

Highlighted research collaboration of CTNNB1 Connect and Cure and Simons Searchlight

- Paving the way toward treatment solutions for CTNNB1 syndrome: a patient organization perspective ([Mirošević, Khandelwal et al., Ther Adv Rare Dis, 2025](#))

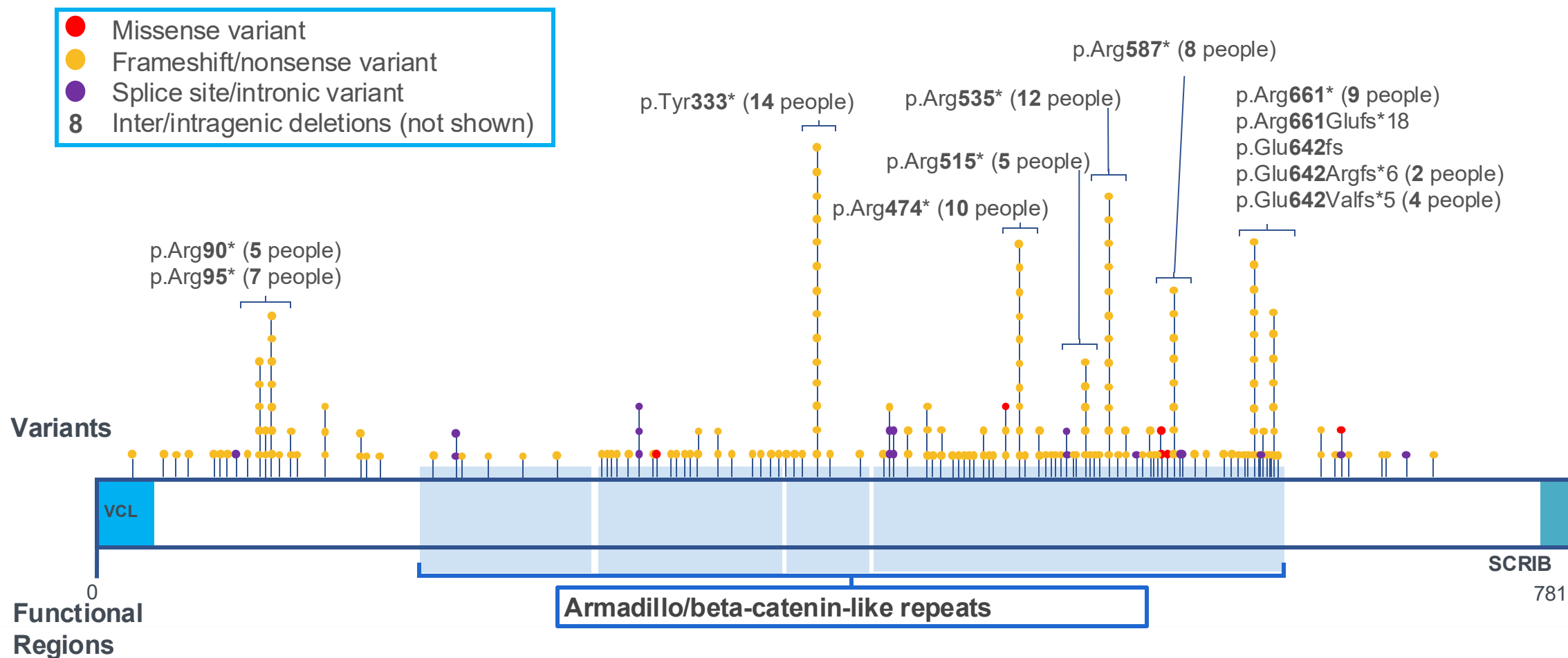
The CTNNB1 Registry in Simons Searchlight

Progress of Individuals with CTNNB1

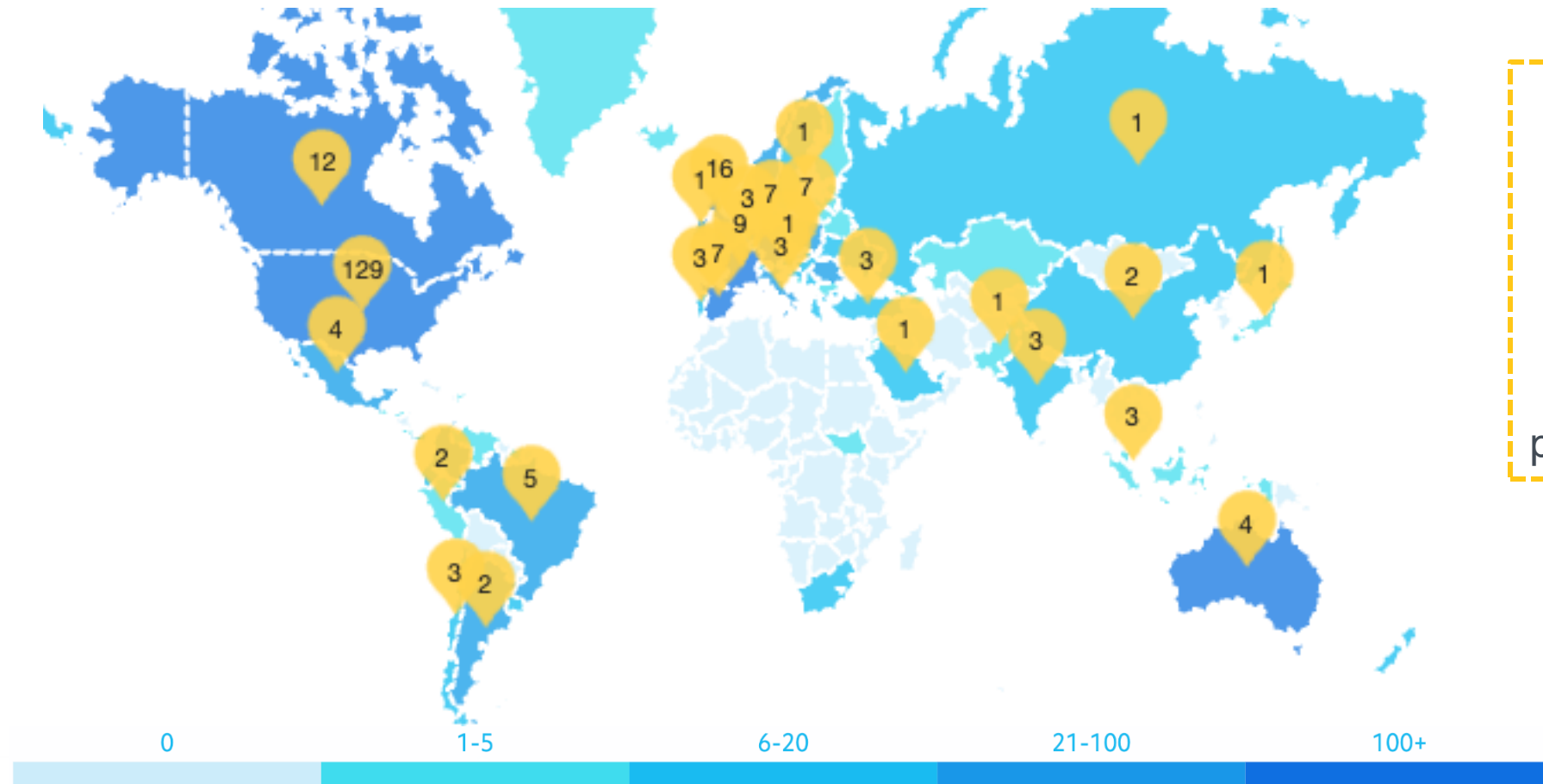


We are a long-term study, gathering new information from you every year.

CTNNB1 Pathogenic and Likely Pathogenic Variants (225 participants, 74 more than the last meeting)



Simons Searchlight families live in **83** countries globally, including **235 CTNNB1** participants in **28** countries.



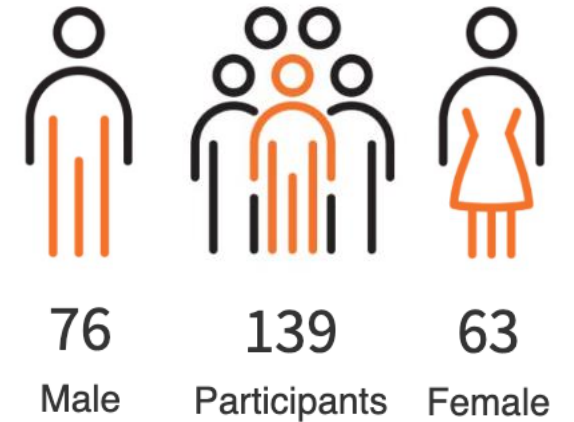
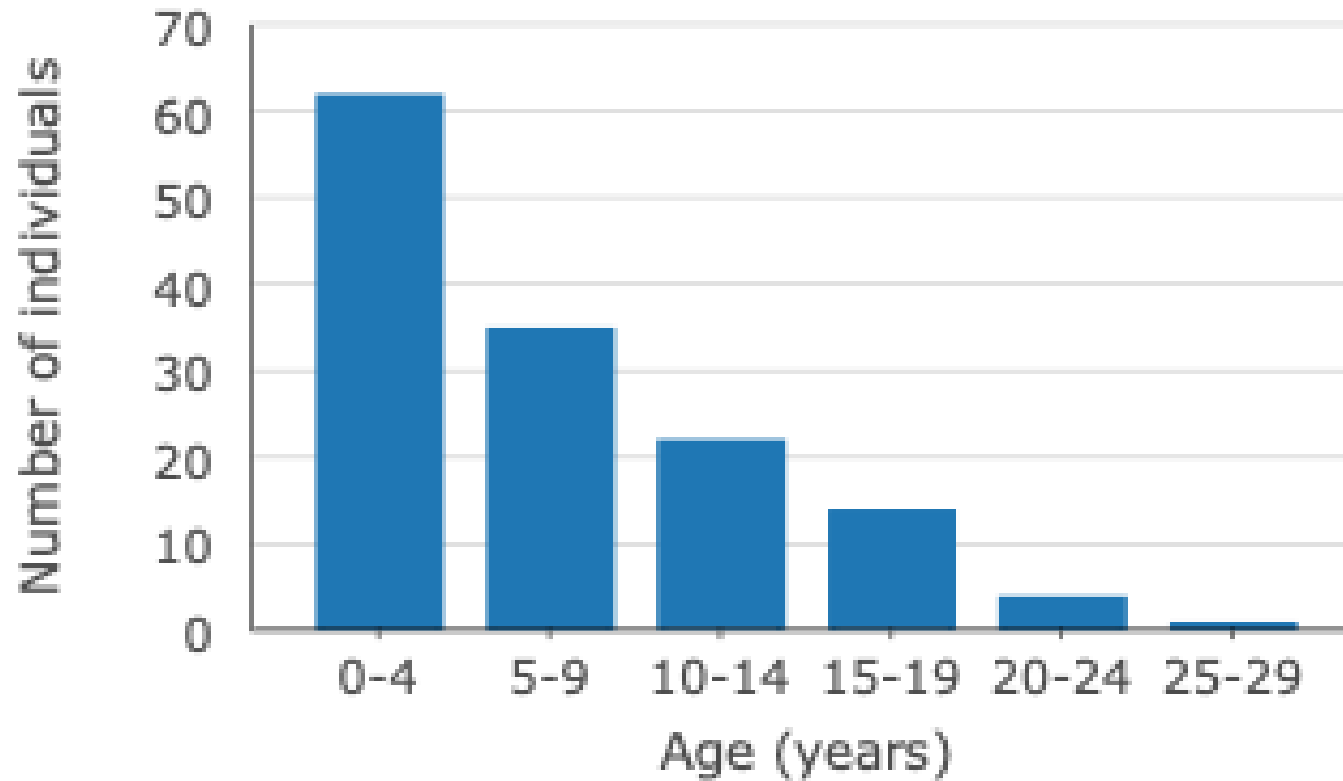
Darker color =
more participants in
country (all gene
groups)

Map markers =
number of **CTNNB1**
participants in country

Simons Searchlight CTNNB1 Medical History Data

*Includes survey data from individuals with likely pathogenic and pathogenic variants

Age at Most Recent Medical History Interview (139 individuals)



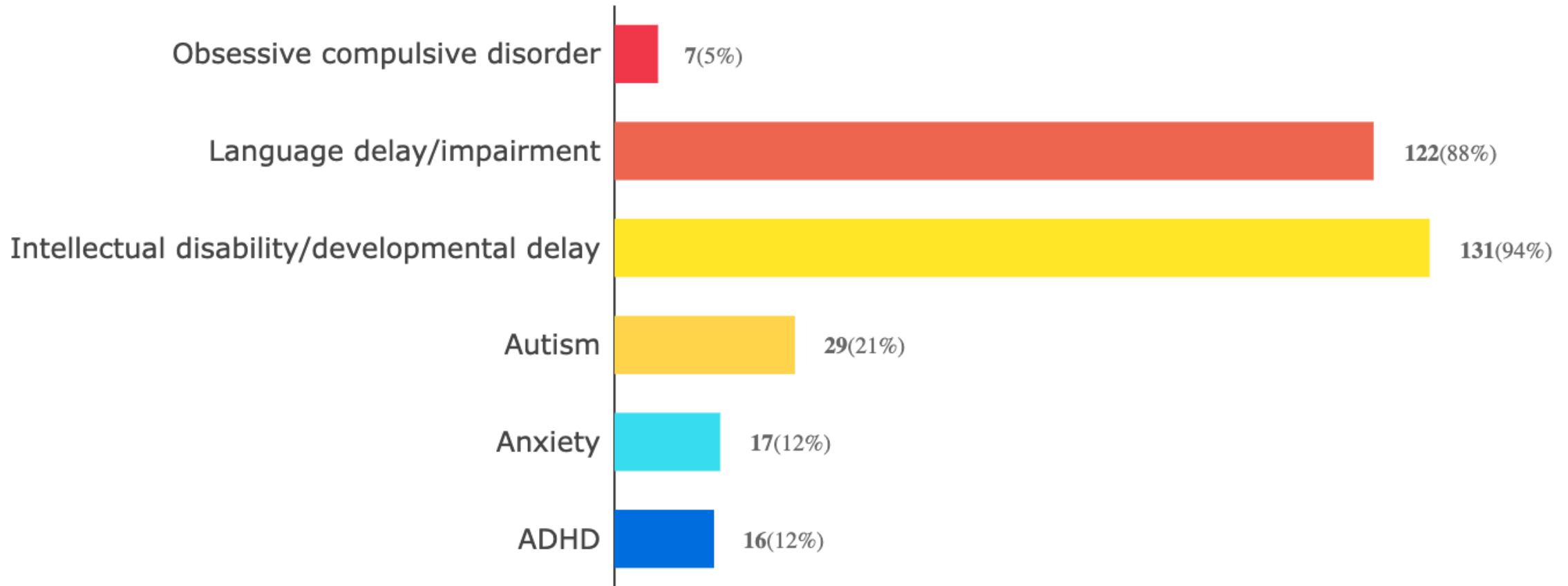
Age Range
6mo(s) - 26yr(s)

131
Participants under 18

Average Age
7 yr(s)

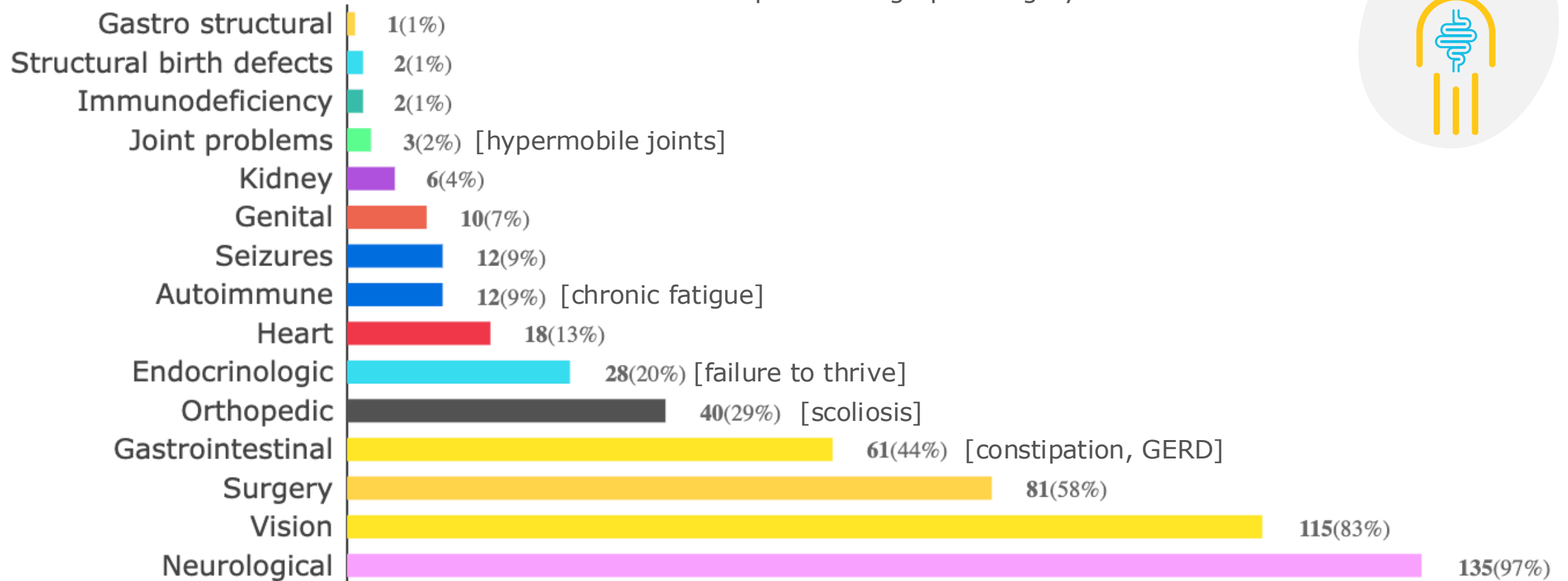
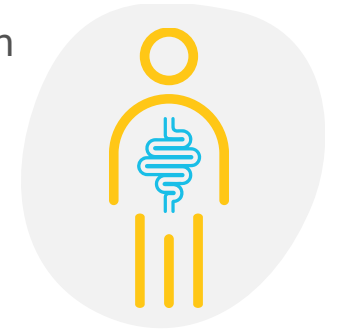
Developmental and Behavioral Conditions

(139 individuals)

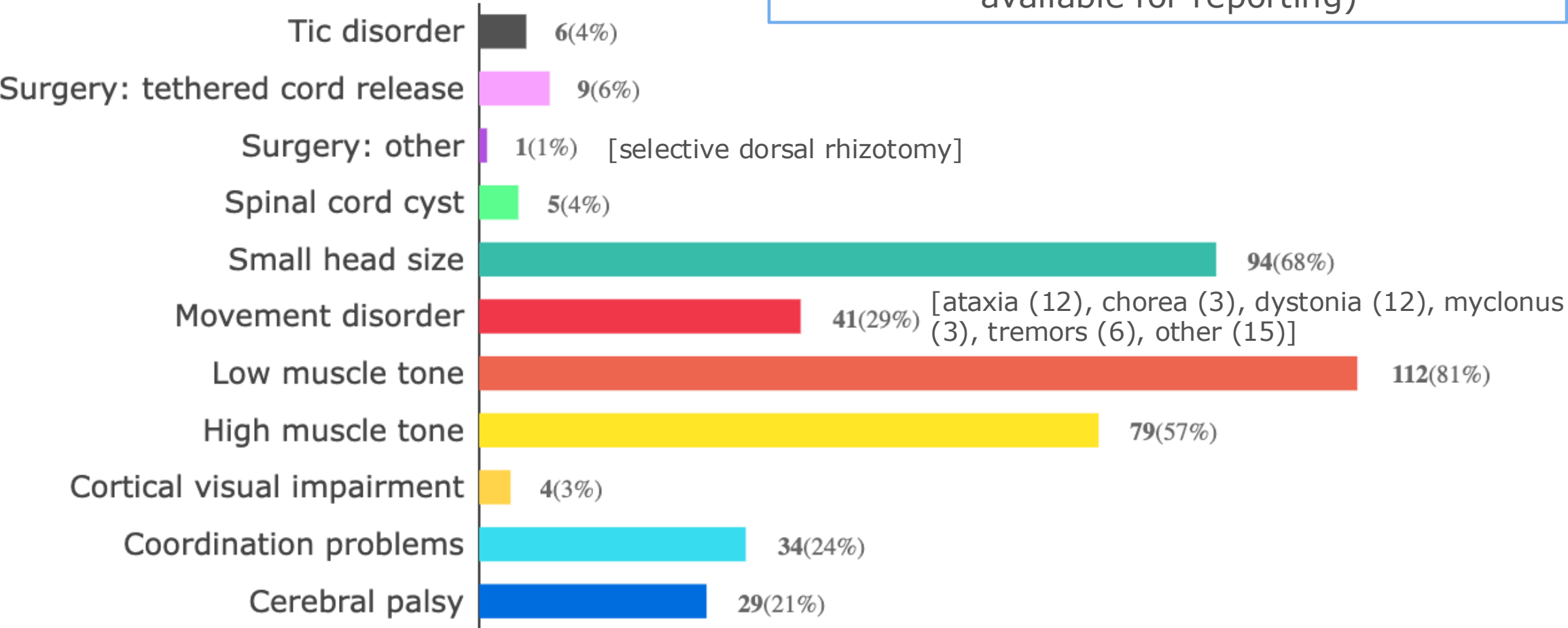


Medical Issues Overview (139 individuals)

*conditions listed in brackets represent a non-exhaustive list of the most common conditions within the specific bar graph category

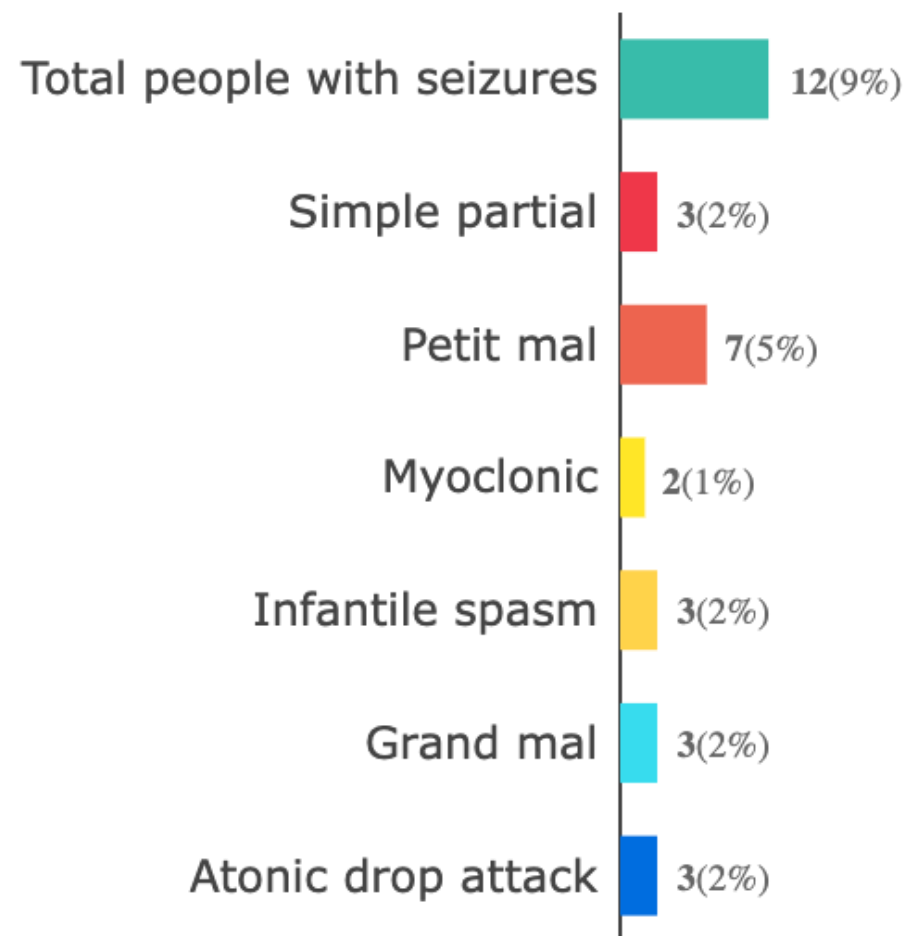


Neurological
(139 individuals)



Seizures

(139 individuals)



Seizure Course

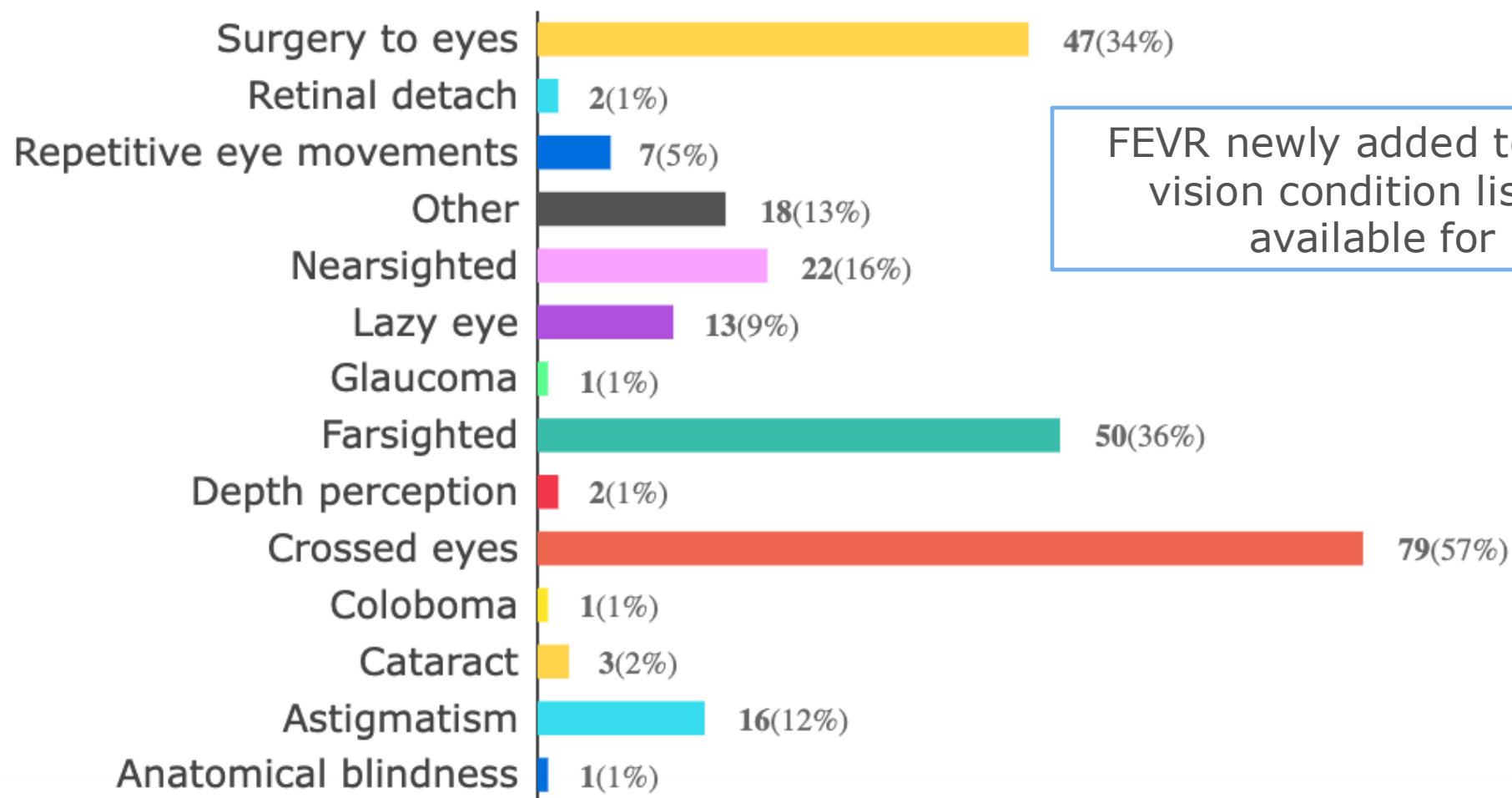
Available in **17 individuals with seizures** completing the Seizure History Survey*



- Seizure onset was from 2 months through 8 years
 - Average age of first seizure is 3.6 years
- **12 (71%)** of individuals with seizures have had to take medication for their seizures
 - **9 (75%)** continue to take preventative medication for their seizures
- **8 (47%)** of all individuals who ever had a seizure have achieved seizure control or remission
 - Average age at seizure control was 5.8 years, ranging from 9 months to 17 years

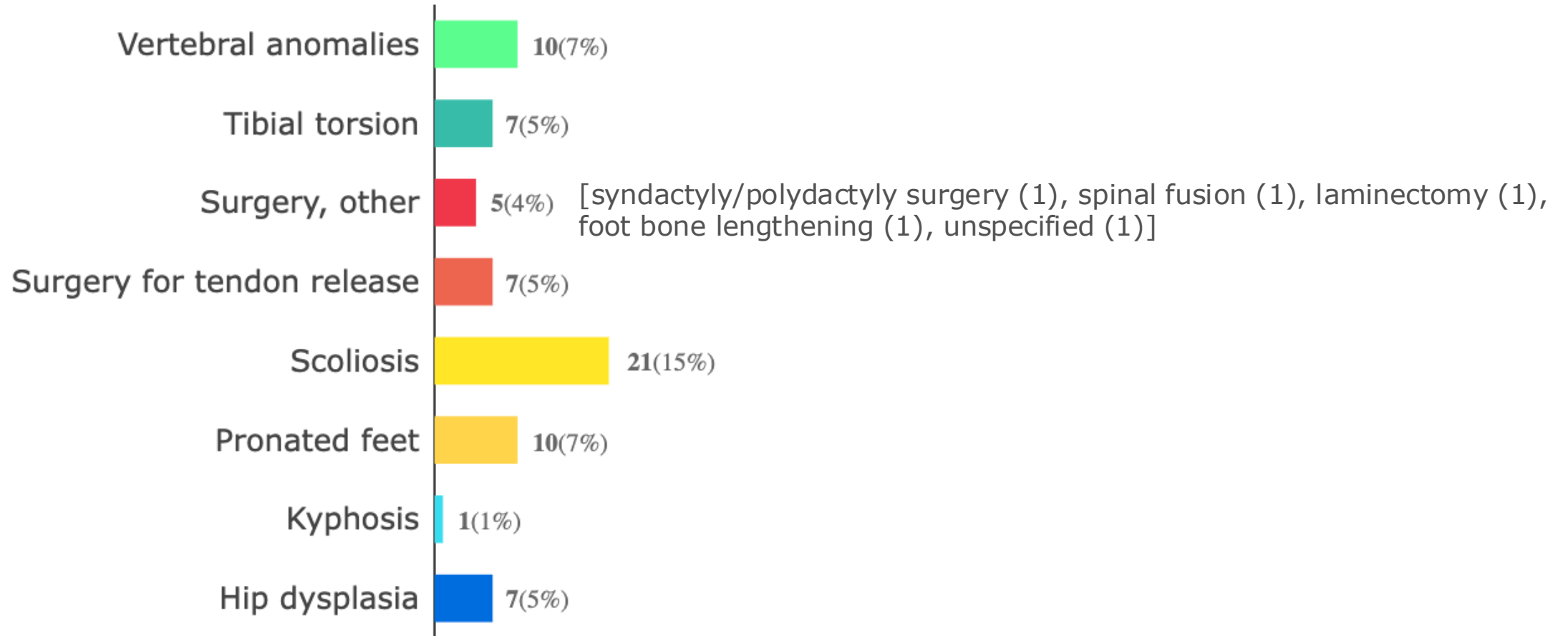
Vision

(139 individuals)

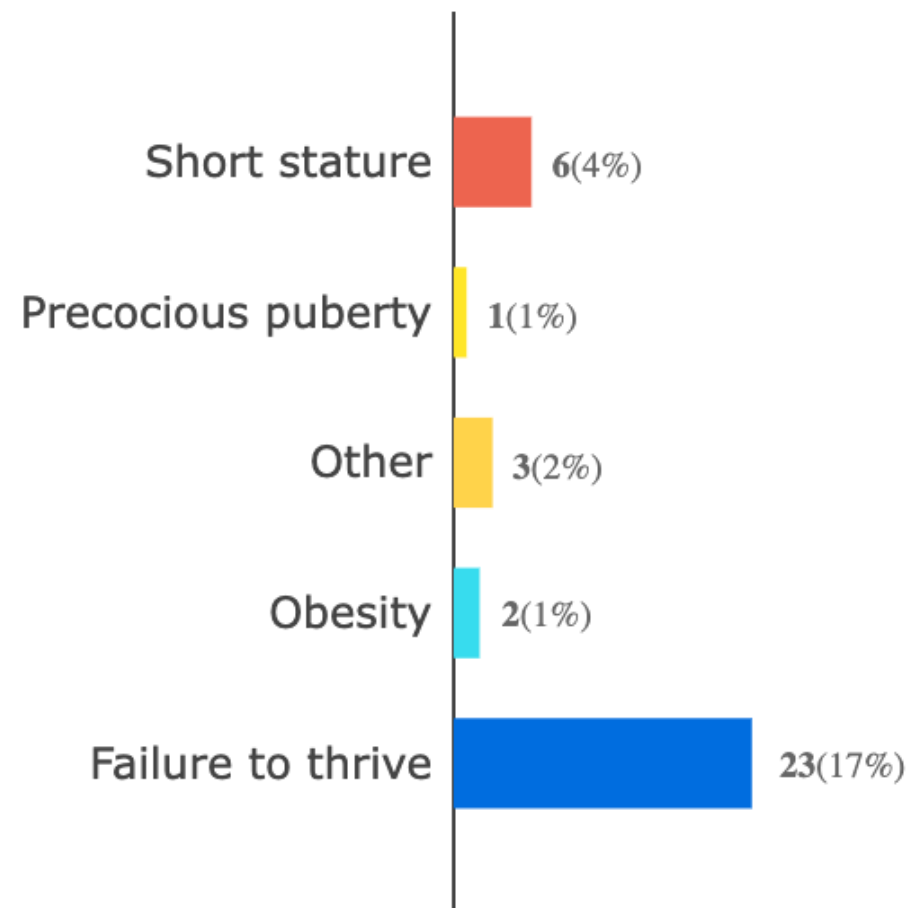


FEVR newly added to medical history vision condition list (data not yet available for reporting)

Orthopedic (139 individuals)

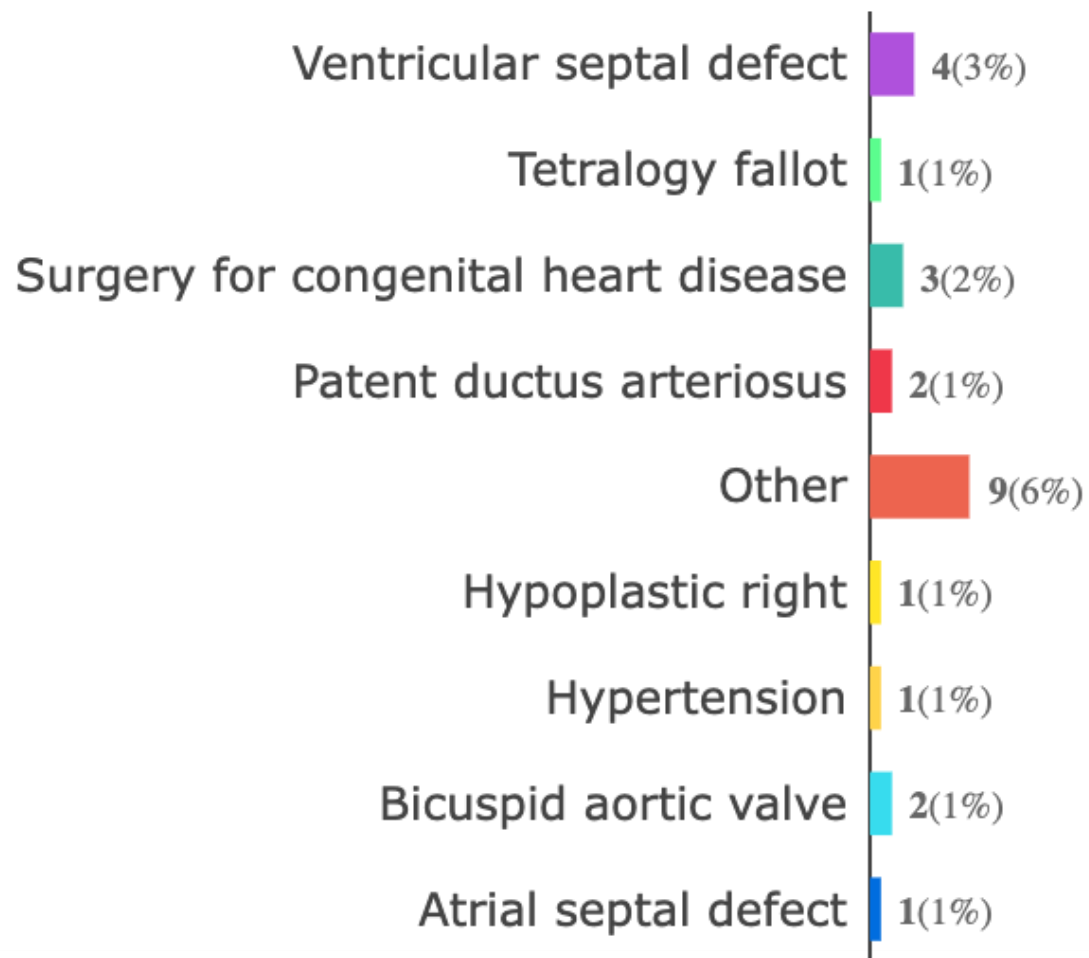


Endocrinologic (139 individuals)

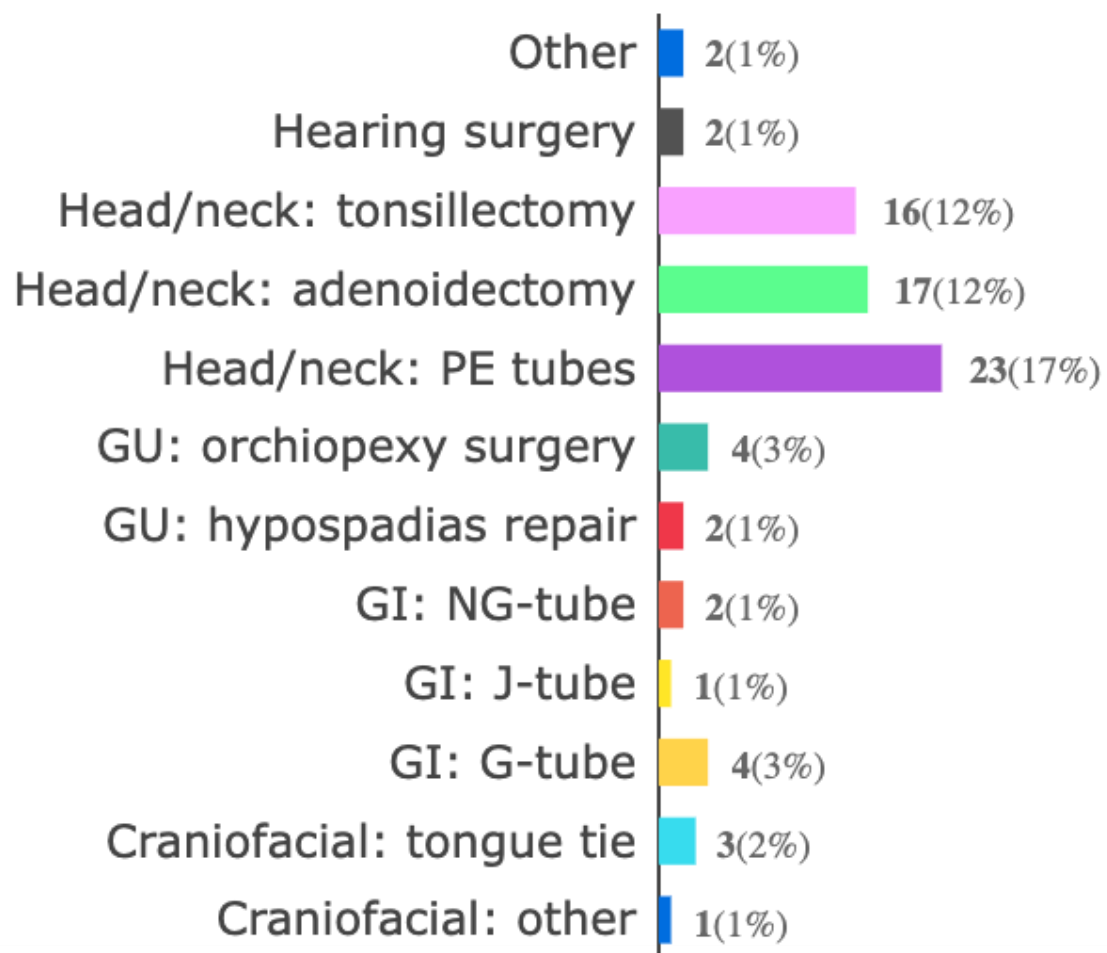


Heart

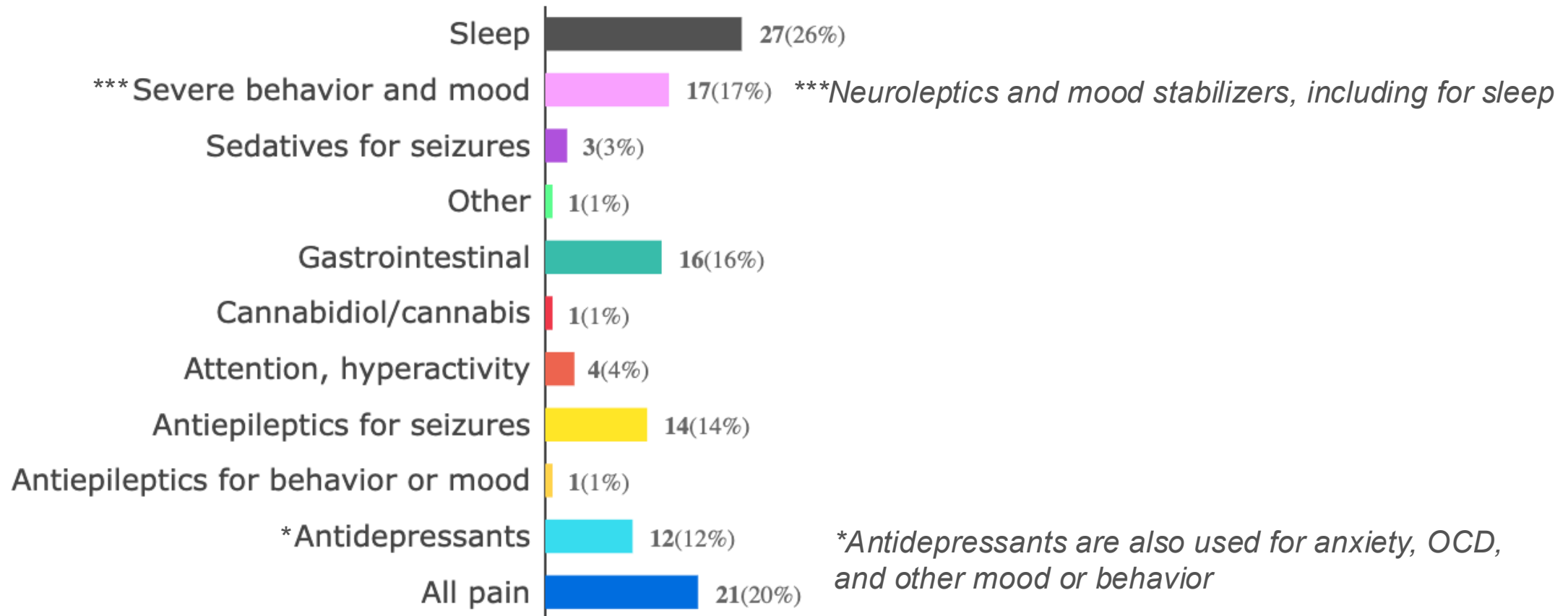
(139 individuals)



Additional Surgeries Not Yet Shown (139 individuals)



Medication Use (103 individuals)



Most Effective Seizure Medications Reported (18 individuals)



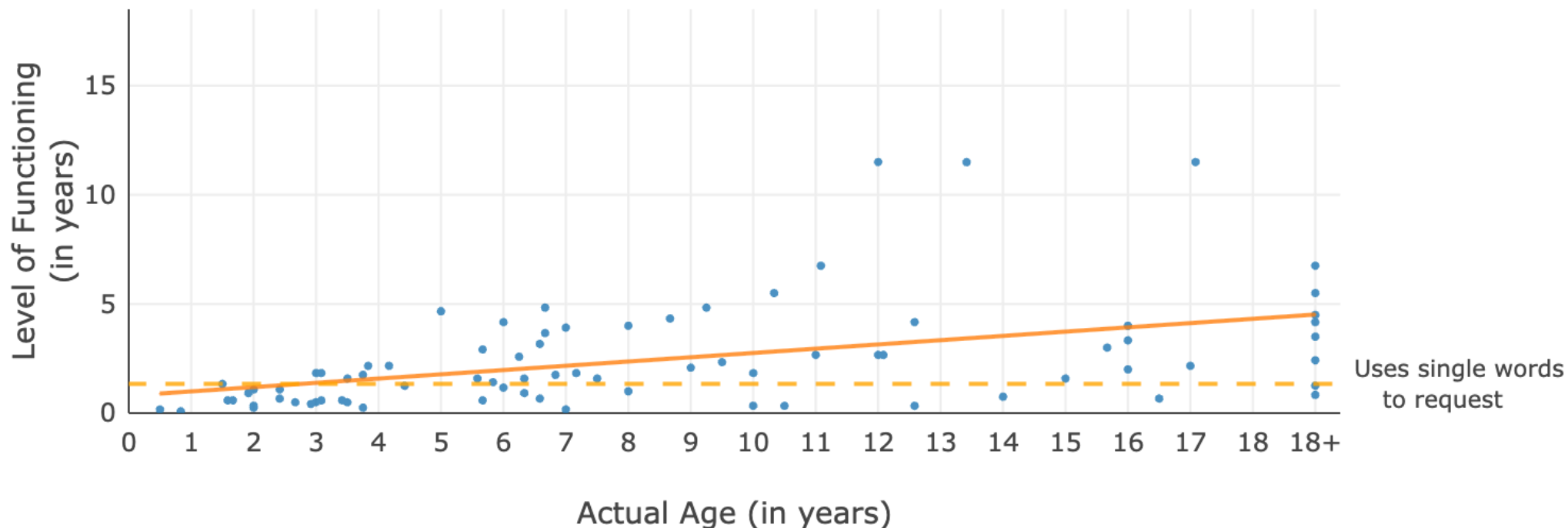
We asked caregivers if there was a medication that seemed to work best for their dependent's seizures

Levetiracetam stood out as most effective, though no one medication necessarily works for all individuals.

Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales (Vineland-3)

*Includes survey data from individuals with likely pathogenic and pathogenic variants

Expressive Language Development (82 individuals)



3 excluded as potential outliers (level of functioning in years greater than actual age in years)

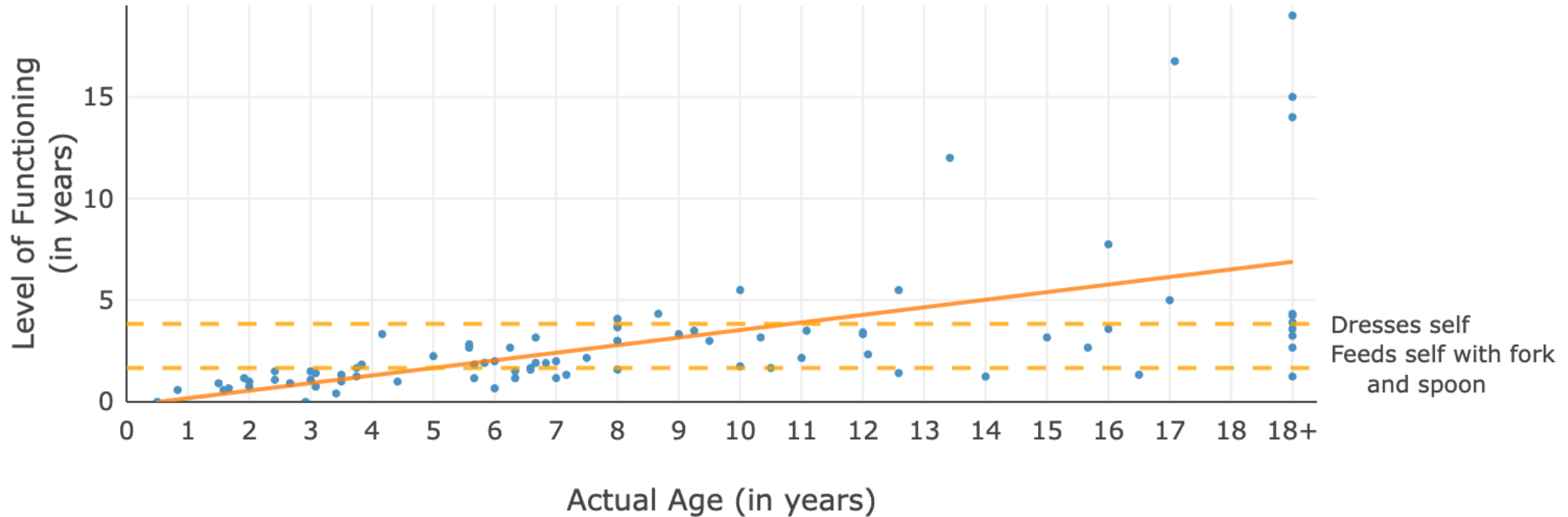
What does this mean as my child gets older?

Along the bottom is the actual age of the person.

The dots are placed at the *level* at which they express themselves.

76% of individuals are likely to be using language at age 4 and older.

Personal Care Skills (85 individuals)



What does this mean as my child gets older?

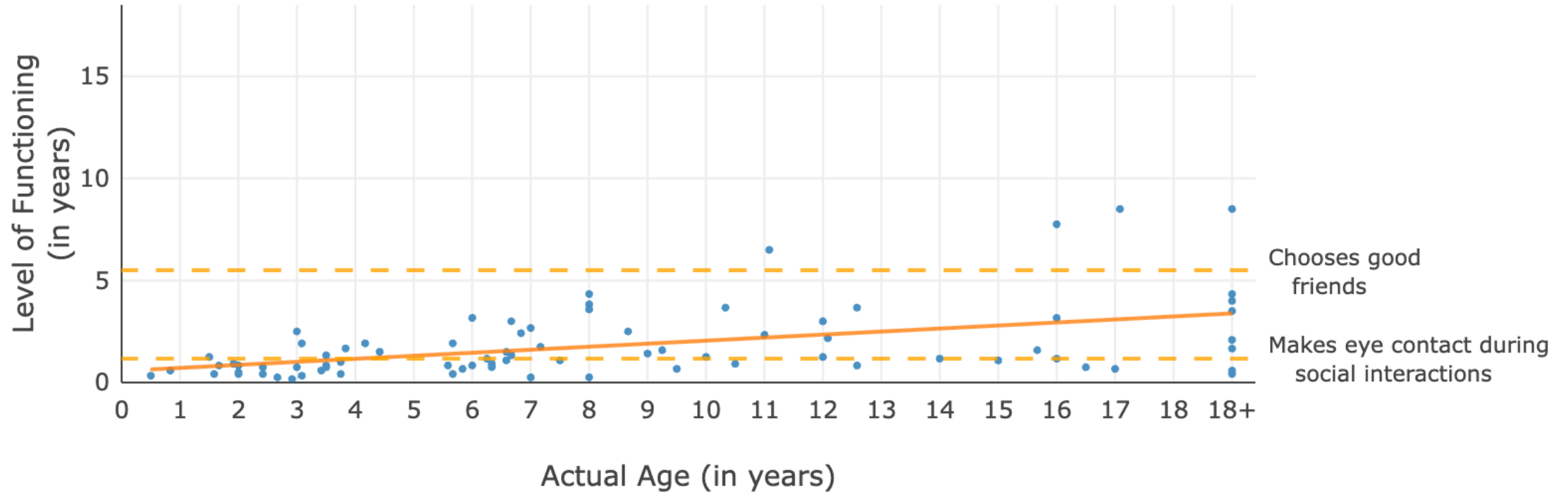
Along the bottom is the actual age of the person.

The dots are placed at the *level* at which they can do things for themselves.

79% of individuals are likely to be feeding themselves at age 4 and older.

Social Development

(81 individuals)



4 excluded as potential outliers (level of functioning in years greater than actual age in years)

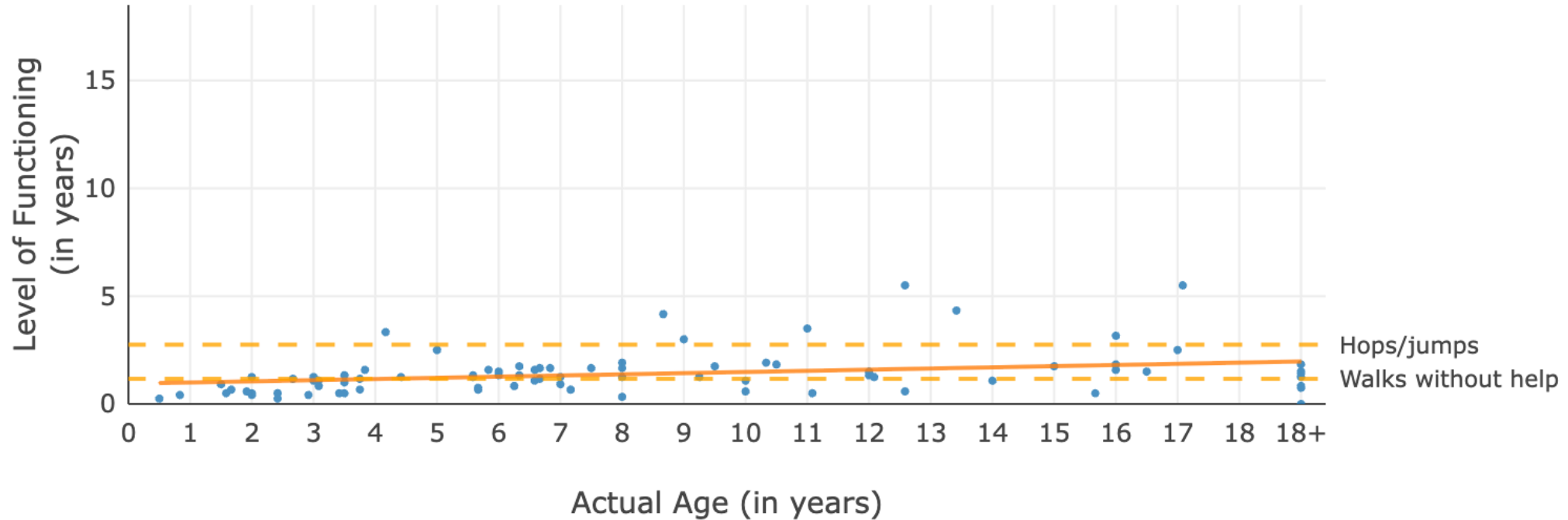
What does this mean as my child gets older?

Along the bottom is the actual age of the person.

The dots are placed at the *level* of their social behaviors.

68% of individuals are likely to make eye contact at age 4 and older.

Gross Motor Development (85 individuals)



What does this mean as my child gets older?

Along the bottom is the actual age of the person.

The dots are placed at their *level* of motor skills like walking.

72% of individuals are likely to be walking at age 4 and older.

Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL)

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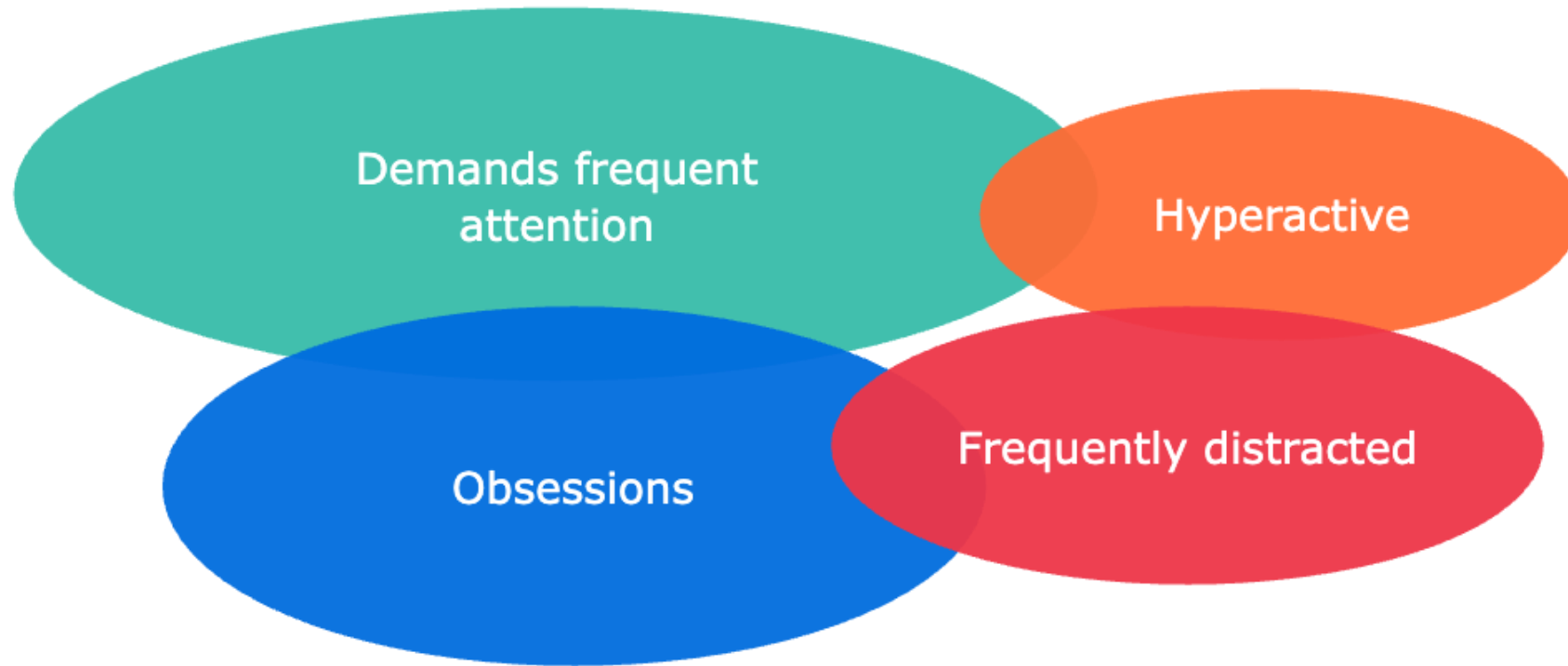
Top Behavioral and Emotional Concerns

Ages 1.5-5 Years (33 individuals)



Top Behavioral and Emotional Concerns

Ages 6-18 Years (55 individuals)





Common Neurological Symptoms

- Truncal hypotonia
- Muscle weakness
- Hypertonia
- Dystonia
- Microcephaly
- Tethered cord



Cognitive and Adaptive Function

- Mean DAS-II general conceptual ability composite score = 58.3
- Mean Vineland adaptive behavior composite standard score = 66.5



Motor Difficulties

- Non-ambulatory 25%
- Mean GMFM-66 score = 56.6

CTNNB1 Neurodevelopmental Disorder

32 individuals with likely pathogenic or pathogenic *CTNNB1* variants

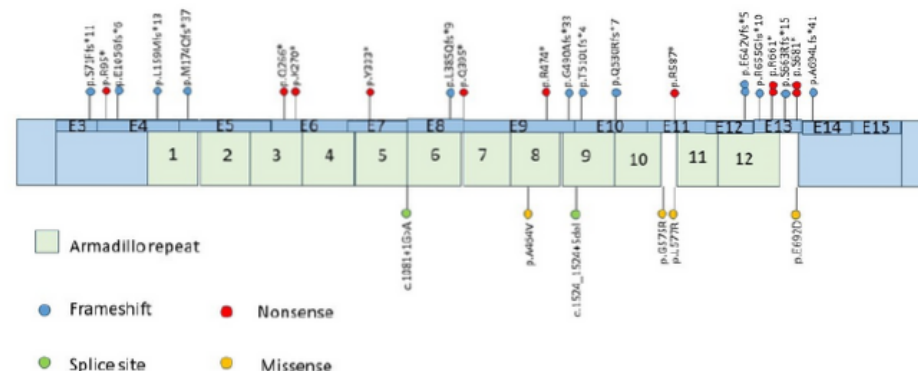
Common Behavioral Issues

- Autism
- ADHD
- Sleep problems



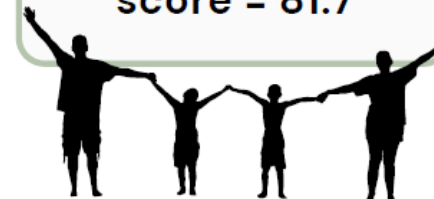
Common Ophthalmologic Symptoms

- Strabismus
- Hyperopia
- Familial exudative vitreoretinopathy

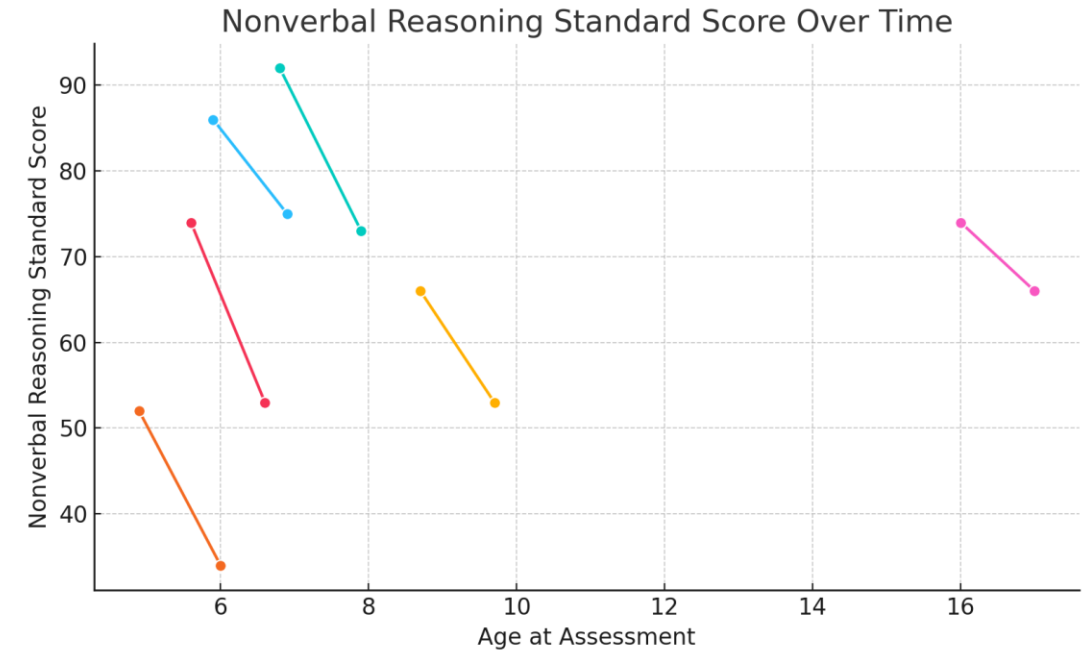
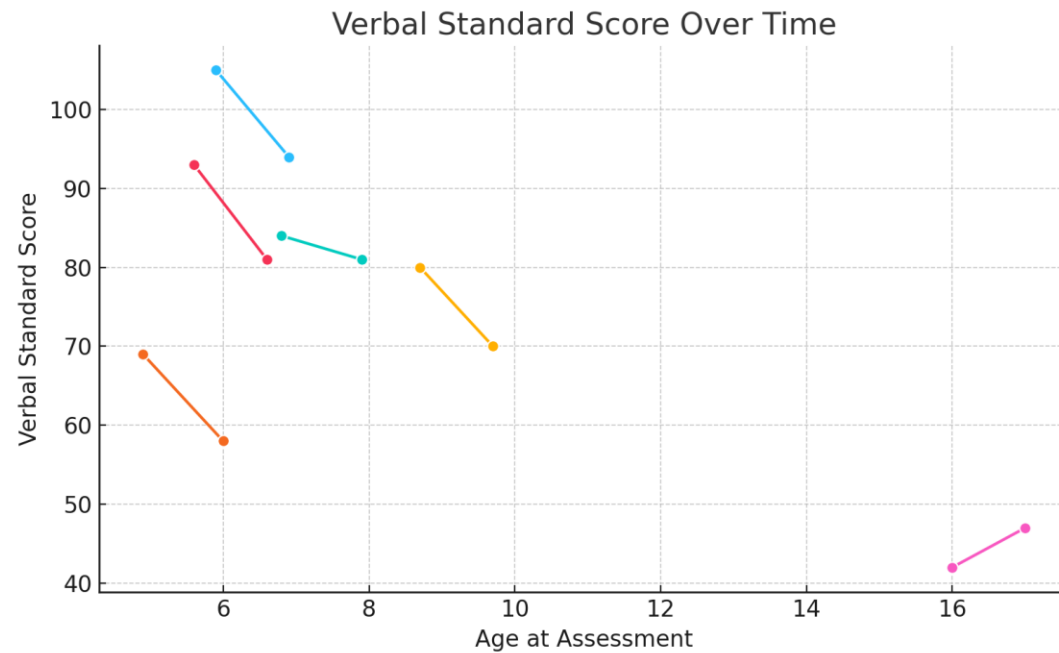


Quality of Life

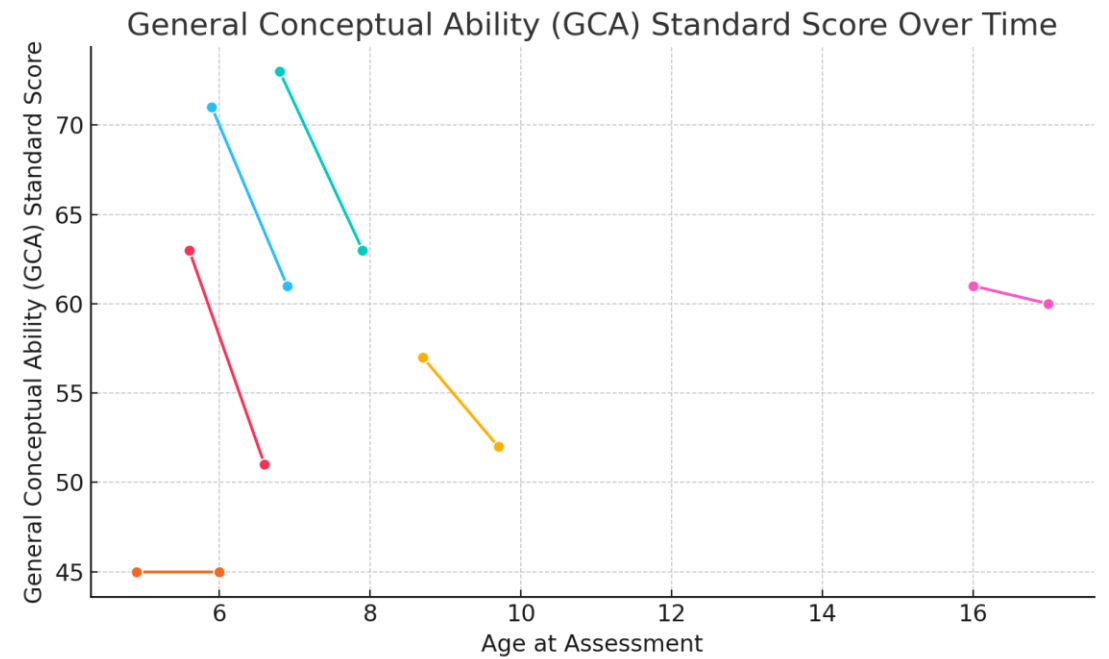
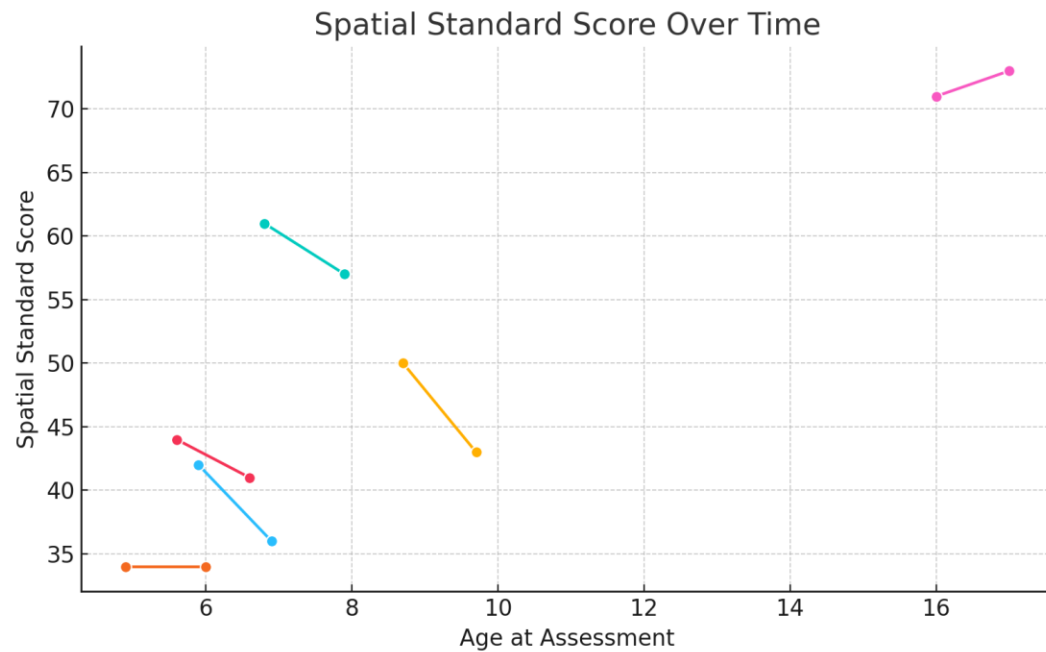
- Mean overall quality of life score = 81.7



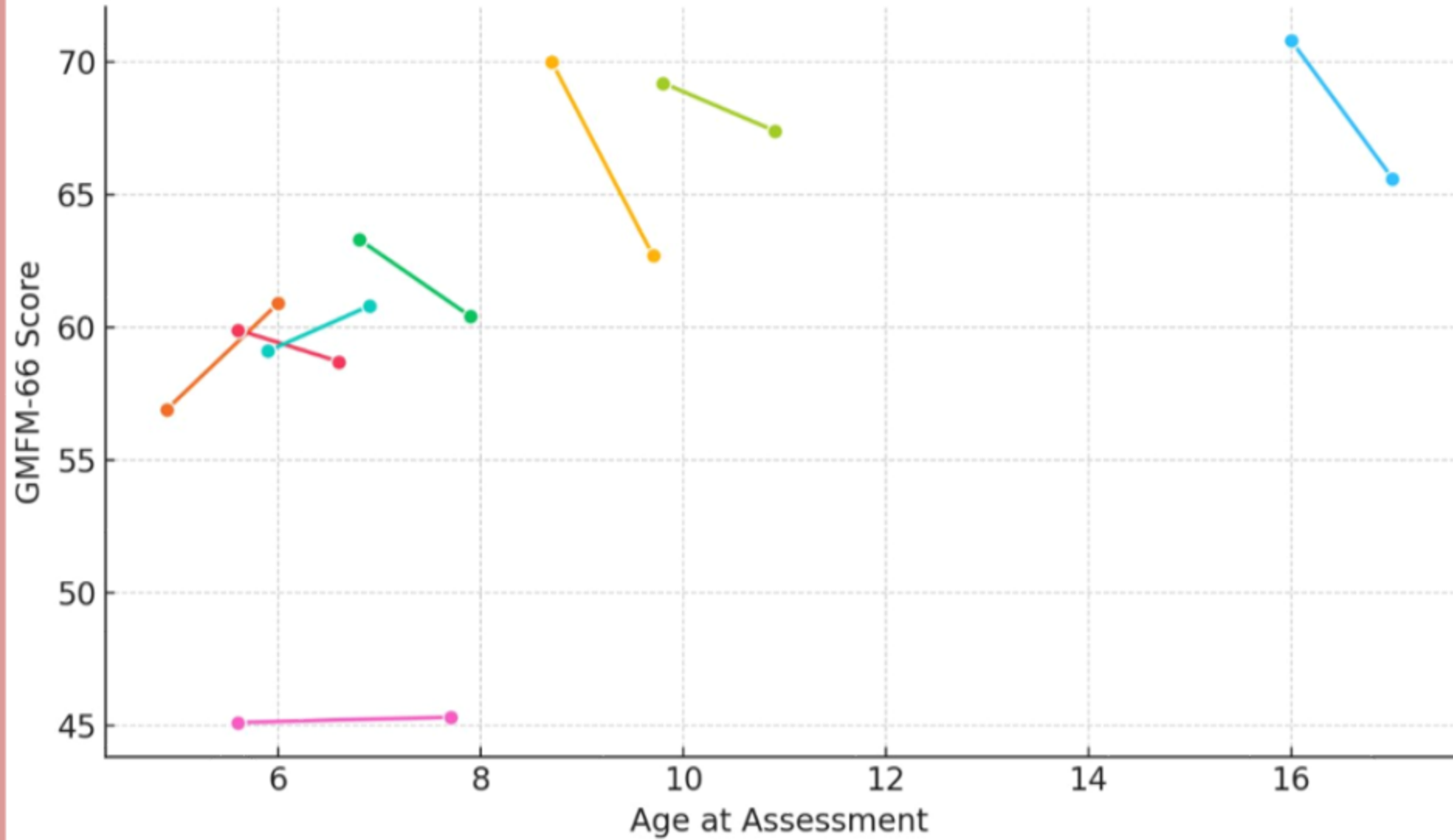
DAS-II Cognitive Assessment Longitudinal Scores



DAS-II Cognitive Assessment Longitudinal Scores



GMFM-66 Score Over Time



Summary: CTNNB1 Medical and Behavioral Phenotypes



Common issues

Intellectual
disability/developmental delay
Language delay/impairment
Neurological issues
Low muscle tone
Small head size
High muscle tone
Vision issues
Farsightedness
Crossed eyes

Other issues

- Autism
- Coordination Problems
- Cerebral Palsy
- Scoliosis
- Demands frequent attention
- Chewing on non-food items
- Adaptive behavior and development
- GI issues