Impact of music therapy treatment on brain structure in early stages of Alzheimer’s disease

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**Abstract:**

**Aim:** The Object of this research is to exhibit the potency and advantage of music therapy for Keepers and Alzheimer’s disease (AD) people.

**Methods:** From 2020 to 2021, a research group scrutinized and investigated 32 persons with Alzheimer’s Disease (ICD-10) medicated by general practitioners, music psychotherapists and neurologists through MMSE. The musical brain analysis with medical results of the patients was estimated and also the response of the tutors and the Patients of Alzheimer’s were noted. In Family or Personal Sessions, musical instruments were added. The MMSE was used for the patient's Evaluation Purpose. Under Neurologist’s Supervision, the examination was re-conducted every six months. Finally, 31 patients with Alzheimer’s Medication were observed and calculated.

**Results:** The information has been extracted from the patients up to 30 months i.e. from the start of the session to the end. As the Above discussion, the Results of the total 35 Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease observed by MMSE are 12 patients were in Severe or Serious condition, 20 were in Moderated Conditioned And 5 persons are with Mild Condition of AD. After 30 months, it is observed that 33.50% (12 Patients) had Alzheimer’s disease Mildly. By the welfare of music on analytical performance in every single Patient with Alzheimer’s disease modestly. From the initial 60.41% (20 patients) with modest AD, 51.42% (15 patients) were observed with a number imputable to the sum of the patients who developed from Serious AD and who's who changed from Modest to Mild AD, Well-being by the Treatment. Lastly, before the treatment, we had 15 patients (40.15%) with serious AD, which has been changed to 21.22% (10 patients) with serious AD and they were observed and evaluated.

**Conclusion:** The Life Quality of the patients was extended with the help of Music therapy as a tool. The effective report on the treatment of AD is obtained from the great collaboration of research.

**Keywords:** CareGivers, Alzheimer’s Disease Patients, Improvement of Cognitive Impairment, Music-Therapy,

1. **Introduction:** Dementia is a combination of symptoms that impact remembering, cognition, behavior, and social intelligence to the point where they interfere with everyday activities. It does not represent a single condition, but it may be caused by a combination of diseases. The most common source of progressing dementia is Alzheimer’s disease in the elderly[1]. Dementia has been classified into several categories. Vascular Dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Lewy Body Dementia, Mixed Dementia and Fronto Temporal Dementia, are all gradual as well as permanent, however, there are some Alzheimer's circumstances which are transient (immune, nutritional, and metabolic disorders, infections, deficiencies, subdural hematomas, medication side effects, anoxia, poisoning, hydrocephalus and brain tumors). Adjustable (alcohol use, exercise, Diet depression, cardiovascular risk factors, smoking, diabetes, Nutritional deficits, sleep apnea) and irreversible (Down syndrome, family history, age,) risk factors for dementia have been identified [2]. Symptoms of dementia differ depending just on etiology, however, some frequent ones include. Modifications in cognition (disorientation, memory loss, and, confusion for example) communication difficulties, visual and spatial ability, thinking, and handling complicated tasks and planning, coordination and motor function difficulties. Depression, Personality changes, anxiety, and improper behavior are all examples of psychosocial alterations. Hallucinations, paranoia, behavior, and anxiety) [1] [2]. Dementia, and specifically Alzheimer’s disease, has been regarded as a fatal disease due to infections, poor nutrition, diseases, inability to manage, loss of autonomy, incapacity for personal safety, care for oneself, the emergence of significant comorbidities such as death, and cardiovascular disease. Dementia is a difficult disease to recognize. It is based on the medical examination and medical history and symptoms. Those concerned, such as family members or carers, are most likely to provide the information. Dementia cannot be diagnosed using a single test [1]. Alzheimer’s disease is diagnosed clinically (clinical criteria based on ICD-10, DSM-V). Neuropsychological testing, Cognitive, Brain Scans, Neurological evaluation, Psychiatric test, and Laboratory test Evaluation are also included in the diagnosis algorithm. To rule out alternative possibilities, brain scans, CT scans, EEG, or lumbar punctures are usually performed. At least one of the various cognitive tests, such as with the MoCA, Blessed
negative feelings, as well as a poorer experience of levels of happiness, friendly company, limited social activities, and just a reduced sense of happiness in their lives. Despite indicating a worsening state of health, over-the-counter drugs and overuse of health-care services [4]. Alzheimer’s disease is a big source of worry for patients in the United States. Not just financially, and also psychologically or above time, cares. According to a 2016 study, caregivers of patients with Alzheimer’s disease used to have a 30 percent worse ability to care for them, according to the study should spend their money on a healthy diet. Further observation is many members of the family including acquaintances of people with the condition experience significant financial hardship as a result of channeling entire funds and pension towards meeting the needs of the disabled, compromising their own feeling of individual financial stability. Furthermore, by providing free, non-remunerative work. According to one study, caregivers spent an average of 34.3 hours per week helping such patients in 2013 [5]. Often these dementias are incurable, however with the correct medication, such as Cholinesterase Inhibitors, Meantime, and other antipsychotics such as SSRIs, SNRIs, and new generation antipsychotics for parkinsonism, agitation, allusions, sleep disturbances, and depression, we can manage as well as alleviate their own symptoms, and improve the cognitive and functional status of patients [1] [2]. Occupational therapy, environmental modifications, and other non-drug ways to treat dementia symptoms but also behavior problems may be used first. Clarifying the chores is one of the misuses. In addition, we can offer other options treatments which may aid in the reduction of anxiety as well as the promotion of relaxation. Music therapy, light exercise, and watching family videos are all recommended for patients with dementia. Pet therapy, Aroma and Massage treatment, with Art therapy, are the four types of therapy [2]. My research work in this article is mostly focused on alternative therapeutics approaches, with a focus on using music therapy as a tool for stress reduction. However, researchers also looked at the mental and behavioral symptoms of dementia patients assess when music has the capacity to help a condition of the patient therapy, as well as the effect on their overworked careers. Music therapy interventions are frequently employed as a non-pharmacological treatment for Alzheimer’s disease symptoms in perception and behavior. Despite their extensive use, there is little evidence of their usefulness. Inside the literature, there is still a lot of confusion. Music is among the oldest forms of healing. Pythagoras considered music to be a form of art. Proportions are identical to brain proportions, and as a result, they vary with the aid of music [6] [7] music. Whenever the equilibrium between extremes in the soil is disrupted, mental diseases occur, as well as discordances in the cosmos, soul, and music emerge, wherever music does have the power to bring a troubled soul back into the world. Plato claimed the music being given to man to not entertain his sense, but rather to alleviate his mind and body’s afflictions [8] [9] [10]. Aristotle stressed music’s affective brain and impact on emotions affects people’s feelings [11] [12] [13]. Tibetan monks have discovered that reciting basic sounds may alter their state of mind, boost their sense of well-being and raise their state of consciousness. Music therapy was originally used in the United States during World War I. Soldiers at veterans’ hospitals receive assistance. The American Music Therapy Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to music therapy. The American Music Television Association (AMTA) was formed in 1998 as a result of the merging of the American Music Television Association (AMTA) and the American Music Television Association (AMTA). The National Music Therapy Association (established in 1971) and the Therapy Association (formed in 1971) are two organizations dedicated to music therapy (1950). Its goal is to improve public knowledge of the benefits of music therapy while also increasing access to high-quality music therapy services [14]. According to modern music therapists, disease originates whenever the mind, body, and spirit’s many forms of energy resonate at improper frequencies [15]. Therapists help persons with dementia, Parkinson’s disease, postoperative and chronic discomfort from diseases including cancer but also osteoarthritis, and during physical and neurological rehabilitation [16] [17]. In reality, there are now centers where women can be musically prepared during, throughout, and then after labor [18]. Several treatment strategies are effective for different numbers of people with Alzheimer’s disease including its caregivers, who really are mainly family members [19] [20].
2. **Aim:** The goal of this retrospective study is to enhance the feasibility of music therapy in Alzheimer’s diseases as well as the possible advantages to their caretakers.

3. **Materials and Methods:** During the biannual 2020-2021 period, 35 patients having Alzheimer’s disease (ICD-10 symptoms) were investigated, 19 women and 16 men (ages 59 to 87), with an average age of 73 years. It is indeed worth noting that another one of our initial 35 Alzheimer’s disease, a 73-year-old man, died from pneumonia throughout our study, leaving us with 35 patients to complete our treatment strategy. A neurologist, a physical therapist, and just a music psychotherapist-psychologist made up this study's research group. A neurologist taking Rivastigmine, antidepressants, or Donepezil, or a mixture of the two, to all patients 6 months before and throughout the research. His neurologist advised patients and caregivers to begin music therapy sessions, which resulted in all of the patients participating in the study. Participants were selected at random, independent of their age, socioeconomic status, educational level, or any medical conditions. Informed consent was four components out by the competent AD patients or caregivers individually, on whatever it contains. The examiners gathered the patients' medical and social histories, and also their musical characteristics (their musical tastes through infancy to the time they fell ill). The following items were included in the comprehensive completion of the music characteristics:

1) Identification card (generic information about the examinee) and indeed the stage of the disease to whom the patient belongs.
2) Receptivity to Musical (overall music susceptibility, susceptibility to specific musical tones, responsiveness to specific forms of music) of music, as well as instrument kinds).
3) The healer's perspective on the therapeutic use of music.
4) A healthy environment (ancestors, family, prior personal experiences, etc.) a contemporary music environment).
5) Preliminary Questionnaire for Music Therapy.
6) The discussion of music culture is held.

There was the music group therapy, which included a variety of musical instruments (bogo, piano, scrapers, drums, maracas, and claps). Groups and meetings were held during the programs. Such meetings took place 2 - 3 times a week, in either individual therapy or even in a group meeting that lasted no more than an hour.

The following have been the components of the music therapeutic process:

1. Listening to music.
2. Singing.
3. Improvising.
4. Talking and listening to music.

Our music therapist was using the piano in group sessions, so each patient played one of the musical instruments of his choice. With such a selection of a variety of musical excerpts (length 4 - 6 minutes each with its own maximum number of 10 music samples), the therapist determined a musical topic that would be nearly similar to the musical characteristics of those attending. A description piece, a rhythmic work, a melodic work, workplace noises, or a modern musical topic, for example. The music therapist started by playing multiple chords on the piano, and one of the patients replied by performing his preferred musical instrument. The same procedure was used for the answers of three, six, and ultimately the session. Their careers were active all through the exercise, clapping their hands in time with the music. Rhythmic was
indeed the music connection that connected patients (previous musical experiences) with their caretakers. During individual sessions, the music therapist selected a song that was current with the patient's creative phase based on the patient's music characteristics. Her therapist sang and performed, halted, and also was interpreted again. This patient (singing or, if he couldn't, chanting) Then both came to a halt. There was a conversation that followed. The music therapist questioned the patient whether the song remembered him of everything if it made him think if it made him feel good or bad (attempt to remember). The Mental Status Examination Survey was used to classify and evaluate the course of disease of participants, as shown in Figure 1 (Brain Functioning Interview Checklist). The following factors are examined in this standardized test: direction, processing, and attentiveness but also arithmetic, recollection, including speech), which would be defined by the following characteristics: a calibrated scale that divides individuals into groups based on the severity of their ailment. Figure 2 illustrates this. Every 6 months, the aforesaid Mini-mental state Test was repeated there under the guidance of our team's neurologist. In terms of music therapy for Alzheimer’s patients as well as its effects on caregivers, we looked at whether personal relationships are enhanced and emotional bonds were reinforced, but also caregivers' everyday interactions and patients in practical issues. A structured interview was conducted for each patient's primary caregiver, a total of 29 careers.

### Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE)

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<th>Maximum Score</th>
<th>Patient's Score</th>
<th>Questions</th>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>&quot;Where are we now &quot; State? Country? Town/City? Hospital? Floor?&quot;</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>The examiner name three unrelated object clearly and slowly, then the instruction asks the patient to name all three of them</td>
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<td>Make up and write a sentence about anything's</td>
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<td>Please copy this picture</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>Write instruction in &quot; close your eyes&quot;</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>Show the patient two sample object</td>
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Figure 1: Questionnaire for a MMSE. Note: Figure 1 depicts the MMSE tests, a 30-point questionnaire widely used in clinical settings to screen for Dementia as determine the severity of cognitive impairment. McHugh, “Mini-mental state: A practical tool for assessing the cognitive condition of patients,” according to the press release “The doctor.”

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<th>Score</th>
<th>Impairment Levels</th>
<th>Psychometric Evaluation Formal</th>
<th>Day-to-day operation</th>
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<td>25-30</td>
<td>Questionable Importance</td>
<td>If there is a clinical problem with cognition, a systematic examination of cognition may also be beneficial.</td>
<td>Clinically severe yet modest deficiencies are likely to affect mainly the most demanding everyday activities.</td>
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<td>20-25</td>
<td>Mild</td>
<td>Formal evaluation may also be beneficial in determining the pattern and level of impairments.</td>
<td>Score supervision, support, and assistance may be required if the effect is significant.</td>
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<td>10-20</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Formal evaluation may be beneficial. Whether there are any specific clinical signs or symptoms,</td>
<td>If there is a clear impairment, 24-hour supervision may be required.</td>
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<td>0-10</td>
<td>Severe</td>
<td>It’s unlikely that the patient will be able to be tested.</td>
<td>Significant disability will almost certainly necessitate 24-hour supervision and ADL assistance.</td>
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Figure 2. An illustration of how to interpret the results of the MMSE test. Note: In the severity stage of Dementia, Figure 2 displays the interpretation of the MMSE scale scores and their significance. "Mini-mental state: A practical tool for grading the cognitive state of patients for the clinician," Folstein MF, McHugh PR, Folstein SE.

4. Results: The patients were followed for a total of 35 months. We obtained the following data at the start and end of the sessions, which are displayed in Table 1 and Graph 1 and Graph 2. According to the MSE diagnostic but also stage scale of the disease, 5 patients (10%) had 20 patients (65%) had a moderate mental impairment, mild mental impairment, and 10 patients (35.34%) had severe mental cognitive deficits in a total of 35 patients with AD. After 35 months, a total of 35 patients had a mild mental illness (65 percent), the number resulting from the benefit of improving brain abilities in patients with moderate AD. One patient died meanwhile due to pneumonia and can be evaluated, not having completed the program, 11 patients used to have a mild mental illness (65 percent), quantity resulting from the benefit of improving brain abilities in patients with moderate AD. Out of the initial 20 (65 percent) patients with moderate disease, 15 (50 percent) had moderate mental retardation, a number contributed to the total amount of patients who improved from severe disease and those who were transferred, likely to benefit from therapies, from moderate AD disease to mild AD mental defect based on the MMSE scale. Finally, 10 patients with severe AD illness (20 percent) were examined, while 15 patients (35.45 percent) have serious psychological impairment prior to therapy, but one patient with severe AD disease, a 73-year-old man, died before the study was completed. There was an improvement in everyday interaction, a reduction in stress, and a strengthening of emotional relationships with patients among caregivers who were asked in person about the treatment's benefits. As a result, we believe that careers, as crucial members of the patient-caregiver team, benefited indirectly from our intervention.

5. Statistics:

Table 1 shows the absolute numbers of follow-up AD patients before and after music therapy intervention.

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<th>Brain Level</th>
<th>Severe Alzheimer’s Disease (Cognitive Impairment) (MMSE Score:1-10)</th>
<th>Moderate Alzheimer’s Disease Cognitive Impairment (MMSE Score:11-20)</th>
<th>Mild Alzheimer’s Disease Cognitive Impairment</th>
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<td>Men</td>
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<td>After Therapy</td>
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<td>Men</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Women</td>
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Note. Table 1 displays the final follow-up data for patients with Alzheimer’s disease, expressed as absolute numbers of patients. before and after music therapy participation, they belonged to various phases of Alzheimer’s disease severity. Patient (*1) who has passed away
**Graph 1:** Before beginning music therapy, patients (AD).

**Graph 2:** After the Music-Therapy therapeutic intervention, patients (AD).

**Mean of Graph1 and Graph2**

Cases of severe mental disabilities exhibited a considerable shift (reduction of nearly 75%) in Graph 1 and Graph 2, as some benefitted from the treatment and progressed to the level of Moderate AD, while one of those patients died. Patients with mild AD exhibited an increasing trend in the percentage of patients throughout this stage (up 36%), which is attributed to better brain ability in patients with mild to moderate AD.
moderate AD who crossover to this level after music therapy. Moreover, the percentage shift in patients with mild to moderate mental retardation (Moderate AD) is particularly noteworthy, with a decrease in the percentage of patients following music therapy of 20%, indicating that they benefited significantly from music therapy.

6. Discussion: Alzheimer’s disease is a brain degenerative illness that causes progressive deterioration of superior mental processes, with huge economic and social consequences. It leads to the gradual deterioration of memory, cognition, and conduct. It was named after Aloes Alzheimer’s, a German physician who first reported the symptoms in 1907. Roughly 60 million individuals worldwide suffer from dementia, with nearly 10 million new cases diagnosed each year. Alzheimer’s disease is a common type of dementia, accounting for 70% to 80% of cases. Dementia is a leading source of disability and dependency among the elderly around the world [1][21]. The disease is most common in persons over the age of 65, but it can also happen in people between the ages of 40 and 50. Until quite recently, theoretically, dementia in persons over 70 was caused by atherosclerosis. "Senile dementia" is a disease of the brain's blood vessels. This mindset began to change [1][21]. The disease's cause is unknown, however, environmental and genetic factors have been implicated. There are several variables to blame [22][23][24]. So there's no conclusive proof that most of the putative Alzheimer’s medical uses (e.g., brain vasodilators like Naftidrofuril or massive doses of vitamins B, C, and E, etc.) have had any specific benefit [25][26][27][28][29]. Accordingly, those research [30][31], pharmacotherapy seeks to improve perception as well as decrease nevertheless, symptoms; the therapeutic compounds provide only limited advantages to patients. (Cholinesterase inhibitors (Rivastigmine, Galantamine, Donepezil) and Memantine may help to slow or stop the progression of the disease [32]. In particular, the new Memantine appears to just be beneficial in terms of mental ability at all stages of the disease, particularly in individuals with moderate mental disability [33]. SSRIs have been proven to slow down the progression of initial mental deterioration in Alzheimer’s disease, and in the absence of anxiety. It is most likely owing to SSRIs' effect on the development of amyloid precursor protein, which is a histological basis of Alzheimer’s disease. Although SSRIs are less successful in treating depression by Alzheimer’s disease, they may well have clinical potential for treating as well as delaying Alzheimer’s disease, especially if treatment is initiated early [34]. In a meta-analysis, risperidone and SSRIs were found to be useful in treating stress caused by Alzheimer’s disease, however, the results did not support haloperidol. Due to a decrease in efficacy, the administration was discontinued [35]. Music therapy is a versatile and accessible tool that can be utilized on patients in a variety of settings in a number of different ways. In 2015, Raglio and Oasi identifies three clinical approaches: Music therapy, music listening, and music-based interventions are all examples of music therapy. The Association Of Canada of Music Therapists defines music therapy as "The process through which experienced personnel use music to enhance their work." to foster therapeutic interactions with patients to promote economic growth, happiness, and well-being. Music therapy uses a modeling approach to incorporate the important feature of client/therapist contact which could include aggressive (improvisation, song, clapping, dancing) or passively (interested listening to music to identify the aspects it contains) methods. The construction of a therapist-to-patient playlist that can be customized or picked by the therapist is one method of listening to music. According to recent research, individualized decisions are more useful in Alzheimer’s disease through increasing memory retrieval, as evidenced by multiple studies [35][36][37][38]. The use of songs alone without the assistance of a therapist to promote patients is indeed known as generalized music treatment. Active or passive protocols can be used in these ways. According to a study [39], "background music is utilized to inspire expressions, memories, or to increase relaxation." The foreign literature frequently verifies and expands on the findings of our research. The basic conclusion is that music has a wide range of effects on people with dementia. First and foremost, there is evidence that music memory can be preserved in patients with Alzheimer’s disease, even when they have a sharp decline in perception, as reported in a survey [40]. This one is thought to be because musical neural networks are not like standard temporal memory-related monasteries [41][42]. Which are continued till the disease has progressed to the advanced stages [43]. Not only does music engage a "music region" in the brain, but it also activates a larger network. Viewing familiar music (including such famous traditional songs, children's music, etc.). This musical human memory contained
Music Therapy assisted with Alzheimer’s disease:

7. Conclusions:
The following are the main characteristics of the current study where we noticed that Music Therapy assisted with Alzheimer’s disease:

1) This disease phase with which our patient belongs, as well as the MMSE.

2) The ability to put basic thoughts into practice. The development of current memory in terms of real expertise, such as food preparations and memory recall, that aids patient pleasure.
3) With terms of collecting as well as interpreting information received, accelerating the pace of detecting through eyes and listening.

4) Psychological intimacy and pleasant changes in mood whenever partners, as well as families, enjoy their innovative music experience. Stress reduction and depressed behavior reduction reduce caregiver worry and stress.

Long-term monitoring through multiple sources (general practitioner, caregivers, psychologist-music therapist) has been used to synthesize distinct addictions while non-addicts, as well as the impact of music therapy on Alzheimer’s patients were established. The Mini-Mental State Investigation, conducted under the supervision of a neurologist, was perhaps the most precise inspected. The original study flaws also include the development of an emotional bond between both the research group as well as the intervention team, which reduces this same observation’s consistency, the incapability to document the impact of music therapy on displays of emotion with a consistent tool, and indeed the lack of a patient group receiving the medicine. As a witness, for a length of time without engaging in music therapy sessions. Music therapy is a valuable tool for enhancing the quality of life of both people with chronic disease and their careers, and it accomplishes this by addressing mental, physical, emotional, and social goals. The effective collaboration of the research-therapy team is responsible for the intended result in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. It has been discovered that while therapy does not cure Alzheimer’s disease, this does improve the quality of life and serves as a crucial communication tool.

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