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HIGHLIGHTS

- Olfactory dysfunction is one of the clinical manifestations of multiple sclerosis and is usually underdiagnosed.
- Olfaction may be affected, especially in the early stages of multiple sclerosis.
- Frequent attacks and longer duration of disease were inversely correlated with olfactory test scores/subscores.
- Smell identification and smell threshold scores were higher in patients with higher
 Montreal Cognitive Assessment scores.
- The Expanded Disability Status Scale had no significant effect on olfactory test scores.

ABSTRACT

Background: Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a common chronic neurological disease that causes disability. MS can have various clinical manifestations, one of which is olfactory dysfunction. In clinical practice, olfactory disturbances are usually underdiagnosed. The aim of our study is to assess olfactory function and its relationship with MS disease duration, disability and cognition.

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