

**Supplementary table. Original set of items answered by
at least two diagnostic groups**

Item	Submitted to*					
	CS	CP	RA	SSc	NMDc	NMDa
Eating						
Using a spoon	x		x	x		
Using a fork		x			x	x
Cutting meat	X	x	X	X	x	x
Eating a sandwich	x	x	x	x		
Picking up a can	x	x	X	x	x	x
Placing a glass of water on a table	x	x	x	x	x	x
Drinking a glass of water	x	x	x	x	x	x
Filling a glass with water		X			X	X
Unscrewing a bottle cap		X			x	x
Taking the cap off a bottle	X		X	X		X
Spreading butter on a slice of bread	X	x	x	X	X	X
Opening a bread box		X			X	X
Tearing open a pack of chips	X	X	X	X	X	
Unwrapping a chocolate bar	X	X	x	X	X	
Opening a pack of biscuits		x			X	X
Unwrapping candy		x			x	x
Peeling a banana		x			x	
Shelling hazel nuts	X		x	X		
Opening a screw-topped jar	X	X	X	X	x	x
Peeling onions	X		X	X		
Peeling potatoes with a knife	X		X	X		x
Making pancake batter	x		x	x		
Grooming						
Opening the cap of a toothpaste tube		X			X	X
Squeezing toothpaste onto a toothbrush	X	X	x	x	X	X
Brushing one's teeth	x	x	x	x	x	x
Brushing one's hair	x	x	X	X		
Combing one's hair	x		X	x	x	x
Washing one's face	x	x	x	x		
Washing one's hands	X	x	x	x	X	X
Wiping one's hands		x			X	X
Cutting one's nails	X	x	X	X		X
Filing one's nails	X		X	x		
Blowing one's nose	x	x	x	x		
Dressing						
Fastening the zipper of a jacket	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fastening a snap (eg, jacket, bag)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Buttoning up a shirt	X	X	x	x	X	X
Pulling up the zipper of trousers	X	X	x	x	x	x
Buttoning up trousers	X	X	x	X	x	x
Lacing shoes		x		X	x	x
Rolling up a sleeve of a sweater		X			x	
Putting on gloves					x	x

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Environment						
Turning on a radio	x		x	x	x	
Turning on a television	x	x	x	x	x	x
Switching on a bedside lamp	x	X	x	x		x
Turning off a tap	x		X	X	X	X
Turning on a tap		x			X	X
Closing a door	x		x	x		
Inserting a key in a keyhole		x				X
Turning a key in a keyhole	x	x	X	x	X	X
Ringling a door bell	x	x	x	x		x
Communication						
Handling a 4-colour ballpoint pen with one hand	x		X	x		
Writing a sentence	x		X	x	x	x
Opening mail	X	x	x	X		x
Dialling on a keypad phone	x	x	x	x	x	x
Inserting a diskette in a disk drive	x	x	x	x	x	x
Using a computer keyboard					x	x
Typewriting	x		x	x		
Turning over the pages of a book	x	x	x	x	x	x
Do-it-yourself						
Sharpening a pencil	X	X	X	x	X	
Drawing	x		x	x	x	
Drawing a line with a ruler		x			x	
Colouring		x			x	
Painting		x			x	
Using an eraser		x			x	
Handling scissors		x		X	x	
Handling a stapler	x		X	X		
Threading a needle	X		X	X		
Screwing on a nut	x		X	x		
Using a screwdriver	x		X	x		
Hammering a nail	X		X	x		
Replacing a light bulb	x		X	x		
Leisure and play						
Throwing a ball		x			x	
Catching a ball		x			x	
Piling up Lego [®] blocks		x			x	
Dealing cards		x			X	
Using a joystick		x			x	
Miscellaneous						
Taking a coin out of the pocket	x	X	X	X		x
Grasping a coin on a table	x	x	X	x	x	x
Putting a coin in a piggy bank		x			x	
Counting banknotes	x		x	x		X
Winding up a wristwatch	x		x	X		
Wrapping up gifts	X		X	x		
Opening a car door		x		x		

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