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Alzheimer is a devastating disease whose victims sink slowly into oblivion. Although the faces of affected persons remain recognizable, the disease steals their personalities, thoughts and memories. New biomarkers, or combinations of biomarkers are sought that will improve the diagnosis of Alzheimer disease and its differentiation from other forms of dementia. In this issue Lee and colleagues report the results from a study of the brain injury marker VLP-1 in the CSF of Alzheimer disease patients. An accompanying editorial by Verbeek and Olde Rikkert discusses the potential value and limitations of VLP-1 and other biomarkers in the diagnosis of Alzheimer disease and other dementias. See pages 1589 and 1617. Image reproduced with permission, Steve Wrubel/Stone/Getty Images.

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