





(a) Movement synchronization difficulty



(b) *Micrographia*



(c) Short-term Memory Loss

**Figure 2: Interaction designs for assessing various PD symptoms.**



**Figure 3: The companion agent.**

the player is asked to control a waterwheel to irrigate the field by repeating circular movements on the touch screen with one finger (Figure 2(b)). For short-term memory loss assessment, the player is asked to tap on the animals damaging crops in the field to herd them out of the farmland (Figure 2(c)). Each animal has a digit or an alphabet label. The player needs to tap the animal one by one following alternating digit and alphabetic orders in the correct sequence.

The in-game behaviors are gathered by the CA in the form of time series data during each of these mini-games. Based on expert knowledge provided by medical researchers, and evaluating the Value of Perfect Information [2] in the context that the price to be paid represents negative impact on user experience caused by asking the player to repeat a mini-game, the CA dynamically determines whether any of the mini-games needs to be repeated to acquire more data. The behavior data are sent to the cloud-based longitudinal behavior database where they are analyzed by a *decision support agent* (DSA). The DSA is incorporated with a fuzzy logic based approach to assess the indicators related to each of the three cardinal symptoms of PD based on the behavior data. The overall risk of developing PD is calculated and presented to the CA and the care-giver (if any) for actions.

### 3. DISCUSSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

Around 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with PD each year [1]. This number does not reflect the thousands of undetected cases. The estimated indirect cost per PD patient (e.g., lost wages of the PD patient and care-givers)

is about US\$30,000 annually in 2013 purchasing power [6]. The proposed platform may relieve some of the burdens of PD care-givers and help the PD patients regain some productivity. The PG platform provides a low cost, easy-to-use, and objective way of predictive diagnosis for PD. The data collected from its on-going clinical trial will constitute the first interactive digital media personal wellness dataset documenting people's PD related symptoms. It may provide medical researchers with a brand new perspective in diagnosing Parkinson's disease, and offer insight into potential ways of technology enabled PD rehabilitation.

In subsequent research, we will investigate how to incorporate effective incentive and persuasive techniques into the companion agent in PG to reduce the occurrence of impulsive risk-taking behaviors among PD patients as a result of taking *dopamine agonist* medications.

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