Although patients with semantic dementia can sometimes show fairly good performance on tests of object decision, we present evidence that the pattern differs when semantic-visual object stimuli do not respect the regularities of the domain. Twenty patients with semantic dementia showed a series of individual pictures of objects, and for each must decide if it is real or not. Scores were compared to the two conditions of the OAT. Results are plotted separately for milder and more severe cases.

In conclusion, the system can discriminate typical from unusual-looking items under damage.