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Increased Diffusivity in Gray Matter in Recent Onset Schizophrenia is Associated with Clinical Symptoms and Social Cognition

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Abstract

Introduction—Diffusion weighted MRI (dMRI) is a method sensitive to pathological changes affecting tissue microstructure. Most dMRI studies in schizophrenia, however, have focused solely on white matter. There is a possibility, however, that subtle changes in diffusivity exist in gray matter (GM). Accordingly, we investigated diffusivity in GM in patients with recent onset schizophrenia.

Methods—We enrolled 45 patients and 21 age and sex-matched healthy controls. All subjects were evaluated using the short form of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS), and the video based social cognition scale. DMRI and T1W images were acquired on a 3 Tesla magnet, and mean Fractional Anisotropy (FA), Trace (TR) and volume were calculated for each of the 68 cortical GM Regions of Interest parcellated using FreeSurfer.

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Results—There was no significant difference of FA and GM volume between groups after Bonferroni correction. For the dMRI measures, however, patients evinced increased TR in the left bank of the superior temporal sulcus, the right inferior parietal, the right inferior temporal, and the right middle temporal gyri. In addition, higher TR in the right middle temporal gyrus and the right inferior temporal gyrus, respectively, was associated with decreased social function and higher PANSS score in patients with schizophrenia.

Conclusion—This study demonstrates high sensitivity of dMRI to subtle pathology in GM in recent onset schizophrenia, as well as an association between increased diffusivity in temporal GM regions and abnormalities in social cognition and exacerbation of psychiatric symptoms.

Keywords

schizophrenia; gray matter; diffusivity; MRI

1. Introduction

In the last 30 years, various analytical methods that utilize brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) have been developed and used in studies of schizophrenia, as well as in other disorders. Nonetheless, the core pathologic changes within the brain have not been clearly delineated and the majority of findings from MRI studies have shown a great deal of variability with the exception of decreased brain volume and increased ventricular volume (Shenton et al., 2001). Finding core pathologic changes has proven to be extremely difficult in part because of the heterogeneity of demographic and clinical characteristics of subjects and in part because of the limitations of the analytic methods used in neuroimaging.

Various MRI modalities and advanced analytic methods have been developed over the past several years in order to improve precision for detecting and characterizing structural pathology in schizophrenia. There is, for example, an increase in interest in exploring white matter connectivity in schizophrenia using diffusion weighted imaging (dMRI). DMRI is a very sensitive method sensitive to microstructural abnormalities (Beaulieu, 2002; Kanaan et al., 2005) including demyelination, axonal loss, edema, and inflammation (Assaf and Pasternak, 2007). Positive dMRI findings that are frequently reported in schizophrenia include: 1) decreased fractional anisotropy (FA) within fibers connecting prefrontal and temporal lobes, such as cingulum bundle, uncinate fasciculus, corpus callosum, and arcuate fasciculus (Abdul-Rahman et al., 2012; Foong, 2000; Kubicki et al., 2007; 2002; 2003; Price et al., 2005); 2) correlations between dMRI and clinical characteristics, for example, the correlations between prefrontal WM anisotropy and negative symptoms, cingulum bundle and executive functions, and uncinate fasciculus FA and declarative episode memory (Kubicki et al., 2007). Moreover, abnormalities in WM are detectable in schizophrenia (Guo et al., 2012; Kasai et al., 2003; Quan et al., 2013), in high risk patients (Hohenberg et al., 2014; Hoptman et al., 2008; Muñoz Maniega et al., 2008), and in patients' non psychotic relatives (Camchong et al., 2009; Knöchel et al., 2012).

To date, most dMRI studies in schizophrenia are focusing on white matter. However, subtle structural GM changes at or before schizophrenia onset have been associated with schizophrenia, and multiple biological processes suggested to explain those changes. For

example, it is well known that many intrinsic connections exist in GM (Barbas and Pandya, 1989; Tardif and Clarke, 2001). In addition, some studies report that decreases in membrane, axon terminals, dendrites, and dendritic spines are among the causes of decreased GM volume in schizophrenia (Bennett, 2011; Costa et al., 2001; Glantz and Lewis, 2000). T1W imaging has been traditionally used for structural, volumetric analysis. Such measures, however, focus only on the gross, anatomical differences, and thus do not capture microstructural abnormalities. Microstructural changes (which frequently occur before gross volume changes observed) are related to myelin, cell membranes and intracellular organelles, restricted movement of water molecules, all of which result in a measureable difference in the diffusion of water molecules (Ulu et al., 1999). Moreover, several studies have also taken advantage of the use of dMRI to investigate microscopic changes in GM, which likely predate any gross, structural changes, in other neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and multiple sclerosis (Kincses et al., 2014; Pirko et al., 2007; Weston et al., 2015; Zerr et al., 2009).

The most common measures used in dMRI studies are the magnitude and the anisotropy of the diffusion tensor (Alexander et al., 2007). There are several measures derived from combinations of the eigenvalues (λ s) of the diffusion tensor that describe the magnitude of the diffusion including radial diffusivity $\{(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)/2\}$, axial diffusivity (λ_1), and trace ($\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$). According to these definitions, axial and radial diffusivity are apparent diffusivities in the directions parallel and perpendicular to the diffusion tensor, respectively, and trace is the sum of diffusivities in all three directions (Beaulieu, 2002). In white matter, where myelinated axons are organized parallel in bundles, axial diffusivity (aligned with predominant diffusion direction in a given voxel) is more specific to axonal degeneration, radial diffusivity is modulated by myelin, and trace is nonspecific, but a sensitive measure of any ongoing pathology (Alexander et al., 2007; Assaf and Pasternak, 2007; Mori et al., 1999; Song et al., 2005). In gray matter, however, where cell bodies and their processes are predominant components of the tissue, axial and radial diffusivity measures lose their biological meaning. Trace, being sensitive to cellularity, cell necrosis, and edema (Alexander et al., 2011), is thus considered a more appropriate, more robust, and more sensitive measure of diffusivity in gray matter. Accordingly, we chose trace as the main measure of diffusivity in gray matter.

We hypothesized that the amplitude of diffusion would be increased and anisotropy of diffusion would be decreased in gray matter in patients with recent onset schizophrenia compared with healthy controls.

2. Methods

2.1. Subjects

Subjects were enrolled from Asan Medical Center which is a university-affiliated hospital. Patients who were right-handed and those patients who were between the ages of 20–40 years old were eligible for the study. Any patients with diseases that affect the functioning of the brain were excluded. Also, patients were excluded if they were unable to complete neuropsychological testing or the MRI scanning session. Subjects within the patient group had a diagnosis of schizophrenia made by a psychiatrist according to the Diagnostic and

Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-IV-Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR) criteria, and they also evinced psychotic symptoms such as delusions or hallucinations for less than 5 years. In addition, subjects in the control group did not have any Axis I psychiatric diagnosis in themselves or in their first-degree relatives based on DSM-IV-TR.

We enrolled 91 subjects, but excluded 15 cases due to poor image quality or incidental brain lesions. We then excluded 10 additional patients because their diagnoses changed to other psychotic disorders such as bipolar disorder when we re-evaluated them 1–6 months after the enrollment. The final dataset consisting of sixty-six subjects (patients: $N=45$; controls: $N=21$) was used for the analysis.

Written informed consent was obtained from all subjects. Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the local Institutional Review Board.

2.2. Assessment of symptoms, neurocognition and social cognition

Assessment of symptoms, neurocognition, and social cognition was completed within one week from the date of the MRI examination. All subjects were evaluated using an age and sex adjusted short form of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS), which consisted of 6 subtests including digit span, vocabulary, arithmetic, picture arrangement, block design, and digit symbol. Patients' psychiatric symptoms were evaluated by a psychiatrist using the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS).

Social cognition for all subjects was measured by the video based social cognition scale (VISC) (Goh et al., 2008; Jang, 2007). VISC consists of 20 video scripts that present a socially inappropriate situation. Subjects watch the video and record answers to questions about these situations. Each question has a 0–2 scoring scale, with a maximum total score of 40.

2.3. MRI protocol

MR scans were performed with an 8 channel SENSE head coil on a 3 Tesla scanner (Philips Achieva). dMRI images were acquired with an echo planar imaging (EPI) dMRI sequence. One baseline ($b=0$) image and 32 diffusion gradient directions with $b=1000$ s/mm² were also acquired. Scan parameters were as follow: field of view (FOV): 224*224*135 mm, voxel size: 2*2*3 mm³, echo time (TE): 70 ms, flip angle: 90°, repetition time (TR): 5422 ms. Structural T1 MRI images with turbo field echo were acquired and scan parameters were as follow: FOV: 240*240*170, voxel size 1*1*1 mm³, TE: 4.6 ms, TR: 9 ms, flip angle: 8°.

2.4. Image processing

dMRI images were upsampled to 1*1*1 mm³ voxel size using Slicer V. 4.4 (Fedorov et al., 2012; "Slicer," n.d.). Subsequently, motion and eddy current-induced distortions were corrected using affine registration of all gradient volumes with the first $b=0$ volume (FLIRT: FMRIB software, oxford, UK)(Jenkinson et al., 2002; Jenkinson and Smith, 2001). To exclude the meninges or CSF, we eroded the boundary voxels of each dMRI image. Diffusion tensors were estimated using in-house software based on weighted-least-squares

with an added procedure to correct tensors with negative eigenvalues. We then calculated scalar diffusion measures (FA and Trace [TR]) per each subject.

T1 images were parcellated into discrete anatomical regions using the Desikan-Killiany atlas of FreeSurfer V. 5.3 (Fischl et al., 2002) and all parcellated ROIs ($N=68$) were used in subsequent analysis. We registered a T1 image into a $b=0$ baseline image of dMRI using a non-linear registration method, part of the Advanced Normalization Tools (ANTs). We then transformed FreeSurfer parcellated labels into dMRI using the same registration transformation. We calculated the mean for the diffusion measures (FA and TR) for each transformed ROI of each subject.

2.5. Statistical analysis

We performed group comparisons using Student t test (for equal variance) or Welch's t test (for unequal variance) for each of the measures (FA, TR and volume) for each ROI. Significance threshold ($p<0.000735$) was adjusted using the Bonferroni correction because of the multiple comparisons of ROIs ($N=68$)

To evaluate the correlations between clinical symptoms, general IQ, or social cognition and diffusion measures in each ROI, we performed Pearson correlation analysis only within the patient group and only for the ROIs that showed significant group difference. All statistical analyses were performed using R packages (ver. 3.2)(www.R-project.org) and STATA (Stata corp., ver 13, Tx, USA).

3. Results

3.1. Demographic data

The final data set included 66 subjects (21 controls and 45 patients). There was no significant difference in age between the control and patient groups (29.3 ± 5.0 vs. 28.6 ± 6.2 respectively; $df=64$, $t=0.478$, $p=0.634$). The male to female ratio of the patient group was 40.0% and was higher than that of controls (33.3%) but statistically not significant ($X^2=0.270$, $p=0.603$). Patients showed significantly lower IQ than healthy controls (97.5 ± 16.1 vs. 122.0 ± 7.2 , $t=8.523$, $p<0.0001$, analyzed by Welch t test). Also, patients showed significantly decreased VISC (26.7 ± 10.2 vs. 34.5 ± 5.9 , $t=3.836$, $p=0.0003$, analyzed by Welch t test). Mean duration of illness was 1.2 ± 1.7 years and PANSS total score was 61.5 ± 15.7 (positive score: 16.2 ± 6.7 ; negative score: 16.9 ± 7.3) (Table 1).

We added information about the duration of medication and olanzapine equivalent (Gardner et al., 2010) dose at the time of the MRI scan into the Results section and Table 1. Please note that the information about duration of medication for 7 patients was not available.

3.2. Comparisons of volume and diffusivity in Gray Matter

After correction for estimated intracranial volume, we compared the volume of each ROIs in GM using Student t test or Welch's t test. There were no ROIs that showed significant volume differences between patients with schizophrenia and healthy controls once Bonferroni correction was used for multiple comparisons.

There were also no significant differences in FA between two groups ($p < 0.000735$). Using a Bonferroni correction for multiple tests, patients with schizophrenia showed significantly increased TR compared with controls in 4 ROIs (mean \pm SD of control vs. patients): 1) left bank of the superior temporal sulcus ($2.46 \pm 0.0713 \times 10^{-3}$ vs. $2.56 \pm 0.0201 \times 10^{-3}$, $t = -3.773$, $p = 0.0004$); 2) right inferior temporal gyrus ($2.53 \pm 0.0682 \times 10^{-3}$ vs. $2.62 \pm 0.107 \times 10^{-3}$, $t = -3.929$, $p = 0.0002$); 3) right inferior parietal gyrus ($2.56 \pm 0.0795 \times 10^{-3}$ vs. $2.65 \pm 0.122 \times 10^{-3}$, $t = -3.657$, $p = 0.0005$); and, 4) right middle temporal gyrus ($2.64 \pm 0.0188 \times 10^{-3}$ vs. $2.76 \pm 0.0184 \times 10^{-3}$, $t = -3.994$, $p = 0.0002$) (Table 2).

3.3. Correlation between Trace and clinical data

In the patient group, we evaluated the correlation between TR and clinical data for the ROIs that showed significant TR increase. TR values in the right inferior temporal gyrus were significantly correlated with total PANSS scores (correlation coefficient: 0.3720, $p = 0.0166$) and general PANSS score (correlation coefficient: 0.3439, $p = 0.0277$) but not significantly correlated with positive PANSS score (Spearman's rho: 0.2286, $p = 0.1506$) or negative PANSS score (Spearman's rho: 0.2640, $p = 0.0954$) (Figure 1).

VISC was negatively correlated with TR value for the right middle temporal gyrus (correlation coefficients: -0.4131 , $p = 0.0053$). There were no significant correlations between duration of illness and TR in these ROIs (Figure 2).

4. Discussion

Our study shows that patients with schizophrenia are characterized by increased diffusivity in the left bank of the superior temporal sulcus, the right inferior parietal, the right inferior temporal, and the right middle temporal gyri, when compared with healthy controls. In addition, higher diffusivity in the right middle temporal gyrus was associated with lower function of social cognition in patients with schizophrenia. Patients with higher diffusivity in the right inferior temporal gyrus showed higher PANSS total score and PANSS general score.

Few previous studies have reported GM diffusivity changes in schizophrenia. Lee et al. showed increased diffusivity in manually segmented superior temporal gyrus in chronic schizophrenia (Lee et al., 2009). A study by Moriya et al. (Moriya et al., 2010) reported a significant increase in the mean diffusivity in the left parahippocampal cortex, the left insula, and the right anterior cingulate cortex using voxel based analysis. Further, Park et al. analyzed three GM ROIs from FreeSurfer's parcellation and reported that patients showed increased axial and radial diffusivities in the prefrontal cortex and temporal cortex. Additionally, axial and radial diffusivities were significantly correlated with positive symptom scores in all regions of interest (Park et al., 2014). While none of those studies analyzed entire brain parcellations, the direction of changes reported previously (i.e., increased diffusivity in GM) is in line with our current findings.

The inferior parietal gyrus is known to be one of the regions of the default mode network and plays a major role in sensory integration, body image, concept of self, and executive function (Guo et al., 2014; Torrey, 2007; van den Heuvel and Hulshoff Pol, 2010).

According to previous studies, patients with schizophrenia show decreased volume, surface area, thickness, and/or gyrfication in this region of GM (Palaniyappan and Liddle, 2012; Ren et al., 2013) and abnormal function in fMRI studies (Liu et al., 2006; Ren et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2016). In our study, diffusivity in the right inferior parietal gyrus was increased in patients. However, we did not find a significant correlation between social cognition and diffusivity in this area.

In our study, several parts of the temporal lobe – the left bank of the superior temporal sulcus, and the right middle and inferior temporal gyrus - also showed increased diffusivity in patients with schizophrenia. According to a recent review, superior temporal sulcus (STS) is associated with social cognition including social perception and understanding of others' actions and mental states (Deen et al., 2015; Ethofer et al., 2013). Social cognitive deficits are core symptoms of schizophrenia. They are correlated with poor functional outcome and prognosis and severe negative symptoms (Fett et al., 2011; Lincoln et al., 2011; Sparks et al., 2010; Ventura et al., 2011). Furthermore, they are apparent prior to diagnosis and are found in familial high risk subjects (Eack et al., 2010; Gibson et al., 2010; Green et al., 2012) and in remitted patients (Bora et al., 2009). Due to these characteristic features, social cognitive dysfunction has been suggested as an endophenotype or a core psychopathology for schizophrenia (Gur et al., 2007). In line with these results, our study showed that the increased diffusivity in the right middle temporal gyrus in schizophrenia was associated with social cognitive dysfunction as measured by VISC.

We found the correlation between the social cognition assessed using the visual scale for social cognition (VISC) and the diffusivity in the right, but not the left middle temporal gyrus. According to a review on the neurobiology of social cognition (Adolphs, 2001; Van Overwalle, 2009), the right hemisphere has an important role in the processing of emotional and social information. In addition, there are several studies that show the important role of the right hemisphere during the processing of visual information (De Renzi et al., 1994; Le Grand et al., 2003). Findings of right but not left middle temporal gyral findings are thus in keeping with what others have reported regarding social cognition and right hemisphere findings in areas thought to be involved in the processing of emotional and social information.

In addition to being involved in social cognition, the middle and the inferior temporal gyri are also involved in several cognitive functions: language (Binder et al., 1997), visual perception (Peelen et al., 2006), and multimodal sensory integration. Abnormalities in this area have been shown to be associated with thought disorder (Shenton et al., 1992), psychotic symptoms (Barta et al., 1990; Sumich et al., 2005), and prognosis (Turetsky et al., 1995). In our study, we demonstrated that diffusion abnormalities in the right inferior temporal gyrus were correlated with the severity of psychotic symptoms (higher PANSS total score and PANSS general score).

Patients with schizophrenia often also show decreased thickness, volume, and functional activity in the temporal lobe (Hoffman et al., 2008; Kasai et al., 2003; Onitsuka et al., 2004; Picchioni et al., 2015; Shenton et al., 2001; 1992; Turetsky et al., 1995). Regarding diffusivity in the temporal lobe in schizophrenia, most studies have reported a significant

decrease of FA and an increase in diffusivity in the frontal and temporal white matter and in fiber bundles connecting these regions including the cingulum, arcuate fasciculus, and uncinata fasciculus (Ellison- Wright and Bullmore, 2009; Kubicki et al., 2007). In line with these reports, our study showed a correlation between diffusivity in the right temporal lobe and with social cognition as well as total PANSS score.

Existing structural volumetric studies focusing on temporal lobe commonly report interactions between side and diagnosis, where changes are often left lateralized (Crow, 1990; Hirayasu et al., 1998; Honea et al., 2005; Kasai et al., 2003; Onitsuka et al., 2004; H. Park et al., 2004; Turetsky et al., 1995). However, abnormalities in diffusivity in recent onset and first episode schizophrenia are more often reported to be localized to the right, rather than to the left temporal lobe (Federspiel et al., 2006; Garver et al., 2008; Hao et al., 2006; Peters et al., 2009). These previous results and our findings – no significant changes in GM volumes and right-lateralization of diffusivity in the middle and the inferior temporal gyrus - suggest that structural changes in GM might be subtle and follow the pattern of WM, rather than GM pathology.

Our study showed the abnormal changes of GM in dMRI, not in T1 image. dMRI is fundamentally based on the movement of water molecules, which is influenced by cellular or nervous membranes (Flynn et al., 2003), axonal diameter, myelin thickness, and volume of the extracellular space (Assaf and Pasternak, 2007). While white matter abnormalities in schizophrenia are often associated with abnormalities in myelin and oligodendrocytes (Flynn et al., 2003; Hakak et al., 2001; Uranova et al., 2001; 2004), the biological underpinnings of diffusion changes in GM are less understood. Candidate processes might include alterations in intrinsic connections (Lewis and Gonzalez- Burgos, 2000), loss of dendritic spines (Bennett, 2011; Glausier and Lewis, 2013; Konopaske et al., 2014) or even increased volume of extracellular water due to inflammation (Doorduyn et al., 2009; Pasternak et al., 2012; Potvin et al., 2008).

We could not find the significant changes in FA image, but in TR image. Because FA is a measure of directionality and TR is a measure of magnitude of water movement in a voxel, they can be independent to each other, depending on the location where they are measured. (Wiesmann et al., 1999) Therefore, increased TR and no change of FA, like our findings, might be related to the increased water content (such as in cases of edema) (Alexander et al., 2007), or to the subtle loss of neuronal processes (Costa et al., 2001; Glantz and Lewis, 2000; Lewis and Gonzalez- Burgos, 2000).

The effects of antipsychotic medications on dMRI are thus far not clear. Several papers have reported significant correlations between medication dosage and diffusion changes (Bartzokis et al., 2007; Minami et al., 2003), while others have not found such effects (i.e., Lee et al., 2013). We did not find a significant relationship between total duration and equivalent dose of antipsychotic medication and volumetric or diffusion abnormalities.

This study has several methodological limitations. Firstly, even though we did not find correlations between TR and CPZ, medication effects cannot be entirely ruled out. A small number of studies have reported an association between medication and DTI measures

(Minami et al., 2003; Okugawa et al., 2004), while other studies have not reported such effects (Foong, 2000; Kanaan et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2013). Reports about the effect of medication on diffusivity are inconsistent (Kubicki et al., 2005). Secondly, our study may be underpowered due to the small sample size. Thirdly, the effect of sex on white matter microstructure has been suggested (Bora et al., 2012; Herting et al., 2012). While there was no significant difference in gender ratio in our study, we could not exclude the possibility of gender effect. We could not perform sex stratified analysis due to the small sample size.

This study demonstrates high sensitivity of dMRI to subtle pathology in gray matter in recent onset schizophrenia, as well as an association between increased diffusivity in temporal GM and abnormalities in social cognition and exacerbation of psychiatric symptoms.

Supplementary Material

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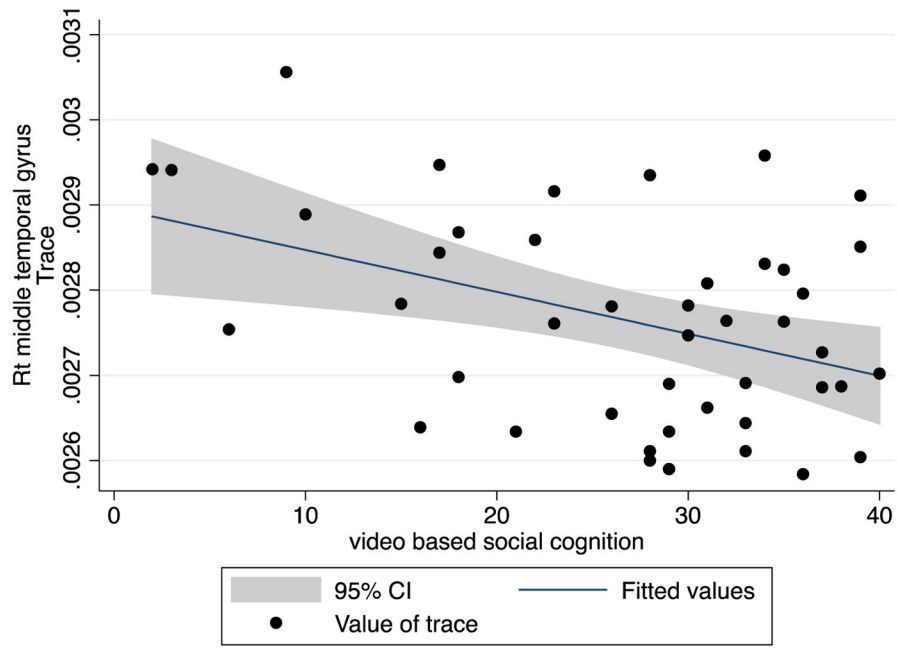


Fig. 1. Correlation between trace and video based social cognition in right middle Temporal gyrus

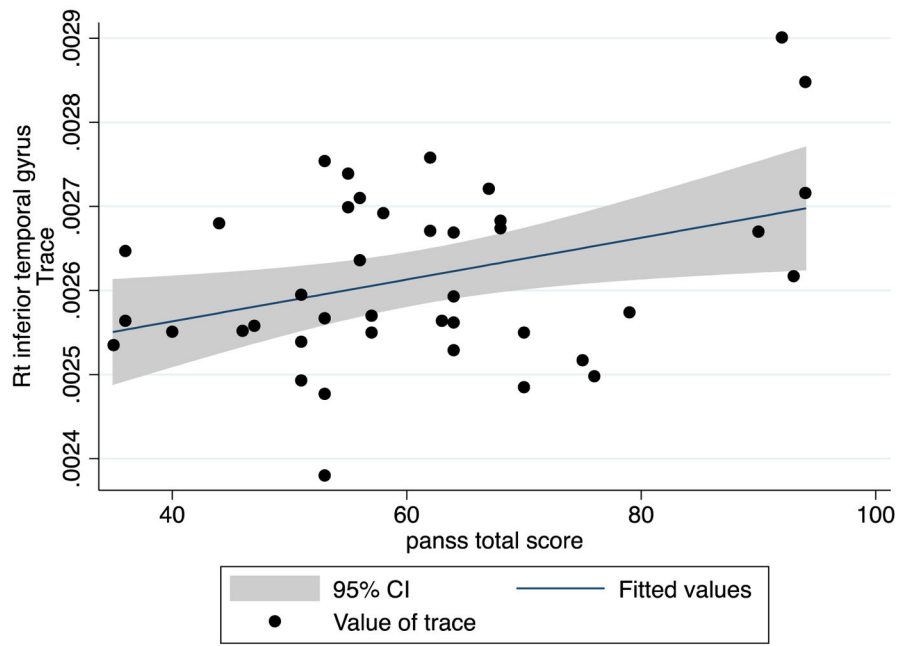


Fig. 2. Correlation between PANSS total score and mean trace in right inferior temporal gyrus

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Table 1

Demographic and clinical information

	Healthy control	Schizophrenia	Healthy vs. Schizophrenia
Number of subjects	21	45	
Male (%)	7 (33.3%)	18(40.0%)	$\chi^2= 0.2704, p=0.603$
Age (years)	29.3±5.0	28.6±6.2	$t=0.4782, p=0.6342$
IQ	122.0±7.2	97.5±16.1	$t=8.523, p<0.0001^*$
VISC	34.5±5.9	26.7±10.2	$t=3.836, p=0.0003^*$
Duration of illness (years)		1.2±1.7	
PANSS (N=41)			
Total score		61.5±15.7	
Positive score		16.2±6.7	
Negative score		16.9±7.3	
General score		28.3±6.9	
Total duration of antipsychotics use (months, N=38)			
Atypical antipsychotics (N=38)		19.7±21.3	
Typical antipsychotics (N=2)		2.3±1.8	
Lithium (N=4)		9.1±9.0	
Olanzapine equivalent dose of antipsychotics at MRI scan (mg/day, N=45)			
Atypical antipsychotics (N=45)		15.5±8.6	
Typical antipsychotics (N=3)		19.3±26.6	

* Unequal variance, analyzed by Welch t test

Abbreviations: IQ (Intelligence Quotient), VISC (video based social cognition scale), PANSS (Positive And Negative Syndrome Scale)

Table 2
Comparisons of volume and diffusion measures in significantly different ROIs between groups

Volume (ml)	Statistical analyses [†]	TR (*10 ⁻³ mm ² /s)	Statistical analyses	AD (*10 ⁻³ mm ² /s)	Statistical analyses	RD (*10 ⁻³ mm ² /s)	Statistical analyses
Left bank of superior temporal sulcus							
Healthy	2.76±0.41	2.46±0.071	t=-3.77 p=0.0004 [‡]	0.94±0.025	t=-3.95 p=0.000	0.76±0.026	t=-3.53 p=0.000
Patients	2.54±0.46	2.56±0.020		0.97±0.045	2 [‡]	0.79±0.046	8 [‡]
Right inferior temporal gyrus							
Healthy	9.03±1.67	2.53±0.068	t=-3.93 p=0.0002 [‡]	0.99±0.024	t=-3.71 p=0.000	0.77±0.024	t=-3.29 p=0.001
Patients	9.13±1.43	2.62±0.11		1.02±0.039	4 [‡]	0.80±0.036	6
Right inferior parietal gyrus							
Healthy	14.19±1.49	2.56±0.080	t=-3.66 p=0.0005 [‡]	0.99±0.032	t=-2.52 p=0.014	0.79±0.026	t=-3.88 p=0.000
Patients	13.48±1.69	2.65±0.12		1.02±0.046		0.82±0.040	3 [‡]
Right middle temporal gyrus							
Healthy	10.73±1.34	2.64±0.019	t=-3.99 p=0.0002	1.01±0.030	t=-3.50 p=0.000	0.81±0.028	t=-4.17 p=0.000
Patients	10.43±1.23	2.76±0.018		1.05±0.044	8	0.8±0.04	1

Abbreviations: TR (Trace), AD (Axial Diffusion), RD (Radial Diffusion)

[†] Student t test after correction for estimated intra cranial volume

[‡] Unequal variance, analyzed by Welch t test