

Lateral prefrontal cortex activity during cognitive control of emotion predicts response to social stress in schizophrenia

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Supplemental Methods

Laboratory Assessments of Social Functioning

We administered the Social Adjustment Scale - Self-Report (SAS-SR; Weissman, Prusoff, & Thompson, 1978) and Global Functioning: Social scale (Auther, Smith, & Cornblatt, 2006) (GF:S), two standard laboratory based measures of social functioning. The SAS-SR consists of 54 questions assessing six major areas of functioning: work, social and leisure activities, relationships with extended family, role as marital partner, parental role, and role within the family unit. Areas of functioning are assessed across four categories: performance at expected tasks, level of conflict with people, interpersonal relations, and feelings and satisfactions. Area scores can be averaged to create a single composite score of social functioning. Higher scores on the SAS-SR represent greater social impairment. The GF:S is a clinician rated assessment of social functioning using a 1 to 10 scale based on information gathered during clinical interviews; higher scores on the GFS and GFR reflect better functioning.

MSIT-Emotion Affective Picture Stimuli

Neutral pictures typically portrayed household objects including tables, chairs, and textiles; negative pictures included pictures of snakes, spiders, weapons, and interpersonal assault. Population means of valence and arousal ratings for these pictures, as reported in the IAPS manual, were as follows: the mean valence of negative pictures was 3.00 (SD = 0.91) and mean arousal was 6.29 (SD=0.58); the mean valence of neutral pictures was 4.96 (SD = 0.30) and mean arousal was 2.89 (SD= 0.57). Negative pictures were significantly more unpleasant ($t(94) = 14.297$, $p < 0.001$) and arousing ($t(94) = 29.030$, $p < 0.001$) than neutral pictures.

After the scan, 22 healthy participants and 20 schizophrenia participants rated the valence of each neutral and negative picture on a 7-point scale: -3 (extremely unpleasant) to extremely pleasant. Mean valence ratings for healthy participants: neutral pictures = 0.17 (SD=0.77); negative pictures = -1.80(SD=0.93). Mean valence ratings for schizophrenia participants: neutral pictures = 0.55 (SD=0.51); negative pictures = -1.77 (SD=0.61). There were no group differences in valence ratings of the neutral ($t(39) = -1.84$, $p = 0.73$) or negative pictures ($t(39)=-0.16$, $p=0.88$) indicating that schizophrenia and healthy participants experienced the affective stimuli as equally unpleasant.

fMRI Image Acquisition

Functional images were acquired with a 32 channel whole-head coil using a gradient echo T_2^* -weighted echo planar sequence with parallel imaging (acceleration factor of 2; repetition time (TR), 2560ms; echo time (TE), 30ms; flip angle, 85 degrees). Each volume consisted of 47 contiguous slices acquired in the axial plane sequentially, in descending order (thickness, 3mm; gap, 0; field of view (FOV), 216mm x 216mm; matrix size, 72 x 72; voxel size, 3mm x 3mm x 3mm). Following functional image acquisition, a high resolution anatomical image was acquired for each subject using a 3-dimensional T1-weighted multi-echo magnetization-prepared rapid acquisition of gradient-echo (MEMPRAGE) sequence with parallel imaging (176 contiguous 1mm anterior commissure - posterior commissure slices; acceleration factor of 2; voxel size, 1 mm x 1 mm x 1 mm;

flip angle, 7 degrees; TR, 2530 ms; TE, 7.22 ms; FOV, 256 mm x 256mm; matrix size, 256 x 256). Head movement was minimized using foam padding in the head coil and subjects wore earplugs to muffle scanner noise.

fMRI Image Processing

Images were acquired on a Siemens 3T Tim Trio scanner (Siemens Sonata, Erlangen, Germany) and analyzed using SPM8 within the general linear model (GLM) framework. (Wellcome Department of Cognitive Neurology, London, United Kingdom; <http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm/software/spm8>). Image preprocessing included realignment to the first volume acquired, coregistration of anatomical and functional scans and transformation to standardized stereotaxic space (Montreal Neurological Institute template). Images were then smoothed with an 8mm full-width-half-maximum Gaussian kernel. All images were visually inspected for quality assurance by experienced neuroimaging analysts (LMT & CIH). Subjects with artifacts or abnormally low signal-to-noise ratio were excluded (1 HC; 1 SZ). When necessary, manual coregistration was conducted and preprocessing re-run. Artifact detection and movement correction was conducted using the Artifact detection tools software package (ART; Whitfield-Gabrieli, 2009). Regressors were created to exclude volumes with gross motion (>3mm relative to previous time frame) or spiking artifacts (global mean image intensity greater than 3SD from the mean of the entire time series within a scan) from analysis. Descriptives per group were as follows: HC mean = 10.54; SD = 7.71; range = 0 - 28; SZ mean = 10.52; SD = 8.11; range = 1 - 30. There were no group differences in number of outliers identified ($t(45) = 0.009$, $p = 0.993$).

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Supplemental Tables

S1: MSIT-Emotion Neutral Interference effect related fMRI BOLD responses within groups.

Region	Brodmann Areas	Peak MNI Coordinates			t value	Cluster Extent (voxels/mm)
		x	y	z		
NeuInt vs. NeuCon - HC Group						
R vermis*	NA	3	-67	-35	7.45	3932/106164
L cerebellum	NA	-18	-67	-44	5.76	36/972
R precentral gyrus	44	48	5	28	5.28	81/2187
<i>R inferior frontal gyrus</i> [†]	48	36	14	19	4.45	
R supplementary motor area	6	6	11	52	4.63	83/2241
L anterior cingulate	32	-6	11	46	4.26	
L precentral gyrus	44	-42	2	31	4.42	23/621
L cerebellum	NA	-27	-49	-50	4.28	19/513
<i>L superior frontal gyrus</i>	6	-21	-7	52	4.24	46/1242
<i>R anterior cingulate</i>	24	12	11	31	4.22	13/351
R posterior cingulate	23	6	-28	28	4.20	18/486
L precentral gyrus	4	-36	-19	64	4.12	15/405
R inferior occipital gyrus	19	39	-88	-8	4.03	15/405
L insula	48	-36	17	4	3.89	15/405
NeuInt vs. NeuCon - SZ Group						
R insula*	48	33	20	7	7.87	215/5805
L superior parietal lobule	7	-24	-61	49	6.27	1643/44361
L cerebellum	NA	-21	-49	-32	6.21	418/11286
<i>R superior frontal gyrus</i>	6	24	2	70	6.05	162/4374
R fusiform gyrus	37	24	-52	-20	5.92	335/9045
L inferior occipital gyrus	18	-30	-88	-11	5.91	93/2511
R cerebellum	NA	24	-61	-47	5.70	38/1026
R postcentral gyrus	2	45	-40	61	5.04	143/3861
R superior parietal lobule	7	24	-64	52	4.92	254/6858
<i>L inferior frontal gyrus</i>	44	-54	8	28	4.90	37/999
R middle temporal gyrus	21	48	-46	-2	4.69	12/324
<i>L middle frontal gyrus</i>	46	-39	41	34	4.63	17/459
L thalamus	NA	-12	-16	10	4.57	27/729
<i>R inferior frontal gyrus</i> [†]	6	51	5	34	4.54	68/1836
L insula	48	-33	17	10	4.50	27/729
<i>R middle frontal gyrus</i>	10	33	59	22	4.29	21/567
R lingual gyrus	19	21	-64	4	4.24	36/972

Neural activity clusters are based on one-sample t-tests (NeuInt>NeuCon) within each group with a significance threshold of $p < 0.001$ uncorrected and cluster threshold of 10 voxels/270mm. Clusters that in our LPFC region of interest mask are italicized. Neuroanatomical labels, MNI coordinates, and t-values are listed for the peak voxel of each cluster. Regions indicated with an asterisk survived whole brain correction for multiple comparisons at the peak level (FWE, $p < 0.05$). Regions indicated with superscript † survived small volume correction (FWE, $p < 0.05$) using our LPFC region of interest mask.

S2: MSIT-Emotion negative Interference effect related fMRI BOLD responses within groups.

Region	Brodmann Areas	Peak MNI Coordinates			t value	Cluster Extent (voxels/mm)
		x	y	z		
NegInt vs. NegCon - HC Group						
L inferior parietal lobule*	6	-27	-7	43	7.64	4673/126171
R lateral orbital gyrus *	47	42	20	-8	6.73	332/8964
L superior temporal gyrus	22	-39	-46	10	6.43	130/3510
R inferior parietal lobule	7	21	-46	46	6.22	304/8208
L inferior temporal gyrus	37	-42	-34	-14	5.81	10/270
R cerebellum	NA	6	-61	-35	5.78	27/729
L calcarine fissure	19	-21	-70	7	4.70	95/2565
L cerebellum	NA	-15	-70	-38	4.60	46/1242
<i>R middle frontal gyrus</i>	6	33	-1	55	4.53	59/1593
R calcarine fissure	17	21	-64	7	4.21	37/999
R thalamus	NA	12	-10	13	4.06	14/378
R precentral gyrus	4	12	-25	73	3.93	16/432
NegInt vs. NegCon - SZ Group						
<i>L inferior frontal gyrus</i> †	9	-57	5	31	5.56	84/2268
R superior temporal gyrus	48	69	-34	22	5.04	10/270
<i>L middle frontal gyrus</i>	6	-21	-7	49	4.71	
L inferior parietal lobule	40	-39	-43	64	4.50	63/1701
L precentral gyrus	6	-33	-16	64	4.09	44/1188

Neural activity clusters are based on one-sample t-tests (NegInt>NegCon) within each group with a significance threshold of $p < 0.001$ uncorrected and cluster threshold of 10 voxels/270mm. Clusters that in our LPFC region of interest mask are italicized. Neuroanatomical labels, MNI coordinates, and t-values are listed for the peak voxel of each cluster. Regions indicated with an asterisk survived whole brain correction for multiple comparisons at the peak level (FWE, $p < 0.05$). Region Regions indicated with superscript † survived small volume correction (FWE, $p < 0.05$) using our LPFC region of interest mask.

S3: Regions of Neural Activation During Cognitive Control of Negative Emotional Information in the MSIT-Emotion

Region	Brodmann Area	Peak MNI Coordinates			t value	Cluster Extent (voxels/mm)
		x	y	z		
Group (HC > SZ) x condition (NegInt vs. NegCon > NeuInt vs. NeuCon) interactions						
<i>R superior frontal gyrus (DLPFC)</i> [†]	9	27	53	40	4.25	50/1350
L dorsal Anterior Cingulate	32	-15	14	34	3.58	14/378
R lateral orbital gyrus/LOFC	11	48	26	-17	3.83	77/2079
Group (SZ > HC) x condition (NegInt vs. NegCon > NeuInt vs. NeuCon) interactions						
No suprathreshold activity						

BOLD fMRI results from 2x2x2 Full Factorial ANOVA implemented in SPM8. Neural activity clusters are areas where NegInt-NegCon>NeuInt-NeuCon at p <0.001 uncorrected with a cluster threshold of 10 voxels/270mm. Neuroanatomical labels, MNI coordinates, and t-values are provided for the peak voxel of each cluster.
[†]Only the cluster in the right superior frontal gyrus survived small volume correction (SVC) (FWE, p < 0.05) within our LPFC region of interest mask.