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Association Between Childhood Anhedonia and Alterations in Large-scale Resting-State Networks and Task-Evoked Activation

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IMPORTANCE Anhedonia can present in children and predict detrimental clinical outcomes.

OBJECTIVE To map anhedonia in children onto changes in intrinsic large-scale connectivity and task-evoked activation and to probe the specificity of these changes in anhedonia against other clinical phenotypes (low mood, anxiety, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder [ADHD]).

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data were from the first annual release of the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development study, collected between September 2016 and September 2017 and analyzed between April and September 2018. Cross-sectional data of children aged 9 to 10 years from unreferred, community samples during rest (n = 2455) and during reward anticipation (n = 2566) and working memory (n = 2465) were analyzed.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Alterations in fMRI data during rest, reward anticipation, and working memory were examined, using both frequentist and Bayesian approaches. Functional MRI connectivity within large-scale networks, between networks, and between networks and subcortical regions were examined during rest. Functional MRI activation were examined during reward anticipation and working memory using the monetary incentive delayed and N-back tasks, respectively.

RESULTS Among 2455 children with adequate-quality resting-state fMRI data (mean [SD] age, 10.04 [0.62] years; 1187 girls [48.35%]), children with anhedonia (215 [8.76%]), compared with those without anhedonia (2222 [90.51%]), showed hypoconnectivity among various large-scale networks and subcortical regions, including within the arousal-related cingulo-opercular network (mean [SD] with anhedonia, 0.27 [0.08] vs without anhedonia, 0.29 [0.08]; $t_{2.435}$ = 3.14; P = .002; q[false discovery rate] = 0.07; ln[Bayes factor₁₀] = 2.32). Such hypoconnectivity did not manifest among children with low mood (241) of 2455 [9.82%]), anxiety (93 of 2455 [3.79%]), or ADHD (397 of 2455 [16.17%]), suggesting specificity. Similarly, among 2566 children (mean [SD] age, 10.03 [0.62] years; 1257 girls [48.99%]) with high-quality task-evoked fMRI data, children with anhedonia (213 of 2566 [8.3%]) demonstrated hypoactivation during reward anticipation in various areas, including the dorsal striatum and areas of the cingulo-opercular network. This hypoactivity was not found among children with low mood (240 of 2566 [9.35%]), anxiety (83 of 2566 [3.23%]), or ADHD (430 of 2566 [16.76%]). Moreover, we also found context- and phenotype-specific double dissociations; while children with anhedonia showed altered activation during reward anticipation (but not working memory), those with ADHD showed altered activation during working memory (but not reward anticipation).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Using the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development study data set, phenotype-specific alterations were found in intrinsic large-scale connectivity and task-evoked activation in children with anhedonia. The hypoconnectivity at rest and hypoactivation during reward anticipation complementarily map anhedonia onto aberrations in neural-cognitive processes: lack of intrinsic arousal connectivity during rest and diminishment of extrinsic reward-arousal activity during reward anticipation. These findings help delineate the pathophysiological underpinnings of anhedonia in children.

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nhedonia, defined as a loss of interest in previously rewarding activities, 1 can present in early life and predict detrimental outcomes, including illness severity, treatment refractoriness, and suicidality. 2-5 Efforts to delineate its neural correlates have been greater in adults than youth. 3 Here we used the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) data set 6 to (1) assess the association of anhedonia with resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging (rs-fMRI) connectivity and task-evoked fMRI activation and (2) compare results in other phenotypes.

We first used both rs-fMRI connectivity and task-evoked fMRI activation to understand the brain functional architecture underlying anhedonia in childhood, a key developmental period.²⁻⁵ Resting-state fMRI connectivity and task-evoked fMRI activation may detect distinct sources of individual differences⁷; thus, investigating both may provide us a richer account than studying either alone. For rs-fMRI connectivity, we used a largescale network approach.⁸⁻¹⁰ This allowed us to test the longpostulated notion¹¹⁻¹⁵ that anhedonia results from aberrant connectivity among reward-based striatal areas and large-scale networks subserving cognitive processes, such as sustained arousal (cingulo opercular¹⁶⁻¹⁸), salience detection (salience¹⁹), attention orientation (ventral/dorsal attention²⁰), and mind wandering (default mode²¹). For task-evoked fMRI activation, we used 2 tasks to evoke context-specific processes: reward anticipation and working memory. Specifically, we use the monetary incentive delayed (MID) task²² to probe the hypothesis that anhedonia in preadolescents is associated with rewardanticipation hypoactivation. 11,12,23,24 We used the N-back task8 to examine specificity in reward anticipation findings.

We next probed how findings in anhedonia compared with those with other problems, addressing the need to disentangle shared from unique correlates. ²⁴⁻²⁶ Evidence from genetics finds shared etiological correlates among many psychiatric problems. ²⁷ Attempts to extend these findings through imaging must confront problems associated with small sample sizes ²⁸ and other methodological considerations (eg, referral biases ²⁹). Here we attempted to address these problems by using a large, community-based data set to compare findings in anhedonia with those in dysphoria, anxiety disorders, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Our first comparator was low mood, a cardinal depression symptom. Low mood or dysphoria is a prototypical negative affect, as opposed to motivation-related processes like anhedonia. Moreover, low mood and anhedonia manifest different developmental trajectories and clinical outcomes. ^{1,5,11,30,31} Taskevoked imaging data in older adolescents²⁴ dissociate anhedonia and low mood during reward anticipation. Here we extend these data to children by probing large-scale rs-fMRI networks alongside task-evoked fMRI activation. Accordingly, we expected to differentiate the modulating associations of anhedonia vs low mood in (1) rs-fMRI connectivity between reward-based striatal areas and large-scale networks and (2) task-evoked fMRI activation during reward anticipation.

Two other comparators are anxiety disorders and ADHD. Anxiety is frequently comorbid with depression. ³² Moreover, rodent research found an association between anhedonia and anxiety through interactions between reward- and threat-related

Key Points

Question How do brain functions in children with anhedonia map onto intrinsic and task-related brain imaging measures?

Findings In this large-scale cross-sectional functional magnetic resonance imaging study that included 2455 children, anhedonia (but not low mood, anxiety, or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder) was associated with hypoconnectivity at rest within the cingulo-opercular network and hypoactivation during reward anticipation in the dorsal striatum and cingulo-opercular network.

Meaning Anhedonia in children was mapped onto perturbed intrinsic reward arousal integration and diminished extrinsic reward anticipation activity.

circuitry.³³ While the clinical nexus between ADHD and anhedonia is understudied, considerable work finds shared etiology between depression and ADHD.^{27,34,35} Particularly, adults with ADHD display brain hypoactivation during reward anticipation, similar to adults with anhedonia,³⁶ but this pattern is mixed in children.³⁷⁻⁴⁰ It is therefore important to examine whether aberrations in both rs-fMRI connectivity and task-evoked activation in children are specific to anhedonia or reflect an expression of shared etiological factors with other child psychiatric problems.

Methods

Participants

We analyzed the ABCD study⁴¹ curated annual release 1.0, containing preprocessed, precomputed data from 4524 children.⁴² This large-scale study was approved by ethics committees from all 21 institutions where data were collected.⁴³

Note that on December 2, 2019, the ABCD study made a public announcement regarding incorrect postprocessing of its previously released resting-state and task-evoked fMRI data (see Issues Identified With Data Release 2.0.1 on the ABCD Data Sharing site at https://abcdstudy.org/scientists/data-sharing/). Briefly, the ABCD study incorrectly specified field maps of the data obtained on Philips scanners. To formally address this concern for our own study, we removed data obtained on Philips scanners.

Recruited through the school systems, participants were aged 9 to 10 years from 21 sites across the United States. The ABCD investigators obtained written and oral informed consent from parents and children, respectively. Demographics of children are largely consistent with a national survey. ⁴⁴ We selected participants who had no missing value and passed ABCD's extensive quality control in every fMRI run. ⁴⁵ For rsfMRI, we excluded data for any participant who had a missing value in at least 1 of the rs-fMRI indices (ie, listwise deletion), and for task-evoked fMRI, we excluded data for participants from statistical analyses separately for each brain region based on a missing value in the particular region (ie, pairwise deletion). This difference is due to the use of "ComBat" to harmonize scanner-related variance in rs-fMRI data (see below) that requires listwise deletion. Using a binary cutoff from

the Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for *DSM*-5, ^{46,47} we identified children with anhedonia, low mood, anxiety, and ADHD as those either in the past or currently. We used children's self-report for the internalizing problems (anhedonia, low mood, and anxiety) and parent report for the externalizing problem (ADHD) following previous recommendations. ⁴⁸ See eTable 1 in Supplement 1 for detailed demographics.

Overall Analyses

We ran analyses on parcellated regions: 333 cortical surface⁴⁹ and 19 subcortical volumetric.⁵⁰ We computed (1) rs-fMRI connectivity representing associations among the large-scale cortical-surface networks and subcortical regions and (2) task-evoked fMRI activation for reward anticipation and working memory in cortical areas belonging to each large-scale network and subcortical regions (see below). We used these overall measures of rs-fMRI connectivity and task-evoked activation to examine specific associations with anhedonia compared with low mood, anxiety, and ADHD. For both rs-fMRI and task-evoked fMRI, we used Analysis of Functional NeuroImages (AFNI)⁵¹ for preprocessing, R statistical software, version 3.4.3 (R Project for Statistical Computing), with BayesFactor version 0.9.2 (https://richarddmorey.github.io/BayesFactor/) for statistical analyses, and Python version 3.6 with Nilearn⁵² for visualization.

Resting-State fMRI Connectivity

Using rs-fMRI allowed us to investigate alterations in intrinsic, large-scaled functional connectivity. Details about the acquisition and preprocessing were described elsewhere. $^{41,45,53}\!$ (Please note that the ABCD consortium raised concerns about potential problems with the rs-fMRI data that was included in curated annual release 1.0.54 During the revision of this article, we obtained the updated data from the consortium and revised our article accordingly.) Briefly, children viewed a crosshair for 20 minutes while the rs-fMRI data were collected. To quantify connectivity strength during rs-fMRI, we applied a seed-based, correlational approach on parcellated regions. 49,55,56 Using a functional atlas, 49 we grouped the cortical-surface regions into 12 predefined largescaled networks⁴⁹: auditory, cingulo-opercular, cingulo-parietal, default-mode, dorsal-attention, fronto-parietal, retrosplenialtemporal, salience, sensorimotor-hand, sensorimotor-mouth, ventral-attention, and visual networks. After discarding regions that were not fit with these large-scale network definitions, ⁴⁹ we computed rs-fMRI connectivity-strength indices using Fisher r to z transformation of the mean correlations between pairs of regions within each large-scale network (12), between large-scale networks (66), and between large-scale networks and subcortical regions (228). This resulted in 306 connectivity indices. To harmonize scanner-related variance among 27 scanners used, we applied the Empirical-Bayes "ComBat" method 57-60 using the command: ComBatHarmonization::combat(dat = dat, batch = batch), in which dat is a matrix of all rs-fMRI indices by participants and batch is a vector of scanner identifications. 60

Task-Evoked fMRI Activation

Using task-evoked fMRI allowed us to investigate alterations in extrinsic, context-specific neural processes: reward antici-

pation in the MID tasks²² and working memory in the N-back tasks.⁸ Details about the acquisition and preprocessing of the task fMRI data have been previously published.^{42,45} Taskevoked activation was modeled using AFNI's 3dDeconvolve.⁵¹ Recent research shows that using within-individual contrasts can mitigate scanner-related variance in the ABCD taskevoked fMRI data.⁵⁷ Accordingly, we did not apply the ComBat method on the task-evoked fMRI data and instead computed contrasts between conditions of interest.

The MID task started with a cue, indicating possible earnings: large reward (\$5), small reward (\$0.20), neutral (\$0), small punishment (\$0.20), and large punishment (\$5). After a variable period following the cue, the children were shown a brief target. To either earn reward or avoid punishment, children needed to respond before the target disappeared. Following the response, children saw the outcome feedback of the trial. To focus on reward anticipation, we investigated the contrast that maximizes this process—the large reward vs neutral cue.

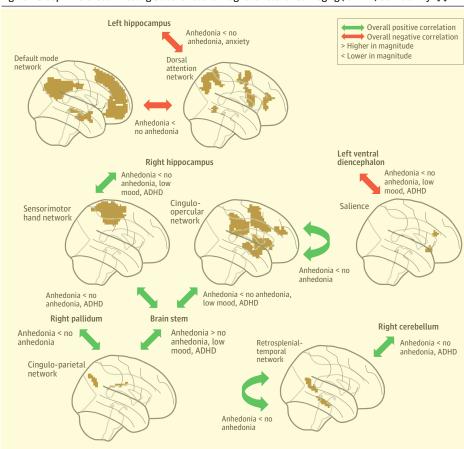
For the N-back task, depending on the condition, children needed to respond whether the stimulus was the same as (1) the one shown 2 trials earlier (2 back) or (2) the target stimulus shown at the beginning (0 back). Stimuli included houses and emotional and nonemotional faces. To focus on working memory, we investigated the contrast between the 2 back vs 0 back conditions regardless of stimulus type.

Associations With Anhedonia and Other Clinical Phenotypes

To investigate the modulating effects of anhedonia, we conducted 2-tailed independent-samples t tests on each rs-fMRI index and task-evoked fMRI region between children with and without anhedonia regardless of whether the children had any other clinical phenotypes. To avoid outliers, we excluded data points that deviated over 1.5 interquartile ranges from the nearer quartile for each index or region. We used Benjamini-Hochberg false discovery rate (FDR)⁶¹ to adjust for multiple comparisons across indices or regions. Besides frequentist t tests, we applied Bayesian hypothesis testing using Jeffreys-Zellner-Siowprior Bayesian t tests⁶² with a Cauchy prior (r scale = 0.707) on each index or region. These Bayesian t tests provided Bayes Factor₁₀ (BF₁₀), which expresses the likelihood of the observed data under the alternative (of there being a difference), relative to the null (of there being no difference), hypothesis. Thus, BF₁₀ allows us to quantify evidence for the difference due to having anhedonia relative to evidence for the lack of the difference, which is informative especially because the sample size is large. 3 Based on Jeffreys, 63,64 natural-log transformed (ln) BF $_{10}$ greater than 1.1 and less than -1.2 (ie, nontransformed BF₁₀ > 3 and < 0.3) are interpreted as substantial evidence for alternative and null hypotheses, respectively.

To demarcate anhedonia vs other phenotypes, we first repeated the same analyses done on anhedonia on low mood, anxiety, and ADHD. This is to investigate whether low mood, anxiety, and ADHD modulated similar rs-fMRI indices and taskevoked regions to anhedonia. If the modulation were different, it would rule out the possibility that the associations with anhedonia were due to comorbidity with these clinical phenotypes. Second, if anhedonia significantly modulated any rs-fMRI indices or task-evoked regions, we would conduct follow-

Figure 1. Group Differences in Resting-State Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (rs-fMRI) Connectivity z[r]



The arrows depict the differences (q[false discovery rate] < .05 or In[Bayes Factor₁₀] > 1.1) between children with vs without anhedonia. Green arrows depict averaged positive correlations between 2 nodes across participants, while red arrows depict averaged negative (ie. anti) correlations between 2 nodes. The comparison between children and another clinical phenotype only included the rs-fMRI indices that differed (q[false discovery rate] < .05 or In[Bayes Factor₁₀] > 1.1) between children with vs without anhedonia. ADHD indicates attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder.

up, pairwise analyses to directly compare between children with anhedonia vs with another phenotype on these indices or regions. That is, in these follow-up analyses, we only included the indices or regions that differed (q[FDR] < .05 or $ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with vs without anhedonia and further investigated if these indices or regions were differed between children with anhedonia vs with another phenotype. We also excluded children who had both anhedonia and the compared phenotype from these follow-up analyses.

Results

For rs-fMRI, of 4524 children, 3091 children had at least 4 rsfMRI runs that passed the quality control. Among those who passed the quality control, 2726 children were not scanned with a Philips scanner. Removing children with a missing value in any rs-fMRI indices, which was required for 'ComBat', left 2455 children (mean [SD] age, 10.04 [0.62] years; 1187 girls [48.35%]). Some children had anhedonia (215 [8.76%]), low mood (241 [9.82%]), anxiety (93 [3.79%]), and ADHD (397 [16.17%]). For the MID task, there were task-evoked fMRI data from 3255 children available. The data from 2874 children passed the quality control in all runs of the MID task. Among those whose data passed the quality control, 2566 children (mean [SD] age, 10.03 [0.62] years; 1257 girls [48.99%]) were not scanned with a Philips scanner. Some children had anhedonia (213 [8.3%]), low mood (240 [9.35%]), anxiety (83 [3.23%]), and ADHD (430 [16.76%]). For the N-back task, there were task-evoked fMRI data from 3099 children available. The data from 2745 children passed the quality control in all runs. Among those whose data passed the quality control, 2465 children (mean [SD] age, 10.04 [0.62] years; 1120 girls [46.57%]) were not scanned with a Philips scanner. Some children had anhedonia (207 [8.4%]), low mood (219 [8.88%]), anxiety (83 [3.37%]), and ADHD (409 [16.59%]).

Resting-State fMRI Connectivity: Modulation by Anhedonia

We found evidence for the difference (q[FDR] < .05 or $ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with and without anhedonia in several rs-fMRI connectivity indices (Figure 1 and eTable 2 in Supplement 1). First, compared with children without anhedonia, the cingulo-opercular network of children with anhedonia exhibited weaker within-network connectivity $(ln[BF_{10}] = 2.32)$ and weaker positive correlations with the brain stem ($ln[BF_{10}] = 1.2$). Their brain stem also had weaker positive correlations with the sensorimotor-hand network $(ln[BF_{10}] = 2.85)$, which had weaker positive correlations with the right hippocampus ($ln[BF_{10}] = 1.81$). Conversely, for children with, compared with without, anhedonia, the brain stem had stronger positive correlations with the cingulo-parietal network ($ln[BF_{10}] = 3.37$), which had weaker positive correlations with the right pallidum ($ln[BF_{10}] = 1.97$). Similarly, in chil-

dren with anhedonia, the salience network showed weaker anticorrelations with the left ventral diencephalon⁵⁰ (ln[BF₁₀] = 2.81). The dorsal attention network of children with vs without anhedonia also displayed weaker anticorrelations with the default mode network (ln[BF₁₀] = 3.29) and left hippocampus (ln[BF₁₀] = 5.06). Lastly, the retrosplenial-temporal network of children with anhedonia showed weaker within-network connectivity (ln[BF₁₀] = 3.99) and weaker positive correlations with the right cerebellum (ln[BF₁₀] = 2.15).

Task-Evoked fMRI Activation: Modulation by Anhedonia

We found evidence for the difference (q[FDR] < .05 or In[BF₁₀] > 1.1) between children with and without anhedonia in task-based activation during reward anticipation in the MID task (Figure 2, Figure 3, and eTable 6 in Supplement 1). Children with anhedonia showed hypoactivation at various cortical-surface regions, many of which were part of the large-scale networks that were significant in the rs-fMRI analyses. For instance, children with anhedonia had hypoactivation in areas in the cinguloopercular (eg, the midcingulate cortex and right superiormarginal gyrus), salience (eg, the anterior-cingulate cortex), dorsal-attention (eg, the superior parietal cortex), default-mode (eg, the medial-prefrontal cortex), sensorimotor-hand and -mouth (eg, the right supplementary-motor cortex and bilateral precentral and postcentral gyri) networks. As for subcorticalvolumetric areas, we found hypoactivation in the putamen, which is part of the dorsal striatum. We found fewer regions, mainly at the default-mode network, passing the threshold for the difference (q[FDR] < .05 or $ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with and without anhedonia in task-evoked activation on the Nback task (Figure 4 and eTable 10 in Supplement 1).

Phenotype Specificity in rs-fMRI Connectivity

We first examined brain function in each other phenotype. We then contrasted findings in these phenotypes with those in anhedonia.

We found evidence for the difference (q[FDR] < .05 or $ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) associated with ADHD in some rs-fMRI connectivity indices (eTable 5 in Supplement 1) that were different from those associated with anhedonia. For instance, compared with children without ADHD, children with ADHD had weaker within-network connectivity in the fronto-parietal $(\ln[BF_{10}] = 3.37)$ and default-mode $(\ln[BF_{10}] = 3.63)$ networks. Additionally, children with ADHD had stronger positive correlations between the cingular-parietal network and amygdala ($ln[BF_{10}] = 4.45$) and between the cinguloopercular and retrosplenial-temporal networks $(ln[BF_{10}] = 7.20)$. They also had stronger anticorrelations between the auditory network and brain stem ($ln[BF_{10}] = 5.60$). Fewer rs-fMRI connectivity indices demonstrated evidence for the difference (q[FDR] < .05 or $ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with and without low mood and between children with and without anxiety (eTables 3 and 4 in Supplement 1).

Figure 1 and eTable 17 in Supplement 1 show follow-up analyses that directly compared rs-fMRI connectivity between children with anhedonia and those with another phenotype. Briefly, children with anhedonia differed from those with low mood and with ADHD in many connectivity indices.

These involved the cingulo-opercular, salience, cingulo-parietal, and sensorimotor-hand networks. Compared with children with anxiety, those with anhedonia exhibited weaker anticorrelations between the dorsal-attention network and left hippocampus.

Phenotype Specificity in Task-Evoked fMRI Activation

As with rs-fMRI above, we first show the modulation by each of the other phenotypes on their own. We then contrast them to anhedonia.

Findings in ADHD markedly differed from those in anhedonia. Compared with anhedonia findings, we found fewer regions that demonstrated differences (q[FDR] $> .05 \text{ or ln}[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with and without ADHD in task-evoked activation during reward anticipation (Figure 2 and eTable 9 in Supplement 1). However, we found more regions that demonstrated differences (q[FDR] < $.05 \text{ or } \ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with and without ADHD in task-evoked activation during working memory (Figure 4 and eTable 13 in Supplement 1). Here, children with ADHD showed alterations in many areas, eg, the left inferiorfrontal, middle-frontal and right super-marginal gyri, anteriorcingulate cortex, bilateral inferior-parietal lobes, and bilateral hippocampi among others. As for low mood and anxiety, we found only a few regions that demonstrated phenotype-associated differences (q[FDR] > .05 or ln[BF₁₀] > 1.1) in task-evoked activation both during reward anticipation and working memory (Figure 2, Figure 4; and eTables 7-8 and 11-12 in Supplement 1).

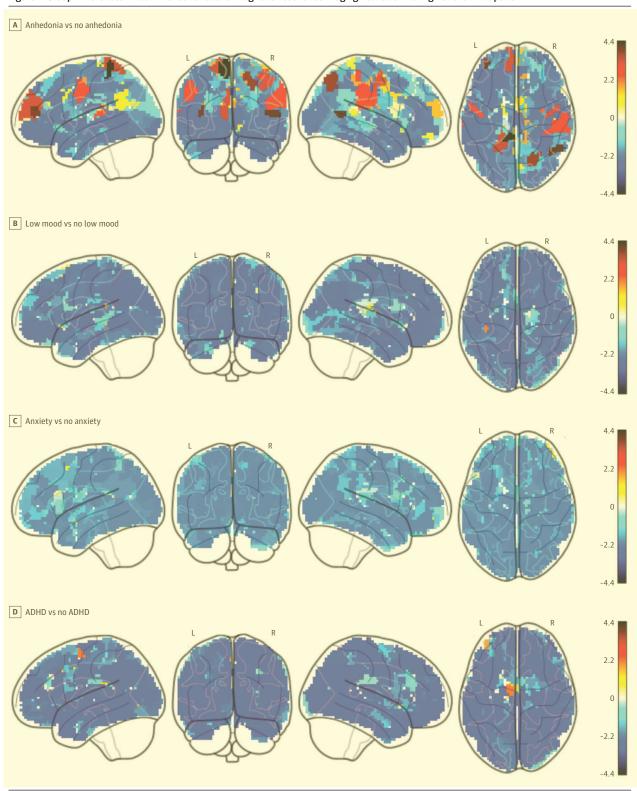
Of note, anhedonia modulated task-evoked activation during reward anticipation, more so than during working memory. As such, we conducted pairwise, follow-up analyses during reward anticipation, directly comparing task-evoked activation between children with anhedonia vs those with another phenotype. These pairwise analyses yielded differences (q[FDR] > .05 or $\ln[BF_{10}] > 1.1$) between children with anhedonia and those with anxiety in several regions, including areas in the cingulo-opercular network, but yielded differences in only a few regions in other comparison pairs (eTables 14-16 in Supplement 1).

Discussion

This study had 2 aims, namely to (1) compare rs-fMRI connectivity and task-evoked fMRI activation in children with or without anhedonia and (2) probe the specificity of alterations in anhedonia against other clinical phenotypes. For the first aim, we identified functional brain alterations in children with anhedonia in both rs-fMRI connectivity and task-evoked activation. For rs-fMRI, we found changes in various connectivity indices, including within the cingulo-opercular network, which is associated with sustained arousal 18,65 and is often coactivated with the striatum during tasks requiring high alertness. 18,65 Thus, their altered connectivity with the cingulo-opercular network suggests an altered arousal in children with anhedonia.

Children with anhedonia also demonstrated context specificity, expressed as task-specific alterations. Here, children with anhedonia showed hypoactivation during reward anticipation in the dorsal striatum (putamen) and cingulo-opercular network. These areas of hypoactivation overlap with those of a

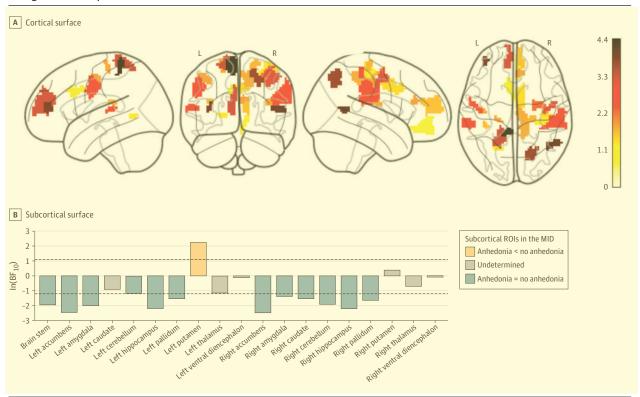
Figure 2. Group Differences in Task-Evoked Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Activation During Reward Anticipation



The activation was computed from the [large reward > neutral cue] contrast in the monetary incentive delayed task at 333 cortical-surface regions. Ln(BF $_{10}$) depicts the natural log of Bayes Factor $_{10}$. The value of ln(BF $_{10}$) greater than 1.1

and less than -1.2 are interpreted as substantial evidence for the alternative (of there being a difference) and null hypotheses (of there being no difference), respectively. ADHD indicates attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Figure 3. Group Differences Between Children With and Without Anhedonia in Task-Evoked Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Activation During Reward Anticipation



The natural log of Bayes $Factor_{10}$ (BF $_{10}$) on cortical regions in the monetary incentive delayed (MID) task for anhedonia > no anhedonia. The activation was computed from the large reward > neutral cue contrast in the MID task on 333 cortical surface (A) and 19 subcortical-volumetric (B) regions. For the cortical surface (A), we only show the regions with either q[false discovery rate] < 0.05

or $\ln(BF_{10}) > 1.1$ that suggests evidence for weaker activation in children with anhedonia compared with children without anhedonia. For the subcortical surface (B), the area between the 2 dotted lines indicates the $\ln(BF_{10})$ threshold between -1.2 and 1.1, at which the evidence is not strong enough to support either the alternative or null hypothesis. ROI indicates region of interest.

meta-analysis of anhedonia during reward anticipation²³ and those of recent work on arousal during reward anticipation.⁶⁶ Importantly, this hypoactivation pattern in anhedonia only emerged during reward anticipation but not working memory, thus indicating context specificity. Altogether, hypoconnectivity at rest and hypoactivation during reward processing complementarily map anhedonia onto aberrations in neural cognitive processes: lack of intrinsic arousal connectivity and diminishment of reward-arousal activity while anticipating rewards.

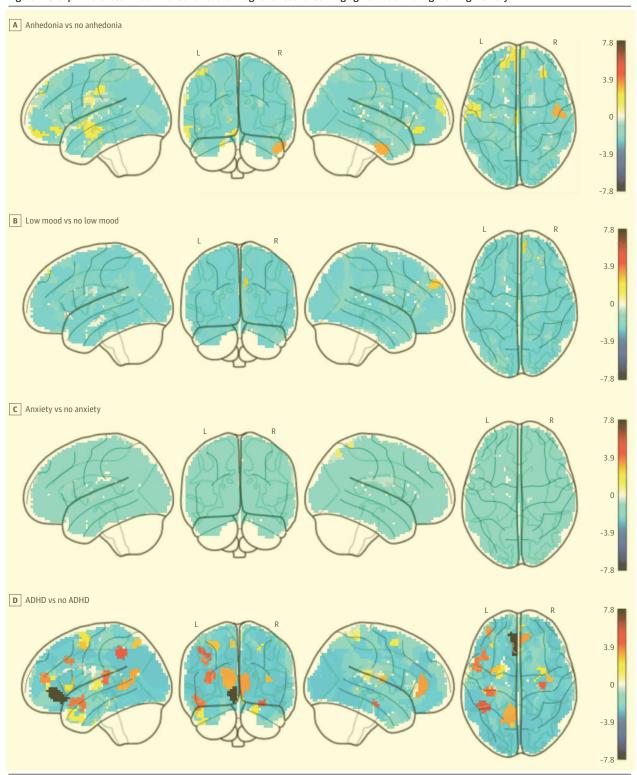
The second aim concerns the phenotypic specificity—whether neural correlates of anhedonia could be demarcated against other phenotypes. Several patterns emerged from investigating the modulation by low mood, anxiety, and ADHD. Regarding associations unique to anhedonia, anhedonia was associated with various changes in connectivity indices linked to the cingulo-opercular network, many of which were significantly different from low mood and ADHD. Similarly, from task-evoked activation, anhedonia was the only phenotype among the 4 to show aberrations during reward anticipation, while ADHD was the only one to show aberrations during working memory, in keeping with prior theory and findings. This double dissociation is consistent with research linking anhedonia to diminished reward anticipation linking and ADHD to deficits in working memory. However, other findings pro-

vided less compelling evidence of specificity. Namely, in some instances, findings occurring in anhedonia were not found with anxiety, although contrasts of children with anhedonia and anxiety revealed differences. Regardless, overall patterns did provide evidence of specificity. In particular, the data linked anhedonia specifically to aberrant connectivity within the arousal-related cingulo-opercular network and hypoactivity during reward anticipation.

Limitations

Our study has some limitations. First, participants were drawn from the community and therefore were not necessarily representative of clinical cases. However, this approach avoids referral biases⁶⁸ and may provide advantages associated with generalizability. Second, our definition of anhedonia relies on a measure generated from criterion standard clinical interviews (Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for *DSM-5*). While this is an advantage, it also has the limitation of only generating a categorical definition of anhedonia. It is therefore reassuring that our findings are consistent with previous studies in anhedonia.²³ Third, despite the large sample size, there were too few cases of major depressive disorder and schizophrenia at this age group to examine the modulation by anhedonia within those disorders. Both ill-

Figure 4. Group Differences in Task-Evoked Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Activation During Working Memory



The activation was computed from the [2 back>0 back] contrast in the N-back task on 333 cortical surface regions. 49 Ln(BF $_{10}$) depicts the natural log of BF $_{10}$. The value of ln(BF $_{10}$) >1.1 and <–1.2 are interpreted as substantial evidence for

the alternative (of there being a difference), and null hypotheses (of there being no difference), respectively. ADHD indicates attention-deficity/hyperactivity disorder; BF_{10} , Bayes Factor₁₀.

nesses have been associated with striatal reward-network aberrations 37,42,69 and these may be due to anhedonia. Fu-

ture waves of ABCD should capture the age-related increase in prevalence of both disorders.

Conclusions

Anhedonia in youth is associated with hypoconnectivity at rest and hypoactivation during reward anticipation. This suggests perturbed intrinsic arousal connectivity and diminished extrinsic reward-arousal activity in the reward-anticipation context. Detecting such anhedonia-specific alterations helps differentiate the pathophysiological underpinnings of anhedonia from other phenotypes.

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