

## **Age and Sex Influences Gamma-aminobutyric Acid Concentrations in the Developing Brain of Very Premature Infants**

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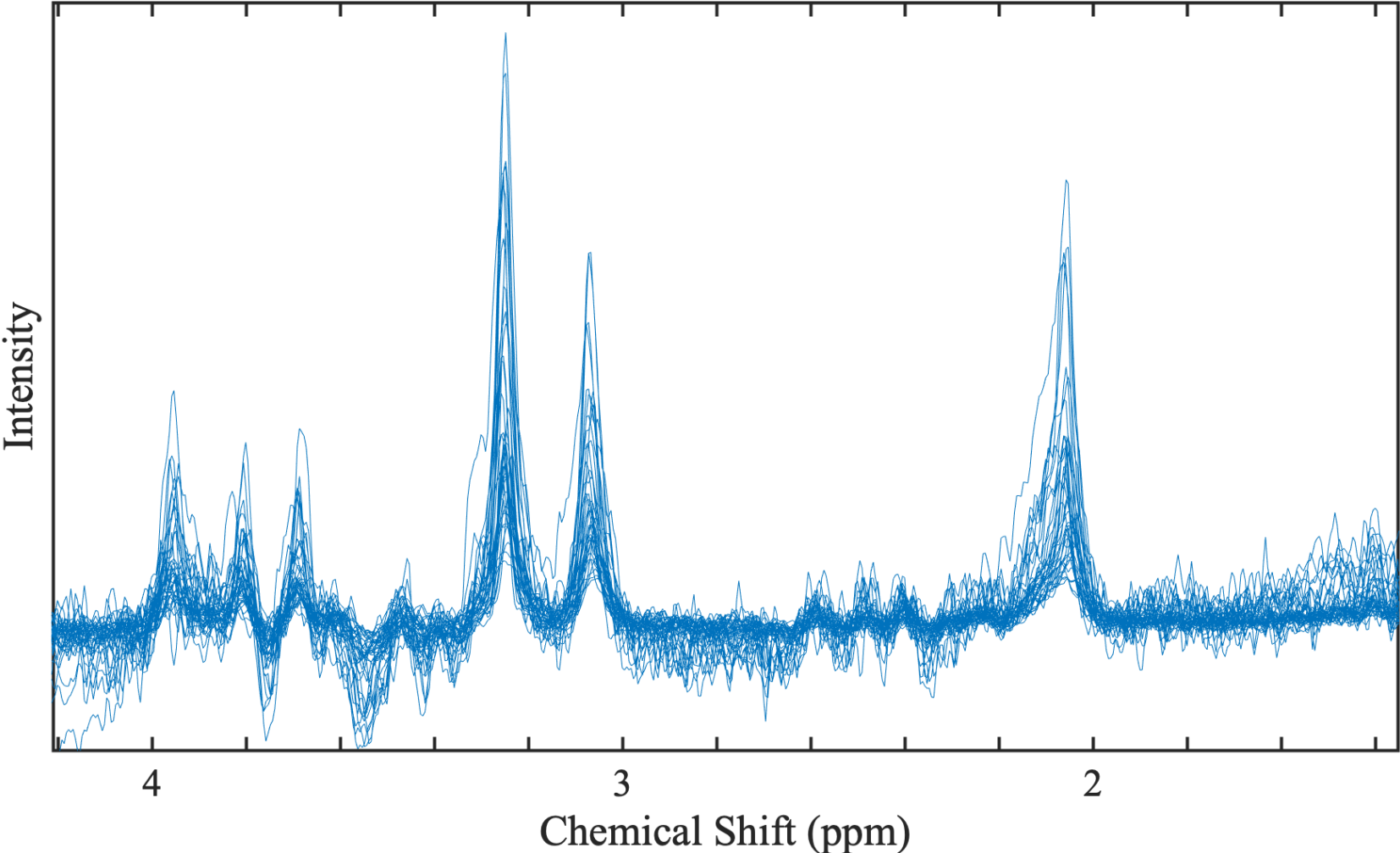
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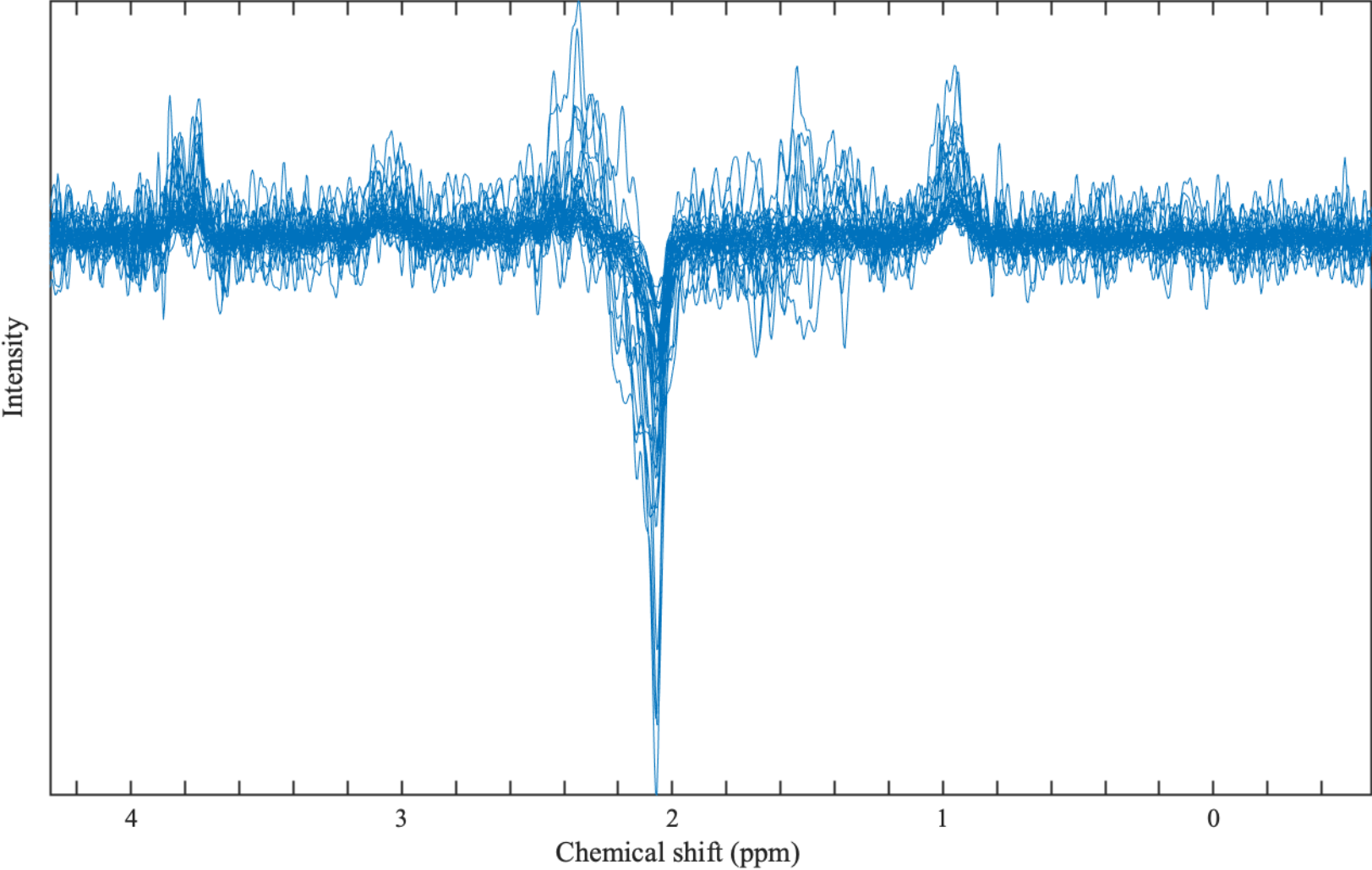
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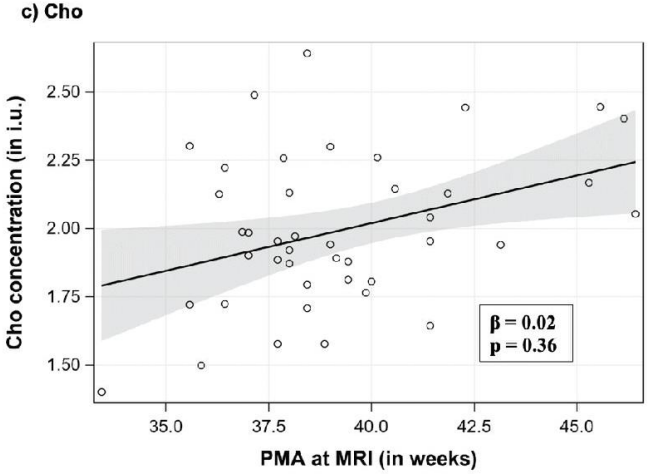
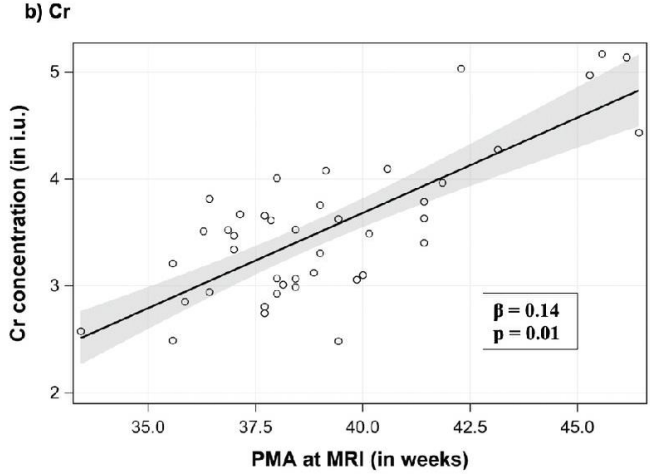
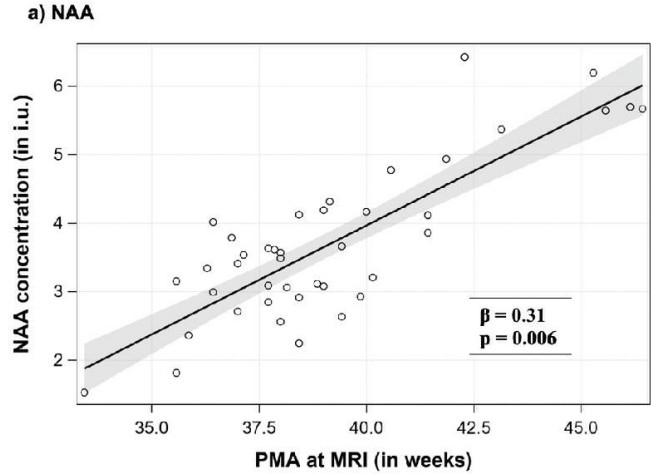
Supplementary Figure A: Composite superimposed OFF spectrum for all PRESS acquisitions



**Supplementary Figure B: Composite superimposed DIFF spectrum for all MEGA-PRESS acquisitions**



Supplementary Figure C: Metabolite profiles with advancing PMA at MRI: a) NAA, b) Cr and c) Cho



**Supplementary Table A. GABA, glutamate and Glx metabolite measurements with a range of Cramer-Rao Lower Bounds (CRLB) inclusion cut-off points**

<b>Metabolites in mean <math>\pm</math> SE in institutional units, accounting for patient clustering; (CRLB inclusion cut-off %) (n = number of infants)</b>	<b>All infants</b>	<b>Male infants</b>	<b>Female infants</b>	<b>p-value</b>
GABA (20%) (n = 31)	1.60 $\pm$ 0.06	1.70 $\pm$ 0.07	1.47 $\pm$ 0.09	0.05
GABA (40%, current) (n = 35)	1.50 $\pm$ 0.07	1.66 $\pm$ 0.07	1.33 $\pm$ 0.11	<b>0.01</b>
GABA (100%) (n = 35)	Same participants as current analysis			
Glutamate DIFF (20%) (n = 29)	2.82 $\pm$ 0.13	2.86 $\pm$ 0.18	2.76 $\pm$ 0.18	0.69
Glutamate DIFF (40%, current) (n = 33)	2.64 $\pm$ 0.15	2.82 $\pm$ 0.18	2.44 $\pm$ 0.23	0.20
Glutamate DIFF (100%) (n = 35)	2.54 $\pm$ 0.16	2.82 $\pm$ 0.18	2.25 $\pm$ 0.24	0.06
Glutamate OFF (20%) (n = 2)	4.42 $\pm$ 0.16	4.26	4.58	--
Glutamate OFF (40%, current) (n = 19)	3.09 $\pm$ 0.20	3.19 $\pm$ 0.24	2.92 $\pm$ 0.31	0.50
Glutamate OFF (100%) (n = 34)	2.61 $\pm$ 0.16	2.67 $\pm$ 0.23	2.53 $\pm$ 0.19	0.62
Glx DIFF (20%) (n = 33)	4.05 $\pm$ 0.26	4.67 $\pm$ 0.38	3.32 $\pm$ 0.24	<b>0.003</b>
Glx DIFF (40%, current) (n = 36)	3.84 $\pm$ 0.27	4.54 $\pm$ 0.40	3.07 $\pm$ 0.26	<b>0.002</b>
Glx DIFF (100%) (n = 36)	Same participants as current analysis			
Glx OFF (20%) (n = 10)	5.58 $\pm$ 0.27	4.66 $\pm$ 0.25	5.40 $\pm$ 0.61	0.70
Glx OFF (40%, current) (n = 33)	4.43 $\pm$ 0.19	4.66 $\pm$ 0.24	4.18 $\pm$ 0.28	0.19
Glx OFF (100%) (n = 38)	4.17 $\pm$ 0.20	4.37 $\pm$ 0.27	3.96 $\pm$ 0.28	0.29