Normal recognition of famous voices in developmental prosopagnosia

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Supplementary information

Identification accuracy unadjusted for name familiarity

In the main analysis, participants' performance in the famous voice and face recognition tasks was quantified as the proportion of voices or faces that were correctly identified, after discarding the trials featuring people that weren't known by name. Here, we report results including these trials.

Mean voice recognition performance was highly similar in DPs (M = 55.0%, SD = 15.46) and controls (M = 59.17%, SD = 20.33) [t(64) = .845, p = .401, d = .218, $CI_{95\%} = -.293$, .733]. Face recognition performance was significantly lower in DPs (M = 49.52%, SD = 22.57) compared with controls (M = 80.45%, SD = 15.41) [t(31.103) = 5.788, p < .001, d = 1.601, $CI_{95\%} = .870$, 2.137].

To investigate how famous face recognition ability compares to famous voice recognition ability in DPs and controls, we analysed performance on the face and voice tests in an ANOVA with Modality (faces, voices) as a within-subjects factor and Group (DPs, controls) as a between-subjects factor. There was a significant Modality × Group interaction [F(1,64) =39.056, p < .001, $\eta_p^2 = .379$], driven by controls recognising more faces than voices [t(43) =8.863, p < .001, d = 1.159, Cl_{95%} = .816, 1.537], and a non-significant trend for DPs recognising more voices than faces [t(21) = 1.483, p = .153, d = .273, Cl_{95%} = -.104, .664]. There were also significant main effects of Modality [F(1,64) = 13.619, p < .001, $\eta_p^2 = .175$] and Group [F(1,64) = 16.475, p < .001, $\eta_p^2 = .205$], driven by better overall performance in the face task, and better overall performance of controls, respectively.

Perceived familiarity unadjusted for name familiarity

Here we report results for judgements of perceived familiarity, without removing trials featuring people that were not subsequently recognised by name. Voice familiarity scores were similar for DPs (M = 73.79%, SD = 13.38) and controls (M = 76.21%, SD = 17.98) [t(64) = .559, p = .578, d = .144, $Cl_{95\%} = -.367$, .658]. In the famous face task, familiarity scores were significantly lower in DPs (M = 67.40%, SD = 21.53) compared with controls (M = 91.36%, SD = 11.55) [t(27.206) = 4.880, p < .001, d = 1.387, $Cl_{95\%} = .653$, 1.879]. ANOVA with Modality (faces, voices) as a within-subjects factor and Group (DPs, controls) as a between-subjects factor revealed a significant Modality × Group interaction [F(1,64) = 1.387, $Cl_{95\%} = .653$, P(1,64) = 1.387, $Cl_{95\%} = .653$, P(1,64) = 0.553, P(1,64) = 0.

30.776, p < .001, $\eta_p^2 = .325$], driven by controls being familiar with more faces than voices $[t(43) = 7.048, p < .001, d = .985, Cl_{95\%} = .649, 1.349]$, and DPs tending to be familiar with more voices than faces, although the difference was not significant in a pairwise test $[t(21) = 1.867, p = .076, d = .343, Cl_{95\%} = -.037, .741]$. There were significant main effects of Modality $[F(1,64) = 55.100, p = .027, \eta_p^2 = .074]$ and Group $[F(1,64) = 12.533, p = .001, \eta_p^2 = .164]$.

Face recognition ta	ask	Voice recognition task		
Adele	Andy Murray	Cheryl Cole	Alan Carr	
Victoria Beckham	Benedict Cumberbatch	Theresa May	Alan Rickman	
Kate Middleton	David Cameron	Sharon Osbourne	Billy Connolly	
Audrey Hepburn	Hugh Grant	Queen Elizabeth	Boris Johnson	
Helena Bonham Carter	Tony Blair	Cilla Black	Stephen Fry	
Maggie Smith	Jamie Oliver	Emma Watson	Sean Connery	
Naomi Campbell	Colin Firth	Holly Willoughby	Nigel Farage	
Olivia Colman	Daniel Craig	Jo Brand	Michael Caine	
Keira Knightley	Simon Cowell	Joanna Lumley	David Attenborough	
Margaret Thatcher	Gordon Ramsey	Judi Dench	John Cleese	
Kate Winslet	Rowan Atkinson	Julie Waters	Jonathan Ross	
Angelina Jolie	Bill Clinton	Mila Kunis	Barack Obama	
Sandra Bullock	George W Bush	Dolly Parton	Will Smith	
Meryl Streep	Matt Damon	Ellen DeGeneres	Tom Hanks	

Table S1. Names of the celebrities presented in the face and voice recognition tasks.

		Voices			Faces						
		Ident.	Name fam.	Exp.	Ident.	Name fam.	Exp.				
Combined sample (N = 66)											
Voices	Ident.	1.000	.297*	.320**	.476***	.484***	.228				
	Name fam.		1.000	.443***	.567***	.571***	.294*				
	Exp.			1.000	.364**	.471***	.817***				
Faces	Ident.				1.000	.485***	.367**				
	Name fam.					1.000	.478***				
	Exp.						1.000				
DPs (N = 22)											
Voices	Ident.	1.000	.041	.156	.537*	.251	.359				
	Name fam.		1.000	.668**	.559**	.507*	.344				
	Exp.			1.000	.493*	.609**	.747***				
Faces	Ident.				1.000	.474*	.519 [*]				
	Name fam.					1.000	.666**				
	Exp.						1.000				
Typical controls (N = 44)											
Voices	Ident.	1.000	.395**	.386**	.594***	.570***	.183				
	Name fam.		1.000	.436**	.455**	.574***	.343*				
	Exp.			1.000	.544***	.435**	.857***				
Faces	Ident.				1.000	.576***	.526***				
	Name fam.					1.000	.405**				
	Exp.						1.000				

Table S2. Correlations (r_s) between different measures for both groups combined, and for DPs and controls separately.

Nb. 'Ident.' refers to the proportion of faces/voice identified (including only celebrities who were known by name); 'Name fam.' refers to the number of names reported as known; 'Exp.' refers to the perceived frequency of exposure to the celebrities' faces/voices. *p < .05; **p < .01; *** p < .001.