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Assessing residual motor function in patients with disorders of consciousness by brain network properties of task-state EEG

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Abstract:

Background: Recent achievements in evaluating the residual consciousness of patients with disorders of consciousness (DOCs) have demonstrated that spontaneous or evoked electroencephalography (EEG) could be used to improve consciousness state diagnostic classification. Recent studies showed that the EEG signal of the task-state could better characterize the conscious state and cognitive ability of the brain, but it has rarely been used in consciousness assessment.

Method: A cue-guide motor task experiment was designed, and task-state EEG were collected from 18 patients with unresponsive wakefulness syndrome (UWS), 29 patients in a minimally conscious state (MCS), and 19 healthy controls. To obtain the markers of residual motor function in patients with DOC, the event-related potential (ERP), scalp topography, and time-frequency maps were analyzed. Then the coherence (COH) and debiased weighted phase lag index (dwPLI) networks in the delta, theta, alpha, beta, and gamma bands were constructed, and the correlations of network properties and JFK Coma Recovery Scale-Revised (CRS-R) motor function scores were calculated...

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