

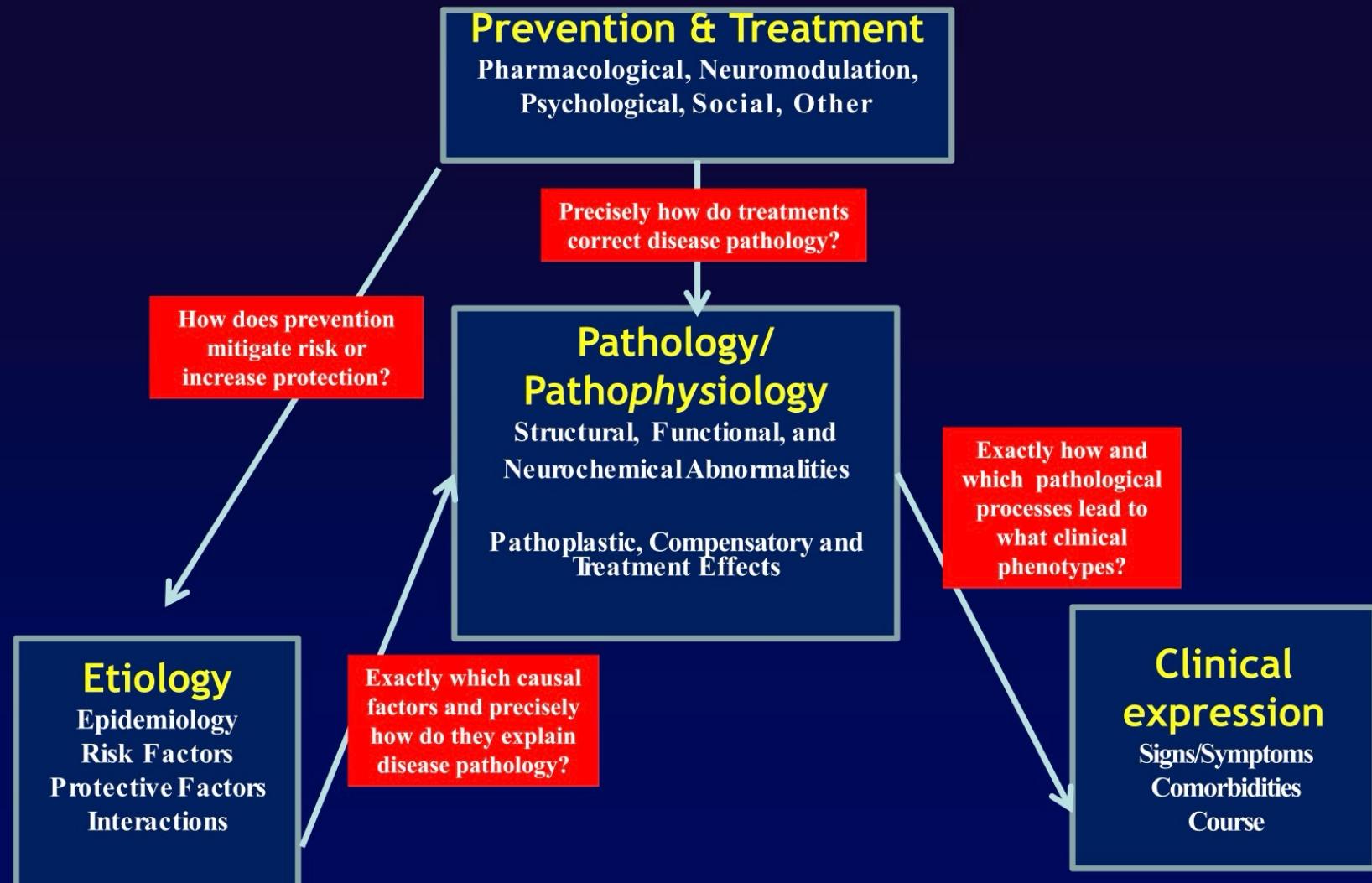


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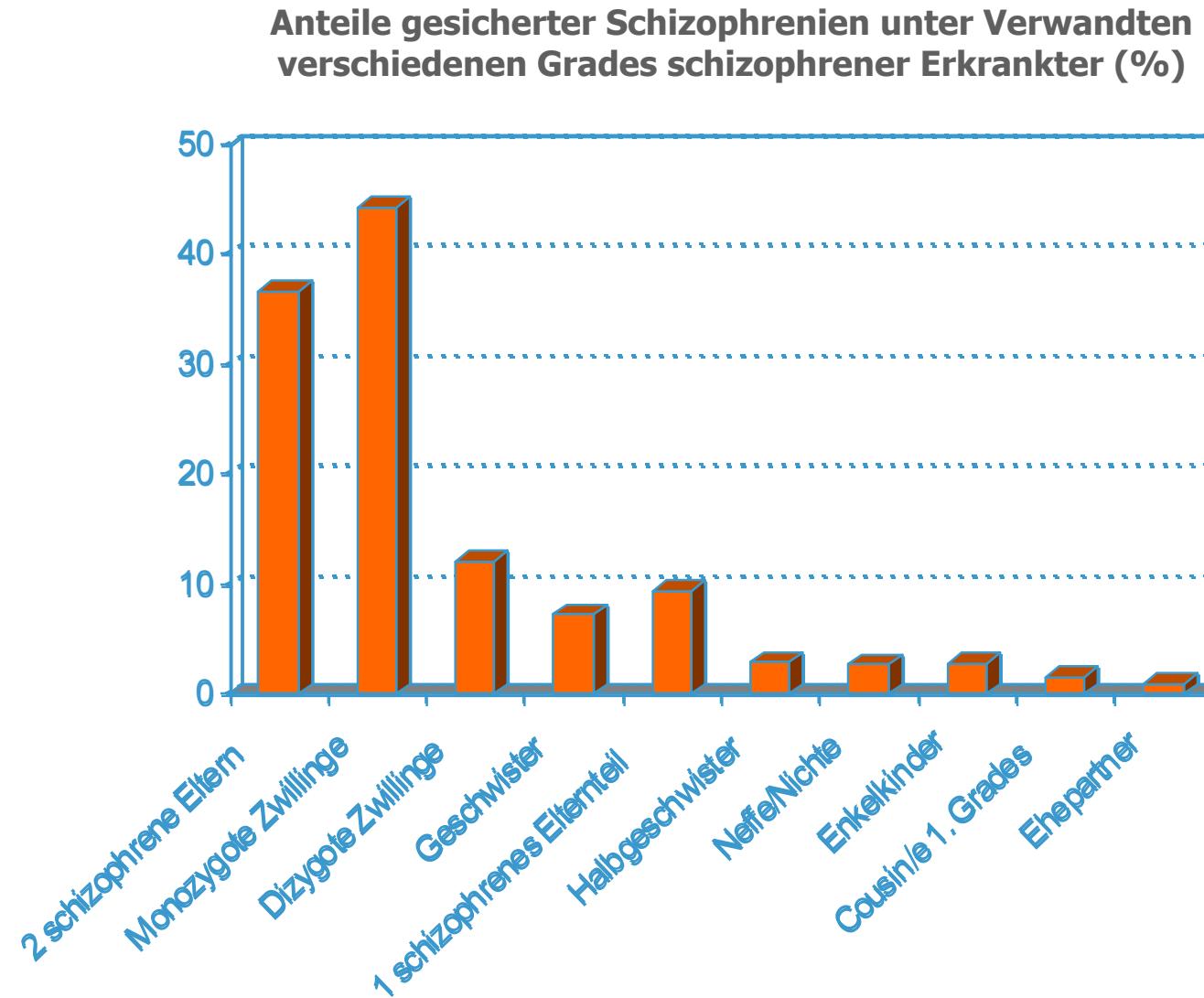
Biologische Grundlagen psychotischer Erkrankungen

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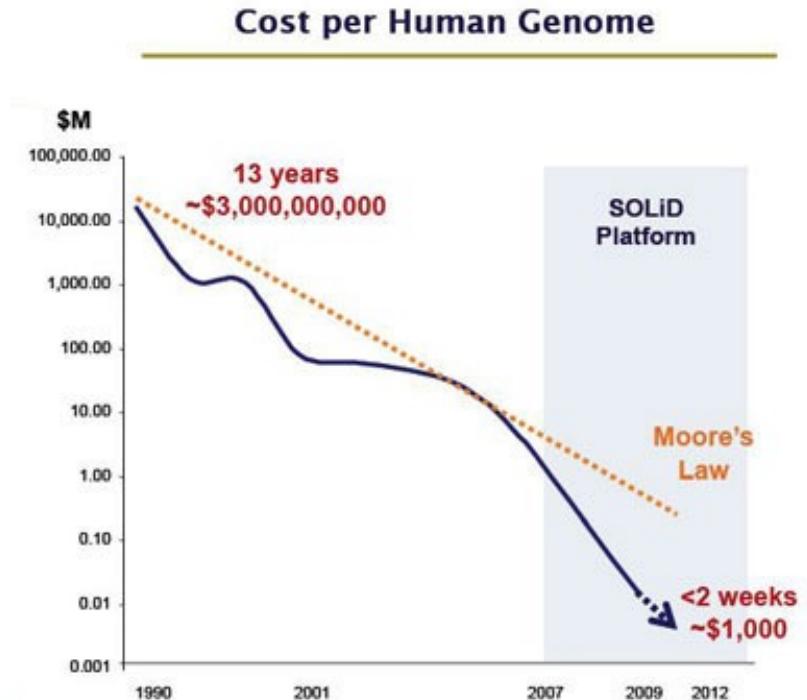
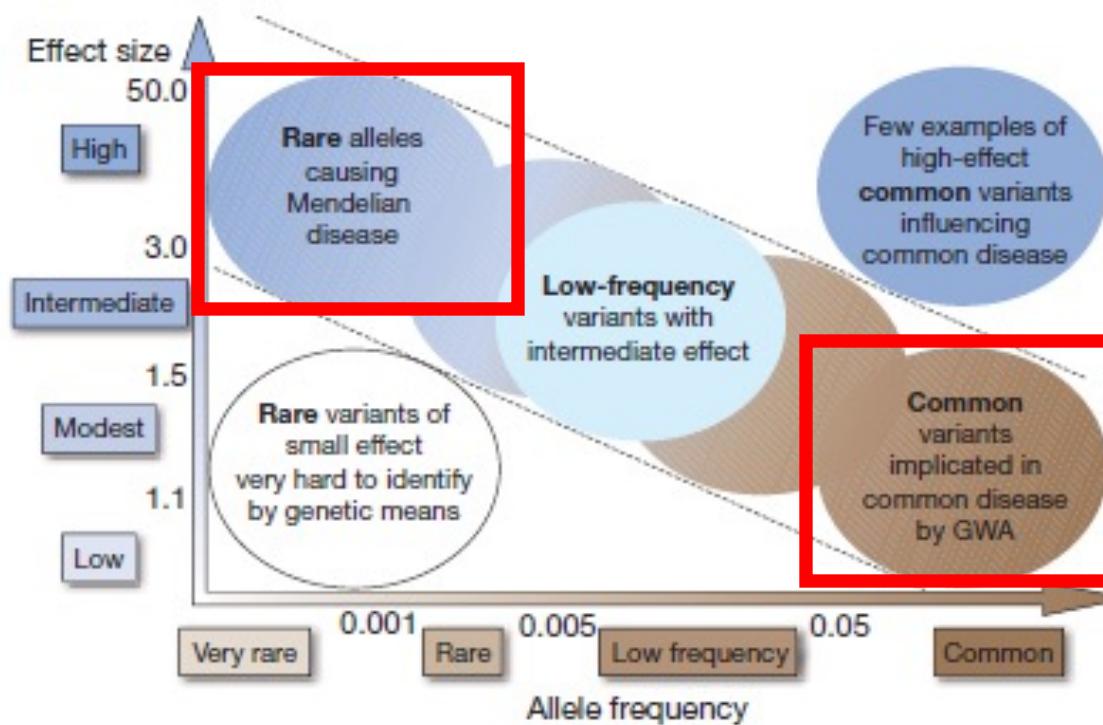


UNDERSTANDING ANY MEDICAL DISORDER SUCH AS SCHIZOPHRENIA



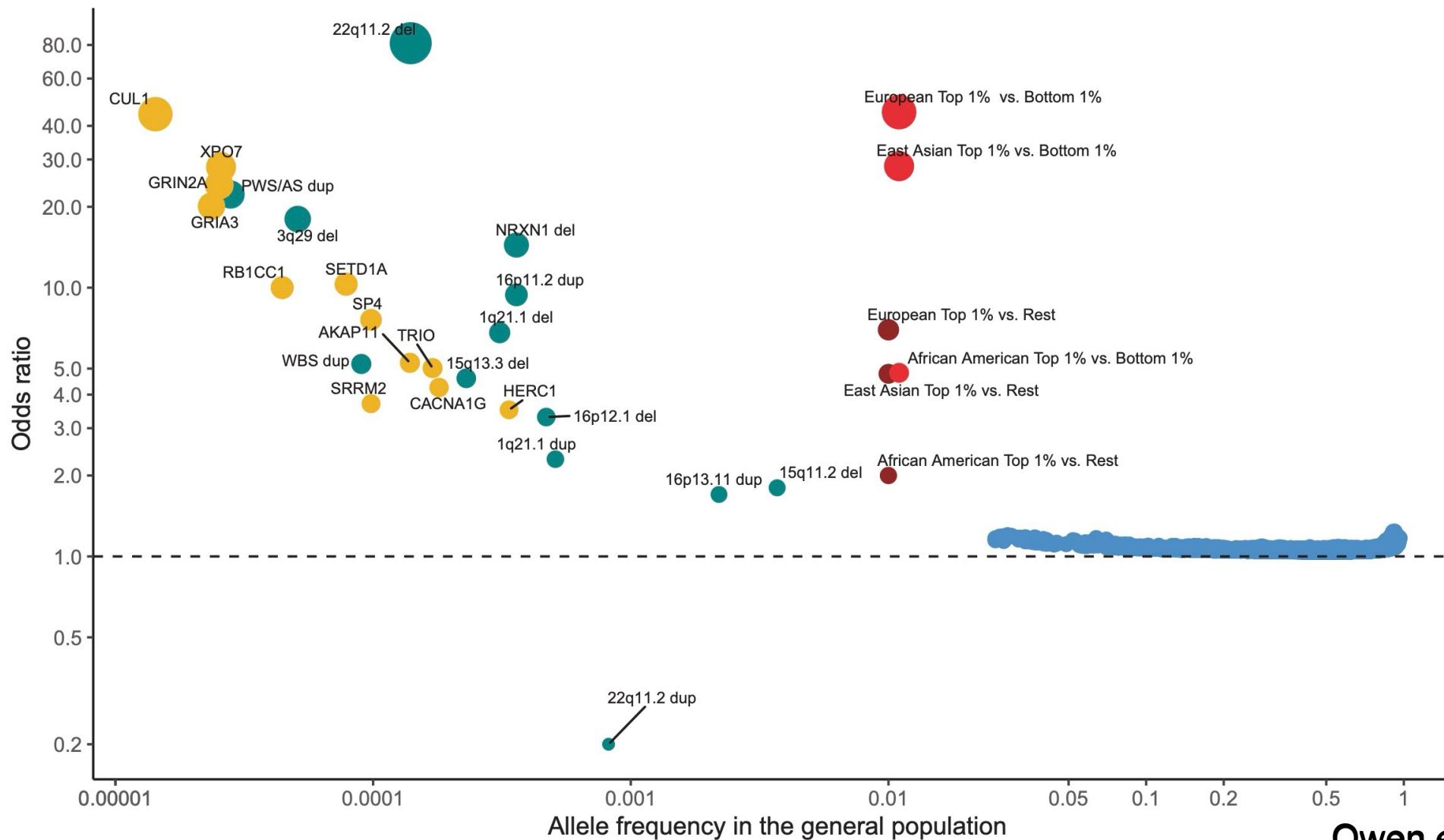
McGue & Gottesman 1991

Genetik und Erkrankungsrisiko

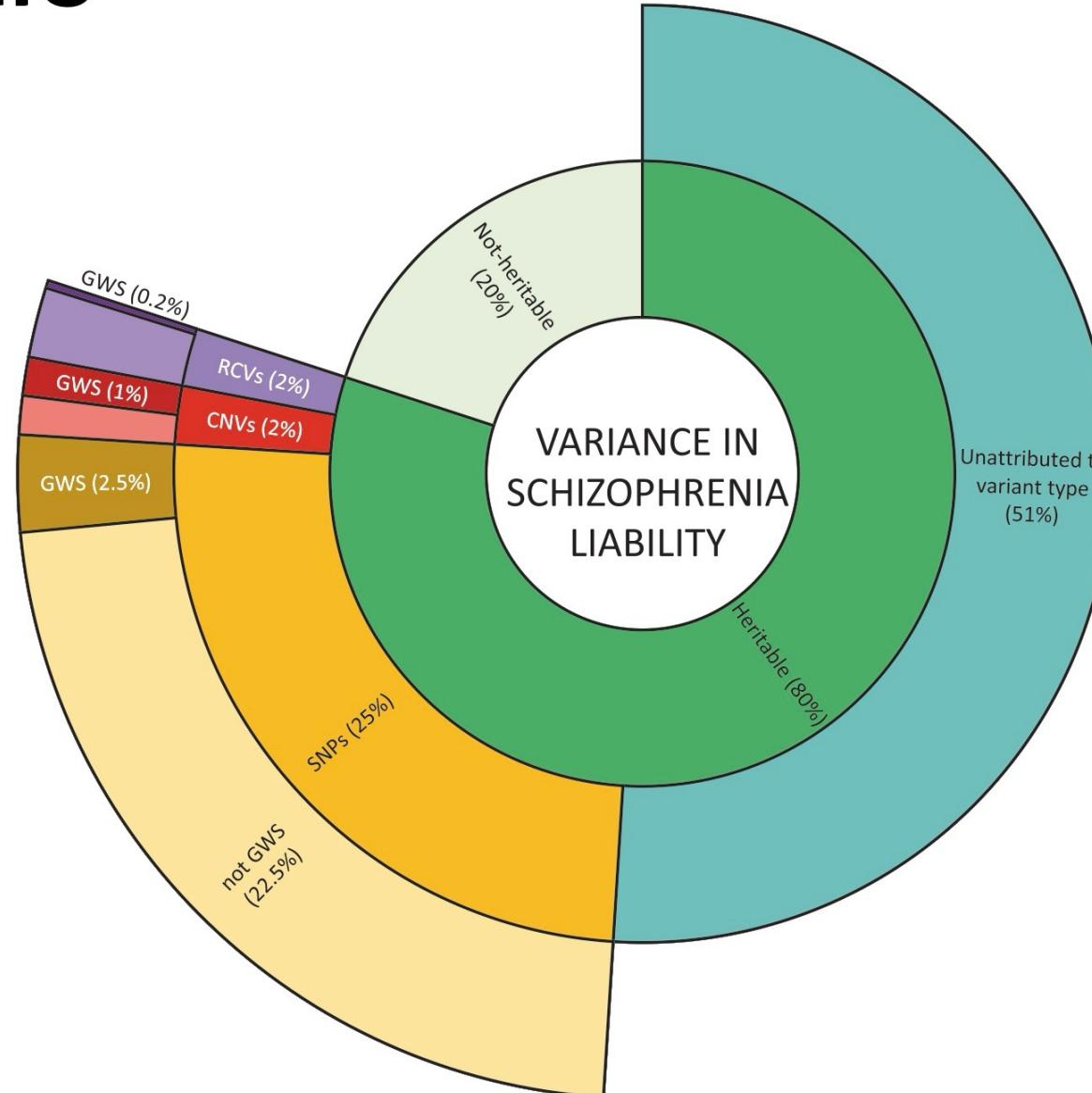


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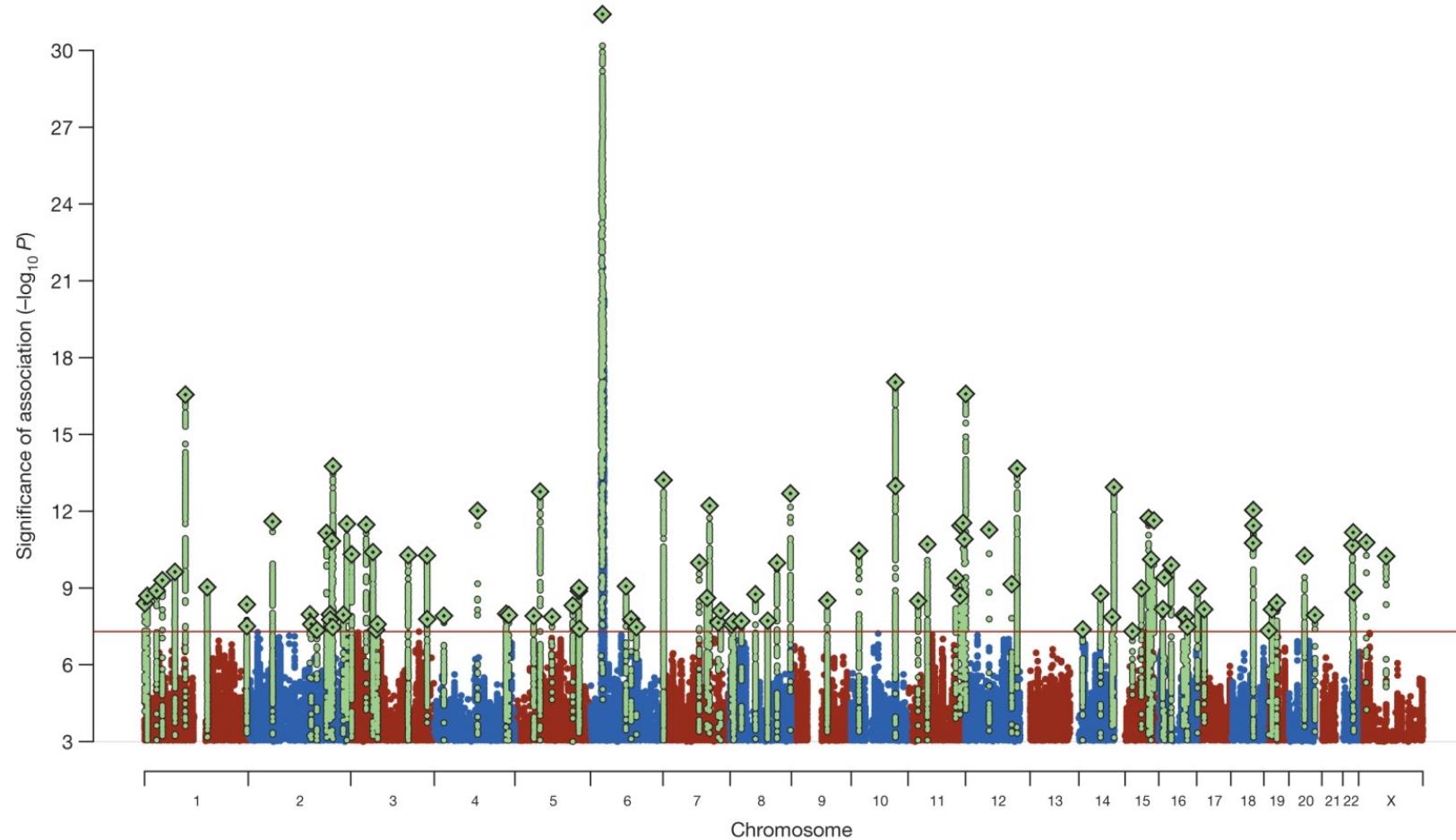
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Genomweit signifikante häufige mit Schizophrenie assoziierte Varianten



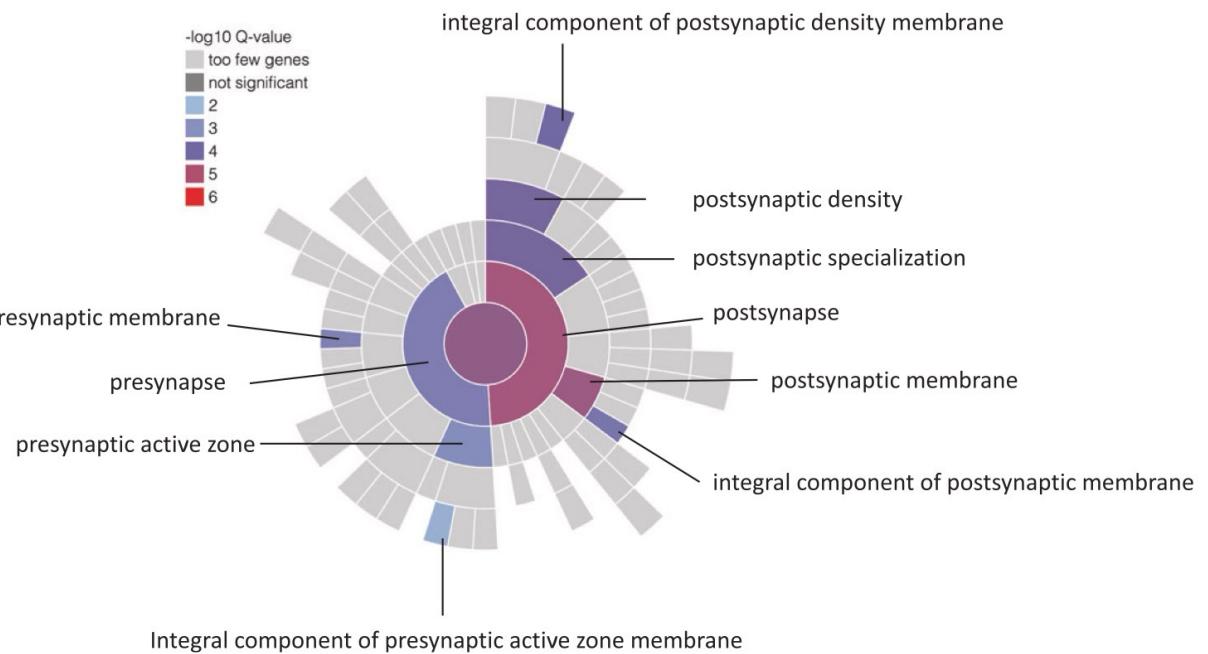
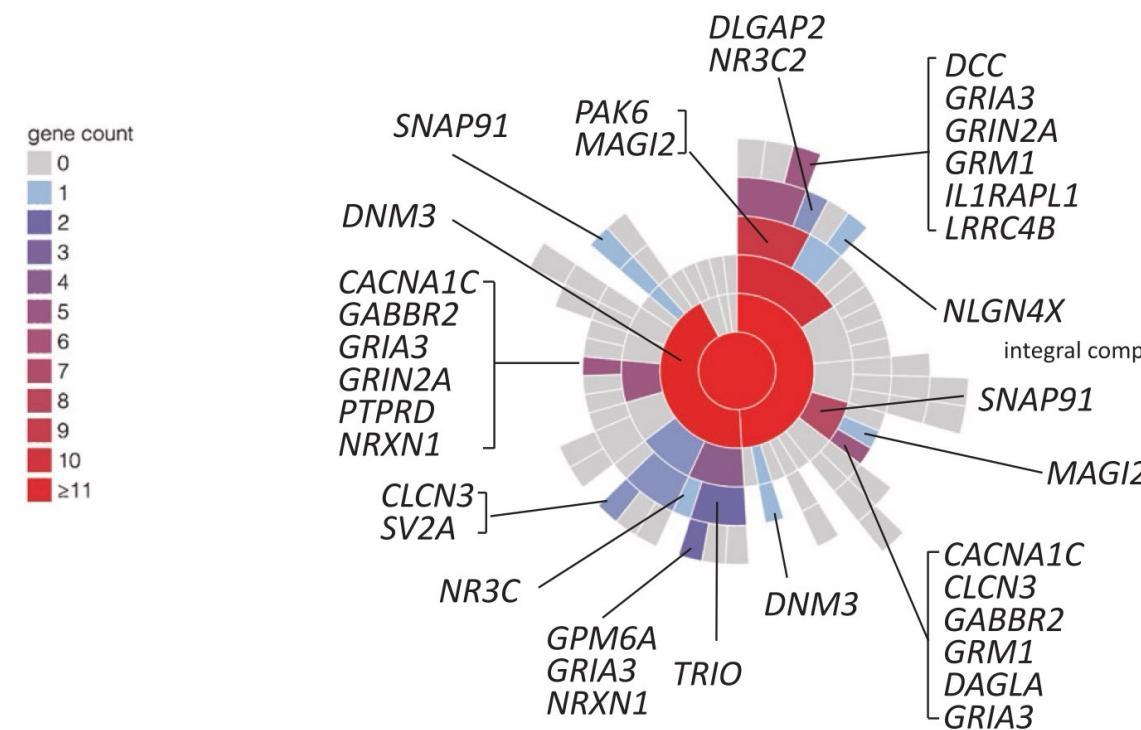
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Schizophrenie: eine Erkrankung der (Post-)synapsen

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A. Synaptic localization of schizophrenia risk genes



- **Keine Gliose**, klinisch keine klaren Zeichen für Neurodegeneration
- **Reduziertes Neuropil**, synaptischer Apparat
- **Gestörte Zellreifung** und Zellmigration
- **Pathologie GABAerger Interneurone**
- **Differentielle Genexpression** (Regulatoren der Hirnentwicklung, Myelinisierung, synaptische Plastizität, GABAerge und glutamaterge Neurotransmission)
- CAVE: Konfundierende pharmakogene Effekte

Prenatal disturbances of nerve cell migration in the entorhinal region: a common vulnerability factor in functional psychoses?

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Rapid Communication

H. Beckmann¹ and H. Jakob²

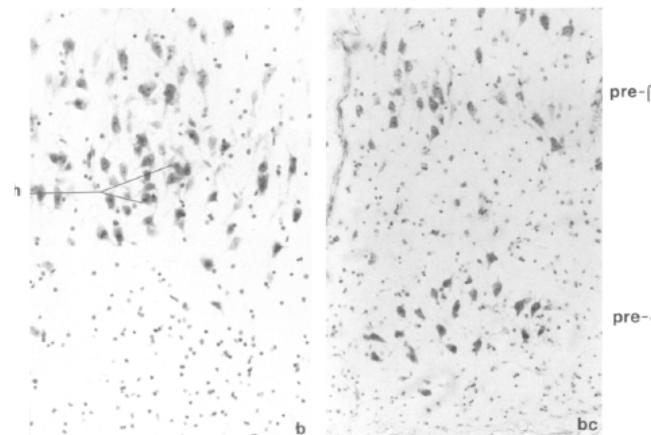


Fig. 2. Case 2. Coronal sections through the right temporal lobe; the parahippocampal gyrus with central and lateral fields of the entorhinal region; (a) view upon the superior section of the rostral fields at the level of amygdaloid nucleus. Disturbed architecture, particularly in the layers II and III. Absence of the layer II. Nissl (20 μ) \times 31; (ac) control showing the normal cytoarchitecture at the same level; Nissl (20 μ) \times 31; (b) magnification of the layers II pre- α , III pre- β . Disturbed architecture of the upper layers. In the layer III pre- β heterotopic group of neurons (h); the layer II pre- α does not show the characteristic neuronal insular formation; Nissl (20 μ) \times 220; (be) control: normal structure of the upper layers at the same level; Nissl (20 μ) \times 220

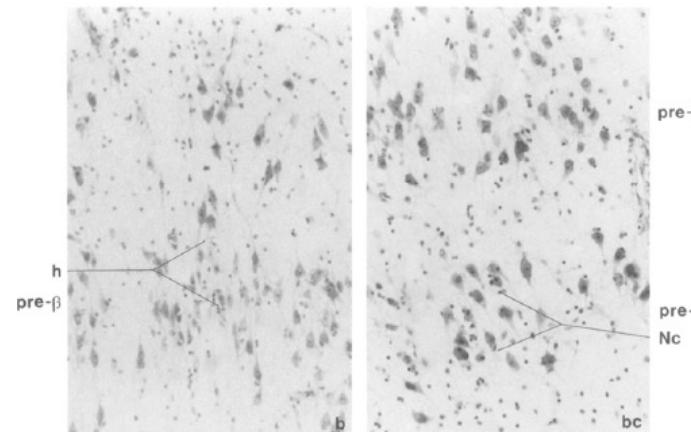


Fig. 1. Case 4. Coronal sections through the parahippocampal gyrus of the left temporal lobe; (a) rostral part of the entorhinal region at the level of the amygdaloid nucleus. Poorly developed layers and disturbed structure of the layer II pre- α . Nissl (20 μ) \times 25; (ac) control of the cytoarchitecture at the same level; pre- α – pri- α : layers II–IV. Designation of the layers according to Rose (1927). Nissl (20 μ) \times 25; (b) magnification of the layers pre- α , pre- β ; disarranged layer pre- α . The neuronal insular formation in layer pre- α is lacking; heterotopic group of nerve cells (h) in layer pre- β . Note the diminished volume of these neurons. Nissl (20 μ) \times 220; (be) magnification of the layers pre- α and pre- β with normal structure. Note the island structure of nerve cells (Nc) in pre- α . Nissl (20 μ) \times 220

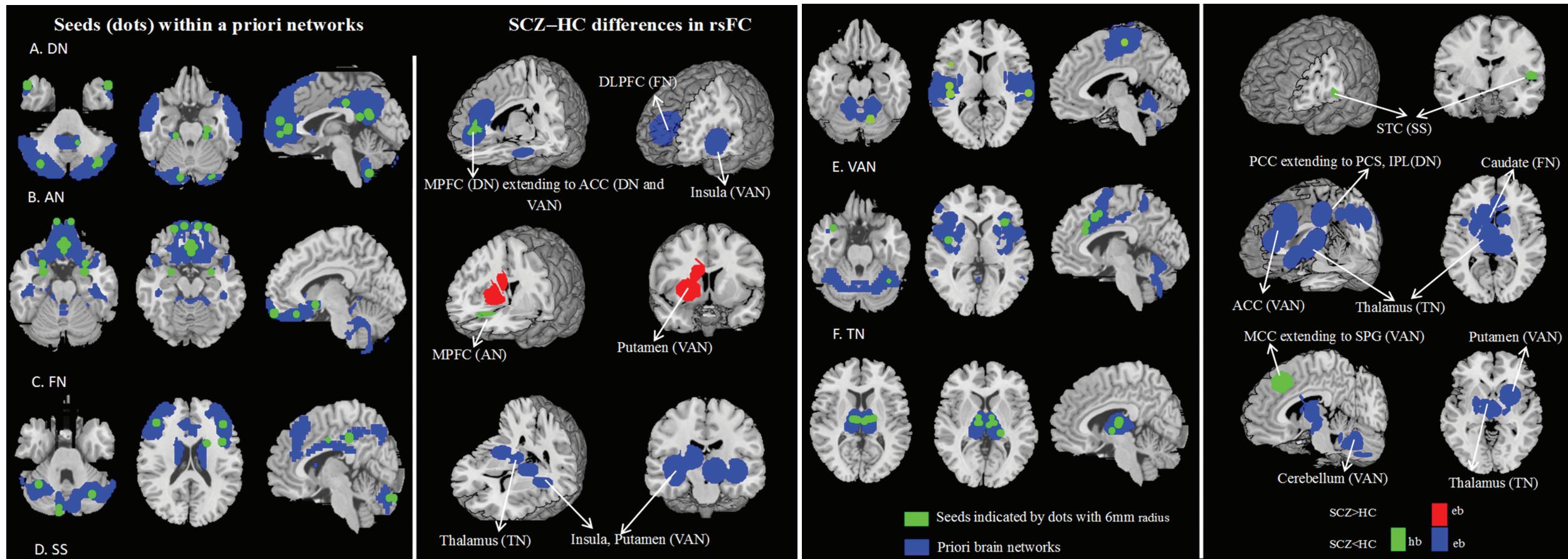
Störungen der Konnektivität bei Schizophrenie

Lokalisierte Hirnveränderungen sind subtil, aber Symptomatik meist massiv ->
Störung der Interaktion von Hirnarealen

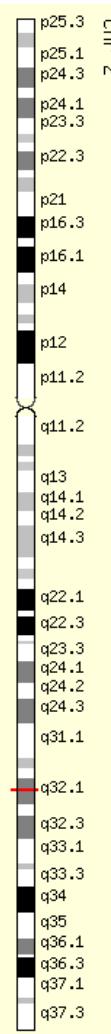


Verminderte Konnektivität

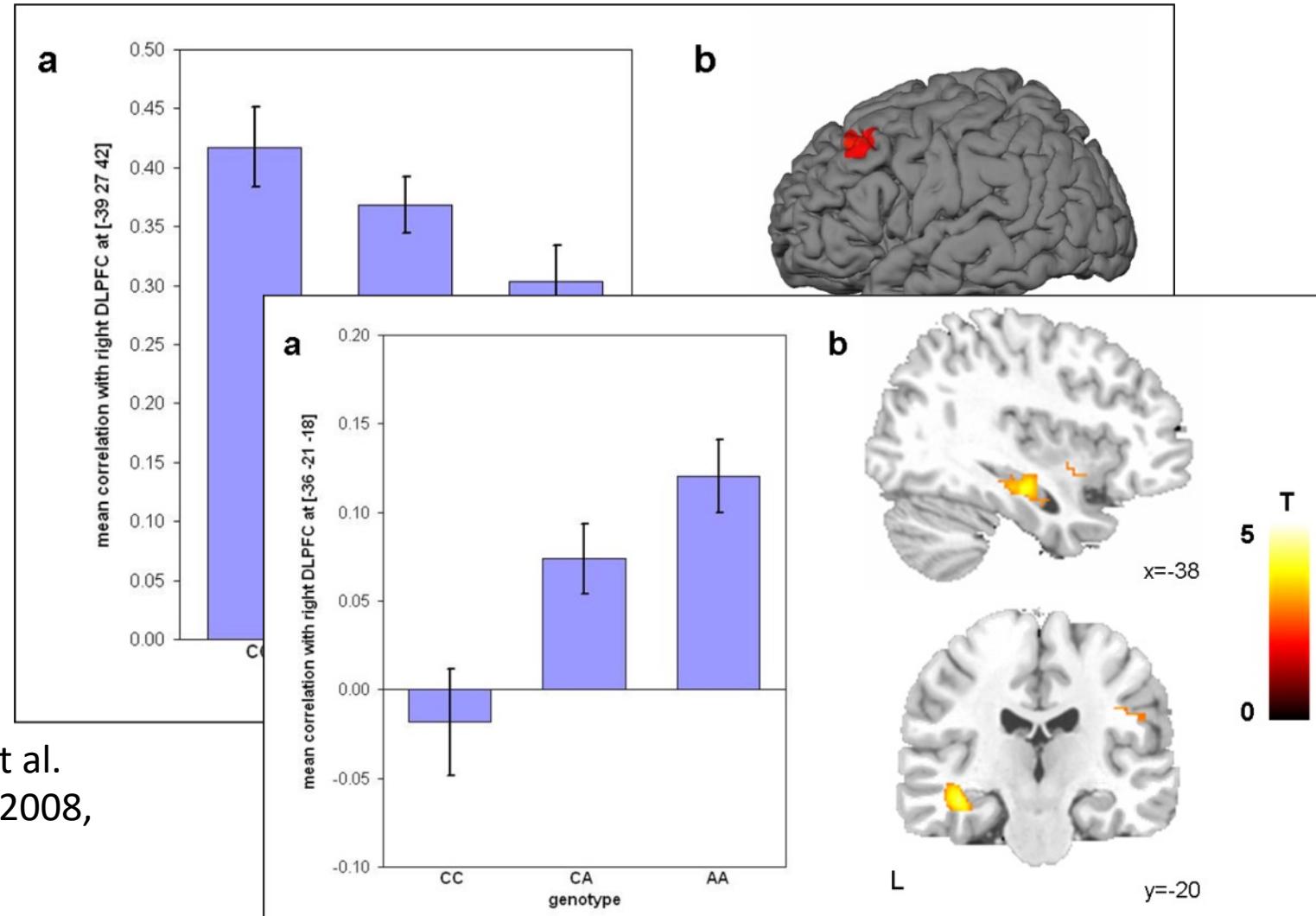
default mode (DN, self-related thought), affective network (AN, emotion processing), ventral attention network (VAN, processing of salience), thalamus network (TN, gating information) and somatosensory network (SS)



ZNF804A und Schizophrenie



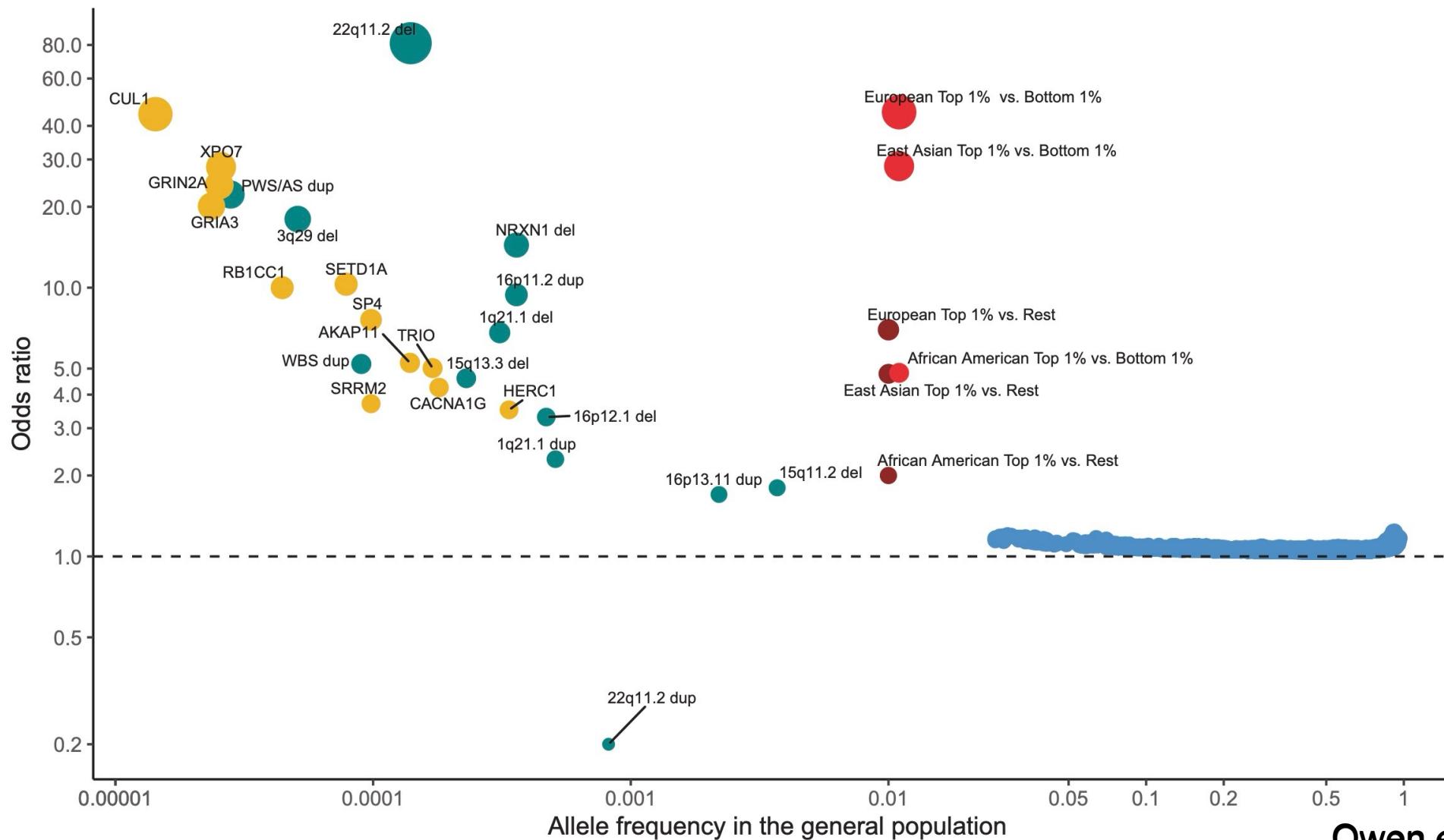
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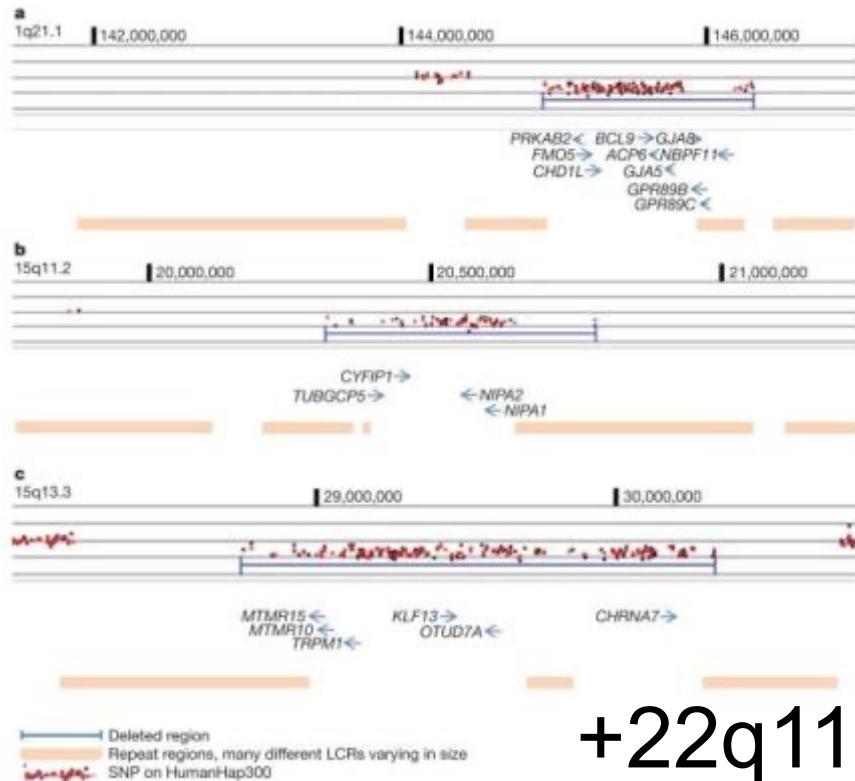
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Hochrisikovarianten: CNVs

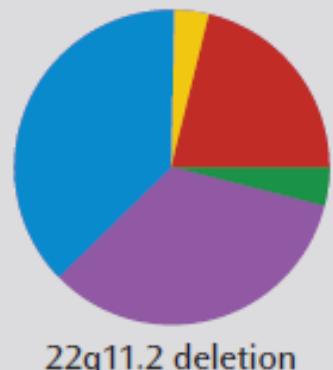


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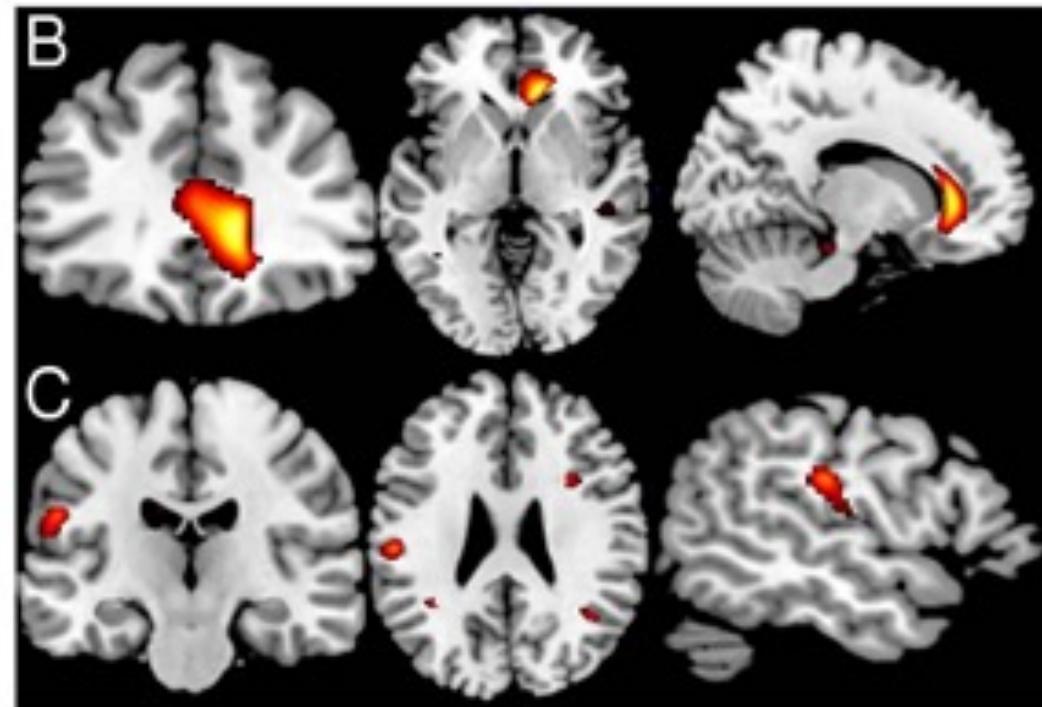
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- Schizophrenia
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Mental retardation
- Birth defects

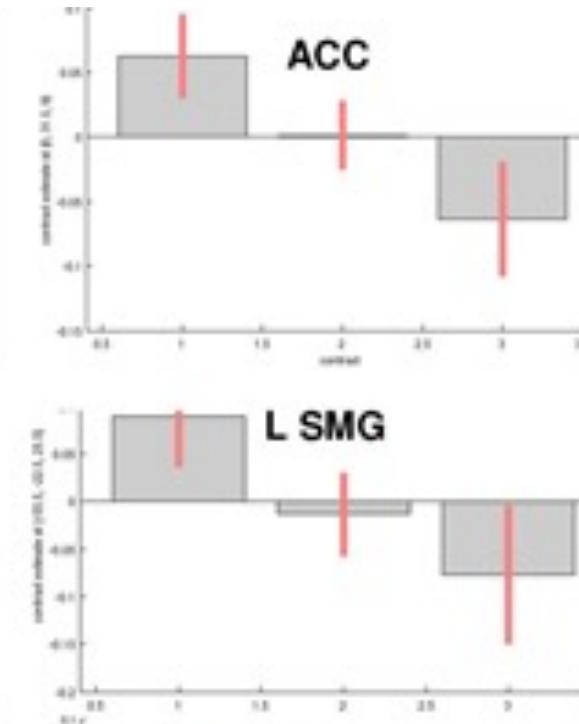


15q11.2 und Hirnstruktur

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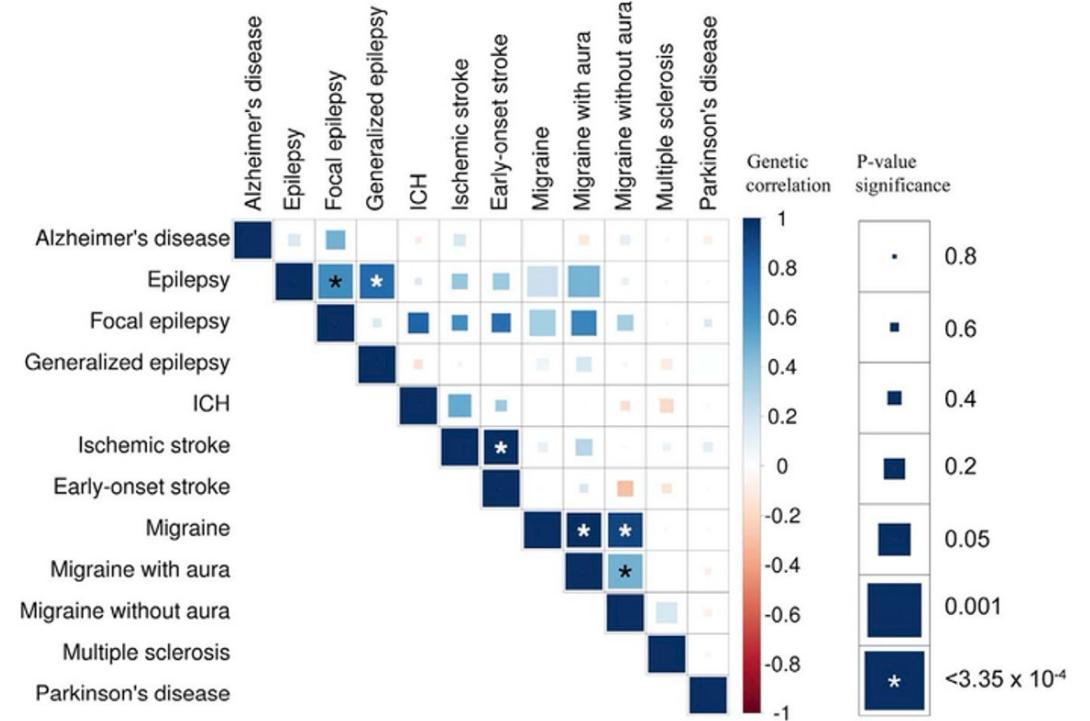
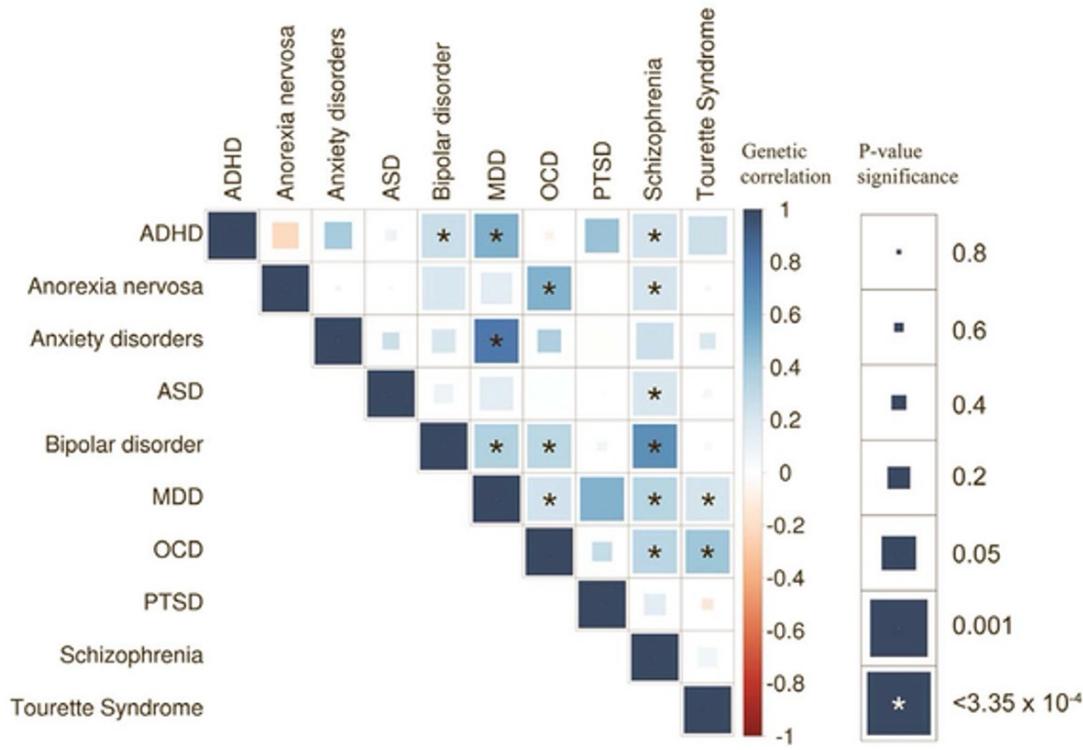


Grey matter, 15q11.2
duplication > controls > deletion



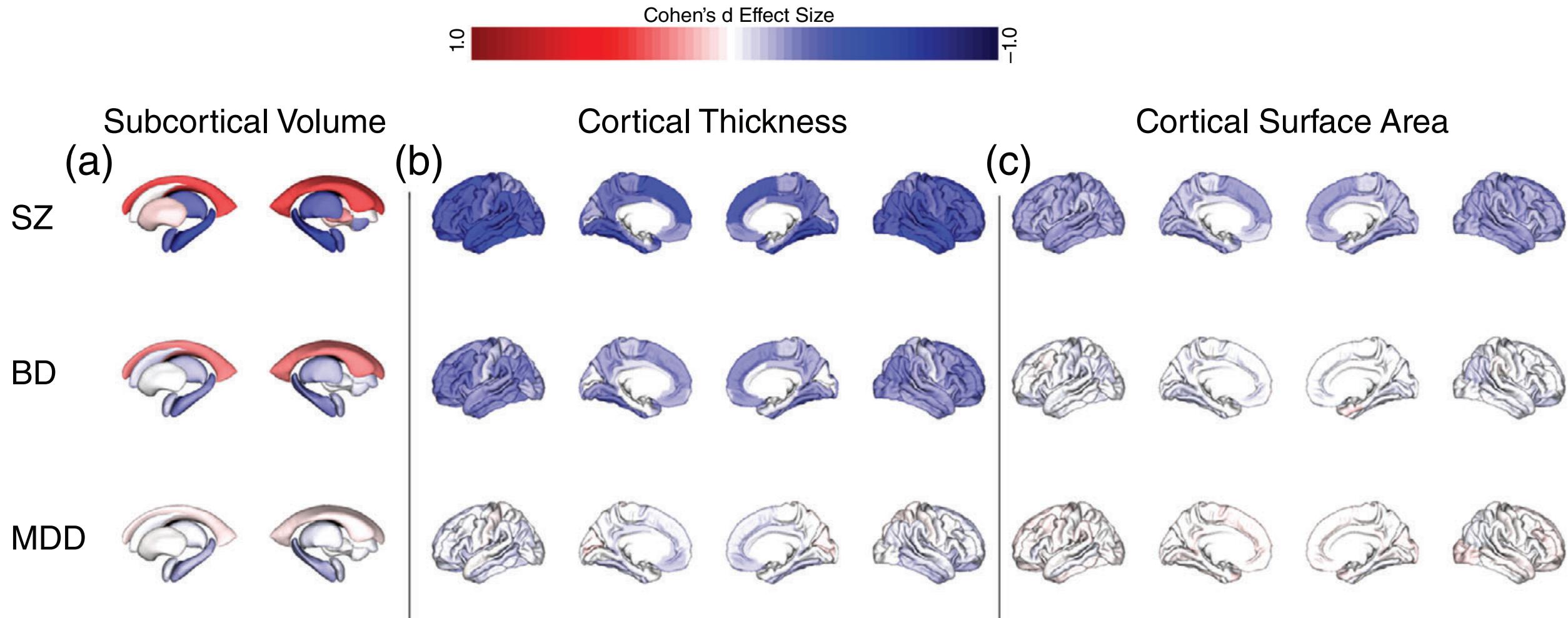
$p < 0.05$, FWE corrected in mask
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Genetisches Risiko: Pleiotropie



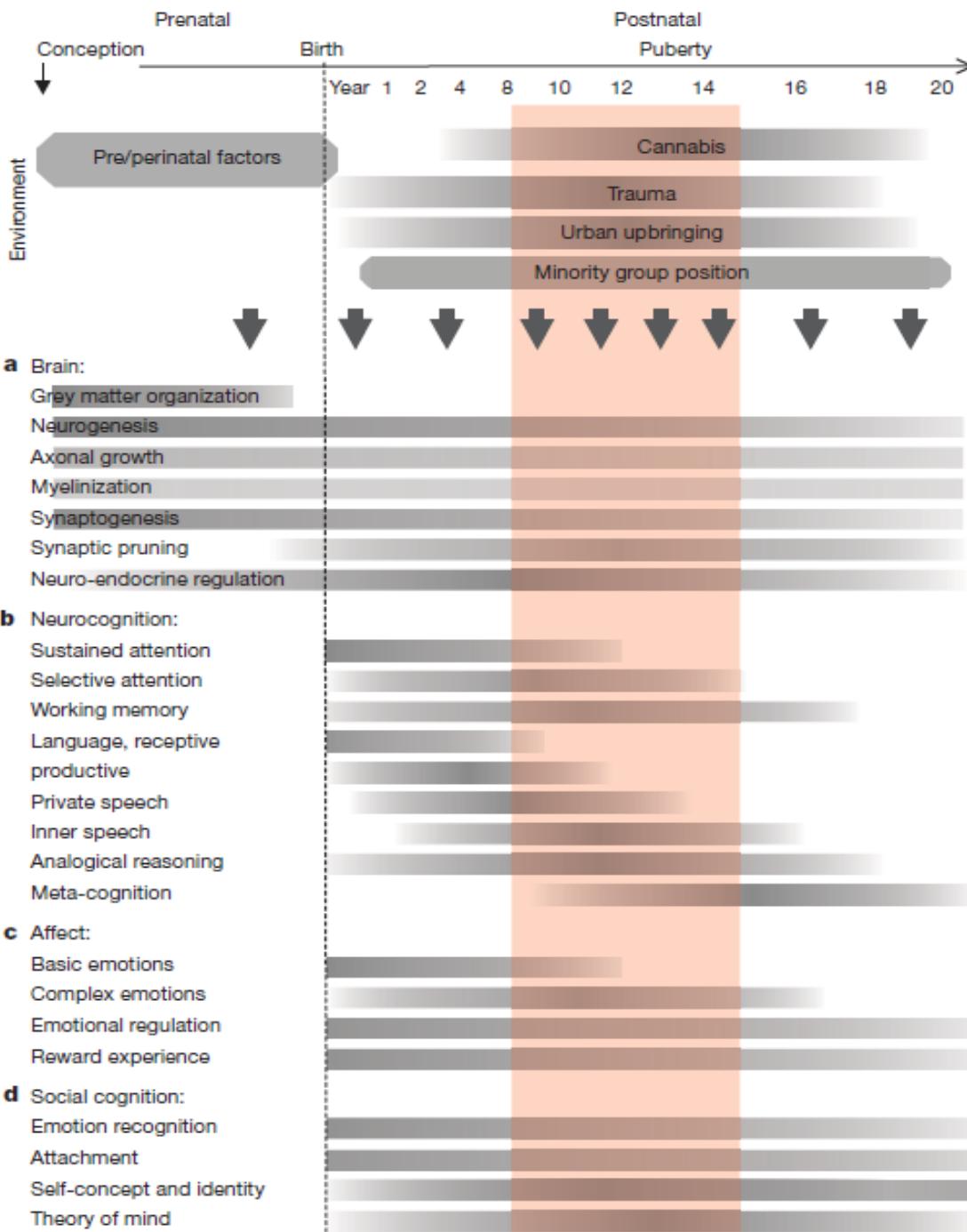
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Reduktion des Hirnvolumens



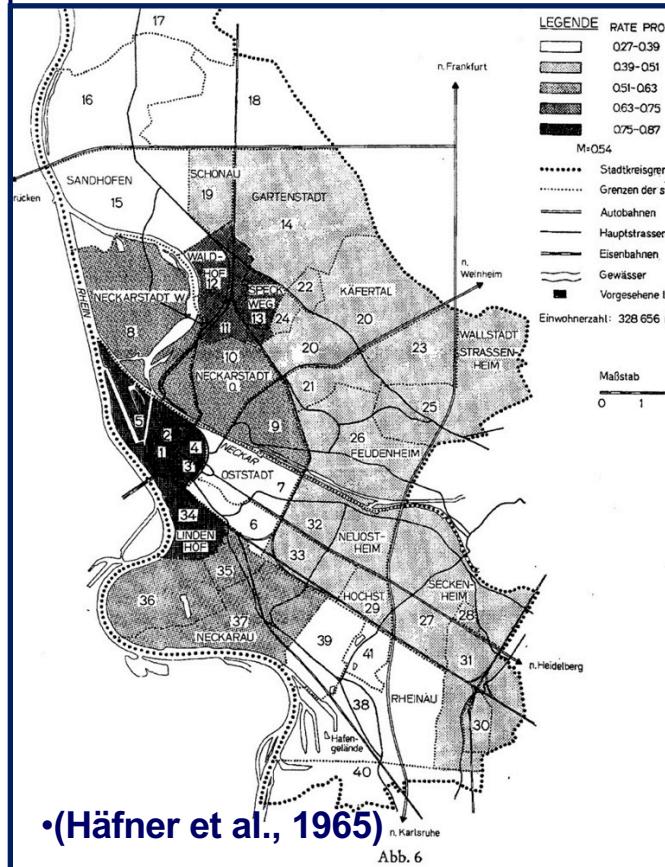
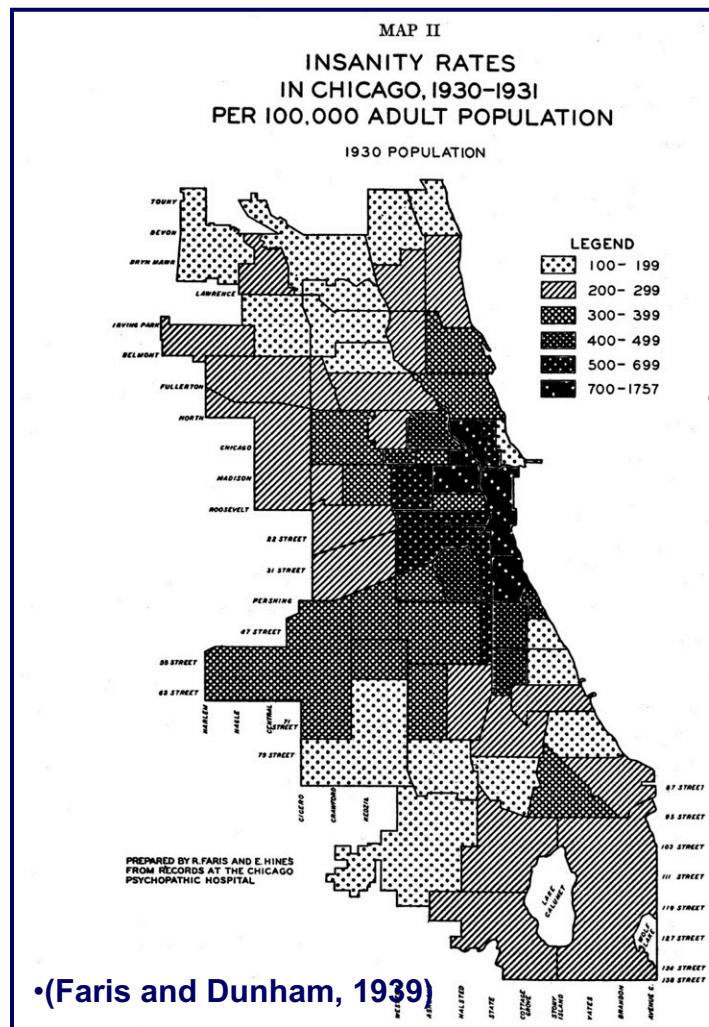
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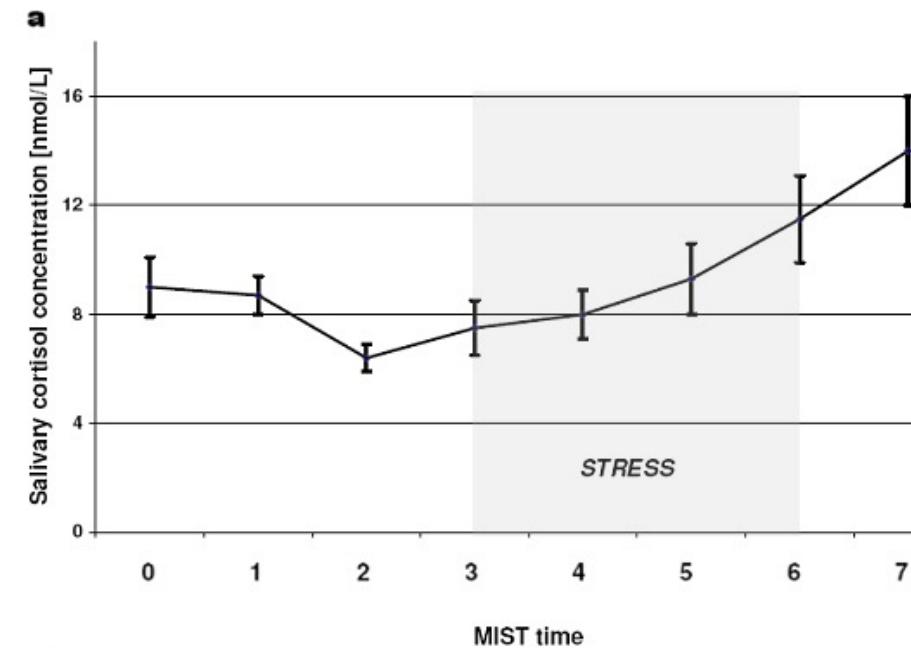
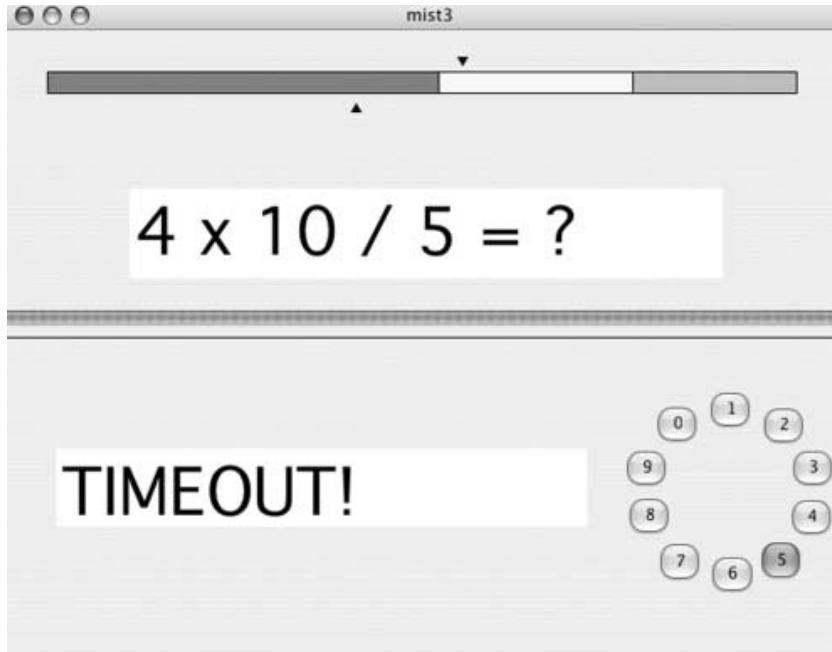
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Urbanicity and mental illness



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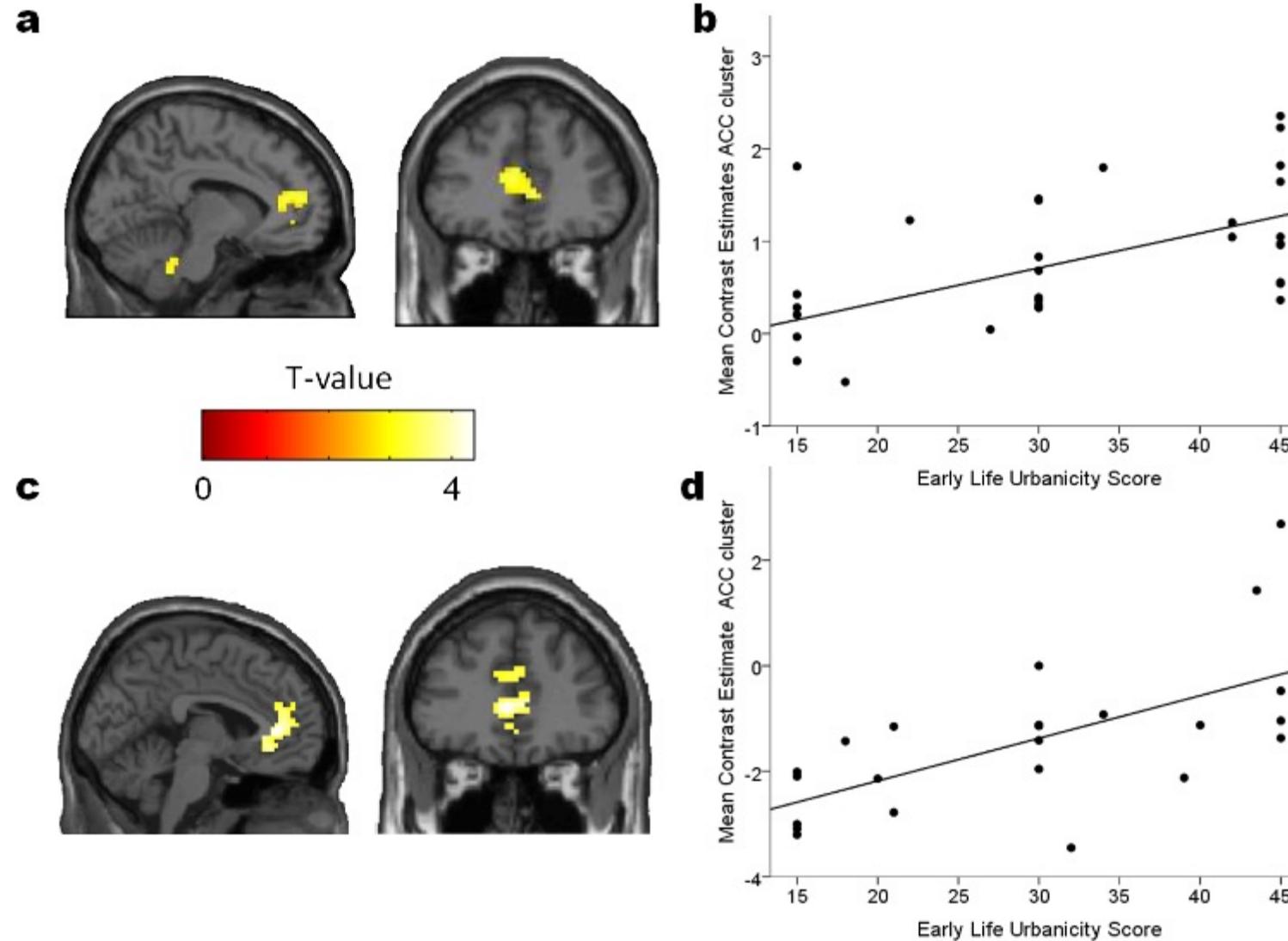
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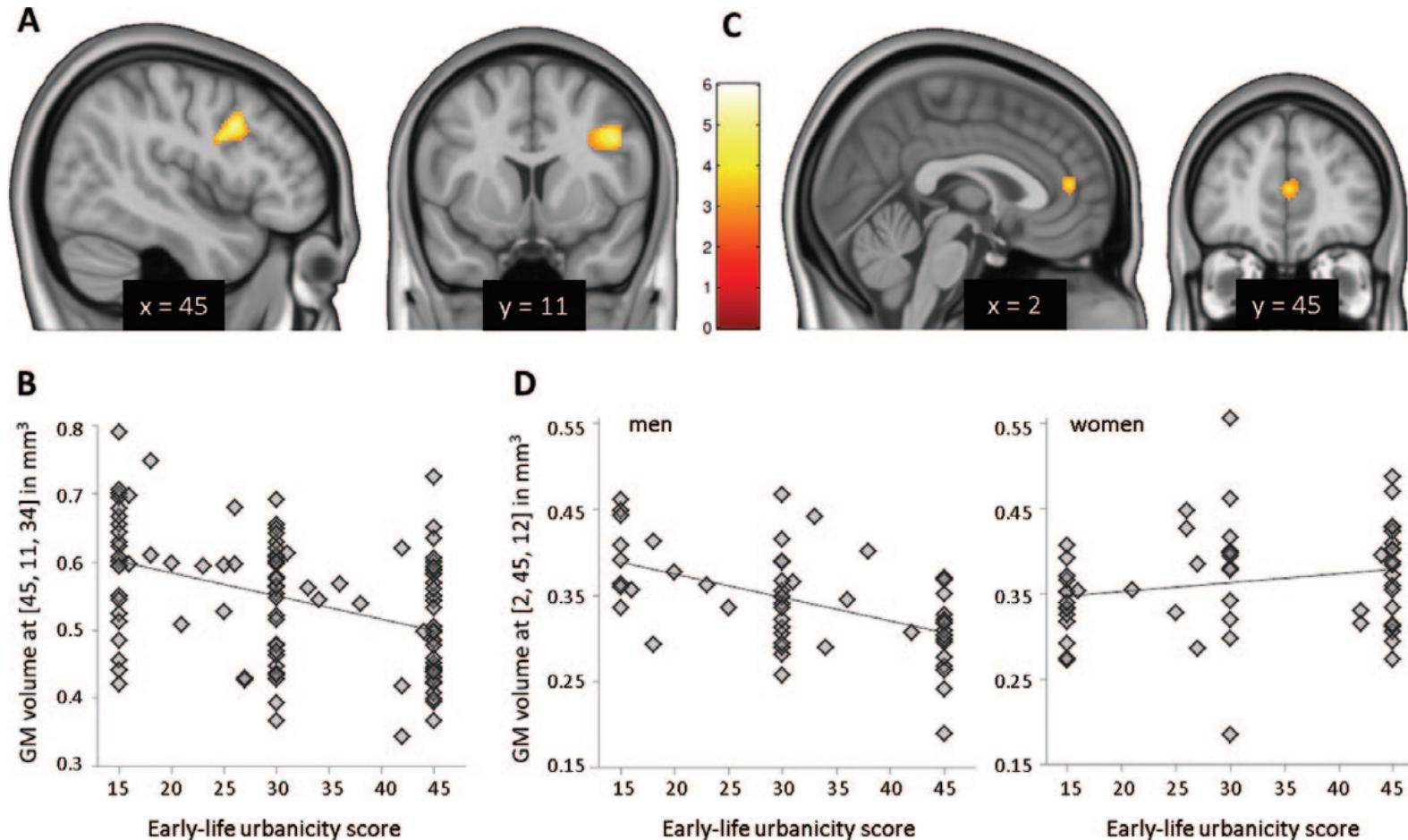
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Stadtgeburt und Zingulum

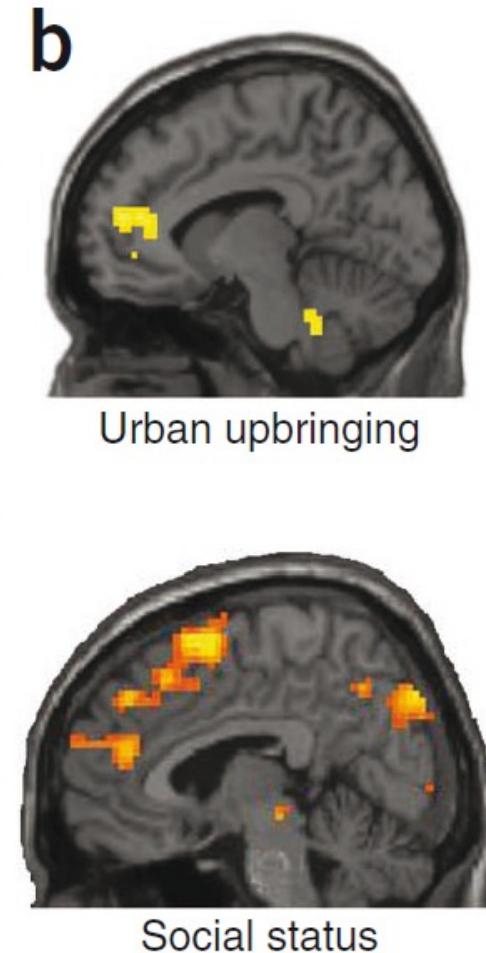
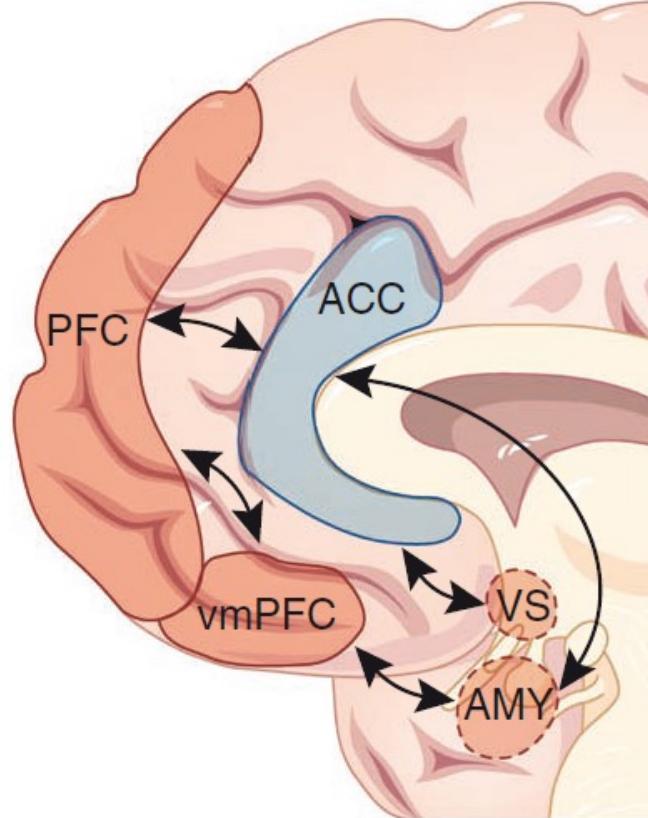
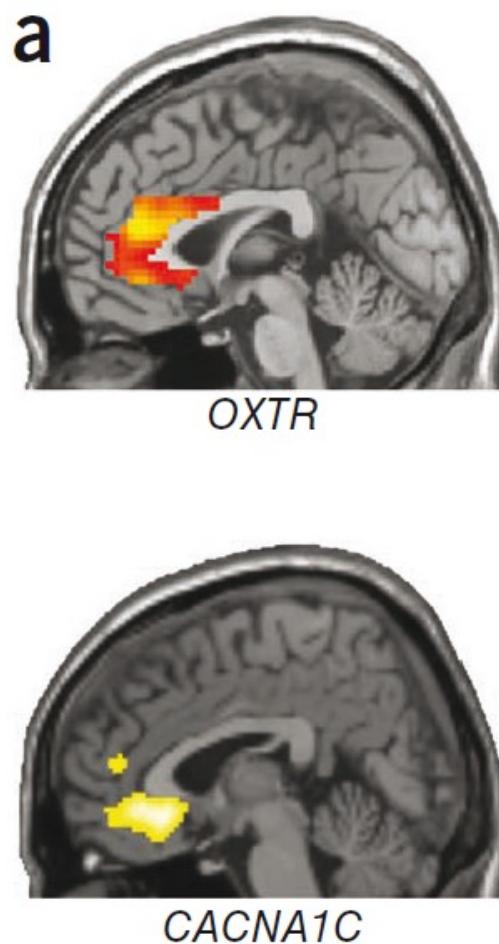
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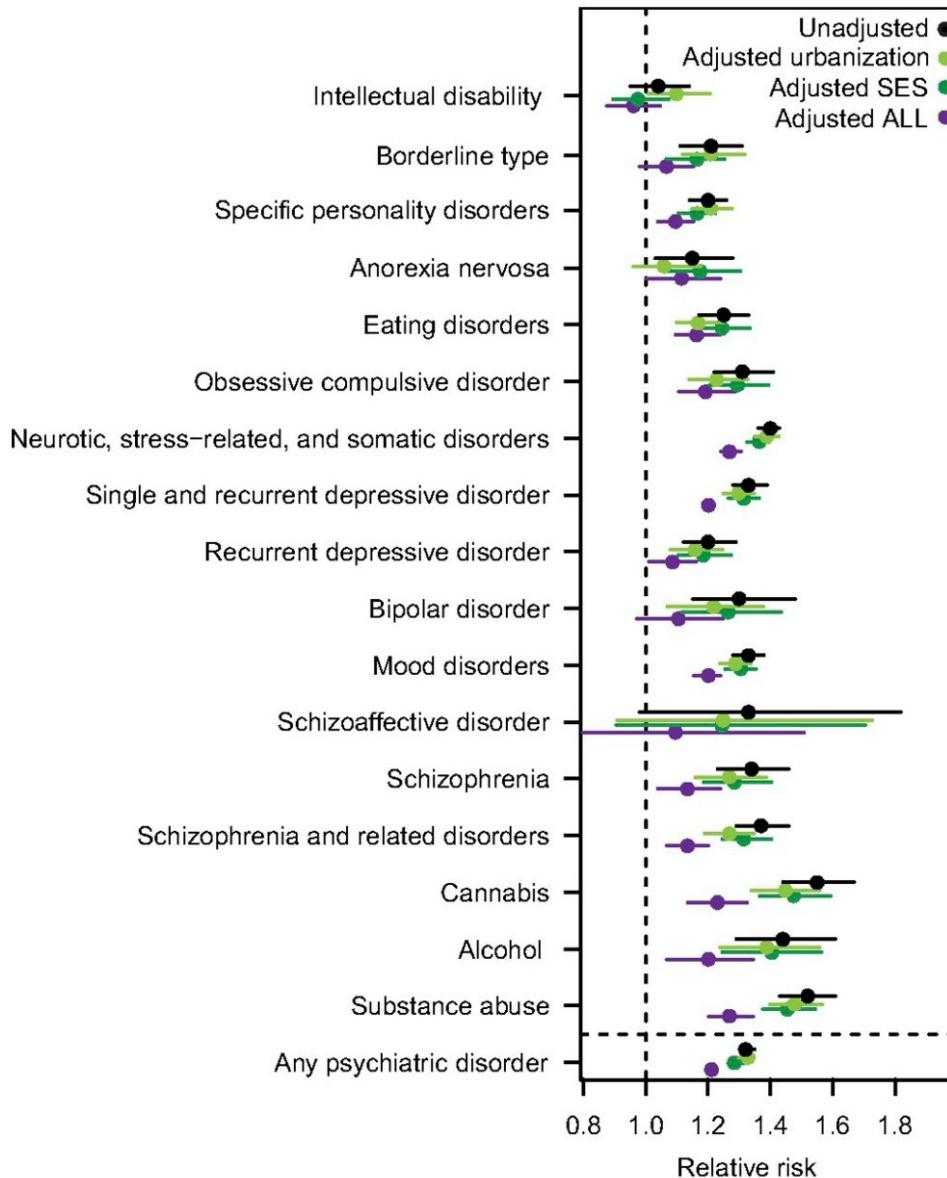


Konvergenz von genetischem- und Umweltrisiko



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Umweltrisiko Pleiotropie



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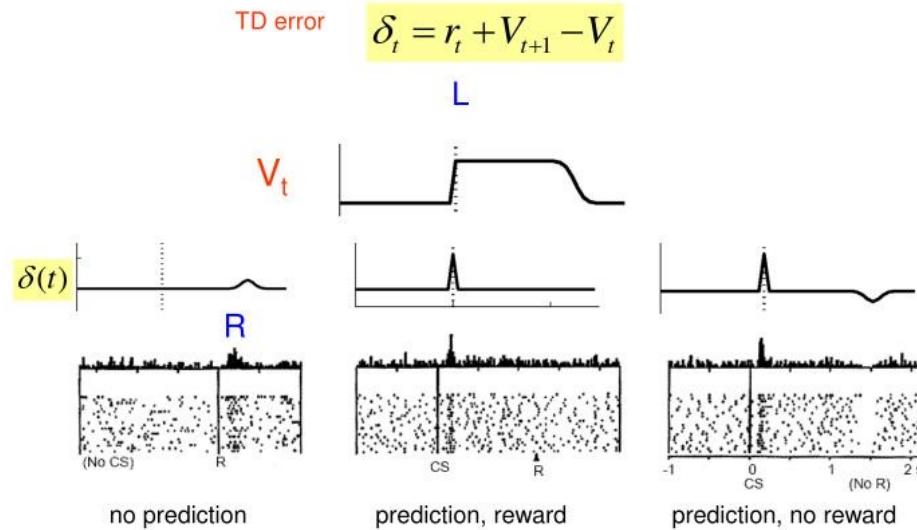
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- Presynaptic: increased synthetic capacity (F-DOPA) (Effect size 0.79, $p < 0.001$) (but half of patients have normal values) with normal synaptic integrity (DAT)
- Postsynaptic:
 - increased dopamine $D_{2/3}$ occupancy ($d=0.26$, medication confound) (half of patients have normal occupancy)
 - Drug $D_{2/3}$ occupancy linked to antipsychotic dose
 - D_1 unclear picture

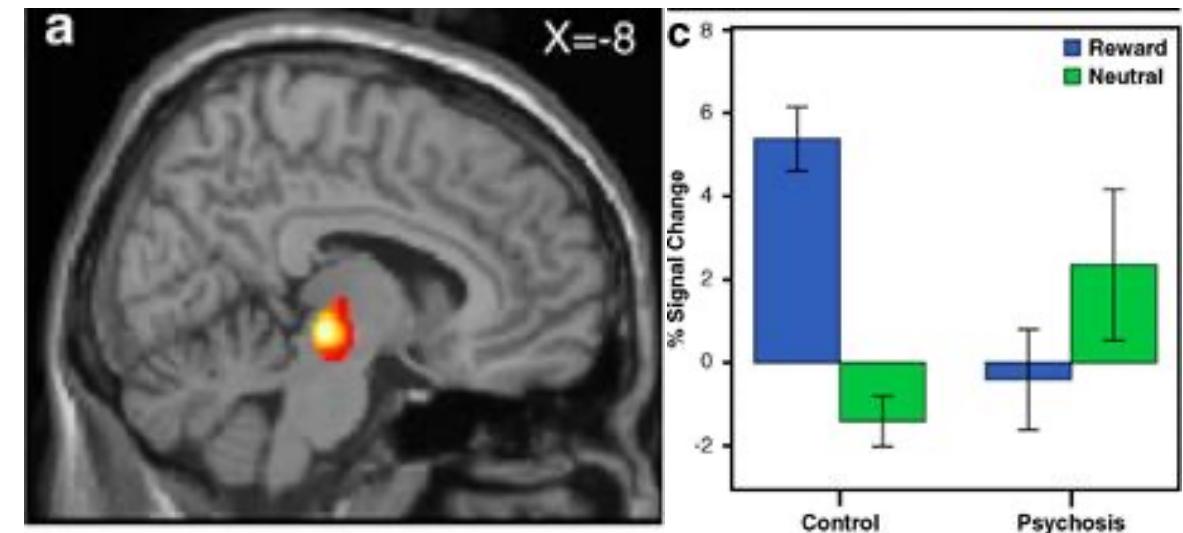
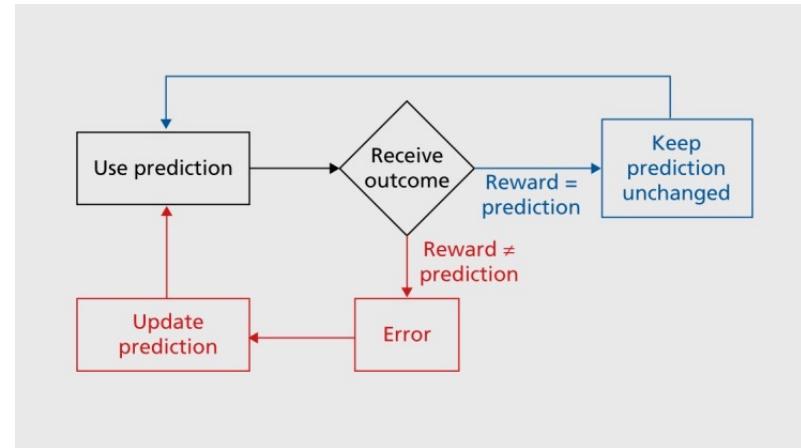
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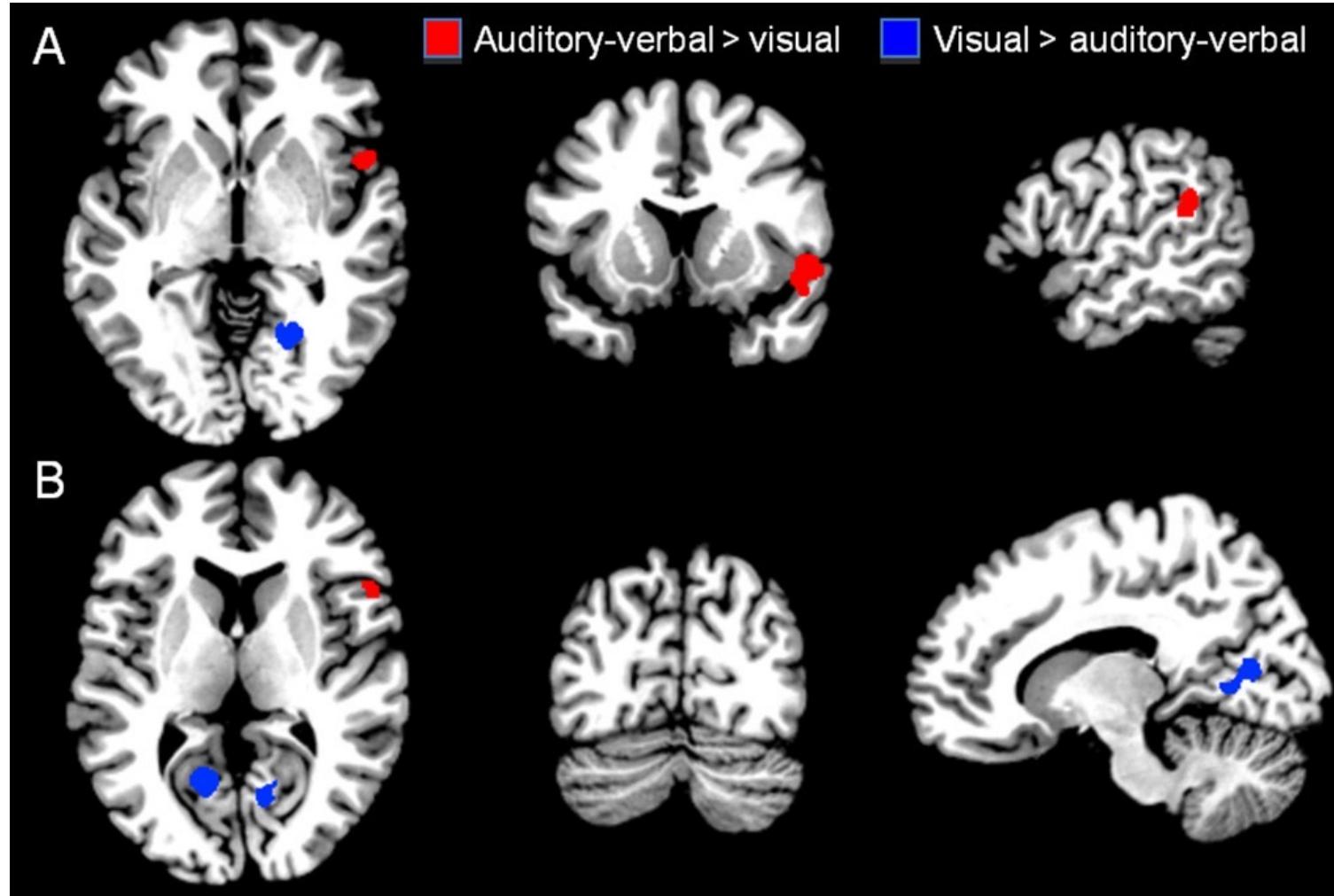


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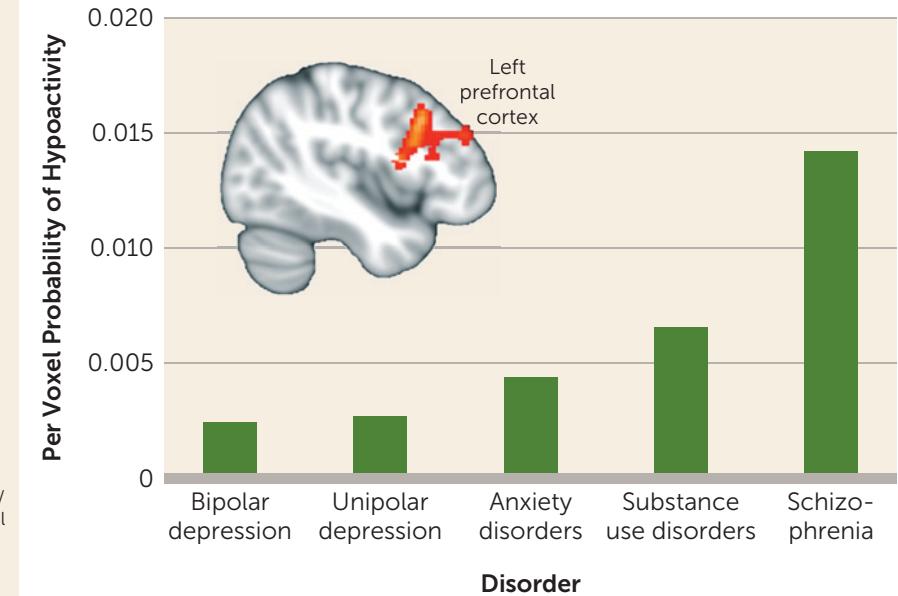
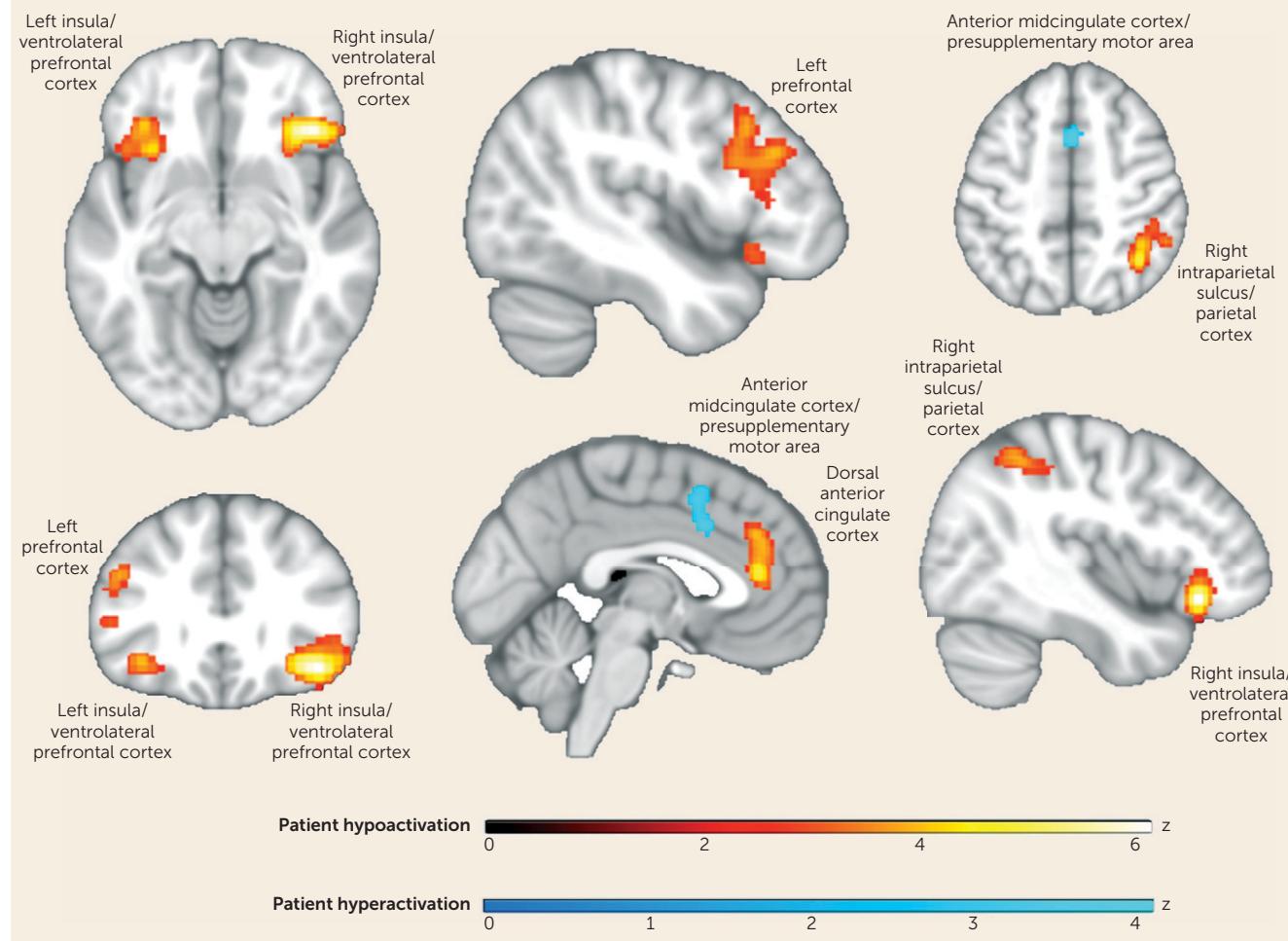
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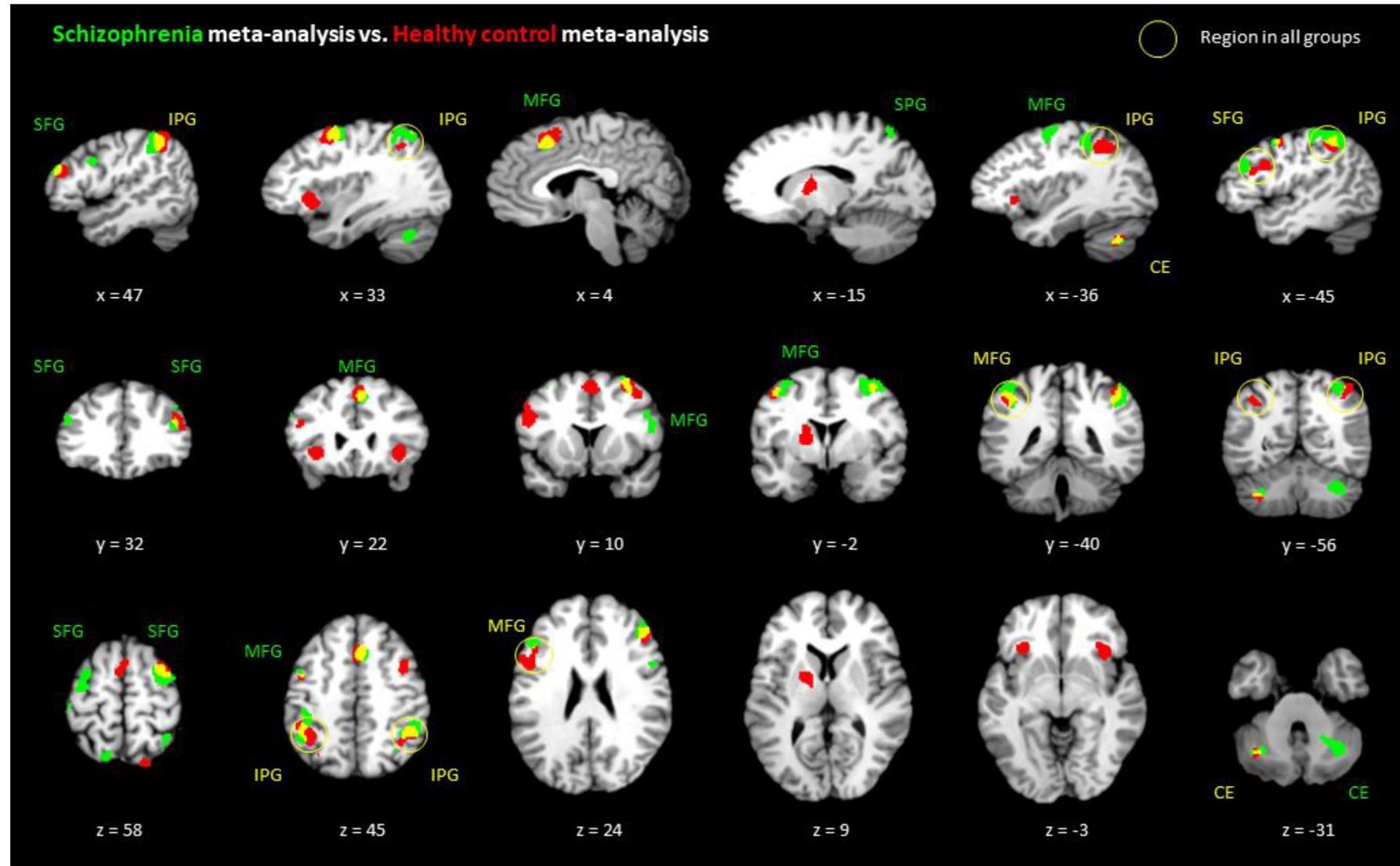
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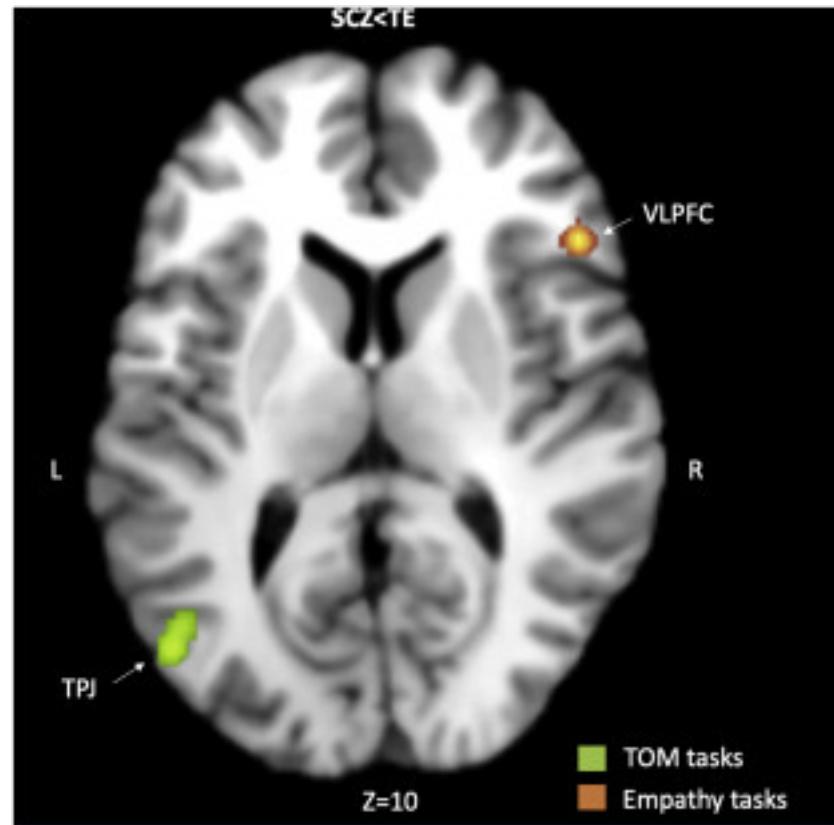


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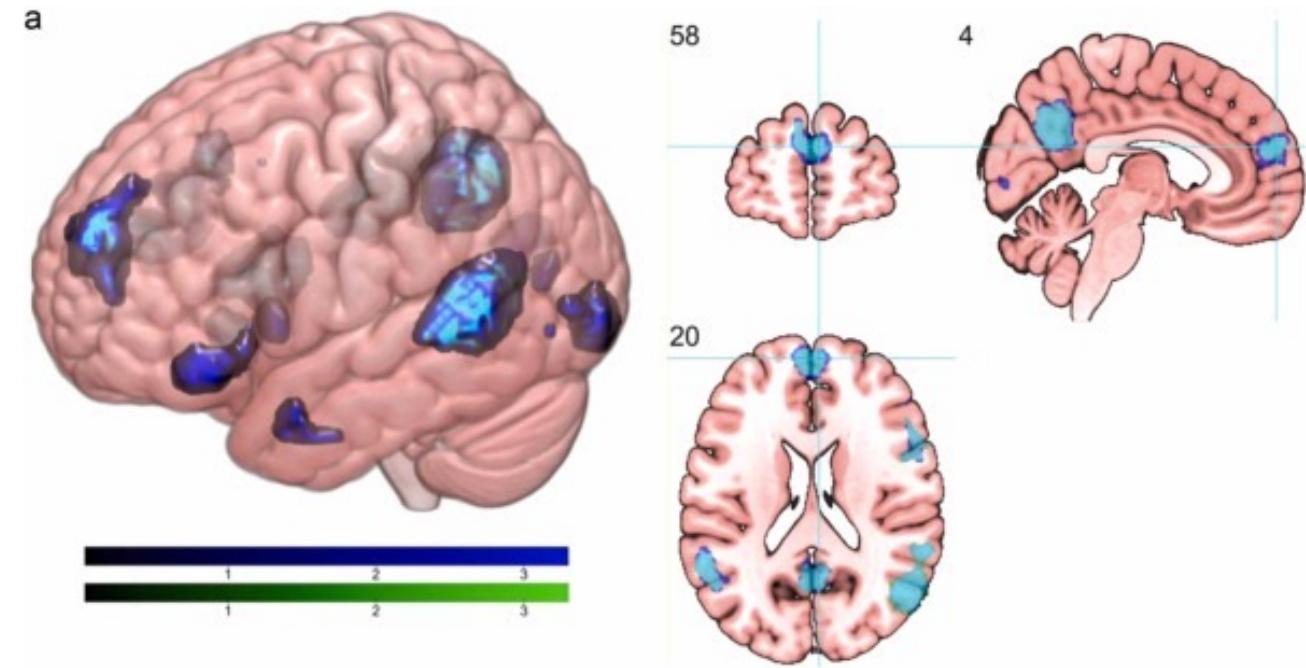
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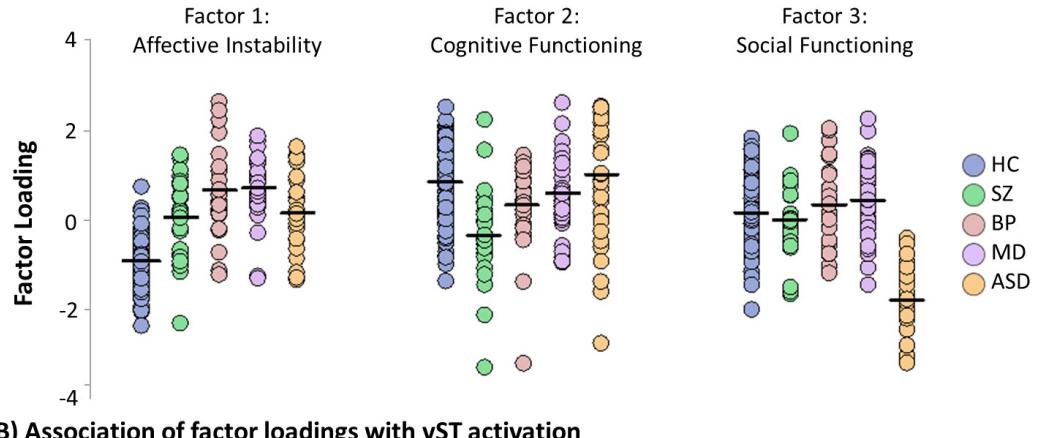
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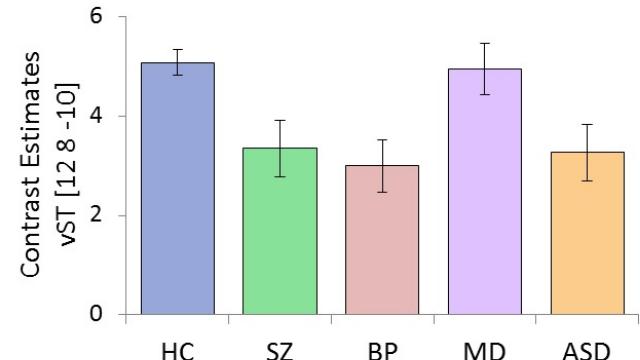
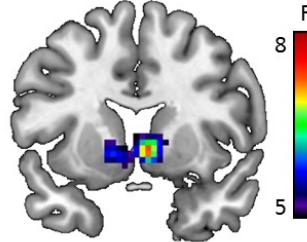
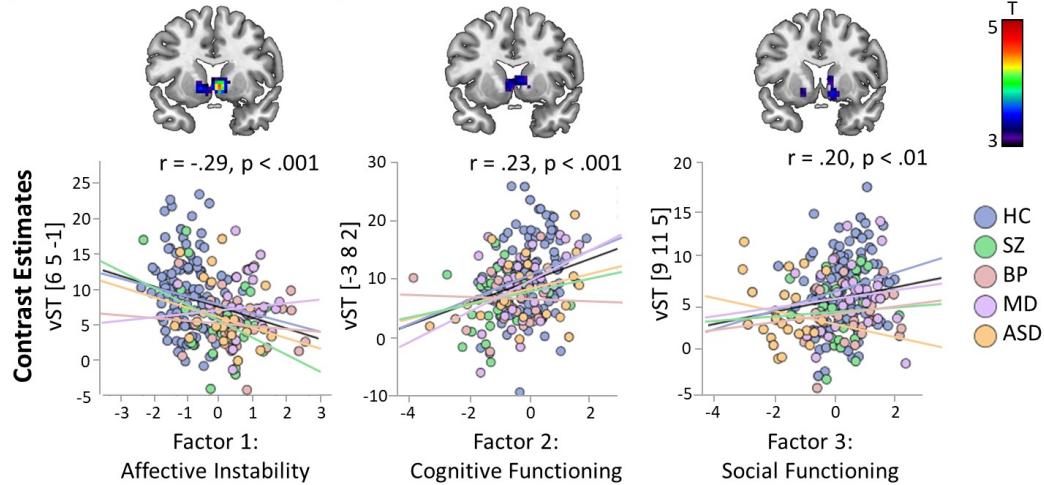
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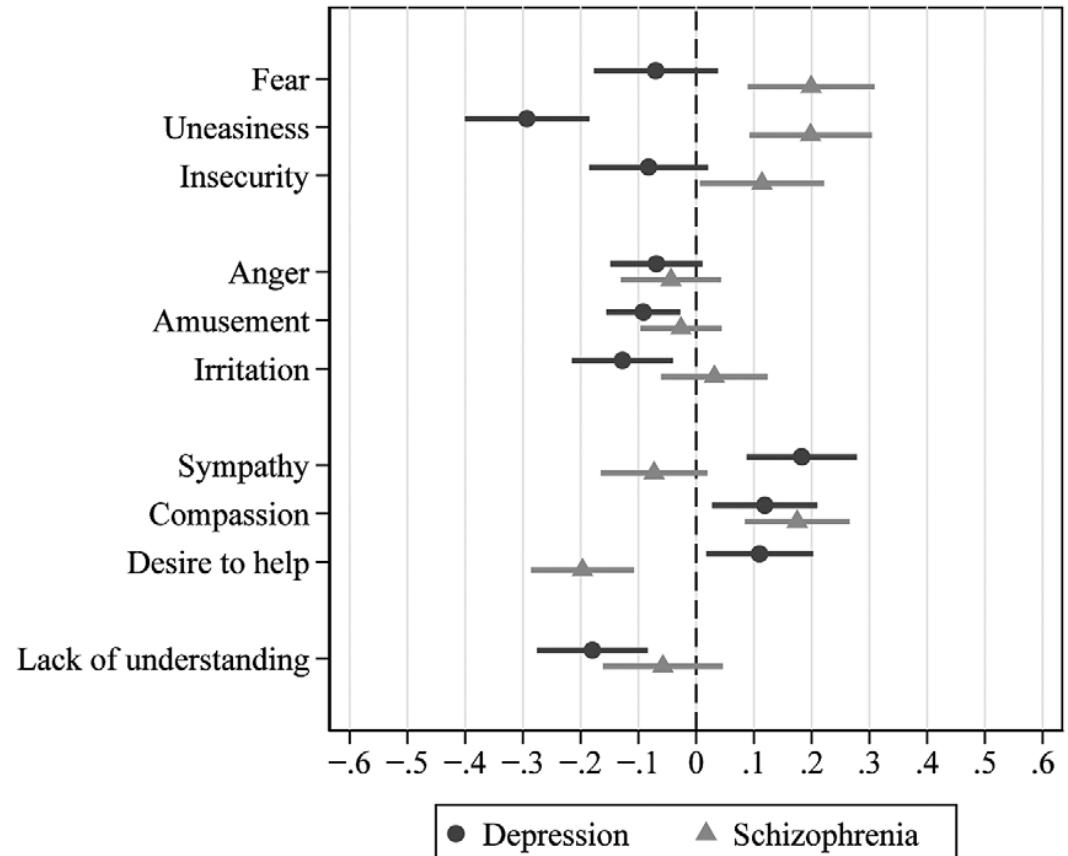
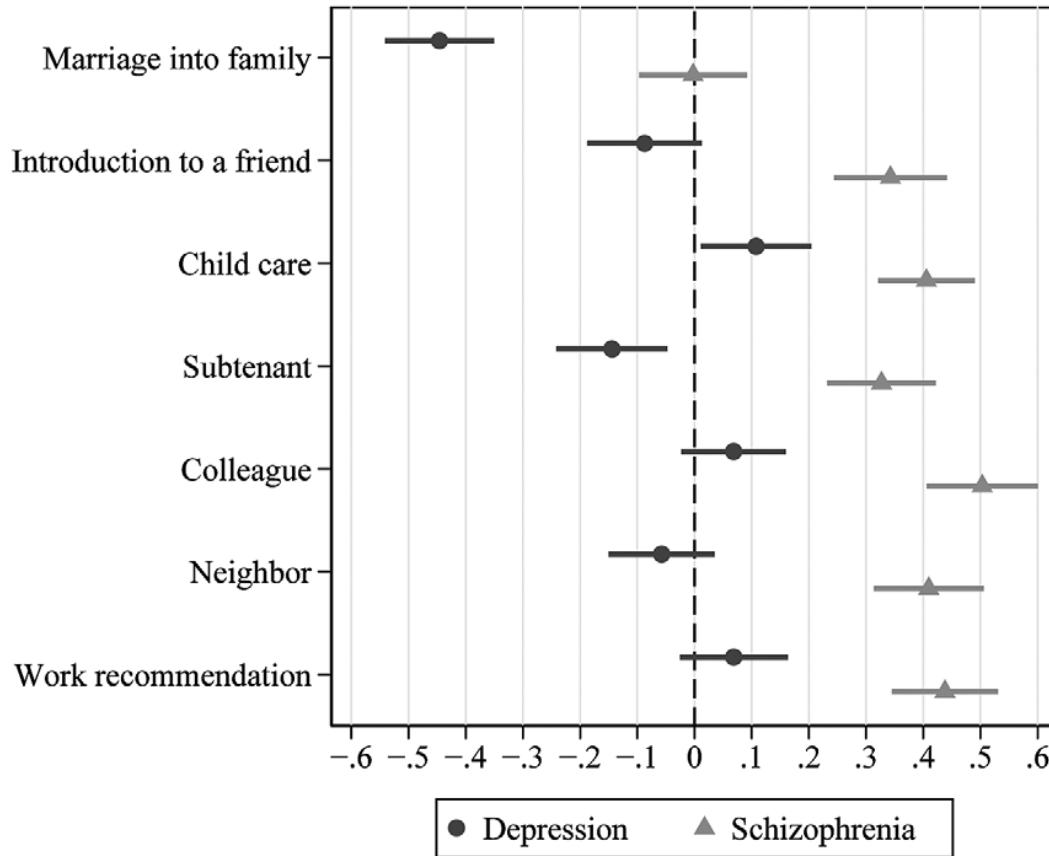
A) Principal Component analysis



B) Association of factor loadings with vST activation



Stigma in Deutschland: 30 Jahre Verlauf



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Biologische Erklärung der Schizophrenie und Stigma

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Biogenetic explanations and public acceptance of mental illness: systematic review of population studies

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Background

Biological or genetic models of mental illness are commonly expected to increase tolerance towards people with mental illness, by reducing notions of responsibility and blame.

Aims

To investigate whether biogenetic causal attributions of mental illness among the general public are associated with more tolerant attitudes, whether such attributions are related to lower perceptions of guilt and responsibility, to what extent notions of responsibility are associated with rejection of people who are mentally ill, and how prevalent notions of responsibility are among the general public with regard to different mental disorders.

Method

A systematic review was conducted of representative population studies examining attitudes towards people with mental illness and beliefs about such disorders.

Results

We identified 33 studies relevant to this review. Generally, biogenetic causal attributions were not associated with more tolerant attitudes; they were related to stronger rejection in most studies examining schizophrenia. No published study reported on associations of biogenetic causal attributions and perceived responsibility. The stereotype of self-responsibility was unrelated to rejection in most studies. Public images of mental disorder are generally dominated by the stereotypes of unpredictability and dangerousness, whereas responsibility is less relevant.

Conclusions

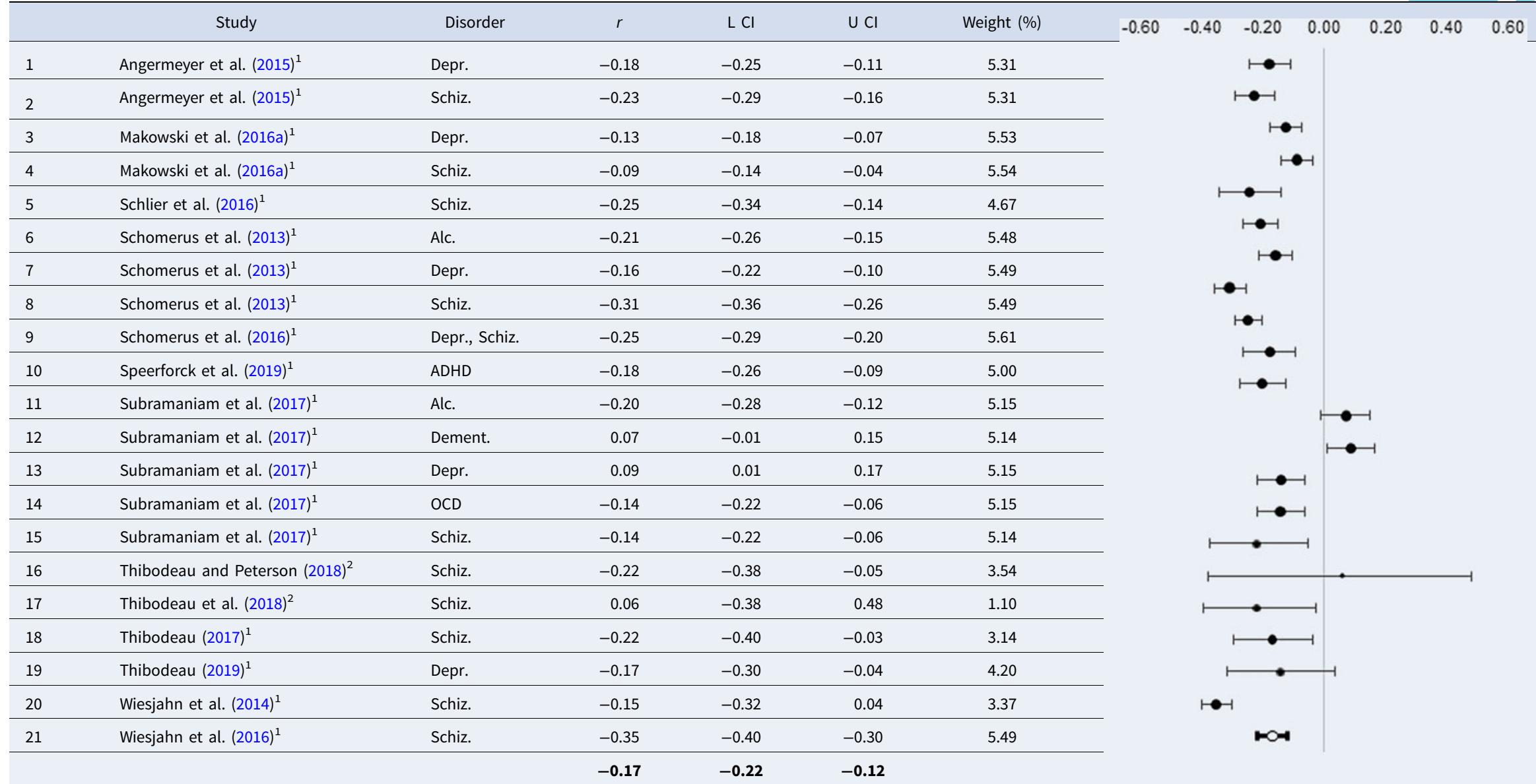
Biogenetic causal models are an inappropriate means of reducing rejection of people with mental illness.

Declaration of interest

None.

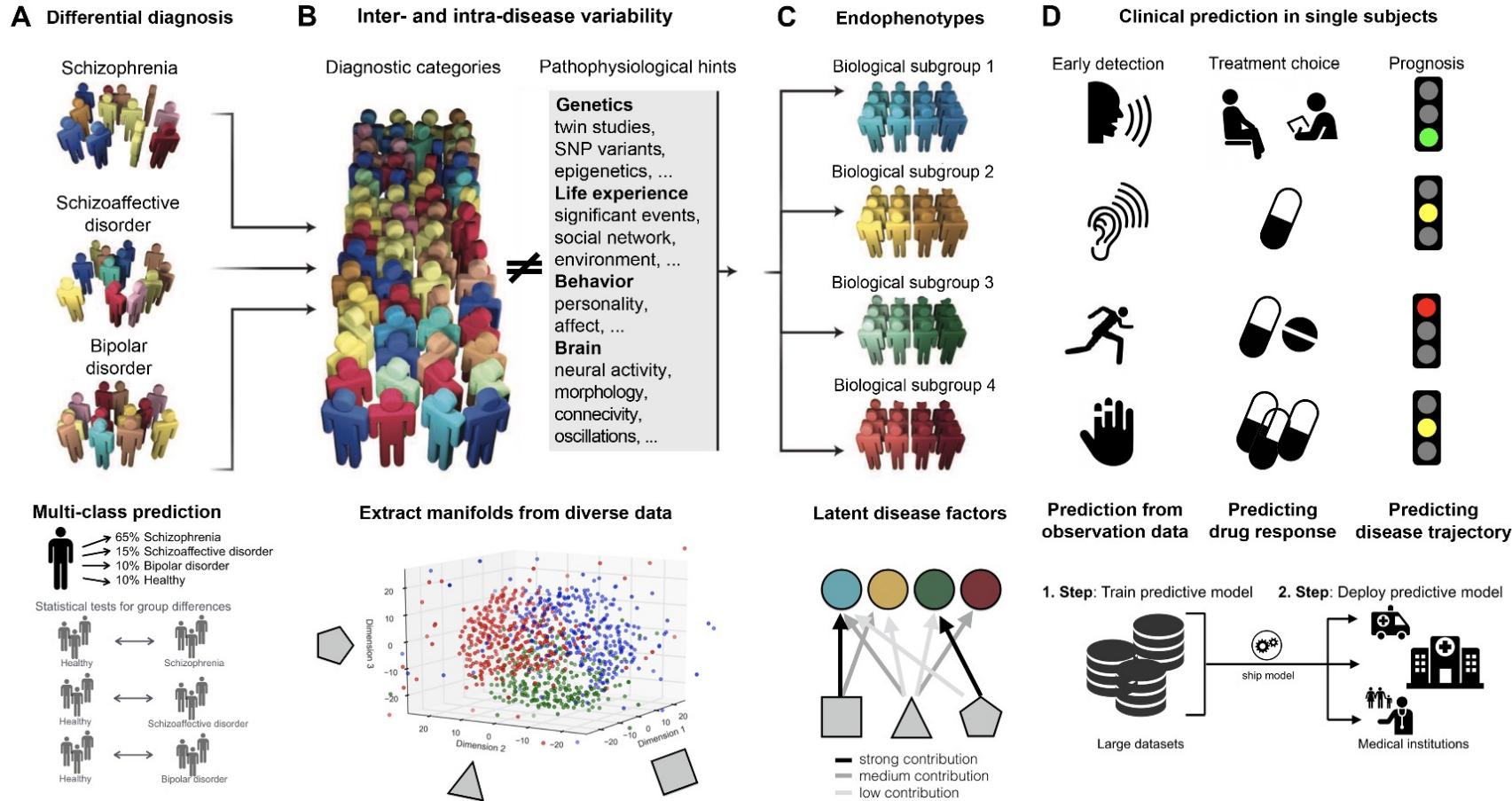
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