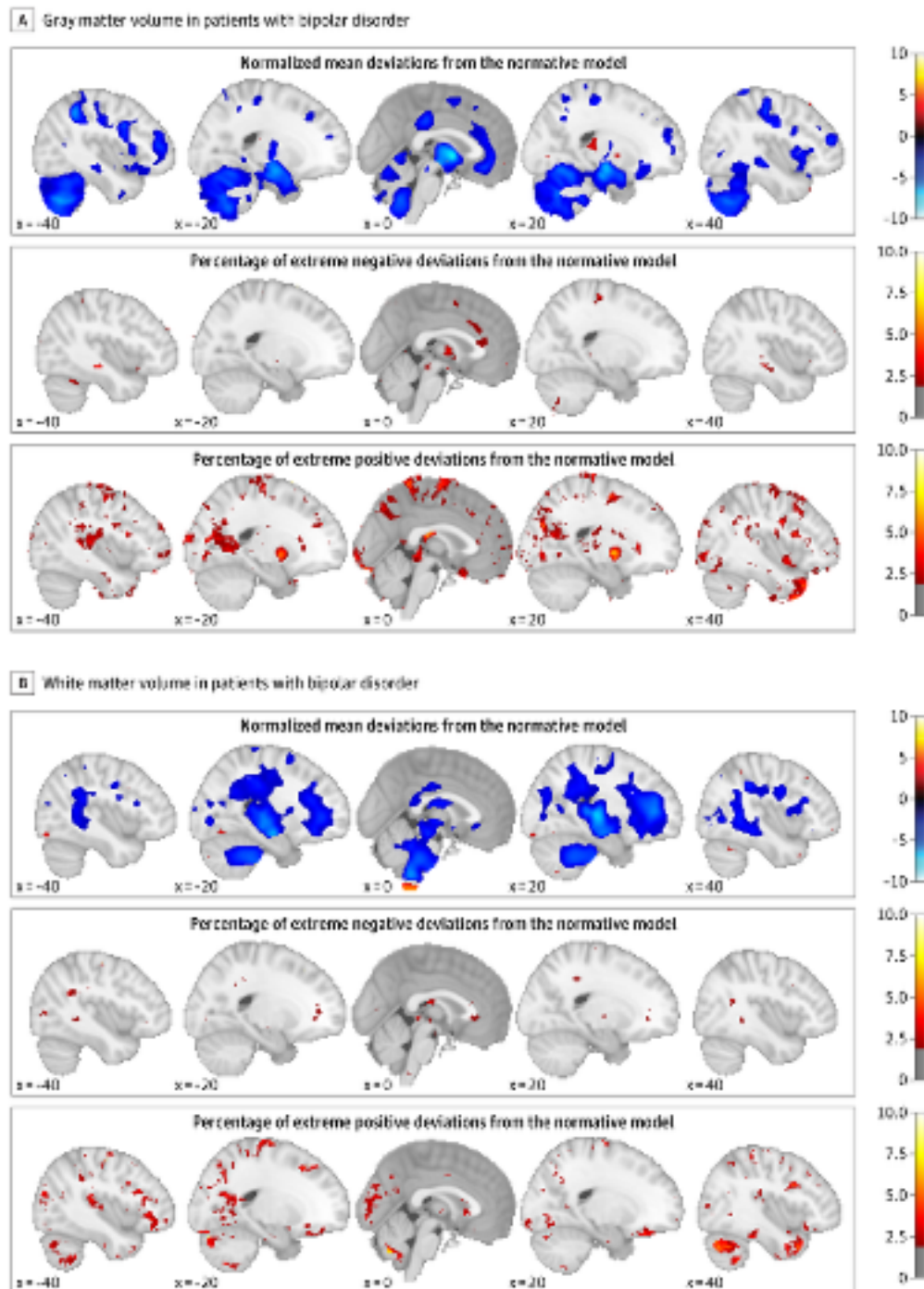


The idea of the average patient is a noninformative construct



Question: Is the focus on the average patient disguising interindividual differences among patients with mental disorders?

Findings: In this study of magnetic resonance imaging data from 218 patients with schizophrenia spectrum disorders and 256 healthy control individuals, mapping of interindividual differences in brain structure revealed that **only a few brain loci had the same abnormalities in more than 2% of patients with the same disorder despite robust group-level differences** in multiple brain regions between patients and control individuals.

Meaning: These findings suggest that **the idea of the average patient is a noninformative construct that falls apart when mapping interindividual differences** and provide a framework toward precision medicine in psychiatry.

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