IS COGNITIVE DISSONANCE DECREASED IN SCHIZOPHRENIA? COULD REFORMULATION CORRECT THIS IMPAIRMENT?



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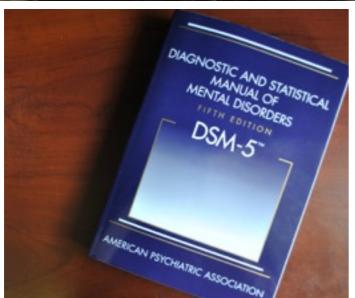
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SCHIZOPHRENIA





- Chronic psychiatric disease
 - 0,7 % of population,
 adolescents and young adults
- > 3rd cause of handicap
 - Positive signs
 - Negative signs
- Effective treatments (antipsychotics)
 - Lack of motivation and low observance rate

AMBIVALENCE: DIFFICULTY TO RESOLVE CONFLICT?



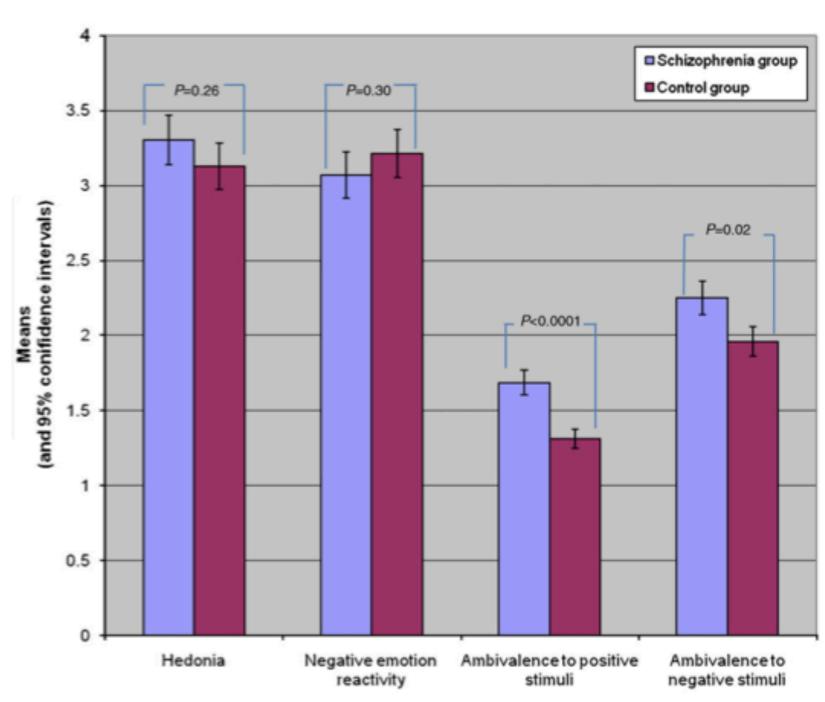


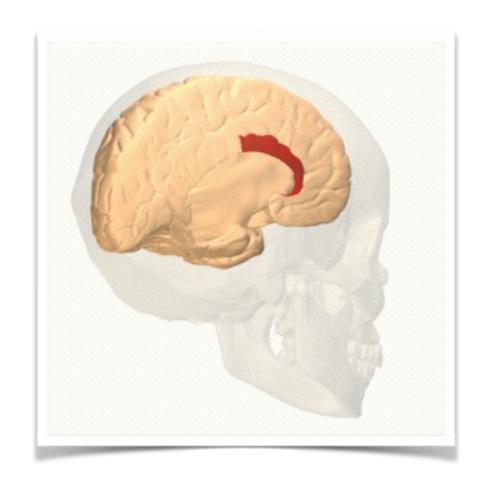
Fig. 1. Hedonia, negative emotion reactivity and ambivalence. Comparison between groups.

DEVIANT SALIENCY



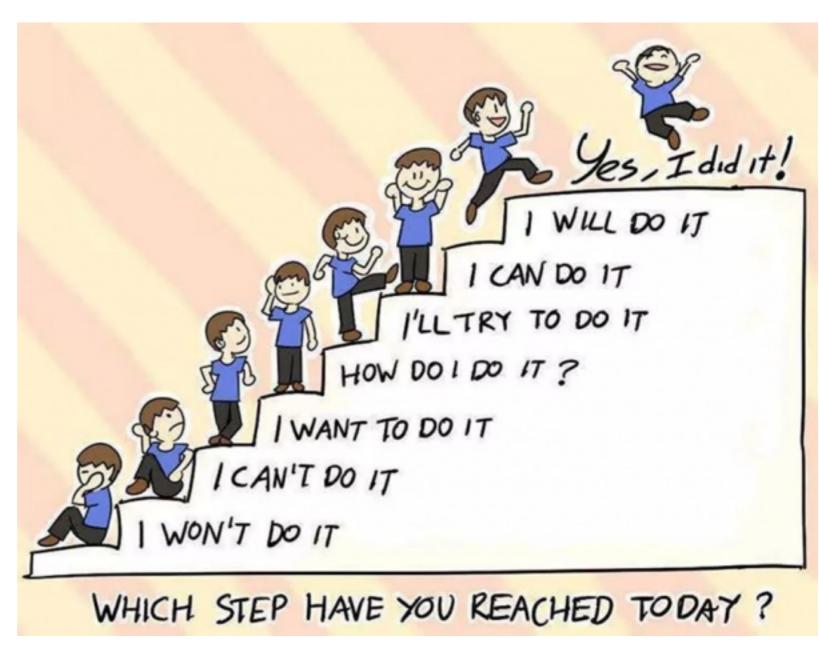
ANTERIOR CINGULATE CORTEX

- ACC involved in detecting modification of environment and update its prediction
- With insula it is implicated in cognitive dissonance (van Veen et al. 2009)
- Perturbation of ACC and conflict monitoring in schizophrenia (Kerns et al., 2005; Park, 2014)



MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

- Open questions
- Reinforcement (valorisation)
- Reflective listening (repetitions)
- Avoid unsolicited advises







COGNITIVE DISSONANCE AND MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING SHARE COMMON CONCLUSIONS

- Ambivalence is natural and drives a change
- Freedom and confidence are necessary to change
- Arguing for a change is useless (reactance)
- Foot in the door and engagement is necessary

Cognitive dissonance: 15 min boring task in a situation of freedom or not

	Controls	Patients SCZ
Cognitive dissonance	(n=30)	(n=30)
No cognitive dissonance	(n=30)	(n=30)

SECONDARY HYPOTHESIS

- Link with conflict monitoring:
 - Stroop and Simon tasks? more homogenous sub-type of patients?
- Reformulation used in motivational interviewing?
 - Modulation of saliency?
- Physiological associations:
 - Disruption in ACC?
 - Electrodermal activity?

- Schizophrenia is a frequent and not well understood mental illness
- Study of cognitive dissonance could be relevant in a theoretical and practical point of view
- Impairment of cognitive dissonance could enlighten different steps involved in this mechanism

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