

receptor antibodies were present at a higher rate (OR 5.6 [95% CI 1.3–24.1]). Principal component analysis divided the elements of the Bush-Francis Catatonia Screening Instrument into three components (hyperkinetic, hypokinetic and amotivation).

Conclusions This is the largest study of catatonia to date. There is evidence that catatonia is not dying out and confers high morbidity but without affecting mortality. The innate immune system does not seem to be activated, but NMDA receptor antibodies are present at higher rates than in psychiatric controls. We demonstrate that catatonia remains an important clinical problem and may be associated with neuro-immunological dysfunction.

9 ABERRANT STRIATAL VALUE REPRESENTATION IN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE GENE CARRIERS 25 YEARS BEFORE ONSET

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Aims Huntington's disease (HD) is a devastating genetic neurodegenerative condition typically manifesting clinically in the fourth or fifth decade. With the advent of genetic therapies there is increased need to identify the earliest changes associated with carrying the HD gene. In this study we sought to determine the earliest functional imaging differences between HD gene carriers and matched controls. Based on previous work, we hypothesised that as compared to controls, HD gene carriers decades from onset would show a neural 'reward bias' – an exaggerated striatal response to gains as compared to losses.

Methods We recruited 35 HD gene carriers, estimated to be on average 26 years from motor onset, and 35 controls. Groups were well matched for age, gender and education level.

Participants completed a reinforcement learning task in a fMRI scanner using a sequence optimised for orbitofrontal and striatal signal. In this task participants were required to learn to choose between stimuli with the aim of maximise rewards and avoiding losses. Task behaviour was modelled using a computational model and computational variables from the best fitting model was used to probe fMRI data.

Results As hypothesised, we found that, in comparison to matched controls, gene carriers over 25 years from motor onset showed exaggerated striatal responses to gain as compared to loss predicting stimuli ($p=0.003$) in a reinforcement learning task. Using computational analysis, we also found

group differences in striatal representation of stimulus value ($p=0.0007$).

Conclusion These represent the earliest functional imaging differences between HD gene carriers and controls. Behaviourally gene carriers, 9 years from predicted onset, have shown enhanced learning from gains as compared to losses. Importantly, we found no group differences in behaviour, or caudate volumes. Our data suggests a therapeutic window exists whereby HD-related functional neural changes are detectable 25 years before predicted onset.

10 STATE DISSOCIATION AND INTEROCEPTION IN FUNCTIONAL NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER

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Objective/aims Interoceptive differences have been proposed as an aetiological factor in functional neurological disorder (FND) but there is limited supportive evidence. Previous studies are few, have mixed findings and assessed only (objective) interoceptive accuracy, but not (metacognitive) interoceptive awareness. The aim of this study was to explore interoception in FND in greater detail, by assessing interoceptive accuracy and awareness in individuals with a range of FND presentations. As dissociative symptoms (e.g., depersonalisation, derealisation) are common in FND and could influence interoception, we sought to examine the effects of induced acute dissociation on interoception. We hypothesised that interoceptive accuracy/awareness would be impaired at baseline in FND relative to healthy controls, but that the differences would be exacerbated following dissociation induction.

Methods Twenty adults with FND were recruited from online FND support groups. Diagnosis was confirmed by medical documentation from a relevant healthcare professional. The FND group was compared to a group of 20 healthy controls recruited from online community groups. A modified heart-beat tracking task measured interoceptive accuracy (correct detection of heart beats) and awareness (confidence judgements). A control task involved counting visually presented geometric shapes. Both tasks were completed before and after a validated dissociation induction procedure (mirror-gazing).

Results The FND group reported elevated dissociation at baseline relative to controls ($p<0.01$) but this difference was larger following mirror-gazing ($p<0.001$). Interoceptive accuracy did not differ significantly between groups at baseline; however, the FND group had significantly lower accuracy scores following mirror-gazing ($p<0.05$). There was no effect of group on shape counting accuracy at either timepoint. Confidence ratings on the interoception and shape counting tasks were significantly lower at both timepoints in the FND group relative to controls (all p -values <0.05 or <0.01).

Conclusions Individuals with FND reported elevated dissociation both before and after a dissociation induction procedure, although this was exacerbated post-dissociation induction. In contrast, interoceptive accuracy was unimpaired at baseline, but impaired following dissociation induction, relative to controls. The FND group showed reduced metacognitive awareness for detection of bodily states and external (visual) stimuli.

Future research should better determine the nature of interoceptive deficits in FND and assess the impact of dissociation on a range of cognitive and affective processes relevant to the disorder.

Speakers Short Biographies and Abstracts Day 1

11 DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: HOW CAN NEUROCOGNITIVE AND GENETICALLY INFORMATIVE RESEARCH IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL RISK?

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To progress our understanding of how psychopathology develops, we need to combine different analytical approaches within a longitudinal, developmental, genetically informative framework. In this talk I will provide a brief overview of neurocognitive and genetically informative research into developmental risk for conduct disorder. I will use this overview as a framework for considering how atypical neurocognitive functioning may serve to generate and maintain maladaptive social interactions. I will argue that neurocognitive studies can inform our understanding of individuals as active agents in the generation of particular social ecologies and that unlocking the mechanisms of gene-environment and environment-environment correlation will be of key importance. Advances in this area of research have scope to inform theoretical understanding, as well as interventions designed to help children at risk of developing a disorder and their families.

Speakers Short Biographies and Abstracts Day 2

12 NEUROSCIENCE OF PLEASURE AND EUDAIMONIA

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Anhedonia, the lack of pleasure, has been shown to be a critical feature of a range of neuropsychiatric disorders. Yet, it is currently measured primarily through subjective self-reports and as such has been difficult to submit to rigorous scientific analysis. New insights from affective neuroscience hold considerable promise in improving our understanding of anhedonia and for providing useful objective behavioral measures to complement traditional self-report measures, potentially leading to better diagnoses and novel treatments.

Reviewing the state-of-the-art of hedonia research and specifically the established mechanisms of wanting, liking, and learning, I propose to conceptualize anhedonia as impairments in some or all of these processes; thereby departing from the longstanding view of anhedonia as solely reduced subjective experience of pleasure. I show how advances in whole-brain computational modelling can help stratify the heterogeneity of anhedonia across neuropsychiatric disorders, depending on which parts of the pleasure networks are most affected. These advances may also help us finally get a handle on eudaimonia and well-being which are difficult to study empirically. I will show how diverse routes such as caregiving of infants, drugs or music could potentially offer new insights. The evidence suggests that eudaimonia could be linked to optimal metastability in the pleasure system, which in turn has implications for diagnosis and treatment of anhedonia.

13 USING VISION TO UNDERSTAND DEMENTIA IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE

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Dementia affects around half of all people with Parkinson's disease by 10 years after diagnosis, but the timing and severity varies between individuals. Currently we lack methods to predict which patients with Parkinson's disease will develop