Challenges and perspectives of quantitative functional sodium imaging (fNaI)

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Abstract

Brain function has been investigated via the blood oxygenation level dependent (BOLD) effect using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for the past decades. Advances in sodium imaging offer the unique chance to access signal changes directly linked to sodium ions (23Na) flux across the cell membrane, which generates action potentials, hence signal transmission in the brain. During this process 23Na transiently accumulates in the intracellular space. Here we show that quantitative

functional sodium imaging (fNaI) at 3T is potentially sensitive to 23Na concentration changes during
finger tapping, which can be quantified in grey and white matter regions key to motor function. For
the first time, we measured a 23Na concentration change of 0.54 mmol/l in the ipsilateral cerebellum,
0.46 mmol/l in the contralateral primary motor cortex, 0.27 mmol/l in the corpus callosum and -11
mmol/l in the ipsilateral primary motor cortex, suggesting that fNaI is sensitive to distributed
functional alterations. Open issues persist on the role of the glymphatic system in maintaining 23Na
homeostasis, the role of excitation and inhibition as well as volume distributions during neuronal
activity. Hemodynamic and physiological signal recordings coupled to realistic models of tissue
function will be critical to understand the mechanisms of such changes and contribute to meeting the
overarching challenge of measuring neuronal activity *in vivo*.

Introduction

Ever since the blood oxygenation level dependent (BOLD) effect was described, functional magnetic
resonance imaging (fMRI) has dominated neuroscience as a mean to evaluate brain activity (Ogawa
et al., 1990b, 1990a, 1992). It allows mapping of signal changes generated by the mismatch between
oxygen delivery and consumption upon neuronal activation. While providing significant insight into
brain function, a major limitation of BOLD is that it is an indirect measure of function and is affected
by subject-specific haemodynamic factors. Thus, an approach that could directly measure neuronal
activity in humans *in vivo*, non-invasively, would have a major advantage over BOLD-fMRI.

In this paper, we propose that, thanks to sodium MRI technology, we are within reach of measuring
directly a local transient change of sodium ions (23Na) concentration in the intracellular space.
During activity, neuronal action potentials cause a transient 23Na flux from the extracellular to
intracellular space over a temporal scale of several milliseconds. If sodium imaging, dynamically
repeated, was successful in detecting 23Na concentration changes evoked by specific tasks, it would
open up a new way of investigating human brain function, complementing BOLD-fMRI.

Imaging aspects of the brain electrical activity, other than BOLD, related to transmembrane sodium-
potassium ion exchange during depolarization could provide a direct access to primary brain function
everywhere. Although sodium channels are predominantly located in the axonal initial segment
(Chadderton et al., 2004; Dover et al., 2016; Häusser and Clark, 1997; Masoli et al., 2015; Powell et
al., 2015; Rancz et al., 2007), they are also expressed in Ranvier nodes along the white matter (WM)
axons. While BOLD signals capture mainly the large energy demand supporting brain function
related to the sodium-potassium pump to re-establish ionic gradients after action potentials in gray
matter (GM) (Brockhaus et al., 1993; Koch and Barish, 1994), 23Na concentration changes could be
sensitive to activity also in WM and therefore contribute to our understanding of brain circuits
involved in specific tasks.

Despite its limitations, BOLD-fMRI has been very successful in neurological research applications to
study mechanisms of disease. Pathologies where blood perfusion is impaired, such as multiple
sclerosis (Paling et al., 2013) and stroke (Sakatani et al., 2007), reveal alterations during task BOLD
fMRI. However, these may be mediated by a dysfunction in evoked blood oxygenation or by
neuronal damage itself. Experimental neurophysiology also indicates that psychiatric conditions,
such as autism, are characterised by altered patterns of neuronal firing, which are difficult to capture
in vivo using BOLD-fMRI (Giza et al., 2010; Leblond et al., 2014). Considering its substantial
research output, BOLD-fMRI is rarely used clinically, though, besides pre-surgical planning. Yet,
while growing evidence supports that minimising residual tumour mass improves survival, false
functional localisation may render it less effective (Morrison et al., 2016; Suchorska et al., 2016).

This means that there is a pressing need for tools able to directly map brain function, rather than
through hemodynamic effects, and with greater reliability. Again, measuring 23Na concentration
changes could meet this need, complementing BOLD-fMRI, with the potential of impacting clinical
practice.

From a physiological point of view, neuronal cells' function has recently been mapped *in vitro* with
high specificity, describing distribution and functionality of 23Na channels with incredible details
(Dover et al., 2016; Masoli et al., 2015). In parallel, physiological studies have also led to a better
understanding of the neurovascular coupling (Howarth et al., 2009; Lippert et al., 2010; Mapelli et
al., 2016) at the origin of the BOLD-fMRI signal (Ogawa et al., 1990b, 1990a, 1992). These data are
the bases for constructing emerging realistic models of neuronal activity, built on ever accurate
physiological recordings of cellular function, and could provide an invaluable tool to interpret large
scale measures of brain function from MRI (D'Angelo and Wheeler-Kingshott, 2017; Friston et al.,
2017; Blanchard et al., 2016).

From a technological point of view, it is now feasible to measure 23Na concentrations *in vivo*, which
are key in retaining physiologically balanced tissues. Indeed, it is now possible to non-invasively
measure quantitatively total (i.e. intra + extra cellular) 23Na concentrations (TSC) of the human brain
tissue *in vivo* using high field MRI scanners (Thulborn, 2018). Furthermore, 23Na in the intra and
extracellular spaces have different MR properties due to their cellular environment, hence any
alteration in volume fractions or in intra or extracellular 23Na concentrations could affect the
measured TSC. Arguably one could say that TSC is sensitive to changes due to tissue composition as
well as to pathological changes of cellularity, albeit with a lower sensitivity than proton (1H), or
indeed due to transient TSC changes (ΔTSC) during functional activity.

With preliminary data and biophysical hypothesis of ΔTSC changes in tissue *in vivo*, we intend to
establish a framework for developing functional sodium imaging (fNaI), demonstrating an exciting
opportunity for measuring brain function and potentially neuronal activity, addressing a pressing
need for a multi-disciplinary integration.

Methods

<u>Subjects</u>: 8 right-handed healthy volunteers (mean age 33yrs, range 27-45, 5 males) gave written
consent to this study approved by the NRES Committee London – Harrow, in accordance with the
Declaration of Helsinki.

<u>fNaI acquisition protocol</u>: Data was acquired on a 3T Philips Achieva system (Philips, Netherlands)
with a single-tuned volume head-coil (Rapid, Germany) using a 4-times undersampled 3D-Cones
ultra-short echo time sequence (Gurney et al., 2006; Riemer et al., 2014), 4mm isotropic resolution,
240mm field-of-view, 90° flip-angle, TR=50ms, TE=0.22ms, 6 NEX, total scan time per
volume=60s. TE was defined as from the end of the pulse to the start of readout (0.22 ms). The RF
pulse was 320 µs, so the time from the centre of the RF pulse to the start of readout is 0.38ms. The
length of the readout was 30ms.

<u>fNaI paradigm design</u>: fNaI was performed back-to-back 6-times (3-rest conditions interleaved with
3-tasks). Subjects were asked (verbally) to perform a right-hand finger-tapping task (self-pacing at a
frequency of 1Hz), opposing the thumb to each one of the fingers, repeatedly from the index to the
little finger and back, with ample extension of the movements.

fNaI data analysis: Images were reconstructed to 2mm isotropic resolution using SNR-enhancing
sub-Nyquist k-space sample weighting (Pipe, 2000). All analyses were performed with SPM8.
Images were rigidly registered, smoothed with a 8x8x8mm^3 Gaussian-kernel and normalised to the
proton density (PD) MNI152 template. Statistical analysis was performed using the SPM8-PET
group analysis toolbox. Statistical maps were calculated with p=0.001, cluster extent of k = 20 voxels
and family-wise error (FWE) correction.

fNaI clusters identification: Maps of t-statistics were saved from the fNaI data analysis and imported
in the xjview toolbox (http://www.alivelearn.net/xjview) of SPM for a detailed cluster report in terms
of peak, number of voxels, location and anatomical areas involved in Tailarach atlas space (Yoon et
al., 2012).

Sodium ions (23Na) flux and ΔTSC: Voxel-wise TSC was calculated according to (Christensen et al.,
1996), using two reference phantoms (33 and 66 mmol/l sodium agar) placed either side of the brain
for 4 out of 8 volunteers. ΔTSC was calculated from TSC on/off maps for cerebellar, ipsi and
contralateral primary motor cortex (M1) and corpus callosum (CC) clusters and reported as (mean
ΔTSC ± standard deviation) across the 4 subjects.

Results

fNaI was successfully performed in 8 subjects during a right-hand finger-tapping task at 3T. Figure
1a) shows transverse slices from one fNaI volume of a randomly chosen subject, while Figure 1b)
shows fNaI statistical activation maps from the group analysis. A total of 16 main clusters were
identified and are reported in Table 1. These include the contralateral M1 (Precentral), somatosensory
(Postcentral) and supplementary motor (Superior Frontal) gyri, and the ipsilateral anterior cerebellum
(lobule I-IV) as well as lobule VI, Crus I-II and the dentate nucleus (Figure 1c)). Noticeable are the
large number of ipsilateral areas that were also activated in the ipsilateral cerebrum (e.g., frontal and
temporal lobes, postcentral gyrus, deep grey matter including the right thalamus, the insular cortex,
the limbic lobe and parahippocampal gyrus. The lingual gyrus, Brodmann areas (BA) 2, 19 and 37
were also activated ipsilaterally to the movement). Interestingly, WM areas were identified in the CC,
contralateral paracentral lobule and medial frontal gyrus, corticospinal tract (CST), posterior
cingulum and ipsilateral supramarginal gyrus.

ΔTSC in the anterior cerebellar cluster was (0.54 ± 0.17) mmol/l, while it was (0.27 ± 0.08) mmol/l
in the CC, (0.46 ± 0.10) mmol/l in the contralateral M1; a negative ΔTSC change was measured in
the ipsilateral M1 (-0.11 ± 0.06) mmol/l.

Discussion

We have shown preliminary evidence that brain function can be assessed non-invasively by sodium
imaging *in vivo* using a 3T MRI scanner, a major step forward in the overarching aim to directly
assess neuronal activity. Indeed, fNaI successfully detected changes in activation between finger
tapping and rest across the entire brain. Activations in motor and executive control areas indicate that
fNaI has the potential to be an effective biomarker of functional activity.

The localisation of activated regions is conveying interesting results. Several clusters are at the
border between GM and WM, where a high concentration of sodium channels in the axon initial
segment could lead to a large intracellular 23Na accumulation (Dover et al., 2016). The task
employed in this initial experiment was indeed demanding: one minute of self-paced finger taping
requires motor planning and concentration. Interestingly, as well as M1 (BA4), the study shows

activations in the primary somatosensory cortex (BA2), i.e. the main cortical area for processing the
sense of touch, and in the premotor cortex (BA6), which is involved (with the cerebellum) in self-
pacing finger tapping (Mak et al., 2016; Witt et al., 2008). In the cerebellum, activations occurred in
posterior ipsilateral areas, namely Crus I/II, lobule VI, and lobule VIIIa, which are heavily involved
in integrative aspects of motor control and cognitive processing (Mak et al., 2016; Witt et al., 2008).
A further finding is the presence of patches of activity in WM, including: the CST, which is the
major pathway for the motor system; the superior longitudinal fasciculus that connects parietal to
prefrontal cortices with associative fibres integrating body awareness and perception; the CC, which
connects both hemispheres; the cingulum, which receives afferent fibres from the thalamus, as part of
the spino-thalamic tract. These tracts are myelinated and enriched in sodium channels at the nodes of
Ranvier, forming the axonal pathways wiring-up the sensorimotor network. Given that ionic fluxes
(including those involving astrocytes) are generally smaller in WM than GM, it will be important to
verify these activations in future studies, to exclude possible partial volume effects and to assess
whether neurotransmitter signaling could cause enough accumulation of 23Na at synapsis junctions
to be detectable with fNaI. If these results were going to be confirmed, reconstruction of axonal
circuits supporting functions would find invaluable information in WM matter fNaI results.

From the present data it is impossible to determine the mechanisms underlying fNaI changes, i.e.
does ΔTSC reflect sensitivity mainly to the shift of 23Na between the intracellular and extracellular
compartments (Gilles et al., 2017), or does it reflect also changes in vascular and perivascular spaces
through neurovascular coupling between glucose metabolism and increase blood delivery? In other
words, we cannot exclude that in the present measurements, a significant contribution comes from
the blood. Moreover, given the experimental TR, T1-weighting could play a role in the contrast: any
excess of blood-related signal flowing through the vessels in activated regions could lead to
artefactual increases in sodium signal. Future fNaI studies should consider minimizing this possible
effect.

Whilst a precise estimate would require sophisticated models and combinations of experimental
measurements *in vivo* and *in vitro*, here we can probe likely/expected scenarios and propose some *ab*
initio calculations. Can the molar flux of 23Na displaced during activity be sufficient to generate a
meaningful fNaI signal? For example, in the cerebellum, ΔTSC was 0.54 ± 0.17 mmol/l. The
measured ATP consumption during activity in the cerebellar cortex is 20.5 mmol of ATP/(g·min)
(Howarth et al., 2009, 2012; Sokoloff et al., 1977). Of this ATP, ~50% is used for computation while
the other ~50% for maintenance (Brockhaus et al., 1993; Koch and Barish, 1994; Howarth et al.,
2009, 2012), so about 10 mmol of ATP/(g·min) are used for function. One ATP corresponds to
shifting three 23Na (previously accumulated inside the cell) through the cell membrane to re-
establish ionic balance; this means that during activity there is a shift of the order of 30 mmol/(g·min)
of 23Na, i.e. $30*10^3$ mmol/(l·min) of 23Na, which is orders of magnitude larger than our measured
value. Therefore, there is sufficient 23Na displacement to possibly explain the fNaI signal. The larger
23Na displacement expected from calculations compared to ΔTSC is likely to reflect the fact that,
while 23Na enters through sodium channels during the action potentials, soon thereafter it leaves the
cell through sodium-potassium pumps and sodium exchangers. What is established during a given
time-frame is a dynamic equilibrium between 23Na influx and efflux with a residual unbalance, that
is potentially captured by the measured ΔTSC. But there are yet other sources of 23Na flux that
should be considered. Other fluxes that contribute to reaching equilibrium are due to 23Na co-
transport with other ions, metabolites and neurotransmitters in neurons and glial cells, in support of
the energy budget during activation (Dienel et al., 2008; Hertz et al., 2015; DiNuzzo et al., 2017).
How all of these contribute to ΔTSC sign and magnitude remains to be discovered. Furthermore,
with the current 4x4x4mm^3 resolution of fNaI, it is also possible that this displacement - which

happens on a microstructure scale - is actually diluted or even averaged out. It is also important to
assess the contribution of changes in cerebral blood volume (CBV) during brain function and
changes in Virchow-Robin space volume (VRSV) and the glymphatic system. During functional
activity CBV changes because of the arteriole (CBVa), where CBVa at rest is of the order of
0.8ml/100g, with a change of ΔCBVa=0.34ml/100g (Hua et al., 2011; Kim et al., 2007; Lee et al.,
2001). This is transferred to the capillaries, where the venous side passively follows the arterioles
dilation and resistance changes, which induce blood flow and volume changes (Buxton, 2012). If
ΔCBVa is added to the extracellular space compartment, reducing the cellular volume fraction even
by as little as 0.5%, this would be enough to cause ΔTSC of the order of the measured one, given the
10 times higher extracellular molar concentration. This ΔCBVa, though, would not affect the ΔTSC
measured if its fractional volume was balanced by a corresponding reduction in VRSV, i.e. if the
extracellular space (CBV + extracellular matrix + VRSV) and the cellular space (e.g. intracellular
space + myelin) proportions remained constant. In this hypothesis, the perivascular space and
therefore the glymphatic system, would work as a compensatory chamber, with "rigid" neuronal
structures within the extracellular matrix (Thulborn, 2018). The cerebrospinal fluid role in buffering
the changes in CBV during functional activity has been investigated and reported to be reduced
during activation, using relaxometry in the visual cortex, which would support this hypothesis
(Piechnik et al., 2009).

On the other hand, we must not forget that the ΔTSC measured experimentally in this study *in vivo* is
an "apparent" TSC change, as the current acquisition protocol cannot distinguish between the intra
and extracellular sodium, but can only record the overall TSC, sensitive to both altered volume
fractions or altered intra and extra cellular concentrations. Moreover, the spatial resolution of sodium
imaging at 3T is poor (with a nominal resolution of 4x4x4mm^3), which implies that our
measurements are currently affected by partial volume. In particular, head motion could affect voxels
adjacent to CSF, and be responsible for increase or decrease ΔTSC in such areas. However,
acquisition of a sufficient number of (control - rest) images should provide statistical power to
account for any motion not sufficiently corrected by registration. Furthermore, the functional
paradigm here is non-standard and would benefit from faster image acquisition methods to increase
the temporal resolution of the experiment. Nevertheless, the results presented here are all statistically
significant and FWE corrected (p<0.001, 20 voxels).

Ultimately, one could speculate on the tissue composition of an imaging voxel further and try to
assess the potential contribution to ΔTSC coming from many compartments, defining e.g. fractions of
the axonal volume, soma, myelin, extra cellular matrix (including astrocytes), VRSV (or CSF) space
and CBV. A comprehensive model should consider exchange of 23Na at synapse and in other cells
such as glial cells, be adapted for different brain regions and different functional tasks (Alahmadi et
al., 2017).

This is therefore a proposal for a novel framework, essential for advancing our understanding of the
human brain function, where knowledge must bridge gaps between cellular and large-scale systems
(D'Angelo and Wheeler-Kingshott, 2017). Dedicated major efforts should be employed to speed up
acquisition and at the same time improve spatial resolution of sodium imaging. Potentially, this
emerging and exciting field of research could greatly benefit from higher field strength systems (e.g.
7T) (Ranjeva et al., 2018; Riemer et al., 2015). In order to disentangle the sources of the quantitative
ΔTSC from fNaI, it would be important to design multi-modal studies that assess a number of
variables, such as CBV, CBF, oxygen consumption rates and metabolism for a better estimate of
brain energy dynamics (Germuska et al., 2018). Models of fNaI changes could be validated using a
range of hemodynamic and physiological signal recordings, including e.g. magnetoencephalography

(MEG), near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) and positron emission tomography (PET), (Shibasaki,
2008).

In conclusion, sodium changes during activity are sufficiently large to be detected and quantified
using fNaI *in vivo*. Preliminary quantitative data show encouraging results in terms of coherence of
the ΔTSC values between cerebellum and M1 (0.54 vs 0.46 mmol/l). Interpretations of the reduced
value of ΔTSC in the CC (0.27 mmol/l) and of the negative ΔTSC in the ipsilateral M1 (-11 mmol/l)
(Hamzei et al., 2002) must be cautious and deferred to future studies. Improvements in data
acquisition and computational modelling of neurovascular coupling in relation to 23Na flux during
action potential generation and maintenance could open a new way forward to assess neuronal
activation in humans *in vivo* non-invasively.

Tables

Table 1

Clusters of activations and identification of areas involved according to the Tailarach atlas in
XJVIEW. In red are right (ipsilateral) clusters and in blue are left (contralateral) clusters with respect
to the hand used for the task. Mean TSC per cluster together with its standard error (SE) has been
reported.

Figures

Figure 1

a) Example of transverse slices from a single functional sodium imaging (fNaI) volume after smoothing. The
circles either side of the brain are known concentration phantoms. Signal to noise ratio in WM was
measured as (17.5 ± 1.4) a.u. in all 8 subjects. b) Activation clusters from proof of concept fNaI experiment
where the subject performed a 1Hz finger-tapping paradigm. Results are from group analysis of 8 volunteers
(FWE corrected, p<0.001, 20 voxels), overlaid on 3D T_1-weighted structural images with anatomical
annotations. Maps were poorly localized at p<0.05, hence the higher than usual threshold. Worth noticing that
signal changes for fNaI were of the order of 10%, which is twice what is normally detected using BOLD-fMRI.
Activations are seen in motor-function related areas. c) The cerebellum shows enhanced activations in Crus
I/II and lobule VI related to finger tapping and motor planning. GM: gray matter and WM: white matter.

Nomenclature

BOLD : blood oxygenation level dependent

fMRI: functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging

fNaI: functional sodium imaging

MRI: magnetic resonance imaging

TSC: total sodium concentration

ATP: adenosine triphosphate

23Na: sodium ions

GM: gray matter

WM: white matter

M1: primary motor cortex

Conflict of Interest

294 The authors declare that the research was conducted in the absence of any commercial or financial
295 relationships that could be construed as a potential conflict of interest.

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CGWK developed the idea of fNaI; FR contributed to the implementation and data acquisition and
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a)

b)

A ← R L → P

GM Premotor

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GM somatosensory

WM corticospinal tract
GM prim. motor cortex

WM

GM insula

Inf. temp. gyrus

Right crus I (cerebellum)

Right crus II (cerebellum)

Right VIIIa (cerebellum)

S ← R L → I

GM Premotor

Sec. somatosensory

GM superior parietal lobule

WM long. fasciculus

S ← P A → I

GM Premotor

WM corticospinal tract
GM prim. motor cortex

WM inferior cerebellar peduncle

WM Sup. long. fasciculi R
GM Sec. somatosens. cortex
WM Cortical spinal tract

WM Sup. long. fasciculi R
GM Sec. somatosensory

Right crus I

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c)

HI-IV
HV
HVI
Crus I
Crus II
HVIIb
HVIIIa
HVIIIb
HIX
HX

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Table 1: Clusters of activations and identification of areas involved according to the Tailarach atlas in XJVIEW. In red are right (ipsilateral) clusters and in blue are left (contralateral) clusters with respect to the hand used for the task. Total sodium concentration (TSC) values and their standard errors (SE) for each cluster across 4 of the 8 volunteers are also reported. BA = Brodmann Area

Cluster	N voxels	Peak MNI coordinates			Peak Description	Sub clusters	Mean TSC mmol/l (SE mmol/l)
		X	Y	Z			
1	612	28	-50	-52	Right Cerebellum // Cerebellum Posterior Lobe // Cerebellar Tonsil // Cerebellum_8_R (aal)	Cerebellar Tonsil Cerebellum 8 R (aal) Inferior Temporal Gyrus BA 37 Fusiform R (aal) Cerebellum Crus1 R (aal) Middle Temporal Gyrus	39 (4)
2	55	12	-86	-26	Right Cerebellum // Cerebellum Posterior Lobe // Declive //Cerebelum_Crus1_R (aal)	Declive Cerebellum Crus1 R (aal) Cerebellum Crus2 R (aal)	42 (5)
4	45	28	-74	-22	Right Cerebrum // Cerebellum Posterior Lobe // Declive	Declive Cerebellum 6 R (aal)	36 (4)
3	101	-8	-50	-28	Left Cerebellum // Cerebellum Anterior Lobe // Fastigium	Culmen Cerebellum 4-5 L (aal) Fastigium Dentate	35 (3)
5	55	18	-60	-10	Right Cerebrum // Occipital Lobe // Lingual Gyrus // White Matter //Lingual_R (aal)	Lingual R (aal) BA 19 White Matter Limbic Lobe Parahippocampal Gyrus Culmen Right Cerebellum Cerebellum Anterior Lobe	42 (3)
6	66	-36	48	-10	Left Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Middle Frontal Gyrus // White Matter // Frontal_Mid_Orb_L (aal)	Frontal Mid Orb L (aal) Gray Matter BA 11 Frontal Sup Orb L (aal)	39 (5)
7	432	38	-18	26	Right Cerebrum // Sub-lobar // Extra-Nuclear // White Matter	White Matter Insula R (aal) BA 13 Extra-Nuclear Rolandic Oper R (aal) Heschl R (aal) Frontal Lobe Putamen R (aal)	38 (3)
8	20	44	52	4	Right Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Inferior Frontal Gyrus // White Matter // Frontal_Mid_R (aal)	Frontal Mid R (aal) Right cerebrum White Matter	30 (5)
9	296	6	-18	14	Right Cerebrum // Sub-lobar // Thalamus // Gray Matter // Thalamus_R (aal)	White Matter Limbic Lobe Cingulate Gyrus Cingulum_Mid_R (aal) Sub-lobar Gray Matter Extra-Nuclear Thalamus_R (aal) Corpus Callosum Frontal Lobe	59 (6)
10	22	36	-48	36	Right Cerebrum //	Supramarginal Gyrus	33 (4)

					Parietal Lobe // White Matter		
11	32	-60	0	36	Left Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Precentral Gyrus // BA 6 // Precentral_L (aal)	BA 6 Precentral_L (aal) BA 4	31 (5)
12	64	60	2	38	Right Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // precentral Gyrus // Grey Matter // BA 6 // precentral_R (aal)	Precentral Gyrus BA 6 Inferior Frontal Gyrus Postcentral R (aal)	29 (6)
13	26	-34	8	52	Left Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Middle Frontal Gyrus // Gray Matter // BA 6 // Frontal_Mid_L (aal)	Frontal Mid L (aal) White Matter BA 6	41 (4)
14	24	-46	-32	58	Left Cerebrum // Parietal Lobe // Postcentral Gyrus // Gray Matter // BA 2 // Postcentral_L (aal)	BA 2 Postcentral_L (aal) BA 4	36 (4)
15	28	-8	8	68	Left Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Superior Frontal Gyrus // White Matter // Supp_Motor_Area_L (aal)	Superior Frontal Gyrus Supp Motor Area L (aal) White Matter	45 (4)
16	25	-8	-28	68	Left Cerebrum // Frontal Lobe // Medial Frontal Gyrus // White Matter // Paracentral_Lobule_L (aal)	Paracentral Lob. L (aal) White Matter Medial Frontal Gyrus	45 (5)