Reciprocal Disruptions in Thalamic and Hippocampal Resting-State Functional Connectivity in Youth with 22q11.2 Deletions

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ABSTRACT

22q11.2 deletion syndrome (22q11DS) is a recurrent copy number variant (CNV) with high penetrance for developmental neuropsychiatric disorders. Study of individuals with 22q11DS therefore may offer key insights into neural mechanisms underlying such complex illnesses. Resting-state functional MRI (rs-fMRI) studies in idiopathic schizophrenia have consistently revealed disruption of thalamic and hippocampal circuitry. Here, we sought to test whether this circuitry is similarly disrupted in the context of this genetic high-risk condition. To this end, resting-state functional connectivity patterns were assessed in a sample of young men and women with 22q11DS (n=42) and demographically matched healthy controls (n=39). Neuroimaging data were acquired via single-band protocols, and analyzed in line with methods provided by the Human Connectome Project (HCP). We computed functional relationships between individual-specific anatomically-defined thalamic and hippocampal seeds and all gray matter voxels in the brain. Whole-brain type I error protection was achieved through nonparametric permutation-based methods. 22q11DS patients displayed reciprocal disruptions in thalamic and hippocampal functional connectivity relative to control subjects. Thalamo-cortical coupling was increased in sensorimotor cortex, and reduced across associative networks. The opposite effect was observed for the hippocampus in regards to sensory and associative network connectivity. The thalamic and hippocampal dysconnectivity observed in 22q11DS suggest that high genetic risk for psychiatric illness is linked with disruptions in large-scale cortico-subcortical networks underlying higher-order cognitive functions. These effects highlight the translational importance of large-effect CNVs for informing mechanisms underlying neural disruptions observed in idiopathic developmental neuropsychiatric disorders.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

Investigation of neuroimaging biomarkers in highly penetrant genetic syndromes represents a more biologically tractable approach to identify neural circuit disruptions underlying developmental neuropsychiatric conditions. 22q11.2 deletion syndrome confers particularly high risk for psychotic disorders, and is thus an important

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translational model in which to investigate systems-level mechanisms implicated in idiopathic illness. Here, we show resting-state fMRI evidence of large-scale sensory and executive network disruptions in youth with 22q11DS. In particular, this study provides the first evidence that these networks are disrupted in a reciprocal fashion with regard to the functional connectivity of the thalamus and hippocampus, suggesting circuit-level dysfunction.

INTRODUCTION

Remarkable genetic and clinical heterogeneity presents a challenge for mapping pathological processes underlying neuropsychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia and autism spectrum disorder (ASD). These disorders are increasingly viewed as developmental disruptions of neural circuitry with major genetic contributions (Insel, 2010; Geschwind and Flint, 2015). Thus, genetically-defined syndromes with strong predisposition for neuropsychiatric illness provide powerful models to elucidate neural mechanisms underlying these complex disorders.

22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome (22q11DS), also known as DiGeorge or Velocardiofacial syndrome (OMIM #188400, #192430), occurs in about 1 in 4,000 live births (McDonald-McGinn et al., 2015). It represents one of the greatest known genetic risk factors for psychosis, approximately 25 times population base rates (Bassett and Chow, 2008; Green et al., 2017), while additionally conferring elevated risk for multiple childhood disorders including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anxiety disorder, and ASD (Schneider et al., 2014).

Genes within the 22q11.2 locus are implicated in cortical circuit formation and functioning (Meechan et al., 2015; Paronett et al., 2015). Disrupted cortical interneuron migration has been observed in a 22q11.2 mouse model (Meechan et al., 2012; Toritsuka et al., 2013). Correspondingly, deletion carriers present with a range of structural and functional brain abnormalities, including cortical surface area reductions, altered white-matter microstructure (Kates et al., 2001; Jalbrzikowski et al., 2014; Schmitt et al., 2015), and, importantly, disruptions of large-scale network connectivity (Debbane et al., 2012; Padula et al., 2015). Recently, an independent

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components analysis approach revealed significant hypo-connectivity relative to controls within the anterior cingulate/precuneus and default mode networks, which reliably predicted 22q11DS case-control status in an independent cohort (Schreiner et al., 2017). Critically, due to its well-characterized genetic etiology, circuit-level abnormalities associated with 22q11.2 deletions can be experimentally manipulated in animals to generate causal links with circuit dysfunction. In humans, 22q11DS presents a compelling genetic high-risk model in which anomalous circuitry can be investigated prior to development of overt illness.

Specifically, aberrant connectivity of two key anatomically inter-connected structures, the thalamus and hippocampus, has been implicated in neuropsychiatric disorders (Brown et al., 2017) and schizophrenia in particular (Samudra et al., 2015). The thalamus serves as a critical hub for flow of sensory and higher-order information, facilitating information integration across cortical networks (Guo et al., 2017; Hwang et al., 2017). Consistent alterations of thalamo-cortical circuitry, involving a pattern of prefrontal-thalamic *hypo-connectivity*, concomitant with somatomotor-thalamic *hyper-connectivity*, have been identified in schizophrenia patients and at-risk youth (Welsh et al., 2010; Woodward et al., 2012; Anticevic et al., 2014). Similarly, the hippocampus features prominently in schizophrenia neurobiology (Weinberger, 1987). Post-mortem schizophrenia studies have demonstrated hippocampal alterations in excitatory pyramidal cells and local inhibitory interneurons. Hippocampal-prefrontal dysconnectivity during cognitive processing has been proposed as a translational phenotype for schizophrenia, as evidenced by a 22q11 mouse model (Mukai et al., 2015) and by findings of altered connectivity in those at familial high risk for the illness (Meyer-Lindenberg, 2010). Critically, the thalamus and hippocampus exhibit opposing resting-state connectivity patterns in healthy adults (Stein et al., 2000), which would predict distinct alterations in a genetic risk model based on a CNV that disrupts neural circuits. Yet, these translational neural phenotypes have not been investigated in a genetic risk model such as 22q11DS.

Here we take a hypothesis-based approach to study large-scale network alterations in 22q11DS by leveraging findings from animal models of the disorder and imaging work in humans. Using the Human

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Connectome Project analytical pipeline, which yields exceptional cortical spatial alignment (Glasser et al., 2013), we computed functional relationships between subject-specific anatomically-defined thalamic and hippocampal seeds in 22q11DS youth and matched controls. Relative to controls, 22q11DS youth exhibited thalamo-cortical *hyper-connectivity* with sensorimotor cortex but *hypo-connectivity* with associative networks. An opposing (i.e. interactive) pattern was found for hippocampal-cortical circuitry, supporting a 22q11DS neural phenotype with distinct effects on thalamic and hippocampal circuits.

METHODS

Participants. The total sample consisted of 81 participants (7 to 26 years of age; 42 22q11DS and 39 demographically matched healthy controls), recruited from an ongoing longitudinal study at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). 22q11DS participants all had a molecularly confirmed 22q11.2 deletion (see **Table 1** for demographic details). Exclusion criteria for all study participants were: neurological or medical condition disorder that might affect performance, insufficient fluency in English, and/or substance or alcohol abuse and/or dependence within the past 6 months. Healthy controls (HCS) additionally could not meet diagnostic criteria for any major mental disorder, based on information gathered during administration of the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV Axis I Disorders (First et al., 1996). After study procedures had been fully explained, adult participants provided written consent, while participants under the age of 18 years provided written assent with the written consent of their parent or guardian. The UCLA Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved all study procedures and informed consent documents.

Table 1 – Sample Demographics

	HCS (N=39)		22q11DS (N=42)		T value	p value	
	M	S.D.	M	S.D.			
Age (yrs)	14.1	4.7	15.7	5.3	1.5	0.140	
Sex (% male)	46.2	0.5	40.5	49.7	0.5	0.612	
Paternal Education (yrs)	5.9	1.9	6.5	1.8	1.6	0.111	
Maternal Education (yrs)	6.3	1.8	6.8	1.1	1.6	0.122	
Subject Education (yrs)	7.9	4.7	8.5	3.8	0.7	0.499	
Handedness (% right handed)	90.5	0.3	95.2	21.6	0.8	0.416	
WASI Full Scale IQ	108.0	20.2	77.6	14.5	7.3	1.86×10^{-10}	***
Verbal IQ	57.8	13.9	36.2	9.6	7.6	5.55×10^{-11}	***
Nonverbal IQ	50.0	11.4	34.4	13.4	5.6	3.31×10^{-7}	***
Antipsychotic (% of subjects medicated)	0	--	12	--	--	--	
Psychostimulant (% of subjects medicated)	0	--	14	--	--	--	
Prodromal Syndrome (% of subjects meeting COPS)	0	--	35.7	--	--	--	
BOLD Movement (% frames scrubbed)	5.0	9.8	4.4	6.8	0.3	0.755	
BOLD Signal-to-Noise Ratio	89.0	14.6	92.1	15.4	0.9	0.369	

Table 1. Demographic and symptom measures for 22q11DS (n=42) and healthy control subject (n=39) groups. IQ: intelligence quotient; WASI: Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale; Verbal IQ=WASI Vocabulary T-score; Nonverbal IQ= WASI Matrix Reasoning T-score; COPS: Criteria of Prodromal Syndromes, as part of the Structured Interview for Prodromal Syndromes (SIPS).

Neuroimaging Acquisition. All subjects were imaged on a 3-Tesla Siemens TimTrio scanner with a 32-channel phased array head coil at the UCLA Center for Cognitive Neuroscience (CCN). Resting BOLD images were acquired in 34 interleaved axial slices parallel to the anterior-posterior commissure (AC-PC) using a fast gradient-echo, echo-planar sequence [voxel size=3x3x4mm, time repetition (TR) = 2000ms, time echo (TE) = 30ms, flip angle = 90°, matrix = 64x64, field of view = 192x192 mm]. Acquisition lasted 5.1 minutes and produced 152 volumes. High-resolution T1w images were collected in 160 sagittal slices via a magnetization-prepared rapid gradient-echo sequence (MP-RAGE) [voxel size = 1x1x1mm, TR = 2300ms, TE = 2.91ms, flip angle = 9°, matrix = 240 x 256, field of view = 240x256 mm].

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Clinical Assessment. On the same day as the scan, demographic information and clinical measures were collected for each participant by trained master's level clinicians (see **Table 1**). Verbal IQ was assessed via the Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI) Vocabulary subtest and Non-verbal IQ was assessed via the WASI Matrix Reasoning subtest. Psychiatric and dimensional psychotic-like symptoms were assessed via the Structured Interview for Prodromal Symptoms (SIPS; Tandy J. Miller et al., 2002). See (Jalbrzikowski et al., 2012; Jalbrzikowski et al., 2013) for more details on study ascertainment and recruitment procedures.

Data Preprocessing. Structural and functional MRI data were first preprocessed according the methods provided by the Human Connectome Project (HCP), outlined below, and described in detail by the WU-Minn HCP consortium (Glasser et al., 2013). These open-source HCP algorithms, which we further optimized for compatibility with legacy single-band data in this study, represent the current state-of-the-art approaches in spatial distortion correction, registration, and maximization of high-resolution signal-to-noise (SNR) (Glasser et al., 2016). All processing methods closely followed the minimal processing pipelines as outlined by Glasser and colleagues (Glasser et al., 2013), with a few key modifications.

The adapted HCP pipeline included the following steps: i) the T1-weighted images were corrected for bias-field distortions and warped to the standard Montreal Neurological Institute-152 (MNI-152) brain template through a combination of linear and non-linear transformations using the FMRIB Software Library (FSL) linear image registration tool (FLIRT) and non-linear image registration tool (FNIRT) (Jenkinson et al., 2002). ii) FreeSurfer's recon-all pipeline was employed to compute brain-wide segmentation of gray and white matter to produce individual cortical and subcortical anatomical segmentation (Reuter et al., 2012). iii) Next, cortical surface models were generated for pial and white matter boundaries as well as segmentation masks for each subcortical grey matter voxel. Using the pial and white matter surface boundaries, a 'cortical ribbon' was defined along with corresponding subcortical voxels, which were combined to generate the Connectivity Informatics Technology Initiative (CIFTI) volume/surface 'gray-ordinate' space for each individual subject,

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which drastically reduces file management for combined surface and volume analyses and visualization and establishes a combined cortical surface and subcortical volume coordinate system (Glasser et al., 2013). iv) the cortical surfaces were then registered to the group average HCP atlas using surface-based registration based on cortical landmark features, whereas the subcortical ‘volume’ component of the image was brought into group atlas alignment via non-linear registration (Glasser et al., 2013). v) The BOLD data were motion corrected and aligned to the middle frame of every run via FLIRT. In turn, a liberal brain-mask was applied to exclude signal from non-brain tissue. After initial processing in NIFTI volume space, BOLD data were converted to the CIFTI gray matter matrix by sampling from the anatomically-defined gray matter cortical ribbon whereas the subcortical voxels were isolated using subject-specific FreeSurfer segmentation. The subcortical volume component of the BOLD data was then aligned to the group atlas as part of the NIFTI processing in a single transform step that concatenates all of the transform matrixes for each prior processing step (i.e. motion correction, registration, distortion correction). This produced a single nonlinear transformation to minimize interpolation cost. In turn, the cortical surface component of the CIFTI file was aligned to the HCP atlas using surface-based nonlinear deformation based on sulcal features.

Following these ‘minimal’ HCP preprocessing steps, a high-pass filter (>0.5 Hz) was applied to the BOLD time series in order to remove low temporal frequencies and scanner drift. In-house MATLAB tools were then used to compute the signal in the ventricles, deep white matter, and across all gray matter voxels (proxy of global mean signal regression to address spatially pervasive sources of artifacts; (Power et al., 2017)). These time series were modeled as nuisance variables and were regressed out of the gray matter voxels. Subsequent analyses used the residual BOLD time series following these de-noising steps.

Functional Connectivity Analyses. Thalamic and hippocampal seeds were first defined individually for each subject through automatic anatomical segmentation of high-resolution structural images via FreeSurfer software as part of the HCP minimal preprocessing pipelines. These structures were then used as ‘seeds’, as

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conducted in our prior work (Anticevic et al., 2014). Specifically, Pearson correlations were computed between the mean BOLD signal time series in each seed and the BOLD time series at every other cortical and subcortical vertex in CIFTI gray-ordinate space. These correlation maps were then standardized for statistical analyses via Fisher r-to-Z transformation.

As noted, the thalamus and hippocampus in humans exhibit distinct resting-state connectivity profiles (Stein et al., 2000). In fact, this would predict distinct alterations in a genetic risk model based on a *de novo* CNV that uniformly affects neural circuits. In turn, combining two ‘seed’ regions, both of which may be affected, but with opposing predicted directions of alterations, constitutes a more powered neural marker. Put differently, we hypothesized a *Group* by *Seed* interaction whereby 22q11DS may exhibit distinct bi-directional alterations across the hippocampal and thalamic systems. To confirm the viability of this logic, we computed an *a priori* quantitative independent test of differences in thalamic and hippocampal connectivity in a sample of 339 unrelated healthy adults derived from the Human Connectome Project (HCP). This provided the basis for the expected interactive effects between thalamic and hippocampal seeds in the core between-group analysis. In other words, the purpose of the HCP dataset here was to serve as a large normative sample to provide an empirical independent basis for the proposed clinical hypotheses.

Next, to test the *Group* $\times$ *Seed* interaction effect with the BOLD rs-fcMRI as the dependent measure, we computed a two-way repeated measures ANOVA with a factor of *Group* (22q11DS vs. HCS) and *Seed* (thalamus vs. hippocampus). Whole-brain type I error protection was applied via non-parametric permutation testing with FSL’s Permutation Analysis of Linear Models (PALM) algorithm (Winkler et al., 2014) with 10,000 permutations. This approach circumvents the distributional assumptions (e.g. normality) that may result in type I error inflation (Eklund et al., 2016). We also independently repeated our seed-based analyses in each of seven *a priori* functional networks described by Yeo and colleagues to test for network specificity of the hypothesized effects (Buckner et al., 2011; Yeo et al., 2011; Choi et al., 2012).

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To quantify the differential contributions of thalamic and hippocampal sub-regions, a k-means algorithm was used to cluster voxels within each seed based on the correlation distance between their group-level rs-fcMRI effects. Multiple cluster solutions were possible, but we elected to focus on a parsimonious two-cluster solutions for the thalamus and hippocampus because the higher cluster solutions explained proportionally less of the variance, as demonstrated by the ‘Elbow Method’ (Thorndike, 1953). Seed-based functional connectivity was subsequently computed for each of the four resultant clusters (two per seed). Each cluster’s whole-brain connectivity matrix was then correlated with the whole-brain connectivity matrix previously computed for the whole seed. Within the thalamus and hippocampus, the two resulting Pearson coefficients were compared using Steiger’s Z-test to determine which cluster’s connectivity profile most resembled that of the whole seed (Steiger, 1980). For the thalamus, the connectivity profiles of the whole seed, as well as the anterior and posterior data-derived clusters, were compared to the functional connectivity of seven *a priori* anatomical seeds derived from the FSL thalamic atlas.

The utility of the observed rs-fcMRI effects for individual classification accuracy was assessed via a supervised binary classification algorithm. A total n=1000 iterations of a Support Vector Machine (SVM) were computed, each randomly splitting the n=81 pooled subjects and training on n=41, then using split-half cross-validation with the remaining n=40 to build a distribution of receiver operator (ROC) curves. One-dimensional SVMs were trained and tested on a single factor consisting of the linear combination of thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to each of the interaction-derived ROIs ([thalROIa + hippROIb] - [thalROIb + hippROIa]). This was repeated for the network-derived results ([thalSOM + hippFPN] - [thalFPN + hippSOM]).

Several analyses were performed in order to address confounds potentially introduced during data acquisition or processing. For BOLD images, frames with significant head movement were flagged based on algorithms and intensity thresholds recommended for multi-band data (Power et al., 2012). Temporal signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) was calculated for each subject as the ratio of mean BOLD signal to its standard deviation

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over time. Movement (percentage of flagged frames) and SNR correlations with rs-fcMRI effects were examined for both groups. To assess medication as a potential confound, two-sample t-tests were computed between rs-fcMRI effects in medicated versus unmediated 22q11DS patients for the subsets taking antipsychotic medications and dopaminergic stimulants. Global signal regression (GSR) was included as a preprocessing step for the main analyses, but functional connectivity was also re-computed for the data without GSR in order to ensure that the effects were comparable at the whole-brain level, and within the specific ROIs derived from permutation testing.

RESULTS

22q11DS Is Associated with Distinct Functional Dysconnectivity for Thalamus and Hippocampus. As noted, we sought to test if 22q11DS is characterized by disruptions in thalamic as well as hippocampal resting-state functional connectivity (rs-fcMRI). We hypothesized dissociable effects across thalamic and hippocampal seeds, given their known differences in functional connectivity patterns. To establish this effect, we first conducted a ‘control’ analysis in the n=339 healthy adult subjects collected by the HCP (**Figure 1**). Results showed that the rs-fcMRI profiles of the thalamus and hippocampus are intrinsically anti-correlated with respect to a broad set of regions overlapping with sensory and executive networks.

Next, we tested whether these rs-fcMRI disruptions exhibit interactive effects for 22q11DS versus HCS. As predicted, there were two sets of regions exhibiting a significant 2x2 *Group* by *Seed* interaction: i) sensory-motor regions, marked by hyper-connectivity for the thalamus but hypo-connectivity with the hippocampus; ii) a cerebellar region marked by hypo-connectivity for the thalamus but hyper-connectivity with the hippocampus (**Figure 2**; see **Table 4** for all regions surviving type I error correction). Put differently, the interaction was driven by the 22q11DS group exhibiting significantly increased thalamic connectivity (but decreased hippocampal connectivity) with bilateral sensorimotor regions, including the pre- and postcentral gyri and superior temporal gyrus, whereas the opposite effect (decreased thalamic and increased hippocampal

connectivity) was observed for a region in the left cerebellum. While this effect was localized to the cerebellum following type I error correction, the threshold-free maps show a broader set of prefrontal and parietal regions that trend towards significance (**Figure 3**).

Ruling out Motion, SNR, and Medication Effects. To ensure that the observed effects were not attributable to differential motion between groups, or to differential SNR profiles, we correlated both measures with the functional connectivity values for both seeds to both interaction-derived ROIs, as well as with the linear combination of these four connectivity values. No significant relationships were observed between functional connectivity and motion or SNR for the 22q11DS or HCS groups (see **Table 2**). Within the 22q11DS group, mean rs-fcMRI effects were also compared between cohorts of medicated and un-medicated patients (with regards to antipsychotic and stimulant medication). No significant effects of either medication were observed (see **Table 3**).

Table 2 – Movement and SNR Relationships

		HCS		22q11DS	
		r value	p value	r value	p value
Movement	Combined rs-fcMRI Effects	0.09	0.60	0.26	0.09
	Thalamus – RO Ia	0.17	0.31	0.26	0.10
	Thalamus – RO Ib	-0.18	0.27	-0.11	0.47
	Hippocampus – RO Ia	-0.13	0.44	-0.15	0.34
	Hippocampus – RO Ib	-0.20	0.22	0.15	0.35
SNR	Combined rs-fcMRI Effects	-0.05	0.77	-0.18	0.26
	Thalamus – RO Ia	-0.16	0.33	-0.17	0.29
	Thalamus – RO Ib	0.02	0.89	-0.05	0.75
	Hippocampus – RO Ia	0.01	0.95	0.09	0.59
	Hippocampus – RO Ib	0.04	0.81	-0.23	0.15

Table 2. Movement and SNR Relationships. Pearson correlations showing no significant relationship between rs-fcMRI effects (mean Fz connectivity values) and measures of head movement signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). ‘Combined fcMRI Effects’ refers to the linear combination of connectivity values from the thalamus and hippocampus to RO Ia and RO Ib ([thalRO Ia + hippRO Ib] - [thalRO Ib + hippRO Ia]). Connectivity between each seed and ROI (e.g. Thalamus to RO Ia) was also individually tested for correlation with motion and SNR.

Table 3 – Medication Effects. Medicated vs. Un-medicated 22q11DS Patients

	Antipsychotic		Stimulant	
	T-Value	p-Value	T-Value	p-Value
Combined fcMRI Effects	-1.643	0.144	0.197	0.849
Thalamus – RO Ia	-0.342	0.735	-0.581	0.581
Thalamus – RO Ib	1.003	0.361	0.390	0.710
Hippocampus – RO Ia	-0.560	0.603	-1.002	0.346
Hippocampus – RO Ib	-1.131	0.302	0.609	0.565

Table 3. Comparison of fcMRI effects in medicated versus un-medicated 22q11DS subjects, with regards to antipsychotics and dopaminergic stimulants. Two-sample t-tests are shown for the linear combination of connectivity values from both seeds and ROIs ($[\text{thalROIa} + \text{hippROIb}] - [\text{thalROIb} + \text{hippROIa}]$), as well as for the connectivity of each individual seed to each ROI. No significant effects of medication were observed.

Figure 1. Hippocampal vs. Thalamic Seed Connectivity, N=339 Healthy Adults (HCP Dataset). Comparison of thalamic and hippocampal resting-state functional connectivity in the Human Connectome Project dataset. **(a)** Surface and volume maps showing the threshold-free dependent-samples t-test between thalamic and hippocampal functional connectivity in n=339 healthy adult subjects. **(b)** The same contrast, masked at T value > 5.

Figure 2. Interaction-Derived Effects. Resting-state functional connectivity of the thalamus and hippocampus in 22q11DS and healthy controls (HCS). **(a)** Surface and volume maps showing type I error-protected group-level contrast for the 2x2 interaction between *Group* (22q11DS vs. HCS) and *Seed* (thalamus vs. hippocampus). Yellow-orange (ROla) indicates an effect whereby 22q11DS showed thalamic hyper-connectivity but hippocampal hypo-connectivity relative to HCS. The blue contrast (ROlb) indicates an effect whereby 22q11DS showed thalamic hypo-connectivity but hippocampal hyper-connectivity relative to HCS. **(b)** Difference scores between thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to ROla (mean Fz) across subjects in each group. Group means (left) and distributions (right) shown to illustrate the direction of the effect. **(c)** Same as **(b)** for ROlb, showing an effect in the opposite direction as ROla. Note: histograms are based on the data extracted from the maps presented in **(a)**. Individual thalamic and hippocampal effects are presented in **Figure 10** in comparison with functional network-derived effects.

Figure 3. Threshold-Free Seed-Based Connectivity Maps. Threshold-free group contrasts for thalamic and hippocampal functional connectivity. (a) Surface and volume maps showing the threshold-free effect (22q11DS vs. HCS) for the thalamic seed. The yellow-orange contrast indicates 22q11DS > HCS. Blue indicates HCS > 22q11DS. (b) Same effect shown for the hippocampal seed.

Characterizing 22q11DS Dysconnectivity Across Thalamic and Hippocampal Sub-Regions. The thalamus and hippocampus are both heterogeneous structures which can be divided into multiple nuclei with distinct physiologies and connectivity profiles (Haber and McFarland, 2001). To assess differential functional connectivity disruptions across thalamic and hippocampal sub-regions, we used a k-means algorithm to cluster thalamic and hippocampal voxels based on unique between-group connectivity differences. The implementation of this algorithm is outlined in **Figure 4**. **Figure 5** shows the k-means solutions for the thalamus and the hippocampus, both of which reveal distinct anterior and posterior clusters. The anterior thalamic cluster encompasses ‘associative’ thalamic nuclei (e.g. the medio-dorsal nucleus), whereas the posterior cluster is

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centered on visual lateral geniculate and pulvinar nuclei. The hippocampus was similarly divided along an anterior-posterior axis. Seed-based rs-fcMRI was subsequently computed for each thalamic and hippocampal cluster (group contrasts shown in **Figure 5b**). For both the thalamus and hippocampus, the whole-brain connectivity matrices for the anterior cluster were quantitatively more similar to the whole-seed effect (**Figure 5c**, whole-seed effects shown in **Figure 3**). For the thalamus specifically, due to its well-defined neuroanatomical subdivisions in humans, we also investigated how the cluster and whole-seed effects compared to the functional connectivity profiles of seven seeds derived from an FSL diffusion-weighted imaging thalamic atlas (**Figure 6**) (Behrens et al., 2003). As expected, both the anterior thalamic cluster and the whole-thalamus effects were most similar to a set of ‘associative’ thalamic seeds (prefrontal, temporal, premotor). In contrast, the posterior cluster effect was most similar to a set of ‘sensory’ thalamic seeds (occipital, sensory, parietal) (see **Figure 6b**).

Illustration of Clustering Method & Workflow

Figure 4. Clustering Algorithm Flow-Chart. A graphical illustration of the procedure for k-means clustering of thalamic voxels. This same procedure was repeated for the hippocampus.

Figure 5. Data-Driven Clustering of Thalamic and Hippocampal Voxels. K-Means clustering of thalamus and hippocampus by group. **(a)** (left) Group difference map (root mean square) for the thalamus, highlighting the anterior and medial dorsal nuclei; (right) the k=2 solution splits the thalamus into an anterior and posterior cluster. **(b)** Surface and volume maps show the group difference (22q11DS v. HCS) for the brain-wide functional connectivity of the anterior thalamic cluster (top), and posterior cluster (bottom). The yellow-orange contrast indicates 22q11DS > HCS.

Blue indicates $HCS > 22q11DS$. (c) Voxel-wise relationship between the brain-wide functional connectivity maps for each thalamic cluster versus the whole-thalamus seed (see **Figure 3**). The correlation with the whole-seed effect is significantly larger for the anterior cluster (top) compared to the posterior cluster (bottom) (Steiger's $z=263$, $p=2 \times 10^{-16}$). (d-f) Replication of (a-c) for the hippocampus, showing a similar anterior/posterior distinction ($z=240$, $p=2 \times 10^{-16}$). (g) Distinct K-means solutions ranging from $K=2$ to $K=7$ always reveal an anterior solution (green). (h) Elbow plot illustrating percent variance explained by each progressive cluster solution.

Figure 6. Quantifying Convergence Between K-means Solution and Independent Anatomically-defined Thalamic Seeds. (a) FSL anatomic atlas of the thalamus derived from diffusion-weighted

imaging. **(b)** Relationship between whole-brain maps of group differences derived from FSL's atlas and the K=2 K-means solution, indicating a strong correspondence between the 'anterior' cluster and executive thalamic nuclei. **(c)** Thalamic *a priori* anatomically-defined prefrontal-projecting thalamic seed used to compute between-group differences, which matches the anterior K=2 effect. **(c)** Thalamic *a priori* anatomically-defined parietal-projecting thalamic seed used to compute between-group differences, which matches the posterior K=2 effect.

Effects of Global Signal Regression (GSR) on 22q11DS Dysconnectivity Profiles. As noted, prior to the main rs-fcMRI analyses, BOLD data were 'de-noised' via mean global signal regression (GSR), in order to attenuate the contribution from spatially pervasive sources of artifact, such as fluctuations in the magnetic field and non-neural physiological processes such as respiration (Power et al., 2017). Nevertheless, there is ongoing development regarding the best-practices for GSR in situations involving clinical populations (Glasser et al., 2017). To test if core observed rs-fcMRI effects are robust to GSR, we re-computed the main analyses without applying GSR. Notably, whole-brain thalamic and hippocampal functional connectivity maps were highly correlated pre- and post-GSR. Furthermore, the pre-GSR data extracted from the original interaction-derived ROIs (see **Figure 2**) showed the same interactive thalamic and hippocampal effects between groups. Finally, the type I error-corrected map for the pre-GSR results (as shown in **Figure 7**) fully overlapped with the original **Figure 2** mask, but with somewhat greater spatial extent (for a detailed list of regions see **Table 5**). As such, results appear robust to GSR.

Figure 7. Stability of Effects Before and After Global Signal Regression. Here we show a comparison of pre- and post-GSR effects. **(a-b)** Post-GSR threshold-free connectivity for thalamus and hippocampus (same as **Figure 3**). **(c-d)** Thalamic and hippocampal connectivity before GSR. **(e-f)** Pearson correlation between pre- and post-GSR matrices. **(g-h)** pre-GSR data extracted from ROIa and ROIb (see **Figure 2**). **(i)** Overlapping regions (logical AND) for type I error-corrected interaction effect pre-GSR and post-GSR. The cerebellar effect (**Figure 2** ROIb) did not survive without GSR.

Interactive 22q11DS Disruptions across Sensory and Executive Networks. As noted, while we observed a focused type I error corrected effect in the cerebellum, the interactive results appeared substantially more widespread. Therefore, we tested whether 22q11DS patients indeed exhibit a network-level dissociation for thalamic versus hippocampal connectivity. To this end, we repeated the seed-based analyses focusing on thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to *a priori* networks derived from a data-driven parcellation of the human cortex, cerebellum, and striatum (Buckner et al., 2011; Choi et al., 2012; Yeo et al., 2011) (**Figure 8**). Here, functional connectivity was computed between the thalamic and hippocampal seeds and each of the seven *a priori* networks. In other words, we examined the connectivity between the thalamus or hippocampus with the entire brain-wide average of each functional network, yielding 14 values (i.e. 7 thalamus-to-each-network and 7 hippocampus-to-each-network rs-fcMRI values). As predicted, the 22q11DS group exhibited significantly increased thalamic but decreased hippocampal connectivity to brain-wide somatomotor (SOM) network regions, while the opposite effect was observed for the brain-wide frontoparietal (FPN) network regions.

Critically, across subjects, for both the interaction-derived and *a priori* network-derived effects, the magnitude of the rs-fcMRI effect in the sensory ROI/network was inversely related to the magnitude of the effect in the associative ROI/network (**Figures 9 and 10**). We quantified this relationship via Pearson correlations between the effects defined in the data-driven interaction-derived ROIs and the *a priori* networks (SOM and FPN).

Figure 8. Examining Effects Across *a priori* Functional Networks. Replication of seed-based analysis (**Figure 2**) using *a priori* functionally-derived networks, mapped into CIFTI space (**a**). Surface and volume components of the map showing seven distinct functional networks derived from prior work that parcellated the cortex, striatum and cerebellum. Colors indicate distinct functional networks, following the same labeling pattern as the original work. (**b**) Effect sizes (Cohen's D) with 95% confidence intervals comparing 22q11DS and HCS groups with regard to the difference scores between thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to each of the seven networks. (**c**) Thalamus-hippocampus difference scores illustrated for the somatomotor network (SOM) across subjects in each group. Group means (left) and distributions (right) illustrate the direction of the effect. (**d**) Same as (**c**) for the frontoparietal network (FPN), showing an effect in the opposite direction as SOM.

Figure 9. Relationship Between Regions of Reciprocally Disrupted Connectivity. (a) Across subjects, ROla and ROlb (see Figure 2) are significantly negatively related in terms of the overall connectivity effect (thalamus-hippocampus Fz difference score). The distribution of 22q11DS subjects (red) is distinctly shifted relative to controls (blue), showing greater thalamic connectivity relative to hippocampal connectivity for ROla, and the inverse for ROlb. (b) Replication of (a) using connectivity to *a priori* somatomotor and frontoparietal networks (see Figure 8), demonstrating that these reciprocal effects map onto large-scale sensory and associative networks. 22q11DS subjects show increased thalamic and decreased hippocampal connectivity to sensory regions, but the opposite effect in associative regions. Note: effects are presented for each seed and ROI pair individually in Figure 10.

Figure 10. Reciprocal Effects Across Thalamic and Hippocampal Seeds. Expanding on **Figure 9**, showing distributions and relationships across subjects for whole thalamic and hippocampal seeds individually. The thalamic effect shifts in the opposite direction to the hippocampal effect.

Prediction of 22q11 Case-Control Status from Data-driven and Network-level Dysconnectivity Effects. To test the hypothesis that the observed rs-fcMRI effects have potential utility as a neural biomarker, we conducted a SVM analysis (**Figure 11**). One-dimensional SVMs, computed based on the unweighted linear combination of thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to ROla and ROlb (interaction-derived ROIs) correctly predicted diagnosis at rates well above chance (for $n=1000$ iterations, mean $AUC=0.843$, $SD=0.043$). The unweighted combination of thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to entire *a priori* SOM and FPN networks was also able to provide moderate diagnostic accuracy (for $n=1000$ iterations, mean $AUC=0.739$, $SD=0.057$). The four-dimensional SVM solution (i.e. combining the four discovered features: thal-ROla, thal-ROlb, hipp-ROla, hipp-ROlb), which separated the groups by attempting to fit a hyper-plane that optimally weighted each factor

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(thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to each ROI/network), provided no performance advantage relative to the unweighted combination of features.

Figure 11. Diagnostic Classification via Support Vector Machine. SVM classification based on combined fc-MRI effects. **(a)** ROC curves for a binary classifier predicting group membership (22q11DS or HCS) based on the linear combination of connectivity values (mean Fz) from the thalamus and hippocampus to ROIa and ROIb ($[thalROIa + hippROIb] - [thalROIb + hippROIa]$). ROC curves for each of the $n=1000$ iterations are plotted in gray, and the vertical average in red. The distribution of areas under the $n=1000$ ROC curves (AUC) is plotted on the right, where an AUC of 1 would represent a perfect classifier. **(b)** replication of **(a)** using the linear combination of thalamic and hippocampal connectivity to somatomotor and frontoparietal networks ($[thalSOM + hippFPN] - [thalFPN + hippSOM]$).

DISCUSSION

22q11DS is associated with notable neural alterations and presents a compelling genetic high-risk model in which anomalous circuitry can be investigated prior to development of overt psychiatric illness. Yet, there is a knowledge gap in our understanding of translational neural phenotypes in a genetic risk model such as 22q11DS. The thalamo-cortical system presents a unique leverage point for investigations of brain-wide dysconnectivity given its central locus and key role in functional and structural loops across the brain (Behrens et al., 2003; Zhang et al., 2010). Similarly, the hippocampus exhibits distinct brain-wide rs-fcMRI patterns relative to the thalamus in healthy humans (**Figure 1**), and structural and functional hippocampal alterations feature prominently across the neuropsychiatric spectrum (Tamminga et al., 2010). Notably, disruptions of this circuitry have been identified in a mouse model of the 22q11.2 deletion (Sigurdsson et al., 2010; Chun et al., 2014). The present study, for the first time, identified opposing patterns of thalamic-hippocampal disruption in human 22q11.2 deletion carriers. Specifically, findings revealed a pattern of significant thalamic over-connectivity with bilateral sensorimotor regions, including auditory cortex, in 22q11DS relative to typically developing controls, with the opposite effect in cerebellar regions. These findings extend prior work by identifying reciprocal and functionally linked disruptions of hippocampal connectivity in 22q11DS. This effect was verified via *a priori* networks derived from a data-driven parcellation of the human cortex, cerebellum, and striatum (Buckner et al., 2011; Yeo et al., 2011; Choi et al., 2012). Again, the 22q11DS group showed an inverse pattern relative to controls, with significantly increased thalamic and decreased hippocampal connectivity to SOM regions, and the opposite effect in FPN networks. Data-driven k-means clustering showed, for the first time, that the anterior portions of thalamus and hippocampus were driving the observed patterns of disrupted connectivity. This result is in concert with the view that these are heterogeneous structures, which can be divided into multiple nuclei with distinct physiologies and connectivity profiles. Finally, machine learning analyses revealed accurate classification of 22q11DS patients versus controls, based on the un-weighted linear combination of thalamic and hippocampal connectivity at rates well above chance (84% overall classification

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accuracy). These effects indicate potential utility of the reported thalamo-hippocampal dysconnectivity for prediction of future development of neuropsychiatric symptoms.

Implications for the Neurobiology of Psychosis. Thalamic over-connectivity with sensorimotor regions and cerebellar under-connectivity in 22q11DS are in line with prior observations in patients with established schizophrenia (Anticevic et al., 2014) and those at clinical high-risk for the disorder (Anticevic et al., 2015b). Notably, the reported thalamic effect was particularly prominent in those clinical high-risk youth who subsequently converted to psychosis, which would suggest that these network-level disturbances are present prior to onset of overt illness. Note that in 22q11DS, hypo-connectivity with broader executive regions was supported by network-level FPN analysis. Our findings of reciprocal thalamic-hippocampal effects are particularly notable, given that the nucleus reuniens of the thalamus directly innervates the hippocampus (Herkenham, 1978; Lisman, 2012), and was recently determined to play a key role in regulating bi-directional communication between the dorsal hippocampus and medial prefrontal cortex (Hallock et al., 2016). This hypothesis is further supported by the k-means solutions, which implicate the key functional roles of ‘anterior’ subdivisions for both thalamic and hippocampal seeds.

Nevertheless, BOLD rs-fMRI is an indirect observational neuroimaging measure, and thus cannot address underlying cellular mechanisms. However, these processes can be investigated in translational studies in animal (Hiroi et al., 2013), and *in vitro* models (Brennand et al., 2012) as well as computational modeling studies, which can generate testable predictions at the circuit level (Anticevic et al., 2015a). Theoretical models of psychosis implicate alterations in glutamatergic, dopaminergic and inhibitory GABAergic neurotransmission, which may be relevant to the observed disruptions of thalamo-striatal-cortical circuitry (Gonzalez-Burgos and Lewis, 2012; Lewis et al., 2012; Woodward et al., 2012). At present, the origin of the widespread reciprocal thalamic-hippocampal disruption is not fully understood. However, investigation of this circuitry in the context of a well-characterized genetic etiology, as demonstrated in the current study, is a key advantage and a path

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forward. One possibility may involve dysfunction of N-methyl-D-aspartate glutamate receptors (NMDAR) (Javitt, 2007; Loh et al., 2007), which may impact excitatory-inhibitory balance in cortical circuits and lead to large-scale disturbances in thalamo-cortical information flow. Notably, this hypothesis is supported by data from the 22q11.2 mouse model, as discussed below. Alternatively, it is possible that a local ‘hotspot’ of dysfunction (e.g. such as the nucleus reuniens of the thalamus) emerges, via confluence of polygenic risk (Anticevic and Lisman, 2017).

Convergence with 22q11.2 Mouse Model. In a mouse model of the 22q11.2 deletion, Chun and colleagues reported disrupted glutamatergic synaptic transmission at thalamic inputs to the auditory cortex (Chun et al., 2014), suggesting that thalamo-cortical disruption could be a pathogenic mechanism that mediates susceptibility to positive psychotic symptoms in 22q11DS. Furthermore, it was determined that thalamo-cortical disruption in 22q11DS mice was caused by abnormal elevation of dopamine D2 (DRD2) receptors in the thalamus. Increased DRD2 in the thalamus and other brain regions has been reported in antipsychotic naïve schizophrenia patients (Oke et al., 1988; Cronenwett and Csernansky, 2010). The *dgcr8* gene, which encodes part of the microprocessor complex that mediates microRNA (miRNA) biogenesis, was pinpointed as being responsible for this neuronal phenotype in the 22q11DS mouse model. Consequently, reduced dosage of *dgcr8* in 22q11DS may lead to miRNA dysregulation, and downstream disruption of synaptic function and proper neural circuit development (Earls and Zakharenko, 2014).

More recently, Chun et al. further established a thalamus-enriched miRNA in the 22q11DS mouse model, which specifically targets DRD2 (miRNA 338-3p). This may be a key mediator of the disruption of synaptic transmission at thalamo-cortical projections and the late adolescent/early adult onset of auditory perceptual anomalies in individuals with 22q11DS (Chun et al., 2016).

Although, to our knowledge, reciprocal disruption of the hippocampal–thalamic circuit has not yet been directly probed in this mouse model, there is complementary evidence for impaired synchronization of neural

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activity between the hippocampus and prefrontal cortex. Specifically, Sigurdsson and colleagues (2010) found that, while hippocampal–prefrontal synchrony increased during working memory performance in wild-type mice, this phase-locking did not occur in the 22q11DS mice. Further, the magnitude of baseline hippocampal–prefrontal coherence was predictive of how long it took the mice to learn the task. Taken together, these findings suggest that observations of disrupted large-scale network coherence in human 22q11.2 deletion carriers are recapitulated in the animal model. Recent studies from rodent models have also revealed a broader role of the thalamus in higher-order cognitive functions such as working memory. In fact, working memory maintenance *required* mediodorsal thalamic inputs, suggesting a causal role of dysfunction in this circuit in characteristic cognitive deficits associated with schizophrenia (Bolkan et al., 2017).

Pitfalls and Future Solutions. Notably, only a minority of 22q11DS participants were taking medications at the time of the scan, and thus it is unlikely that medication effects played a role in the observed findings. Another concern, present across rs-fcMRI studies in clinical populations, relates to head movement. We movement-scrubbed all data and used movement (% frames scrubbed) as a covariate across all analysis, which did not alter the observed findings. Furthermore, motion parameters did not significantly differ between 22q11DS and typically developing control participants (**Table 1**) and rs-fcMRI effects were not related to head movement or signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) (**Table 2**). Finally, we studied subjects who, by virtue of a highly penetrant CNV, were at elevated risk for psychosis (and other neuropsychiatric symptoms). Given the young age of many of the study participants, current findings cannot address the question of whether the magnitude of thalamic-hippocampal dysconnectivity is indeed associated with subsequent risk for the development of psychosis. Importantly, the classification results indicate robust sensitivity-specificity, which may aid such prediction. Prospective longitudinal studies are currently underway to address this key knowledge gap.

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Conclusions. This study leverages the well-characterized genetic etiology of 22q11DS, thus providing a robust high-penetrance model to guide and test mechanistic hypotheses regarding disrupted brain development and subsequent consequences for circuit dysfunction leading to neuropsychiatric symptoms. Our findings offer the first evidence for reciprocal disruption of thalamic and hippocampal functional connectivity with cortical regions in this genetic risk model. Notably, the observed findings pinpoint an anterior axis of thalamic-hippocampal systems in line with animal model observations, which yield a robust classifier that can be refined for longitudinal risk prediction. These findings suggest that ongoing focus on thalamic-hippocampal circuit interactions in 22q11DS patients and in animal models can guide translational development of targeted and mechanistically informed neural markers and subsequent therapeutics.

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Table 4. Pairwise Comparisons - Region Coordinates, P-values & Effect Sizes (Interaction-Derived Effect)

X	Y	Z	Hemisphere	Landmark	Size	Comparison	d	Mean T	p	Comparison	d	Mean T	p
-5	0	43	cortex left	cingulate gyrus	348 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.24	-1.09	0.279	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.62	0.010
-13	-37	75	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	376 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.45	-2.01	0.048	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.40	1.82	0.073
-8	-35	60	cortex left	paracentral lobule	268 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.58	-2.59	0.011	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.27	1.22	0.225
-9	-26	51	cortex left	cingulate sulcus	304 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.36	-1.61	0.111	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.48	2.14	0.036
-6	-26	43	cortex left	paracentral lobule	268 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.51	-2.29	0.025	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.18	0.80	0.424
-6	-4	56	cortex left	paracentral lobule	372 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.60	-2.69	0.009	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.29	1.32	0.189
-37	-7	65	cortex left	precentral sulcus	220 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.50	-2.23	0.029	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.32	1.44	0.154
-18	-19	76	cortex left	precentral gyrus	420 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.41	-1.84	0.069	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.42	1.89	0.063
-16	-5	74	cortex left	superior frontal gyrus	404 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.39	-1.77	0.081	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.51	2.29	0.025
-58	-18	46	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	684 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.72	-3.23	0.002	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.50	2.26	0.026
-39	-43	62	cortex left	superior parietal lobule	944 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.92	-4.15	0.000	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.17	0.78	0.436
-29	-35	72	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	336 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.53	-2.38	0.020	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.32	1.46	0.148
-39	-26	64	cortex left	central sulcus	592 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.52	-2.35	0.021	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.60	2.72	0.008
-49	-9	49	cortex left	central sulcus	556 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.33	-1.49	0.140	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.73	3.27	0.002
-64	-28	0	cortex left	superior temporal gyrus	200 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.33	-1.48	0.143	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.59	2.64	0.010
-55	-39	22	cortex left	posterior sylvian fissure	824 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.61	-2.76	0.007	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.76	3.43	0.001
-61	-26	6	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	408 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.41	-1.84	0.069	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.77	3.46	0.001
-42	-12	8	cortex left	insula	560 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.20	-0.91	0.367	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.97	4.34	0.000
-46	-86	3	cortex left	inferior occipital gyrus	92 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.63	-2.82	0.006	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.21	0.95	0.348
-49	-77	13	cortex left	superior occipital gyrus	696 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.73	-3.29	0.001	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.27	1.24	0.220
-53	-17	16	cortex left	sylvian fissure	728 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.26	-1.16	0.250	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.81	3.63	0.001
-62	-30	40	cortex left	supramarginal gyrus	348 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.54	-2.44	0.017	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.27	1.24	0.220
-66	-10	25	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	468 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.40	-1.78	0.079	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.73	3.27	0.002
-60	-7	33	cortex left	central sulcus	536 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.39	-1.75	0.084	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.63	2.81	0.006
-56	5	5	cortex left	sylvian fissure	372 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.31	-1.40	0.165	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.80	3.61	0.001
-52	-10	-5	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	256 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.43	-1.93	0.057	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.72	3.26	0.002
-53	0	-12	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	172 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.47	-2.10	0.039	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.54	2.41	0.018
-61	-10	-2	cortex left	superior temporal gyrus	284 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.35	-1.58	0.119	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.73	3.26	0.002
-62	-32	-9	cortex left	superior temporal sulcus	208 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.46	-2.06	0.043	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.26	1.15	0.253
9	-25	72	cortex right	paracentral lobule	144 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.46	-2.08	0.041	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.28	1.25	0.215
45	-10	59	cortex right	precentral gyrus	352 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.65	-2.91	0.005	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.49	2.22	0.029
18	-34	76	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	260 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.48	-2.15	0.035	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.42	1.89	0.062
31	-13	72	cortex right	precentral gyrus	368 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.84	-3.78	0.000	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.19	0.84	0.401
15	-21	76	cortex right	precentral gyrus	184 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.31	-1.41	0.163	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.55	2.49	0.015
55	-3	46	cortex right	central sulcus	164 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.20	-0.88	0.380	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.32	0.023
29	-29	70	cortex right	central sulcus	440 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.39	-1.75	0.083	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.74	3.32	0.001
48	-27	64	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	444 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.75	-3.37	0.001	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.18	0.81	0.423
45	-21	59	cortex right	central sulcus	624 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.59	-2.68	0.009	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.78	0.007
59	-45	14	cortex right	superior temporal sulcus	468 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.83	-3.73	0.000	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.26	1.18	0.241
65	-34	6	cortex right	superior temporal gyrus	388 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.81	-3.62	0.001	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.46	2.05	0.044
50	-27	11	cortex right	posterior sylvian fissure	336 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.12	-0.55	0.581	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.89	4.00	0.000
44	-1	3	cortex right	insula	380 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.48	-2.16	0.034	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.60	0.011
20	-44	75	cortex right	postcentral sulcus	444 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.56	-2.50	0.014	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.45	2.04	0.044
31	-50	70	cortex right	superior parietal lobule	360 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.78	-3.49	0.001	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.12	0.54	0.589
58	-59	16	cortex right	angular gyrus	300 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.60	-2.70	0.009	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.39	1.75	0.084
68	-9	21	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	488 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.63	-2.84	0.006	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.54	2.43	0.018
59	-12	47	cortex right	precentral gyrus	564 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.63	-2.83	0.006	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.42	1.88	0.064
60	-4	34	cortex right	central sulcus	588 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.49	-2.20	0.031	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.56	2.51	0.014
56	-7	13	cortex right	sylvian fissure	460 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.41	-1.82	0.072	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.64	2.86	0.005
55	4	-14	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	196 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.61	-2.75	0.007	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.57	2.55	0.013
50	-17	3	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	196 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.49	-2.19	0.031	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.63	2.84	0.006
61	-7	-2	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	256 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.55	-2.48	0.015	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.79	0.007
65	-17	3	cortex right	superior temporal gyrus	244 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.51	-2.27	0.026	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.77	3.48	0.001
-36	-70	-44	subcortex	left cerebellum	200 mm3	Pt-Con Thal.	0.54	2.43	0.017	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.77	-3.48	0.001

Table 5. Pairwise Comparisons - Region Coordinates, P-values & Effect Sizes (ROIs Indicated Only Pre-GSR)

X	Y	Z	Hemisphere	Landmark	Size	Comparison	<i>d</i>	Mean <i>T</i>	<i>p</i>	Comparison	<i>d</i>	Mean <i>T</i>	<i>p</i>
-6	15	57	cortex left	superior frontal gyrus	320 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	0.97	0.333	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.72	3.22	0.002
-8	-35	-47	cortex left	marginal sulcus	536 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	0.04	0.966	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.59	2.66	0.010
-8	-39	65	cortex left	marginal sulcus	684 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.30	-1.33	0.187	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.47	2.11	0.038
-8	-10	47	cortex left	cingulate sulcus	652 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	0.06	0.954	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.68	3.04	0.003
-7	-13	69	cortex left	paracentral lobule	448 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	-0.08	0.937	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.59	2.67	0.009
-8	-15	65	cortex left	superior frontal gyrus	160 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	0.97	0.335	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.88	3.98	0.000
-26	-26	70	cortex left	central sulcus	584 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.03	-0.15	0.880	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.74	3.34	0.001
-35	-12	69	cortex left	precentral gyrus	440 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	-1.00	0.320	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.47	2.09	0.039
-11	-23	75	cortex left	precentral gyrus	460 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	0.27	0.785	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.75	3.35	0.001
-26	-1	64	cortex left	superior frontal sulcus	604 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.19	-0.85	0.397	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.36	1.63	0.107
-46	-46	49	cortex left	intraparietal sulcus	1408 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.32	-1.46	0.149	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.36	1.62	0.109
-35	-37	70	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	540 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.37	-1.67	0.099	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.53	2.39	0.019
-51	-25	60	cortex left	postcentral gyrus	512 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.23	-1.03	0.305	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.63	0.010
-63	-45	-4	cortex left	middle temporal gyrus	136 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.07	-0.33	0.745	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.45	2.01	0.047
-64	-42	15	cortex left	supramarginal gyrus	596 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.12	-0.53	0.599	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.73	3.29	0.002
-53	-38	16	cortex left	posterior sylvian fissure	740 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	-1.01	0.316	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.64	2.88	0.005
-46	4	10	cortex left	insular cortex	460 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.46	0.643	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.46	2.08	0.041
-12	-82	39	cortex left	parieto-occipital sulcus	620 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.27	-1.20	0.233	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.81	0.006
-7	-53	53	cortex left	precuneus	852 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.12	-0.54	0.588	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.72	3.25	0.002
-5	-47	34	cortex left	precuneus	440 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.17	-0.77	0.443	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.42	1.89	0.062
-22	-95	22	cortex left	cuneus	408 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.07	-0.31	0.759	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.51	2.30	0.024
-35	-84	39	cortex left	inferior parietal lobule	84 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	-0.27	0.791	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.44	1.98	0.051
-27	-45	70	cortex left	postcentral sulcus	688 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	-0.25	0.805	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.77	0.007
-42	-91	3	cortex left	inferior occipital gyrus	192 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.31	-1.39	0.168	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.27	1.23	0.221
-46	-85	15	cortex left	lateral occipital gyrus	484 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.16	-0.71	0.481	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.70	3.14	0.002
-56	-65	8	cortex left	middle temporal gyrus	804 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.31	-1.42	0.161	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.59	2.64	0.010
-44	-81	38	cortex left	angular gyrus	212 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.23	-1.02	0.310	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.33	1.48	0.144
-65	-22	28	cortex left	postcentral sulcus	864 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.16	-0.71	0.480	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.59	0.011
-60	-9	35	cortex left	central sulcus	464 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.16	-0.71	0.480	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.67	3.03	0.003
-63	0	24	cortex left	central sulcus	596 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.03	-0.15	0.883	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.78	3.51	0.001
-55	15	3	cortex left	inferior frontal gyrus	140 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.26	1.18	0.244	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.92	4.16	0.000
-49	39	19	cortex left	middle frontal gyrus	268 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	-0.06	0.949	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.64	2.89	0.005
-60	8	8	cortex left	inferior frontal gyrus	208 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.29	1.30	0.196	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.94	4.22	0.000
-56	12	22	cortex left	inferior frontal sulcus	328 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	-0.99	0.325	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.37	1.65	0.104
-6	-90	13	cortex left	cuneus	136 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	0.29	0.776	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.69	3.10	0.003
-6	-84	20	cortex left	cuneus	304 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.08	-0.35	0.730	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.63	2.82	0.006
-12	-75	14	cortex left	cuneus	380 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.05	-0.24	0.808	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.75	3.36	0.001
-15	-63	2	cortex left	calcarine sulcus	612 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	-0.26	0.796	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.86	3.85	0.000
-46	12	52	cortex left	middle frontal gyrus	624 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.08	-0.35	0.729	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.77	0.007
-46	-14	-1	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	448 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.44	0.664	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.60	2.71	0.008
-51	6	-18	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	256 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.53	-2.38	0.020	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.36	1.63	0.107
-55	-19	3	cortex left	medial temporal lobe	476 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.12	0.56	0.576	Pt-Con Hipp.	1.00	4.50	0.000
-58	3	-14	cortex left	superior temporal gyrus	224 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	0.03	0.978	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.75	3.38	0.001
-63	-15	0	cortex left	superior temporal gyrus	352 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	-0.07	0.942	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.90	4.03	0.000
-61	-11	-20	cortex left	superior temporal sulcus	244 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.18	-0.81	0.420	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.50	2.23	0.029
-61	-27	-11	cortex left	superior temporal sulcus	220 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	0.04	0.968	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.70	3.14	0.002
13	-54	3	cortex right	isthmus	580 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	-0.25	0.802	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.64	2.88	0.005
15	-58	-5	cortex right	parieto-occipital sulcus	376 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.21	-0.95	0.344	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.51	2.30	0.024
7	2	48	cortex right	cingulate sulcus	504 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.01	0.05	0.962	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.61	2.74	0.008
6	16	39	cortex right	cingulate sulcus	248 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.24	1.06	0.291	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.71	3.19	0.002
3	6	36	cortex right	cingulate gyrus	132 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.35	1.57	0.120	Pt-Con Hipp.	1.05	4.72	0.000
8	-48	53	cortex right	precuneus	664 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.08	-0.36	0.718	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.62	2.80	0.006
11	-36	75	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	604 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.00	-0.01	0.996	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.75	3.36	0.001

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6	-23	59	cortex right	paracentral lobule	424 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.27	0.209	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.33	1.47	0.147
6	-8	61	cortex right	paracentral lobule	380 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.07	-0.31	0.756	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.50	2.25	0.027
40	-18	62	cortex right	precentral gyrus	312 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.31	-1.38	0.171	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.35	0.021
44	-3	61	cortex right	precentral gyrus	120 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.09	0.42	0.675	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.53	2.39	0.019
28	-17	74	cortex right	precentral gyrus	408 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.18	-0.79	0.430	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.68	3.07	0.003
12	-14	71	cortex right	precentral sulcus	396 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.44	0.663	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.50	2.24	0.028
23	15	65	cortex right	superior frontal sulcus	356 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.46	-2.08	0.041	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.13	0.57	0.572
32	-30	71	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	488 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.43	0.670	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.82	3.67	0.000
42	-34	0	cortex right	central sulcus	460 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.36	-1.63	0.107	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.35	0.021
50	-14	54	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	248 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.25	0.216	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.43	1.93	0.058
64	-38	0	cortex right	middle temporal gyrus	280 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.24	-1.08	0.285	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.41	1.84	0.069
62	-46	24	cortex right	superior temporal sulcus	664 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	-0.10	0.921	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.66	2.96	0.004
68	-30	9	cortex right	superior temporal gyrus	376 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.16	-0.73	0.469	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.61	0.011
57	-23	10	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	432 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	0.09	0.930	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.90	4.05	0.000
56	-32	-1	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	540 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	0.09	0.930	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.72	3.22	0.002
44	-23	16	cortex right	insular cortex	572 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.07	0.30	0.765	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.71	3.21	0.002
49	48	5	cortex right	inferior frontal gyrus	556 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	-1.01	0.318	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.60	2.71	0.008
45	-5	-2	cortex right	insular cortex	316 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.09	-0.39	0.696	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.68	3.08	0.003
44	10	-8	cortex right	insular cortex	68 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.13	0.59	0.558	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.61	2.75	0.007
45	29	-1	cortex right	orbital gyrus	604 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.14	-0.65	0.517	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.78	3.51	0.001
8	-67	28	cortex right	parieto-occipital sulcus	276 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.17	-0.78	0.440	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.32	0.023
18	-59	63	cortex right	precuneus	652 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.24	-1.08	0.284	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.34	1.53	0.131
21	-76	47	cortex right	parieto-occipital sulcus	476 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.23	-1.05	0.298	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.44	1.96	0.053
34	-51	43	cortex right	intraparietal sulcus	724 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.24	0.217	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.24	1.08	0.284
29	-70	53	cortex right	superior parietal lobule	144 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.16	-0.71	0.477	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.29	1.29	0.201
47	-59	19	cortex right	angular gyrus	820 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.26	0.212	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.44	1.98	0.051
62	-34	47	cortex right	supramarginal gyrus	80 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.34	-1.53	0.129	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.05	0.21	0.835
65	-14	18	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	700 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.06	-0.26	0.792	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.64	2.87	0.005
53	-25	40	cortex right	postcentral sulcus	820 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.40	-1.78	0.079	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.47	2.13	0.036
65	-1	25	cortex right	central sulcus	684 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.15	-0.68	0.498	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.72	3.22	0.002
59	-11	44	cortex right	postcentral gyrus	508 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.28	0.205	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.58	2.60	0.011
52	34	22	cortex right	middle frontal gyrus	620 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.28	-1.25	0.215	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.41	1.86	0.067
60	10	7	cortex right	precentral gyrus	304 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.14	0.64	0.526	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.76	3.43	0.001
55	21	20	cortex right	inferior frontal sulcus	572 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.29	-1.31	0.193	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.56	2.53	0.013
20	31	-19	cortex right	orbital gyrus	104 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.46	0.644	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.45	2.04	0.045
6	-92	9	cortex right	cuneus	44 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.09	-0.42	0.676	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.34	1.52	0.132
11	-78	4	cortex right	calcarine sulcus	176 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.04	0.18	0.860	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.60	2.72	0.008
6	-80	31	cortex right	cuneus	384 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.03	-0.12	0.904	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.75	3.36	0.001
23	-63	16	cortex right	parieto-occipital sulcus	448 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.00	0.02	0.985	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.63	2.85	0.006
28	64	12	cortex right	middle frontal gyrus	368 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.04	0.16	0.873	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.63	2.84	0.006
7	66	1	cortex right	superior frontal gyrus	204 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.21	-0.94	0.350	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.42	1.88	0.064
8	48	6	cortex right	anterior cingulate cortex	352 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.02	0.08	0.935	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.71	3.17	0.002
15	65	22	cortex right	superior frontal gyrus	248 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.11	-0.51	0.614	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.33	0.022
30	50	36	cortex right	superior frontal gyrus	508 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.22	-0.97	0.334	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.39	1.77	0.081
54	5	49	cortex right	precentral gyrus	460 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.25	-1.13	0.261	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.40	1.78	0.078
46	8	-17	cortex right	medial temporal lobe	224 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.36	-1.64	0.105	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.52	2.33	0.022
54	8	-16	cortex right	superior temporal gyrus	112 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.35	-1.56	0.122	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.39	1.77	0.081
67	-13	5	cortex right	superior temporal gyrus	268 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.10	-0.46	0.647	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.71	3.18	0.002
59	0	-20	cortex right	superior temporal sulcus	336 mm2	Pt-Con Thal.	0.38	-1.72	0.090	Pt-Con Hipp.	0.37	1.67	0.099

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