

Axonal density in the right uncinate fasciculus negatively correlated with both CCI-12 and CCI-TOT (20 item) ($p < 0.001$, Figure 2). Other ROIs had no significant correlations. **Conclusions:** These results suggest that lower axonal density and fiber coherence are risk factors for self-perceived memory decline. The two most vulnerable white matter tracts - the right stria terminalis and uncinate fasciculus, connect between the amygdala and hippocampus - two of the areas that show the earliest disease-associated changes. **References:** 1. Villemagne, V.L., S. Burnham, P. Bourgeat, B. Brown, K.A. Ellis, O. Salvado, C. Szoëke, S.L. Macaulay, R. Martins, P. Maruff, D. Ames, C.C. Rowe, C.L. Masters, B. Australian Imaging, and G. Lifestyle Research, Amyloid beta deposition, neurodegeneration, and cognitive decline in sporadic Alzheimer's disease: a prospective cohort study. *Lancet Neurol*, 2013. 12(4): p. 357-67. 2. Jack, C.R., Jr., V.J. Lowe, S.D. Weigand, H.J. Wiste, M.L. Senjem, D.S. Knopman, M.M. Shiung, J.L. Gunter, B.F. Boeve, B.J. Kemp, M. Weiner, R.C. Petersen, and I. Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging, Serial PIB and MRI in normal, mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease: implications for sequence of pathological events in Alzheimer's disease. *Brain*, 2009. 132(Pt 5): p. 1355-65. 3. Sperling, R.A., P.S. Aisen, L.A. Beckett, D.A. Bennett, S. Craft, A.M. Fagan, T. Iwatsubo, C.R. Jack, Jr., J. Kaye, T.J. Montine, D.C. Park, E.M. Reiman, C.C. Rowe, E. Siemers, Y. Stern, K. Yaffe, M.C. Carrillo, B. Thies, M. Morrison-Bogorad, M.V. Wagster, and C.H. Phelps, Toward defining the preclinical stages of Alzheimer's disease: recommendations from the National Institute on Aging-Alzheimer's Association workgroups on diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer's disease. *Alzheimers Dement*, 2011. 7(3): p. 280-92. 4. Saykin, A.J., H.A. Wishart, L.A. Rabin, R.B. Santulli, L.A. Flashman, J.D. West, T.L. McHugh, and A.C. Mamourian, Older adults with cognitive complaints show brain atrophy similar to that of amnesic MCI. *Neurology*, 2006. 67(5): p. 834-42. 5. Rattanabannakit, C., S.L. Risacher, S. Gao, K.A. Lane, S.A. Brown, B.C. McDonald, F.W. Unverzagt, L.G. Apostolova, A.J. Saykin, and M.R. Farlow, The Cognitive Change Index as a Measure of Self and Informant Perception of Cognitive Decline: Relation to Neuropsychological Tests. *J Alzheimers Dis*, 2016. 51(4): p. 1145-55. 6. Zhang, H., T. Schneider, C.A. Wheeler-Kingshott, and D.C. Alexander, NODDI: practical in vivo neurite orientation dispersion and density imaging of the human brain. *Neuroimage*, 2012. 61(4): p. 1000-16. 7. Wu, Y.C. and A.L. Alexander, Hybrid diffusion imaging. *Neuroimage*, 2007. 36(3): p. 617-29. 8. Kodiwera, C., A.L. Alexander, J. Harezlak, T.W. McAllister, and Y.C. Wu, Age effects and sex differences in human brain white matter of young to middle-aged adults: A DTI, NODDI, and q-space study. *Neuroimage*, 2016. 128: p. 180-92. 9. Yamada, H., O. Abe, T. Shizukuishi, J. Kikuta, T. Shinozaki, K. Dezawa, A. Nagano, M. Matsuda, H. Haradome, and Y. Imamura, Efficacy of distortion correction on diffusion imaging: comparison of FSL eddy and eddy_correct using 30 and 60 directions diffusion encoding. *PLoS One*, 2014. 9(11): p. e112411. 10. Avants, B.B., N.J. Tustison, G. Song, P.A. Cook, A. Klein, and J.C. Gee, A reproducible evaluation of ANTs similarity metric performance in brain image registration. *Neuroimage*, 2011. 54(3): p. 2033-44. 11. Oishi, K., K. Zilles, K. Amunts, A. Faria, H. Jiang, X. Li, K. Akhter, K. Hua, R. Woods, A.W. Toga, G.B. Pike, P. Rosa-Neto, A. Evans, J. Zhang, H. Huang, M.I. Miller, P.C. van Zijl, J. Mazziotta, and S. Mori, Human brain white matter atlas: identification and assignment of common anatomical

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ABNORMAL STRUCTURAL BRAIN CONNECTOME IN INDIVIDUALS WITH PRECLINICAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



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Background: Alzheimer's disease has a long preclinical phase during which amyloid pathology and neurodegeneration accumulate in the brain without producing cognitive deficits. It is currently unclear whether these early disease stages are associated with a progressive disruption in the communication between brain regions that might lead to clinical decline and dementia. **Methods:** In this study we assessed the organization of the structural networks in cognitively normal (CN) individuals harbouring amyloid pathology (A+N-), neurodegeneration (A-N+) or both (A+N+). We combined graph theory with diffusion tensor imaging to investigate integration, segregation and centrality measures in the brain connectome of the previous groups. **Results:** At baseline, our findings revealed a disrupted network topology characterized by larger paths, lower efficiency, increased clustering and modularity in CN A-N+ and CN A+N+. After two years, CN A+N+ showed a progressive increase in the clustering, whereas no changes were observed in the other groups. Network topology correlated with cognitive speed in all groups and with memory performance specifically in CN A+N+. **Conclusions:** Altogether, our findings suggest that amyloid pathology is not sufficient to disrupt structural network topology, whereas neurodegeneration is. In contrast to CN A-N+, network organization in CN A+N+ individuals continued to decline over time and was associated with memory functions.

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WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HIPPOCAMPUS 12 MONTHS AFTER TRAINING? LONGITUDINAL LINEAR MIXED-EFFECTS MODEL ANALYSIS OF MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN THE SMART TRIAL



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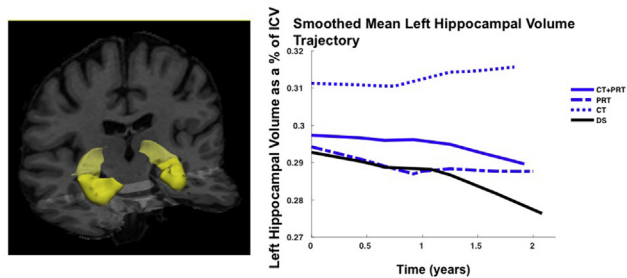


Figure 1. Render of hippocampi from FreeSurfer segmentation (left). Low-ess plot of left hippocampal volume as a percentage of ICV (right). The low-ess plot shows predicted values of left hippocampal volume from LME model. Sliding window data fraction was set to 0.9.

Table 1

Significance difference in rate of change between	BL-FU1 p	F DF	F value	BL-FU1-FU2 p	F DF	F value
H1 - DS and all training groups	0.349	75.3	0.89	0.025	155.1	4.70
H2 - DS and CT	0.119	40.1	1.84	0.027	84.4	5.10
H3 - DS and PRT	0.183	36.1	2.54	0.027	80.8	5.04
H4 - PRT and CT	0.369	39.0	0.83	0.585	72.2	0.30
H5 - PRT+CT and DS	0.573	39.1	0.32	0.114	82.9	2.02

Background: Cognitive and physical exercise may reduce risk of dementia in mild cognitive impairment (MCI) but the underlying mechanisms are poorly understood. The SMART is a longitudinal randomised controlled trial that compares the benefits of isolated and combined progressive resistance and computerised cognitive training in MCI. Previously, we revealed therapeutically relevant structural and functional brain changes immediately after training cessation¹, however, no effects were found on hippocampal structure. Here, for the first time, we investigate the ongoing impact of training on hippocampal anatomy 12-months after cessation using linear mixed effects (LME) models to account for imperfect timing and missing data. **Methods:** Eighty six community-dwelling participants aged ≥ 55 with MCI were randomised into 4 training groups; 1- Combined computerised cognitive and progressive resistance training (CT+PRT), 2- PRT and Sham CT (PRT), 3- Sham PRT and CT (CT), 4- Double Sham (DS). Training consisted of 2x1.5hours/week for 6-months. Cognitive and MRI assessments were carried out at baseline (BL), 6-months (F1) (directly after training) and 18-months (F2) from BL. Whole-brain T13DTFE MR images were automatically processed with the longitudinal FreeSurfer analysis pipeline. Longitudinal hippocampal volume was analysed with a freely available LME Matlab tool, modelled as % of BL volume. A linear time x group interaction was selected as the main contrast of interest in a comprehensive model controlling for covariates (sex, education, age). **Results:** Five alternate hypotheses tested for group x time interactions between BL->F1 and BL->F1->F2 (Table 1). LME models showed significant differences in left (but not right) hippocampal atrophy rates for either training intervention compared to DS across the entire 18-month follow-up period. There were no differences in hippocampal trajectories between PRT or CT, nor between combined training and the DS. **Conclusions:** Meta-analysis in MCI and Alzheimer's confirm a

faster rate of atrophy in the left hippocampus compared to the right². Our findings of preserved left but not right hippocampal volume due to training may therefore have implications for combating neurodegeneration. Further work is needed to determine if such training-related benefits are linked to improved memory and cognitive outcomes long term. References: 1-C. Suo, et al. *Molecular Psychiatry*. 2016.21:1633–1642 2-F. Shi et al. *Hippocampus*. 2009. 19:1055–1064.

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¹¹C]PK11195 PET IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALS: THE NIMROD STUDY



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Background: Neuro-inflammation plays a significant role in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease and progressive supranuclear palsy. Here we test whether the intensity and regional distribution of neuro-inflammation differs between these disorders and controls; and whether neuro-inflammation relates to disease severity. **Methods:** We used the radiotracer [¹¹C]PK11195 with positron emission tomography and kinetic modeling to compare regional [¹¹C]PK11195 binding in 16 patients with Alzheimer's disease pathology (including amyloid-positive mild cognitive impairment), 16 with progressive supranuclear palsy, and 13 controls. We correlated [¹¹C]PK11195 binding with clinical variables and C-reactive protein. **Results:** [¹¹C]PK11195 binding in the medial temporal lobe and occipital-parietal cortex was increased in Alzheimer's disease patients, relative to both progressive supranuclear palsy patients and controls. Progressive supranuclear palsy patients showed elevated [¹¹C]PK11195 binding in the thalamus, putamen, and pallidum relative to controls. [¹¹C]PK11195 binding in the pre-cuneus correlated *negatively* with episodic memory in Alzheimer's disease, while [¹¹C]PK11195 binding in the pallidum, midbrain, and pons correlated *positively* with disease severity in progressive supranuclear palsy. **Conclusions:** The magnitude and distribution of neuro-inflammation, indexed by [¹¹C]PK11195, differed between Alzheimer's disease and progressive supranuclear palsy, and mirrored the established neuropathological distribution for each disease. In both Alzheimer's disease and progressive supranuclear palsy, disease severity correlated with neuro-inflammation in the regions most closely associated with principal neuropathological markers including tau aggregates. Immunotherapeutic strategies targeting neuro-inflammation may be a useful strategy in slowing the progression of these neurodegenerative disorders.

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REGARDLESS OF THEIR LOCATION, WHITE MATTER HYPERINTENSITIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ADVANCED BRAIN AGING THROUGHOUT ADULTHOOD IN THE STUDY OF HEALTH IN POMERANIA



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