

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Studies Investigating Prefrontal Cortex Function in Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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BACKGROUND

- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a developmental disorder characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity, which is associated with a 2- to 3-fold increased risk of criminal, legal, and substance abuse problems in adulthood (Faraone et al., 2000).
- Early studies of the brain in ADHD patients, using structural and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), have shown abnormalities in the prefrontal cortex, which is the area of the brain that is primarily responsible for executive functions (EF).
- EF encompasses a wide range of functions, including working memory, attention, and decision-making. These functions are essential for the ability to plan, organize, and execute complex tasks. In ADHD patients, EF deficits are often associated with impaired academic and social functioning (Barkley, 2002).
- Imaging the executive functions region in ADHD patients, using structural magnetic resonance imaging (sMRI), revealed that the brain volume of the prefrontal cortex is smaller in ADHD patients compared to controls (Barkley et al., 2001). This finding suggests that the prefrontal cortex may be structurally abnormal in ADHD.

METHOD AND MATERIALS

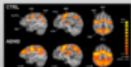
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