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Brief risk rating scale: A preliminary screening and monitoring tool emphasizing individual differences for better prognosis in Alzheimer's disease

Supplementary File

Table S1. Summary of structural connectivity studies in AD-spectrum patients.

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Subject (mean age ± SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
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| Saykin <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[1] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=40 (71.0 ± 5.1) SCD: n=40 (73.3 ± 6.0) MCI: n=40 (72.9 ± 7.1) | Limbic (MTL) and frontotemporal regions | — | SCD and MCI showed decreased GM volumes in the MTL, frontotemporal, and other neocortical regions. MCI also showed decreased HP volumes. |
| Jessen <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[2] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=14 (66.5 ± 6.4) SCD: n=12 (66.1 ± 7.3) MCI: n=15 (68.2 ± 5.5) AD: n=13 (68.8 ± 9.7) | Limbic region (ERC and HP) | — | SCD showed smaller ERC and left HP compared to HC. |
| Tepest <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[3] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=13 (67.5 ± 5.5) SCD: n=14 (66.4 ± 7.3) MCI: n=15 (68.2 ± 5.4) AD: n=12 (69.2 ± 10.0) | Limbic region (HP) | — | HP surface deformation in the CA1 subfield was most pronounced in AD, less so in MCI, and minimal in SCD. |
| Striepens <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[4] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=48 (66.3 ± 6.2) SCD: n=21 (65 ± 7.2) | Limbic region (HP, ERC, and amygdala) | — | SCD showed reduced volume of bilateral HP, bilateral ERC, and right amygdala. |
| Nunes <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[5] | Longitudinal (3.5 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=11 (69.5 ± 5.5) SCD: n=15 (65.9 ± 7.7) MCI: n=17 (70.8 ± 6.4) | Limbic region (HP and amygdala) | — | SCD and MCI showed reduced volume in HP. MCI also showed reduced volume in amygdala. |
| Shen <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[6] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=38 (70.6 ± 5.2) SCD: n=39 (72.8 ± 6.1) MCI: n=37 (72.7 ± 7.1) AD: n=11 (75.6 ± 6.8) | Limbic region (HP) | — | Only MCI and AD showed reduced volume in HP compared to HC. |
| Stewart <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[7] | Longitudinal (4 years) | T1 MRI | SCD: n=1336 (72.0 ± 4.0) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD at baseline was associated with subsequent change in HP volume and at follow-up, impairment was associated with previous change in HP and GM volume as well as with subcortical WM lesion increases. |
| Scheef <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[8] | Longitudinal (35 months) | T1 MRI | HC: n=48 (66.5 ± 7.2) SCD: n=27 (67.4 ± 6.5) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD showed reduced GM volume in the right HP. |

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| Selnes <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[9] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=21 (62.0,49 -77) SCD: n=16 (59.2,45 -71) MCI: n=50 (61.2,45 -77) | Parietal and limbic regions (HP) | — | SCD and MCI showed higher RD and MD. MCI also showed higher FA, thinner precuneal and inferior parietal cortices, as well as smaller HP. |
| Hafkemeijer <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[10] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=29 (71.3 ± 3.4) SCD: n=25 (71.4 ± 9.2) | Limbic, frontal, parietal, and occipital regions | — | SCD showed GM volume reductions in HP, ACC, medial prefrontal cortex, cuneus, precuneus, and precentral gyrus. |
| Kim <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[11] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=28 (70.7 ± 5.5) SCD: n=90 (65.8 ± 8.5) | Limbic region (HP and amygdala) | — | SCD showed smaller volumes of HP and amygdala. Less depressive symptoms were associated with smaller HP in SCD. |
| Peter <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[12] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=53 (67.1 ± 6.1) SCD: n=24 (66.0 ± 7.1) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD showed greater similarity to an AD in terms of GM pattern compared to HC, which was found associated with episodic memory decline. |
| Kiuchi <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[13] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=41 (75.2 ± 5.34) SCD: n=28 (70.5 ± 7.30) MCI: n=43 (74.6 ± 6.40) AD: n=39 (73.2 ± 7.98) | Limbic region (MTL) | — | SCD showed no significant differences compared to HC. AD and MCI showed the same extent of brain atrophy and diffusion changes. |
| Perrotin <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[14] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=40 (69.4 ± 6.4) SCD: n=17 (69.1 ± 8.5) AD: n=21 (68.3 ± 9.5) | Limbic region (HP) | — | Patients showed diseased HP TIV-normalized volume mainly in the lateral part (CA1). |
| Meiberth <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[15] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=69 (66.1 ± 6.9) SCD: n=41 (68.9 ± 7.2) | Limbic region (ERC) | — | SCD showed cortical thickness reduction in the left ERC. |
| Cherbuin <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[16] | Longitudinal (4 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=218 (62.68 ± 1.32) SCD: n=39 (62.26 ± 1.43) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD at follow-up was associated with greater hippocampal atrophy. |
| Cantero <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[17] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | NC: n=47 (68.1 ± 3.2) SCD: n=48 (69.6 ± 4.3) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD showed lower volumes of CA1, CA4, dentate gyrus, and molecular layer. |
| Verfaillie <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[18] | Longitudinal (3 years) | T1 MRI | sSCD: n=253 (61 ± 9) pSCD: n=49 (69 ± 6) | Limbic region (HP) | — | HP volumes, thinner cortex, and various AD-signature subcomponents were associated with increased risk of progression. |
| Hong <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[19] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | Low risk: n=27 (62.1 ± 7.1) High risk: n=19 (67.1 ± 6.5) | Limbic and frontotemporal regions | — | High-risk group showed lower FA in HP, parahippocampal gyrus, supramarginal gyrus, and frontotemporal lobes without more GM atrophy. |
| Sun <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[20] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=61 (64.11 ± 8.59) SCD: n=25 (65.52 ± 6.12) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD showed no significant differences in GM volume. |

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| Rogne <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[21] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=58 (70.6 \pm 6.7) SCD: n=25 (70.0 \pm 9.1) MCI: n=115 (74.5 \pm 7.5) | Limbic region (HP) and lateral ventricles | — | SCD and MCI showed larger lateral ventricles and smaller HP volumes compared to HC. |
| Perrotin <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[22] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=35 (65.8 \pm 8.6) SCD (clinic): n=28 (67.6 \pm 7.7) SCD (community): n=35 (70.8 \pm 7.5) | Limbic region (HP) | — | Subclinical depression and hippocampal atrophy were associated with medical help seeking. |
| Ryu <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[23] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=27 (70.6 \pm 6.1) SCD: n=18 (69.9 \pm 6.3) | Limbic region (HP and ERC) | — | SCD showed lower entorhinal volumes and FA with higher MD in the HP body and entorhinal WM. |
| Tijms <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[24] | Longitudinal (2.2 years) | T1 MRI | sSCD: n=100 (67 \pm 8) pSCD: n=122 (68 \pm 8) | Temporal and frontal regions | — | Lower network parameter values were associated with increased risk of progression. |
| Verfaillie <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[25] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | SCD: n=231 (62.95 \pm 9.22) | Frontal, temporal, and occipital regions | — | SCD with a more randomly organized GM network showed steeper decline in language and global cognition. |
| Verfaillie <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[26] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | SCD: n=233 (63 \pm 9) | Frontal, temporal, and occipital regions | — | SCD showed a faster rate of memory loss, which was found associated with thinner frontal, temporal, and occipital cortex. |
| Sanchez-Benavides <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[27] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=2098 (55.4 \pm 6.6) SCD-: n=319 (55.6 \pm 6.2) SCD+: n=253 (59.1 \pm 7.1) | Limbic region | — | SCD+ showed lower GM volumes compared to SCD-. |
| Fan <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[28] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=34 (67.8 \pm 7.4) SCD: n=43 (66.1 \pm 7.0) aMCI: n=44 (73.9 \pm 8.0) | Limbic region (HP and ERC) | — | SCD showed significant cortical atrophy in bilateral parahippocampus, perirhinal, and left ERC as well as decreased mean FA in bilateral uncinate fasciculi. |
| Yue <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[29] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=67 (67.7 \pm 6.6) SCD: n=111 (69.8 \pm 7.6) MCI: n=30 (75.5 \pm 7.6) | Limbic region (HP and amygdala) | — | SCD and MCI showed decreased right HP and amygdala volumes and different levels of asymmetry in HP and amygdala. |
| Niemantsverdriet <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[30] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | NC: n=93 (67.3 \pm 8.5) SCD: n=102 (68.6 \pm 9.8) MCI: n=379 (74.6 \pm 8.0) AD: n=313 (77.5 \pm 8.0) | Whole brain | — | Baseline atrophy of whole-brain, GM, and cortical GM predicted cognitive impairment. |
| Zhao <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[31] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=42 (64.2 \pm 6.2) SCD: n=35 (64.5 \pm 7.3) aMCI: n=43 (67.5 \pm 10.0) AD: n=41 (68.9 \pm 7.9) | Limbic region (HP) | — | AD spectrum showed the trend of volume reduction in CA1, subiculum, presubiculum, molecular layer, and fimbria. |
| Scheef <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[32] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=49 (66 \pm 7.2) SCD: n=24 (67 \pm 6.1) | Basal forebrain | — | SCD showed a total reduction in volume of the chBFN, with largest effect sizes in the Ch1/2 and Ch4p subdivisions. |

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| Platero <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[33] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=70 (70.3 ± 4.5) SCD: n=87 (71.7 ± 5.1) MCI: n=137 (73.9 ± 5.0) AD: n=13 (75.6 ± 5.0) | Limbic region (HP) | — | SCD showed no significant differences in the volume of HP compared to HC. |
| Fu <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[34] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=42 (64.2 ± 6.2) SCD: n=35 (64.5 ± 7.3) aMCI: n=43 (67.5 ± 10.0) AD: n=41 (68.9 ± 7.86) | Limbic region, cerebellum, and diencephalon | — | SCD (lateral ventricle and cerebellum-WM), aMCI (lateral ventricle, pallidum, HP, amygdala, accumbens, and ventral diencephalon), and AD (lateral-ventricle, cerebellum-cortical pallidum, thalamus, HP, amygdala, accumbens, and ventral DC) showed altered asymmetries of volume, surface area, and shape. |
| Yasuno <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[35] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=30 (72.2 ± 4.8) SCD: n=23 (69.6 ± 8.0) | External capsule and limbic region | compensation | SCD showed lower FA of the superior longitudinal fasciculus at the left external capsule and higher FA in the left cingulum. |
| Li <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[36] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=37 (65.1 ± 6.8) SCD: n=27 (65.3 ± 8.0) aMCI: n=35 (69.2 ± 8.6) AD: n=25 (68.3 ± 9.4) | Widespread WM | — | SCD showed widespread WM alterations with decreased FA, increased MD and RD compared to HC, and localized WM alterations, with increased AxD similar to aMCI and AD. |
| Shu <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[37] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=51 (62.2 ± 9.1) SCD: n=36 (63.5 ± 8.7) | Frontal region and thalamus | — | SCD showed less global and local efficiency and diminished rich-club and local connections, which were associated with impaired memory performance. |
| Yan <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[38] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=62 (63.3 ± 8.1) SCD: n=47 (65.3 ± 8.4) aMCI: n=60 (67.3 ± 9.4) d-AD: n=55 (70.9 ± 9.8) | Peripheral regions | — | SCD, MCI, and AD showed similar patterns of disrupted peripheral regions and reduced connectivity. MCI and AD also showed reduced structural connectivity among rich club nodes. |
| Viviano <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[39] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=48 (66.96 ± 8.79) SCD: n=35 (68.51 ± 7.66) | Limbic region | — | SCD showed no differences in cingulum or uncinate diffusion measures compared to HC. |
| Ohlhauser <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[40] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=44 (72.49 ± 6.37) SCD: n=30 (72.94 ± 4.79) | Widespread WM | — | SCD showed lower WM integrity, which was associated with executive function. |
| Brueggen <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[41] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=93 (68.5 ± 5.1) SCD: n=98 (71.3 ± 5.9) MCI: n=45 (72.3 ± 5.7) AD: n=35 (73.5 ± 6.8) | Widespread WM | — | SCD showed higher MD and lower FA and mode in several WM regions. AD and MCI showed higher MD and lower FA and MO in extensive regions, including the corpus callosum and temporal brain regions. |

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| Du <i>et al.</i> (2001) ^[42] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=40 (75.1 \pm 4.3) MCI: n=36 (75.1 \pm 8.2) AD: n=29 (75.8 \pm 5.1) | Limbic region (ERC and HP) | — | AD and MCI showed reduced ERC and HP volumes, cortical GM loss, and ventricular enlargement compared to HC. |
| Dickerson <i>et al.</i> (2001) ^[43] | Longitudinal (77 months) | T1 MRI | HC: n=34 (70.3 \pm 6.6) non-demented: n=28 (68.6 \pm 8.6) AD: n=16 (71.4 \pm 9.1) | Limbic region (ERC and HP) | — | Both patient groups showed entorhinal and HP atrophy. Entorhinal volume was a better predictor of conversion. |
| Pennanen <i>et al.</i> (2004) ^[44] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=59 (72.7 \pm 4.3) MCI: n=65 (72.8 \pm 4.5) AD: n=48 (71.1 \pm 8.1) | Limbic region (ERC and HP) | — | MCI showed more ERC volume loss, whereas AD showed more HP volume loss. |
| Pennanen <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[45] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=32 (74 \pm 4) MCI: n=51 (72 \pm 5) | Limbic region (MTL) | — | MCI showed unilateral atrophy in the MTL on the right side. |
| Stoub <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[46] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=50 (78.1 \pm 6.0) MCI: n=40 (77.9 \pm 7.5) | Limbic region (HP) | — | MCI showed decreased HP volume and parahippocampal WM volume, which contributed to memory dysfunction. |
| deJong <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[47] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | MC: n=70 (66 \pm 13) pAD: n=69 (77 \pm 7.4) | Limbic region (HP), putamen, and thalamus | — | Probable AD showed reduced volumes in HP, putamen, and thalamus, which were associated with cognitive decline. |
| Thomann <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[48] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=20 (71.5 \pm 5.8) MCI: n=20 (71.8 \pm 4.9) AD: n=20 (71.6 \pm 3.8) | Cerebellum | — | AD showed smaller posterior cerebellar lobes compared to HC, which were associated with poorer cognitive performance. |
| Balthazar <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[49] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=16 (69.12 \pm 7.55) aMCI: n=17 (68.29 \pm 9.93) AD: n=15 (74.26 \pm 6.33) | Limbic region (parahippocampus) and thalamus | — | aMCI showed similar but less intense GM atrophy compared to AD and no WM atrophy. |
| Muth <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[50] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=46 (63.4 \pm 6.4) aMCI: n=26 (67.6 \pm 6.7) AD: n=12 (72.6 \pm 6.6) | Basal forebrain | — | HC showed the largest substantia innominate volume followed by aMCI and AD patients. |
| Cherubini <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[51] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=30 (67.9 \pm 7.4) aMCI: n=30 (66.8 \pm 6.0) AD: n=30 (68.7 \pm 7.8) | Limbic region, thalamus, and basal ganglia | — | HP and thalamus decreased progressively from HC through MCI to AD. MD increased in the bilateral HP, amygdala, and right caudate. No differences in FA. |
| Evans <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[52] | Longitudinal (12 months) | T1 MRI | HC: n=131 (76.0 \pm 5.1) MCI: n=231 (74.4 \pm 7.1) AD: n=99 (75.3 \pm 6.9) | Whole brain | — | MCI and AD showed brain atrophy and ventricular expansion. |
| Serra <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[53] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=13 (64.1 \pm 10.5) aMCI: n=16 (72.4 \pm 7.5) AD: n=9 (72.5 \pm 6.5) | Temporal region | — | AD showed widespread GM atrophy. WM atrophy was mainly located in the temporal lobe. |

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| Choo <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[54] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=18 (70.7 \pm 5.2) MCI: n=19 (71.6 \pm 7.1) AD: n=19 (71.1 \pm 5.1) | Limbic region | — | MCI and AD showed decreased PCC and ERC volumes. MCI showed decreased FA in PH-C, whereas AD showed decreased FA in PC-C and PH-C. |
| Scola <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[55] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=20 (56-75) aMCI: n=19 (52-79) AD: n=21 (56-79) | Temporal, occipital, parietal, and frontal regions | — | AD-spectrum patients showed a trend of increased MD, decreased FA, and GM atrophy. The severity of microstructural damage within and beyond MTL was associated with an increased short-term risk of developing AD. |
| Zhang <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[56] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=243 (77.8 \pm 4.5) naMCI: n=55 (78.2 \pm 4.6) aMCI: n=81 (79.2 \pm 4.7) | Basal forebrain | — | Basal forebrain atrophy was insignificant in the prediction of MCI. |
| Tondelli <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[57] | Longitudinal (10 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=40 (76.07 \pm 5.69) MCI: n=32 (77.10 \pm 5.22) AD: n=8 (79.39 \pm 5.01) | Limbic region; orbitofrontal, and parietal lobes | — | Preclinical AD and MCI showed reduced brain volume in MTL, posterior cingulate/precuneus, and orbitofrontal cortex. |
| Trzepacz <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[58] | Longitudinal (24 months) | T1 MRI | cMCI: n=122 (74.6 \pm 6.9) sMCI: n=177 (74.4 \pm 7.8) AD: n=163 (75.3 \pm 7.5) | Limbic region; frontal, parietal, and insular lobes | — | Agitation and aggression in AD and MCI were associated with greater atrophy of frontal, insular, amygdala, cingulate, and HP regions. |
| Leung <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[59] | Longitudinal (36 months) | T1 MRI | HC: n=205 (76.0 \pm 5.1) MCI: n=352 (75.0 \pm 7.2) AD: n=156 (74.9 \pm 7.7) | Limbic region (HP) | — | MCI that progressed to AD in 3 years showed acceleration of HP loss. |
| Velayudhan <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[60] | Longitudinal (1 year) | T1 MRI | HC: n=99 (74.56 \pm 5.14) MCI: n=106 (74.00 \pm 5.64) AD: n=120 (74.82 \pm 6.21) | Limbic region (HP and ERC) | — | AD showed smaller ERC thickness as well as HP and whole-brain volumes. AD with thinner ERC showed lower cognition and higher disease severity and predicted greater cognitive decline. |
| Nir <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[61] | Longitudinal (6 months) | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=29 (71.8 \pm 7.5) MCI: n=30 (73.4 \pm 5.2) | Frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital regions | — | Decreased clustering and lower nodal betweenness centrality were associated with greater atrophy. |
| Yi <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[62] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=181 (65 \pm 8) MCI: n=201 (70 \pm 9) AD: n=391 (69 \pm 9) | Limbic region (HP) and basal forebrain | — | Loss of HP and nucleus accumbens volumes were associated with increased risk of progression from MCI to AD. |
| Krumm <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[63] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=46 (74.78 \pm 7.09) aMCI: n=23 (76.08 \pm 8.26) HC: n=31 (78.10 \pm 5.58) AD: n=34 (78.89 \pm 5.24) | Limbic region (ERC) and PRC | — | aMCI and AD showed ERC and medial PRC atrophy compared to HC. AD also showed lateral PRC atrophy. |

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| Yang <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[64] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | mild MCI: n=33 (60.5 ± 7) moderate MCI: n=57 (62.8 ± 6) severe MCI: n=35 (66.5 ± 8) | Temporal region | — | aMCI showed progressive GM atrophy in the right lingual gyrus, which was associated with poor cognitive function that progressively declined in three stages. |
| Gong <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[65] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=18 (73.2 ± 5.5) aMCI: n=18 (75.0 ± 6.9) AD: n=18 (73.7 ± 4.2) | Temporal, parietal, and frontal regions | — | Early MCI showed more regions with diffusional abnormalities than atrophies in deep GM, contrary to late AD. |
| Matsuoka <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[66] | Longitudinal (41 months) | T1 MRI | pMCI: n=68 (74.1 ± 7.3) sMCI: n=169 (72.5 ± 7.5) | Diencephalon | — | MCI showed pineal volume reduction and is a predictor of AD conversion. |
| Lin <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[67] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=230 (76.12 ± 5.02) MCI: n=399 (74.94 ± 7.48) AD: n=193 (75.53 ± 7.48) | Cerebellum | — | HC, MCI, and AD showed progressive decreases in cerebellar volume. MCI showed a negative association between cerebellar volume and cognitive function. |
| Dutt <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[68] | Longitudinal (10 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=814 (73.49 ± 6.76) MCI: n=542 (73.54 ± 7.35) AD: n=273 (75.12 ± 7.74) | Brainstem | — | MCI and AD showed smaller midbrain volumes when normalizing to whole brainstem volume, and smaller midbrain, locus coeruleus, pons, and whole brainstem volumes when normalizing to total intracranial volume. |
| Bernstein <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[69] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=125 (73.42 ± 6.25) EMCI: n=212 (70.60 ± 7.16) LMCI: n=114 (71.81 ± 7.93) AD: n=89 (74.06 ± 7.74) | Thalamus | — | Late MCI and AD showed smaller anteroventral, mediodorsal, pulvinar, medial geniculate, and centromedian nuclei, whereas early MCI showed smaller mediodorsal, pulvinar, and medial geniculate nuclei compared to HC. |
| Zeng <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[70] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=102 (73.64 ± 6.05) sMCI: n=52 (72.92 ± 7.38) pMCI: n=29 (72.56 ± 7.43) | Limbic region (HP) | — | pMCI showed smaller volume than sMCI in bilateral subiculum, molecular layer, molecular and granule cell layers of the dentate gyrus, cornu ammonis 4, and right tail as well as faster volume loss in bilateral subiculum and molecular layer. |
| Sheng <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[71] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=34 (72.38 ± 0.87) MCI: n=70 (73.78 ± 0.84) AD: n=40 (74.85 ± 1.37) | Temporal and frontal regions | Compensation | Patients showed higher nodal and edge properties, which were associated with impaired memory function. |
| Rose <i>et al.</i> (2000) ^[72] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=9 (72 ± 0.7) pAD: n=11 (70 ± 0.6) | Corpus callosum, cingulum, <i>et al.</i> | — | Probable AD showed reduction in the integrity of association WM fiber tracts. |

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| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Subject (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|---|--------------------------|----------|---|--|--------------|---|
| Medina <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[73] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=21 (77.3 \pm 10.1) MCI: n=14 (78.0 \pm 5.6) AD: n=14 (77.4 \pm 6.8) | Posterior WM regions | — | MCI and AD showed reduced FA compared to HC in multiple posterior WM regions. |
| Huang and Auchus (2007) ^[74] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=6 (71.17 \pm 5.74) MCI: n=8 (74.75 \pm 8.55) AD: n=4 (73.75 \pm 6.08) | Frontal, temporal, and parietal regions | — | MCI and AD showed microstructural WM changes in frontal, temporal, and parietal regions. |
| Zhou <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[75] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=13 (65.92 \pm 12.11) MCI: n=10 (68.89 \pm 9.61) AD: n=11 (73.91 \pm 11.00) | Limbic region | — | AD showed decreased fiber connections between HP and PCC, whereas MCI showed reduced numbers of fiber derived from PCC and HP to the whole brain. |
| Damoiseaux <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[76] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=22 (70.7 \pm 6.0) MCI: n=8 (73.9 \pm 4.9) AD: n=16 (69.5 \pm 6.7) | Temporal lobe | — | AD showed decreased FA only in the left ATL compared to HC. |
| Chen <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[77] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=16 (69.0 \pm 8.4) aMCI: n=13 (73.2 \pm 9.3) AD: n=11 (76.7 \pm 8.5) | Frontal and parietal regions | — | aMCI and early AD showed impaired executive function, which was associated with frontal and parietal periventricular WM changes. |
| Mielke <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[78] | Longitudinal (3 months) | DTI | HC: n=25 (74.3 \pm 7.1) MCI: n=25 (75.8 \pm 5.3) AD: n=25 (75.6 \pm 7.0) | Fornix, cingulum bundle, and splenium | — | AD showed lower FA than NC at baseline and 3 months in the fornix and anterior portion of the cingulum bundle. |
| Teipel <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[79] | Longitudinal (16 months) | DTI | HC: n=11 (67.4 \pm 7.7) aMCI: n=14 (73.1 \pm 7.4) | Corpus callosum | — | MCI showed decreased FA in the anterior corpus callosum. |
| Liu <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[80] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=19 (75.0 \pm 6.0) MCI: n=27 (75.0 \pm 6.0) AD: n=17 (76.0 \pm 7.0) | Limbic region, cerebellum, <i>et al.</i> | — | AD showed decreased FA in the neurofiber tracts compared to HC. The FA values of MCI were in between HC and AD. |
| Bozok <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[81] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=16 (65.9 \pm 8.5) MCI: n=23 (70.8 \pm 7.9) AD: n=21 (71.6 \pm 10.6) | Limbic region | — | MCI and AD showed disruption of limbic WM pathways. |
| Garcés <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[82] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=31 (70.8 \pm 4.2) MCI: n=26 (72.5 \pm 6.7) | Limbic and parietal regions | — | MCI showed reduced FA along the reconstructed WM pathways connecting DMN regions. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[83] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=26 (73.8 \pm 6.7) aMCI: n=40 (76.4 \pm 7.6) AD: n=24 (78.3 \pm 5.7) | Corpus callosum | — | aMCI and AD showed callosal degeneration. |
| Daianu <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[84] | Cross-sectional | DWI | HC: n=50 (72.6 \pm 6.1) early MCI: n=72 (72.4 \pm 7.9) late MCI: n=38 (72.6 \pm 5.6) AD: n=42 (75.5 \pm 8.9) | Whole brain | — | Network disruptions predominated in the low-degree regions of the connectome in patients. |
| Mito <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[85] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=56 (75.0 \pm 7.0) early MCI: n=48 (72.0 \pm 7.0) late MCI: n=35 (73.0 \pm 8.0) AD: n=31 (73.0 \pm 7.0) | Limbic and parietal regions | — | AD showed WM loss in the fiber pathways associated with DMN. MCI showed subtle axonal reduction within the posterior cingulum. |

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| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Subject (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
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| Gozdas <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[86] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=23 (72.3 \pm 6.2) aMCI: n=25 (73.4 \pm 6.28) | Limbic region and corpus callosum | — | aMCI showed WM alterations specifically on the right cingulum cingulate, right cingulum HP, and anterior corpus callosum compared to HC. |
| Kuang <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[87] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=33 (74.18 \pm 8.28) MCI: n=77 (74.22 \pm 6.73) AD: n=40 (72.45 \pm 5.60) | Whole brain | — | AD and MCI showed decreased network integration and increased network segregation compared to HC. |
| Yang <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[88] | Cross-sectional | DWI | MCI: n=85 (76.9 \pm 8.09) AD: n=40 (74.8 \pm 10.7) | Forceps minor, <i>et al.</i> | — | AD showed decreased FA and increased MD and RD in forceps minor, corticospinal tract, and inferior fronto-occipital fasciculus. |
| Laakso <i>et al.</i> (2000) ^[89] | Longitudinal (3 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=8 (70 \pm 5) AD: n=27 (69 \pm 8) | Limbic region (HP) | — | AD showed statistically non-significant trend of accelerated HP volume loss compared to HC. |
| Rémy <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[90] | Cross-sectional | TI MRI | HC: n=11 (65.9 \pm 5.7) AD: n=8 (72.2 \pm 10.8) | Temporal and parietal regions | — | AD showed GM atrophy in the MTL and inferior parietal/superior temporal associative areas. |
| DiPaola <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[91] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=18 (65.4 \pm 10.6) AD: n=18 (64.3 \pm 10.2) | MTL, parietal, frontal, and thalamus | — | AD showed GM volume reduction in the MTL, parietal, and frontal areas bilaterally as well as the left anterior thalamic nuclei. |
| Zarei <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[92] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=22 (70.7 \pm 6.0) AD: n=16 (69.5 \pm 6.7) | Thalamus | — | AD showed bilateral regional atrophy in the dorsal-medial part of the thalamus and smaller internal medullary lamina. |
| Domoto-Reilly <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[93] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=183 (75.8 \pm 5.1) AD: n=145 (75.7 \pm 7.4) | Temporal lobe | — | Naming impairment in AD was associated with the left ATL atrophy. |
| Smits <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[94] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | AD: n=329 (67 \pm 8) | Limbic region (MTL) | — | MTL atrophy was associated with poor performance in memory, language, and attention. Posterior atrophy was associated with poor performance in visuospatial and executive functioning. |
| Cho <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[95] | Longitudinal (3 years) | T1 MRI | HC: n=14 (67.1 \pm 7.6) AD: n=36 (70.2 \pm 8.0) | Basal ganglia | — | AD showed volumetric decline in caudate nucleus and putamen, which was associated with cognitive decline in frontal function. |
| Cavedo <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[96] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC (young): n=18 (62.8 \pm 4.7) HC (old): n=18 (75.1 \pm 3.4) EOAD: n=18 (62.5 \pm 4.4) LOAD: n=18 (77.5 \pm 5.0) | Limbic region (amygdala and HP) | — | LOAD showed greater atrophy in amygdala and HP than EOAD. |

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| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Subject (mean age ± SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|---|---|--------------|--|
| Phillips <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[97] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI DTI | HC: n=47 (69.23 ± 4.45) AD: n=44 (71.02 ± 5.84) | Limbic region (HP), temporal, and frontal | — | AD showed increased AD and RD across most of the superficial WM. |
| Ji <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[98] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=27 (77.00 ± 7.3) AD-VM: n=27 (75.26 ± 6.2) AD-M: n=27 (77.07 ± 6.1) | Brainstem | — | AD-M showed bilateral loss in the pons and the left part of the midbrain compared to HC. AD-M showed greater loss in the left midbrain than AD-VM. |
| Yang <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[99] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI | HC: n=68 (75.87 ± 8.74) AD: n=68 (76.51 ± 7.04) | Limbic region (HP), basal ganglia, and thalamus | — | AD showed different connections between bilateral HP and bilateral thalamus, bilateral putamen, and between the left HP and the right caudate compared to HC. |
| Kavcic <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[100] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=18 (75.39 ± 7.09) AD: n=14 (74.93 ± 5.91) | Posterior cerebral areas | — | WM changes in early AD were concentrated in posterior cerebral areas. |
| Rose <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[101] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=13 (75.8 ± 6.5) AD: n=13 (76.8 ± 5.2) | Limbic region | — | AD showed increased MD (mainly in the posterior cingulate gyrus) and reduced FA. |
| Lo <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[102] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=30 (70.07 ± 6.37) AD: n=25 (79.40 ± 5.89) | Frontal region | — | AD showed reduced nodal efficiency in WM network (mainly in the frontal regions) compared to HC. |
| Mayo <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[103] | Longitudinal (1 year) | DTI | HC: n=33 (74.1 ± 6.5) AD: n=34 (76.9 ± 7.7) | Limbic region | — | AD showed reduced FA and increased MD in the hippocampal cingulum compared to HC. |
| Toniolo <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[104] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC: n=25 (67.2 ± 6.7) AD: n=50 (70.5 ± 4.5) | Cerebellum | — | AD showed lower FA and higher RD in MCP, SCPL, and SCPR, higher MD in SCPR and SCPL, as well as higher AxD in SCPL. |
| Luo <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[105] | Cross-sectional | DTI | HC (young): n=64 (59.7 ± 2.5) HC (old): n=46 (72.4 ± 3.8) EOAD: n=31 (60.58 ± 3.3) LOAD: n=45 (74.3 ± 4.6) | Limbic region, corpus callosum, and thalamus | — | EOAD showed lower FD in splenium of corpus callosum, limbic tracts, cingulum bundles, and posterior thalamic radiation, as well as higher FC in splenium of corpus callosum, dorsal cingulum, and posterior thalamic radiation. LOAD showed lower FD and FC. |

ACC, anterior cingulate cortex; AD, Alzheimer’s disease; AD-M, mild AD; AD-VM, very mild AD; aMCI, amnesic MCI; ATL, anterior temporal lobe; AxD, axial diffusivity; cMCI, MCI converter; CSF, cerebrospinal fluid; chBFN, cholinergic basal forebrain nuclei; DMN, default mode network; DTI, diffusion tensor imaging; EOAD, early-onset AD; ERC, entorhinal cortex; FA, fractional anisotropy; FC, fiber bundle cross-section; FD, fiber density; GM, gray matter; HC, healthy control; HMCI, high sum of box score MCI; HP, hippocampus; LMCI, low sum of box score MCI; LOAD, late-onset AD; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MCP, middle cerebellar peduncle; MD, mean diffusivity; MTL, medial temporal lobe; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; naMCI, non-amnesic MCI; pAD, prodromal AD; PCC, posterior cingulate cortex; PC-C, posterior cingulate cingulum; PH-C, parahippocampal cingulum; pMCI, progressive MCI; PRC, perirhinal cortex; RD, radial diffusivity; SCD, subjective cognitive decline; SCPL/SCPR, left and right superior cerebellar peduncles; sMCI, stable MCI; WM, white matter

Table S2. Summary of functional connectivity studies in AD-spectrum patients.

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|--------------|---|
| Rodda <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[106] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=10 (68.0 \pm 13.5) SCD: n=10 (64.2 \pm 5.6) | Temporal, parietal occipital, and frontal | Compensation | SCD showed increased activation in left MTL, left PFC, and occipitoparietal and medial frontal cortex. |
| Erk <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[107] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=20 (66.8 \pm 5.4) SCD: n=19 (68.4 \pm 5.7) | Limbic system (HP) and frontal region | Compensation | SCD showed reduced activation in right HP and increased activation in right dorsolateral PFC during episodic memory recall. |
| Dumas <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[108] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=11 (56.8 \pm 1.9) SCD: n=12 (57.1 \pm 2.3) | Frontal, parietal, and limbic system | Compensation | SCD showed greater activation in middle frontal gyrus, precuneus, and cingulate gyrus during working memory. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[109] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=16 (70.7 \pm 6.0) SCD: n=23 (70.1 \pm 7.3) MCI: n=18 (73.7 \pm 9.1) | Limbic system (HP) | — | SCD and MCI showed decreased DMN connectivity in the right HP compared to HC but greater connectivity than MCI. |
| Hafkemeijer <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[10] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=29 (71.3 \pm 3.4) SCD: n=25 (71.4 \pm 9.2) | Limbic system, temporal, parietal, and occipital regions | Compensation | SCD showed increased FC in the DMN (HP, thalamus, PCC, cuneus, precuneus, and superior temporal gyrus) and medial visual network (ACC, PCC, cuneus, and precuneus). |
| Yasuno <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[35] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=30 (72.2 \pm 4.8) SCD: n=23 (69.6 \pm 8.0) | Limbic system (ACC) and frontal region | — | SCD showed reduced FC in between RSC and other cortical midline structures of dorsomedial PFC and ACC. |
| Sun <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[20] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=61 (64.11 \pm 8.59) SCD: n=25 (65.52 \pm 6.12) | Parietal, temporal, and occipital regions; cerebellum | Compensation | SCD showed higher ALFF values in bilateral inferior parietal lobule, right inferior and middle occipital gyrus, right superior temporal gyrus, and right cerebellum posterior lobe. |
| Dillen <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[110] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=25 (62.4 \pm 7.0) SCD: n=27 (65.7 \pm 7.9) AD: n=24 (71.0 \pm 6.2) | Limbic system, frontal, and occipital | Compensation | SCD showed higher FC from RSC to frontal cortex. Prodromal AD showed higher FC from RSC to the occipital cortex and from PCC to the lingual gyrus. |
| Dillen <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[111] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=25 (62.4 \pm 7.0) SCD: n=28 (65.8 \pm 7.8) pAD: n=25 (70.8 \pm 6.2) | Limbic system, frontal, and parietal | — | SCD and prodromal AD showed an anterior-posterior disconnection and a HP decoupling from posterior DMN. |
| Hayes <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[112] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=41 (67.5 \pm 9.1) SCD: n=23 (68.6 \pm 8.2) | Parietal, occipital, and limbic system (PCC) | — | SCD showed lower subsequent memory effects in occipital lobe, superior parietal lobe, and PCC. |
| Dong <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[113] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=39 (82.89 \pm 4.13) SCD: n=39 (83 \pm 4.43) | Frontal, parietal, and occipital regions; limbic system | Compensation | SCD showed detectable changes in FC strength. |
| Verfaillie <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[114] | Longitudinal (1 year) | rs-fMRI | HC: n=29 (65 \pm 6) SCD: n=30 (65 \pm 6) | Temporal region and limbic system (PCC) | Compensation | SCD showed higher connectivity between posterior DMN and the medial temporal memory system. |

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Table S2. (Continued).

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|---|--------------|--|
| Viviano <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[39] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=48 (66.96 \pm 8.79) SCD: n=35 (68.51 \pm 7.66) | Limbic system and parietal region | — | SCD showed lower FC across regions of the putative posterior memory system, specifically retrosplenial-precuneus FC. |
| Parker <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[115] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=23 (74.3 \pm 5.0) SCD: n=23 (72.9 \pm 5.4) | Limbic system, frontal, temporal, and occipital regions | Compensation | SCD showed increased FC in DMN and decreased FC in bilateral frontal pole, caudate, angular gyrus, and lingual gyrus. |
| Chen <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[116] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=64 (73.23 \pm 6.69) SCD: n=66 (71.28 \pm 5.45) | Frontal, temporal, and parietal regions | Compensation | SCD showed higher nodal topological properties mainly in DMN and increased local and medium range connectivity between bilateral PHG and other DMN-related regions. |
| Yang <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[117] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=55 (63.41 \pm 8.0) SCD: n=43 (65.09 \pm 8.7) aMCI: n=52 (68.06 \pm 9.3) AD: n=44 (70.98 \pm 10.0) | Parietal and occipital regions; cerebellum | Compensation | The fractional ALFF values presented with a decreasing trend as the disease progressed. |
| Khan <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[118] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=34 (75.3 \pm 6.3) SCD: n=24 (71.9 \pm 5.3) EMCI: n=43 (71.1 \pm 6.9) LMCI: n=31 (71.2 \pm 7.7) AD: n=23 (72.9 \pm 7.7) | Limbic system and parietal region (precuneus) | — | AD showed decreased FC in anterior precuneus, dorsal PCC, and central precuneus compared to HC. The FC of the central precuneus was associated with disease severity and specific deficits in memory and executive function across the entire AD spectrum. |
| Sharma <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[119] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=26 (71.42 \pm 7.3) SCD: n=23 (70.70 \pm 5.5) | Limbic system | — | SCD showed disrupted FC between the posterior DMN and parahippocampal gyrus. |
| Machulda <i>et al.</i> (2003) ^[120] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=11 (79.3) MCI: n=9 (76.5) AD: n=9 (79.6) | Limbic system (MTL) | — | MCI and AD showed less MTL activation on memory task but similar activation on sensory task compared to HC. |
| Dannhauser <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[121] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=10 (68.0 \pm 13.5) aMCI: n=10 (72.0 \pm 7.7) | Frontal region | — | aMCI showed attenuated PFC activation, which was associated with the functional network subserving divided attention. |
| Rosano <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[122] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=8 (81.5) MCI: n=8 (79.5) | Parietal and frontal regions | Compensation | MCI showed greater activation in posterior parietal and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex. |
| Rombouts <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[123] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=41 (63.1 \pm 5.2) MCI: n=28 (74.0 \pm 7.5) AD: n=18 (74.1 \pm 8.0) | Frontal, parietal, and limbic system | — | MCI showed less deactivation in DMN (anterior frontal cortex, precuneus, and PCC) than HC but more than AD during tasks. |
| Celone <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[124] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=15 (75.5 \pm 6.0) LMCI: n=15 (75.1 \pm 7.1) HMCI: n=12 (80.0 \pm 4.5) AD: n=10 (77.6 \pm 8.0) | Limbic system (HP) and parietal region | Compensation | Less impaired MCI showed hyperactivation in HP and greater deactivation in parietal regions compared to HC. More impaired MCI and AD showed hypoactivation in HP and loss of deactivation in parietal regions. |

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Table S2. (Continued).

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Johnson <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[125] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=14 (72.5 \pm 5.7) aMCI: n=14 (73.7 \pm 6.9) | Limbic system (PCC, HP) | — | MCI showed less activity in PCC during recognition of previous items and in the right HP during encoding of novel items. |
| Kircher <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[126] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=29 (67.8 \pm 5.4) MCI: n=21 (69.7 \pm 7.0) | Limbic system (MTL) | Compensation | MCI showed increased activation in MTL during successful encoding compared to HC. |
| Hämäläinen <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[127] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=21 (71.2 \pm 4.9) MCI: n=14 (72.4 \pm 7.3) AD: n=15 (73.1 \pm 6.7) | Limbic system (MTL) and fusiform region | MCI: Compensation AD: Decompensation | MCI showed increased activation in posterior MTL and fusiform regions, which was absent in AD. |
| Sorg <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[128] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=16 (68.1 \pm 3.8) aMCI: n=24 (69.3 \pm 8.1) | Limbic system (HP and PCC) | — | MCI showed the loss of FC between both hippocampi in the MTLs and the posterior cingulate of the DMN. |
| Zhou <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[75] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=13 (65.92 \pm 12.11) MCI: n=10 (68.89 \pm 9.61) AD: n=11 (73.91 \pm 11.00) | Limbic system (HP and PCC) | — | MCI and AD showed reduced connectivity from both the PCC and HP to the whole brain and between these two regions. |
| Dannhauser <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[129] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=10 (68 \pm 13.5) MCI: n=10 (72 \pm 7.7) | Frontal region | — | aMCI revealed decreased activation in left ventrolateral PFC compared to HC. |
| Woodard <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[130] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=19 (75.1 \pm 5.9) MCI: n=19 (75.4 \pm 6.9) | Limbic system, temporoparietal, and frontal regions | Compensation | MCI showed greater changes in MTL, temporoparietal junction, posterior cingulate/precuneus, and frontal regions. |
| Qi <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[131] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=14 (70.4 \pm 5.8) aMCI: n=14 (71.8 \pm 7.3) | Frontal, parietal, and temporal regions | Compensation | aMCI showed increased activity in left PFC, inferior parietal lobule, and middle temporal gyrus compared to HC. |
| Bosch <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[132] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=15 (72.20 \pm 5.8) aMCI: n=15 (74.63 \pm 6.9) AD: n=15 (75.27 \pm 5.7) | Frontal, parietal, and occipital regions; limbic system | Compensation | aMCI and AD showed positive correlations between cognitive reserve measures and activation in speech processing areas, as well as greater deactivations in DMN. |
| Gili <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[133] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=10 (64.1 \pm 10.5) aMCI: n=10 (71.2 \pm 4.1) AD: n=11 (71.9 \pm 7.9) | Limbic system (PCC) | — | aMCI showed reduced connectivity in PCC with the absence of GM atrophy, which was detectable in AD. |
| Lenzi <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[134] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=14 (64.3) MCI: n=15 (72.5) | Temporal and frontal regions | Compensation | aMCI showed greater activation in left inferior temporal, right superior temporal, and right dorsal precentral gyrus. |
| Bai <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[135] | Longitudinal (20 months) | rs-fMRI | HC: n=18 (70.3 \pm 4.7) aMCI: n=26 (71.4 \pm 4.3) | Cerebellum | — | aMCI showed decreased functional connections to the posterior cerebellar lobe. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[136] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=22 (66.55 \pm 7.67) MCI: n=16 (69.38 \pm 7.00) AD: n=16 (69.56 \pm 7.65) | Parietal, temporal, and frontal regions; basal ganglia | Compensation | AD and MCI showed decreased activity in medial parietal lobe and lentiform nucleus but increased activity in lateral temporal regions and superior frontal and parietal regions. |

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Table S2. (Continued).

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Binnewijzend <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[137] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=43 (69 \pm 7) MCI: n=23 (71 \pm 8) AD: n=39 (67 \pm 8) | Limbic system (PCC) and parietal region | — | AD showed lower FC in the DMN (precuneus and PCC) compared with HC, independent of cortical atrophy. |
| Agosta <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[138] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=13 (68.5 \pm 6.9) aMCI: n=12 (69.1 \pm 7.4) AD: n=13 (74.5 \pm 9.7) | Parietal and frontal regions | Compensation | aMCI showed reduced precuneus connectivity in the DMN compared to HC. AD showed opposing connectivity effects in the DMN and frontal networks. |
| Liang <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[139] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=16 (67.19 \pm 8.38) MCI: n=16 (68.50 \pm 7.77) | Parietal region | Compensation | MCI showed altered connectivity in the DMN, ECN, and SN compared to HC. |
| Zamboni <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[140] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=25 (75.1 \pm 7.3) MCI: n=25 (74.8 \pm 7.2) AD: n=30 (74.9 \pm 6.0) | Limbic system (HP) and frontal region | Compensation | Compared to HC and AD, MCI showed HP hyperactivation. AD showed increased frontal activation during a memory task, overlapping with increased frontal connectivity during rest. |
| Zamboni <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[141] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=17 (75.5 \pm 4.8) MCI: n=17 (76.2 \pm 5.9) AD: n=17 (76.7 \pm 5.4) | Frontal and temporal cortices | — | Decreased functional activation of medial prefrontal and anterior temporal cortices was associated with impaired self-awareness in AD. |
| Liu <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[142] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=21 (65.0 \pm 8.1) MCI: n=18 (70.2 \pm 7.9) mAD: n=17 (66.1 \pm 8.3) sAD: n=18 (65.4 \pm 8.6) | Frontal and parietal regions | — | Severe AD showed attenuated FC particularly between regions that were separated by a greater physical distance. |
| Neufang <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[143] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI Task-fMRI | HC: n=16 (68.1 \pm 3.8) pAD: n=15 (68.5 \pm 6.6) | Frontal region | — | Prodromal AD showed disrupted prediction of effective connectivity by functional connectivity. |
| Pasquini <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[144] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=22 (66.3 \pm 9.0) MCI: n=22 (65.3 \pm 8.7) AD: n=21 (72.3 \pm 8.6) | Limbic system | Compensation | AD showed increased HP local connectivity, which was negatively correlated with decreased HP global connectivity. |
| Xie <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[145] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=26 (70.31 \pm 4.8) aMCI: n=30 (72.57 \pm 4.8) | Frontal, parietal, and temporal lobes | — | aMCI showed reduced GM volumes and decreased intrinsic FC in the frontal-parietal lobe and MTL, which affected the cognitive function. |
| Vasavada <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[146] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI Task-fMRI | HC: n=27 (69.5 \pm 10.4) MCI: n=21 (73.2 \pm 9.0) AD: n=15 (71.9 \pm 11.9) | Limbic system | Decompensation | MCI and AD showed decreased volume and activation in the HP and primary olfactory cortex. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[147] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=27 (69.2 \pm 6.5) MCI: n=27 (73.8 \pm 7.8) AD: n=35 (72.4 \pm 8.5) | Temporal, occipital, and frontal regions | MCI: Compensation AD: Decompensation | MCI and AD showed decreased connectivity in the DMN and sensorimotor network. The connectivity in the control network increased in MCI but sharply decreased in AD. |
| Serra <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[148] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T1 MRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=26 (70.6 \pm 5.3) cMCI: n=14 (72.3 \pm 7.0) sMCI: n=17 (68.6 \pm 9.4) | Frontotemporal and parietal areas | Compensation | Converters showed GM atrophy in the frontotemporal areas and increased connectivity in the precuneus. |

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| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age \pm SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Zhu <i>et al.</i> (2016) ^[149] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=35 (63.8 \pm 6.7) aMCI: n=20 (65.7 \pm 10.7) AD: n=25 (67.8 \pm 8.6) | Frontal and parietal regions; limbic system | MCI: Compensation AD: Decompensation | aMCI and AD showed intranetwork functional disruptions within the DAN and ECN. Disrupted intranetwork connectivity of the DMN and anti-correlation between the DAN and the DMN was observed in AD. |
| Papma <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[150] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI Task-fMRI | MCI: n=27 (73.9 \pm 4.9) | Limbic system (PCC, HP) | — | MCI showed a relationship between PCC and HP activation without any differences in the HP structure during episodic memory. |
| Serra <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[151] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=25 (68.5 \pm 6.7) aMCI: n=61 (70.4 \pm 9.0) AD: n=68 (71.6 \pm 6.7) | Frontal, parietal, and temporal regions; cerebellum | Compensation | aMCI with high cognitive reserve showed increased connectivity in frontoparietal nodes and decreased connectivity in frontotemporocerebellar nodes. |
| Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[152] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=71 (74.10 \pm 6.71) MCI: n=91 (71.96 \pm 7.76) | Frontal, parietal, and limbic system | Decompensation | MCI showed intrinsic network dedifferentiation, which did not follow a compensatory-like pattern in HC. |
| Therriault <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[153] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=95 (78.3 \pm 7.5) MCI: n=33 (79.4 \pm 7.6) AD: n=49 (77.4 \pm 8.2) | Limbic system (HP) | — | Reduced rostral-caudal HP convergence strength was observed in early MCI to AD, independent of HP atrophy. |
| Yan <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[154] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI rs-fMRI | HC: n=42 (65.81 \pm 6.14) MCI: n=38 (68.89 \pm 8.46) AD: n=22 (67.68 \pm 7.17) | Limbic system (HP) | — | Patients showed reduced GM volume and functional connectivity compared to NC in CA1, CA2/3/dentate gyrus, and subiculum (AD < MCI < NC). |
| Pagen <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[155] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=18 (64.56 \pm 3.4) aMCI: n=18 (65.11 \pm 4.5) | Cerebellum | — | aMCI showed lower anti-correlation between the cerebellar DMN and several cerebral DMN regions compared to HC. |
| Soman <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[156] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=31 (65.1 \pm 6.7) MCI: n=30 (65.7 \pm 6.0) AD: n=30 (67.2 \pm 4.8) | Frontal and parietal regions; cerebellum | Compensation | AD showed widespread network hypoconnectivity involving DMN and FPN compared to MCI non-convertors. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[157] | Cross-sectional | T1 MRI rs-fMRI DTI | HC: n=41 (68.6 \pm 6.7) aMCI: n=34 (69.5 \pm 8.8) AD: n=44 (69.9 \pm 8.9) | Limbic system (HP) | — | AD and aMCI showed decreased GM volume, reduced FC between the bilateral hippocampi and several brain regions in DMN and control network, as well as damaged integrity of the fornix body. |
| Langella <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[158] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=39 (75.13 \pm 6.25) EMCI: n=54 (72.41 \pm 6.0) LMCI: n=37 (73.14 \pm 7.4) | Limbic system (HP) | Compensation | MCI showed lower functional hippocampal redundancy. |

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| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age ± SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--|---|--------------|--|
| Xiong <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[159] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=12 (64.00 ± 6.18) MCI: n=12 (64.33 ± 7.01) | Temporal, fusiform gyrus, and SMA | Compensation | The degree centrality of the left inferior temporal gyrus was lower in MCI but was higher in the right fusiform gyrus and left SMA. |
| Luo <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[160] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=33 (66.82 ± 6.43) MCI: n=27 (69.30 ± 7.42) AD: n=24 (70.79 ± 8.86) | Frontal gyrus and cerebellum | Compensation | AD and MCI showed altered graph metrics of the frontal gyrus and cerebellum. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[161] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=46 (74 ± 6.) MCI: n=85 (71 ± 8) AD: n=31 (73 ± 7) | Frontal, parietal, and limbic system | — | AD and MCI showed decreased multilayer participation coefficient, increased number of intralayer nodes, and decreased number of interlayer nodes. |
| Prvulovic <i>et al.</i> (2002) ^[162] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=14 (63.7 ± 4.8) AD: n=14 (69.2 ± 9.9) | Occipitotemporal, and parietal regions | Compensation | AD showed reduced activity in the superior parietal lobule and increased activity in occipitotemporal cortical regions, which were associated with superior parietal lobule atrophy. |
| Sperling <i>et al.</i> (2003) ^[163] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=10 (74.1 ± 7.3) AD: n=7 (80.6 ± 6.9) | Limbic system and parietal regions | Compensation | AD showed less activation in HP formation but greater activation in medial parietal and posterior cingulate regions. |
| Grossman <i>et al.</i> (2003) ^[164] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=16 (73.9 ± 3.6) AD: n=11 (73.0 ± 4.9) | Temporal and parietal regions | Compensation | AD showed reduced activation in the left posterolateral temporal-inferior parietal cortex and increased activation in the left temporal cortex. |
| Rémy <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[90] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=11 (65.9 ± 5.7) AD: n=8 (72.2 ± 10.8) | Temporal, parietal, and frontal regions | Compensation | AD showed reduced activation in the MTL and inferior parietal/superior temporal area and increased activation in the left prefrontal region. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[165] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=13 (69.5 ± 5.7) AD: n=13 (70.1 ± 6.7) | Limbic system and frontal regions | Compensation | AD showed disrupted FC between right HP and a set of regions but increased FC between the left HP and right lateral PFC. |
| Wang <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[166] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=14 (69.6 ± 5.5) AD: n=14 (70.2 ± 6.3) | Frontal, parietal, and occipital regions | Compensation | AD showed anterior-posterior disconnection, increased within-lobe FC, and decreased negative correlations between two intrinsically anti-correlated networks. |
| He <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[167] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=14 (69.6 ± 5.5) AD: n=14 (70.1 ± 6.4) | Limbic system; occipital and parietal regions | Compensation | AD showed decreased activation in PCC/precuneus but increased activation in bilateral cuneus, right lingual gyrus, and left fusiform gyrus. |
| Vannini <i>et al.</i> (2008) ^[168] | Cross-sectional | Task-fMRI | HC: n=13 (68.7 ± 7.8) AD: n=13 (68.9 ± 6.9) | Temporal regions | Compensation | AD showed decreased activation in several networks and increased task demand-independent activation in the right middle temporal gyrus. |

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Table S2. (Continued).

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age ± SD) | Associated regions | Compensation | Main findings |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--|--|----------------|---|
| Peters <i>et al.</i> (2009) ^[169] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=16 (76.0 ± 6.1) AD: n=16 (77.1 ± 6.6) | Frontal, parietal, and limbic system | Compensation | AD showed decreased activation in the left supramarginal gyrus and right middle frontal gyrus but increased activation in the left parahippocampus and HP, underlying memory over short delays. |
| Wu <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[170] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=16 (65.1 ± 9.2) AD: n=15 (64.0 ± 8.3) | Frontal, parietal, and temporal regions; limbic system | — | AD showed decreased FC and altered effective connectivity within the DMN. |
| Li <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[171] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=16 (65 ± 9.20) AD: n=15 (64 ± 8.27) | Frontal, temporal, and parietal regions | — | AD showed disrupted DAN and preserved VAN compared to HC. |
| Damoiseaux <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[172] | Longitudinal (4 years) | rs-fMRI | HC: n=18 (62.7 ± 10.3) AD: n=21 (64.2 ± 8.7) | Frontal and parietal regions | Compensation | Early AD showed decreased FC in posterior DMN and increased FC in anterior and ventral DMN at baseline, as well as decreased FC across all default mode systems at follow-up. |
| Liu <i>et al.</i> (2012) ^[173] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=18 (64.9 ± 8.4) AD: n=18 (63.7 ± 8.6) | Widespread regions | Compensation | AD showed decreased interactions in RSNs. The causal connectivity was weaker in DMN and auditory network but stronger in memory and executive control network. |
| Schwindt <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[174] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI Task-fMRI | HC: n=18 (71.0 ± 7.4) AD: n=16 (72.2 ± 9.9) | Parietal region and limbic system | — | AD showed reduction in the capacity for DMN modulation. |
| Toussaint <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[175] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=19 (61 ± 1) AD: n=20 (62 ± 9) | Parietal region and limbic system (PCC) | Decompensation | AD showed decreased anteroposterior (precuneus-PCC) integration within the DMN compared to elderly controls. |
| Xia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[176] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=38 (68.39 ± 7.78) AD: n=32 (71.25 ± 8.63) | Limbic system (PCC) and parietal region | Compensation | AD showed disruptions in three subregions of the posteromedial cortex compared to HC. |
| Gu <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[177] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=26 (75.7 ± 6.2) AD: n=26 (74.6 ± 6.5) | Frontal and temporal regions | Compensation | AD showed abnormal dynamic FC mainly in the frontal and temporal cortices. |
| Olivito <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[178] | Cross-sectional | rs-fMRI | HC: n=30 (69.3 ± 7.1) AD: n=26 (74.5 ± 2.2) | Temporal region and cerebellum | — | AD showed an increase in FC between the cerebellar dentate nucleus and regions of the lateral temporal lobe. |

ACC, anterior cingulate cortex; AD, Alzheimer's disease; ALFF, amplitude of low-frequency fluctuation; aMCI, amnesic MCI; DAN, dorsal attention network; DMN, default mode network; ECN, executive control network; FC, functional connectivity; GM, gray matter; HP, hippocampus; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MTL, medial temporal lobe; PCC, posterior cingulate cortex; PFC, prefrontal cortex; PHG, parahippocampal gyrus; RSC, retrosplenial cortex; RSN, resting state network; SCD, subjective cognitive decline; SMA, supplementary motor area; SN, salience network; VAN, ventral attention network.

Table S3. Summary of white matter hyperintensity studies in AD-spectrum patients.

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age±SD) | Associated regions | Main findings |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Bracco <i>et al.</i> (2005) ^[179] | Cross-sectional | T2/PD/FLAIR MRI | AD: n=86 (71.9±7.3) | Periventricular | Periventricular WMHs in AD showed an association with executive function, while deep WMHs showed an association with history of mood depression. |
| Chen <i>et al.</i> (2006) ^[180] | Cross-sectional | T2/PD MRI | HC: n=14 (75±4) MCI: n=15 (74±7) AD: n=27 (76±6) | Frontal, temporal, and parieto-occipital regions | AD showed the greatest total WMH volume, followed by MCI and HC. |
| Bombois <i>et al.</i> (2007) ^[181] | Cross-sectional | T2/FLAIR MRI | MCI: n=170 (68.1) | Periventricular and lobar WM | Periventricular and lobar WMHs in MCI were significantly associated with executive dysfunction. |
| Carmichael <i>et al.</i> (2010) ^[182] | Longitudinal (1 year) | T1/T2/PD MRI | HC: n=224 (76±4.8) MCI: n=391 (75±7.5) AD: n=189 (76±7.5) | Whole brain | MCI and AD showed higher WMH volumes and greater 1 year increases compared to HC. Higher WMH volume at baseline was associated with greater subsequent declines in global cognition. |
| Prasad <i>et al.</i> (2011) ^[183] | Longitudinal (18 months) | T2/FLAIR MRI | cMCI: n=23 (78.4±10.7) sMCI: n=56 (60.2±12.6) | Periventricular and deep subcortical | MCI that progressed to AD showed greater periventricular and deep subcortical WMH. |
| Guzman <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[184] | Cross-sectional | T1/T2/PD MRI | aMCI: n=199 (74.50±7.55) | Temporal regions | WMH volumes were associated with smaller entorhinal cortex volume. |
| van der Vlies <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[185] | Cross-sectional | T2/FLAIR MRI | AD: n=107 (72±8) | Temporal regions | Temporal WMH was associated with impaired memory, whereas frontal WMH was associated with slower mental speed. |
| Defrancesco <i>et al.</i> (2013) ^[186] | Cross-sectional | T2 MRI | cMCI: n=31 (76.3±6.7) sMCI: n=29 (70.7±7.3) | Periventricular | MCI converters showed more white matter lesions in periventricular regions. |
| Makino <i>et al.</i> (2014) ^[187] | Cross-sectional | FLAIR MRI | aMCI: n=40 (76.08±6.56) AD: n=160 (77.01±6.87) | Periventricular | Small periventricular WMHs were significantly associated with poor performances in categorical verbal fluency in aMCI. |
| Kandiah <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[188] | Cross-sectional | T1/T2 MRI | HC: n=165 (67.66±6.23) MCI: n=103 (67.83±6.66) mAD: n=141 (71.38±8.63) m-sAD: n=68 (74.62±8.47) | Periventricular and deep subcortical | From CN to MCI to AD, WMH increased significantly. MCI and mild AD showed the greatest association between WMH and MTA. |
| Lindemer <i>et al.</i> (2015) ^[189] | Longitudinal (18 months) | T1/T2/PD MRI | HC: n=104 (76.6±5.8) cMCI: n=115 (75.2±6.9) sMCI: n=116 (75.6±6.8) AD: n=124 (77.0±5.7) | Whole brain | AD have higher WM signal abnormality volume than MCI. MCI converters showed faster lesion quality decline than non-converters. |
| Taylor <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[190] | Cross-sectional | T1/T2/PD MRI/rs-fMRI | HC (Aβ-): n=24 (74.7±6.6) HC (Aβ+): n=14 (74.8±6.5) MCI: n=42 (72.4±6.7) AD: n=22 (73.2±6.9) | Frontal and temporal regions | High WMH volume was associated with reduced FC in connected DMN areas. |
| Nestor <i>et al.</i> (2017) ^[191] | Cross-sectional | T1/T2/PD MRI | HC1: n=84 (72±8) AD1: n=154 (75±8) HC2: n=28 (72±7) AD2: n=36 (74±8) | Whole brain | SVD burden was associated with reduced posterior cingulate corticocortical GM network integrity and subneocortical hub network integrity in AD. |

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Table S3. (Continued).

| Authors (year) | Design | Modality | Sample (mean age±SD) | Associated regions | Main findings |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| van Rooden <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[192] | Cross-sectional | T1/T2/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=42 (68±9.2) SCD: n=25 (68±9.1) | Whole brain | SCD showed greater WMHs compared to HC. |
| Vipin <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[193] | Cross-sectional | T1/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=51 (66.23±5.66) MCI: n=35 (66.25±5.92) AD: n=30 (69.07±7.89) | Whole brain | AD showed the highest total WMH volume but MCI showed the strongest association between cognitive impairment and lower GM volume. |
| Chen <i>et al.</i> (2018) ^[194] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T1/T2/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=57 (62.3±7.2) dMCI: n=40 (66.7±8.3) aMCI: n=53 (68.4±7.8) AD: n=50 (73.0±9.5) | Periventricular region | Compared to HC, AD showed higher periventricular WMH, especially in the occipital caps, which was also found to be associated with MTA. |
| Damulina <i>et al.</i> (2019) ^[195] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T2/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=130 (73.78) AD: n=130 (74.63) | Periventricular regions | AD showed a higher likelihood of WMH in bilateral periventricular location, which had no significant association with cognitive decline. |
| Misquitta <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[196] | Longitudinal (5 years) | T1/T2/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=225 (75.58±6.65) MCI: n=315 (73.21±7.93) AD: n=121 (75.77±7.38) | Whole brain | MCI and AD showed greater WMH load, which contributed to neuropsychiatric sub-syndromes. |
| Caillaud <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[197] | Cross-sectional | T2/PD/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=30 (71.9±5.7) SCD: n=67 (72.3±5.1) MCI: n=29 (76.3±5.3) | Whole brain | All groups showed a correlation between WMH and performance on executive tests. |
| Bangen <i>et al.</i> (2020) ^[198] | Longitudinal (4 years) | T2/PD/FLAIR MRI | HC: n=301 (75.97±6.16) aMCI: n=232 (73.78±6.97) naMCI: n=85 (77.07±6.44) | Temporal and occipital regions | naMCI showed greater baseline occipital WMH compared to aMCI. Greater WMH in temporal and occipital regions was associated with faster functional decline. |
| Hirao <i>et al.</i> (2021) ^[199] | Longitudinal (2 years) | T2/FLAIR MRI | MCI: n=24 (76.7±5.8) | Deep subcortical regions | Deep WMH progression was closely associated with a decline in frontal lobe function and semantic memory. |

AD, Alzheimer's disease; aMCI, amnesic MCI; cMCI, MCI converter; dMCI, dysexecutive MCI; DMN, default mode network; ECN, executive control network; FC, functional connectivity; FLAIR, fluid-attenuated inversion recovery; GM, gray matter; HC, healthy control; m-sAD, moderate-severe AD; mAD, mild AD; MCI, mild cognitive impairment; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; MTA, medial temporal lobe atrophy; naMCI, non-amnesic MCI; PD, proton density; rs-fMRI, resting-state functional MRI; SCD, subjective cognitive decline; sMCI, stable MCI; SVD, small vessel disease; WMH, white matter hyperintensity

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