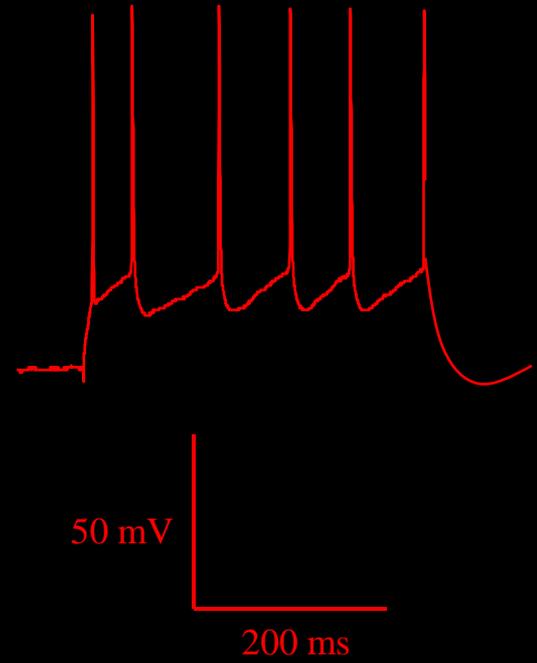


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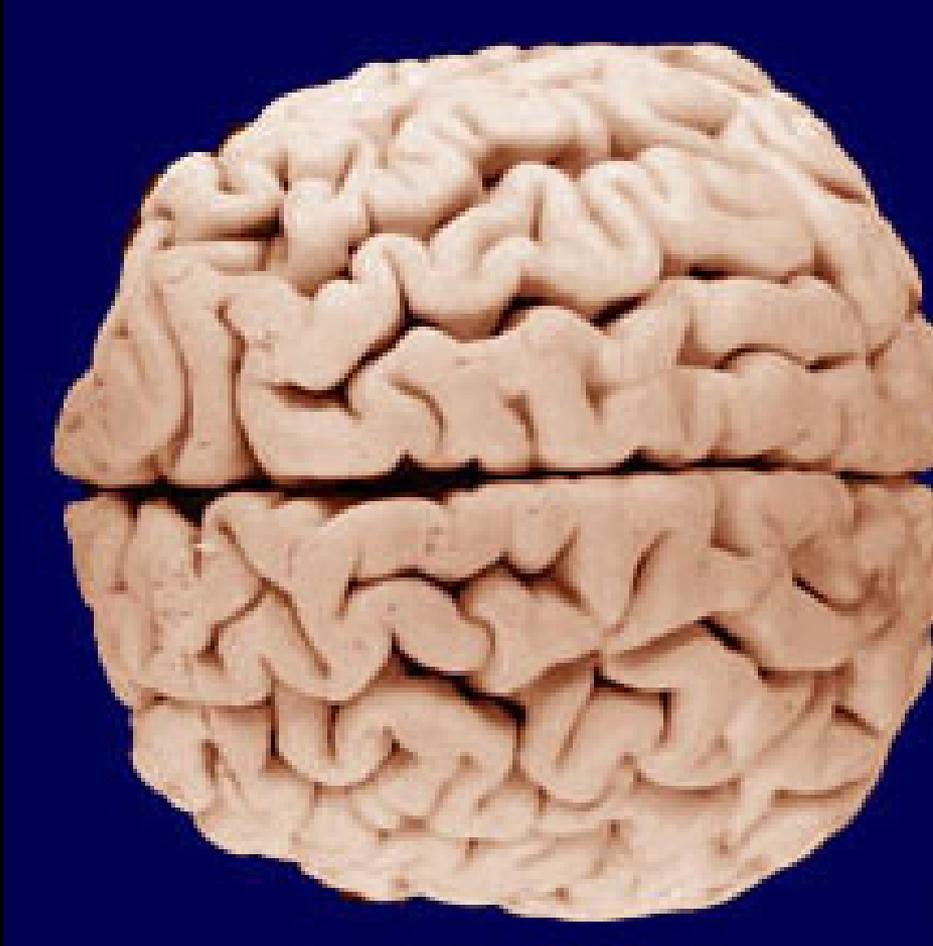
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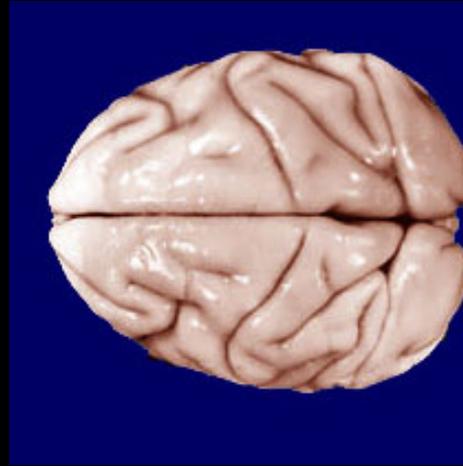


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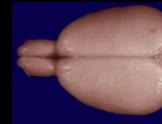
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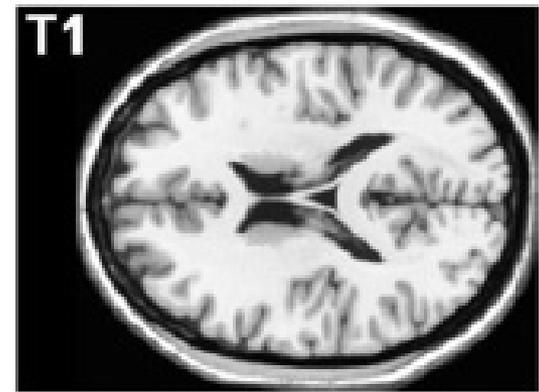
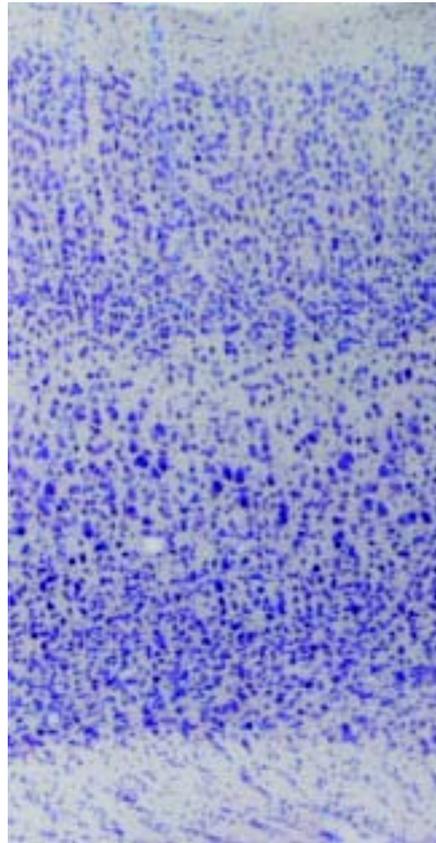
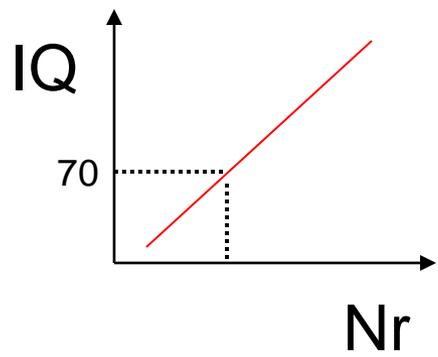


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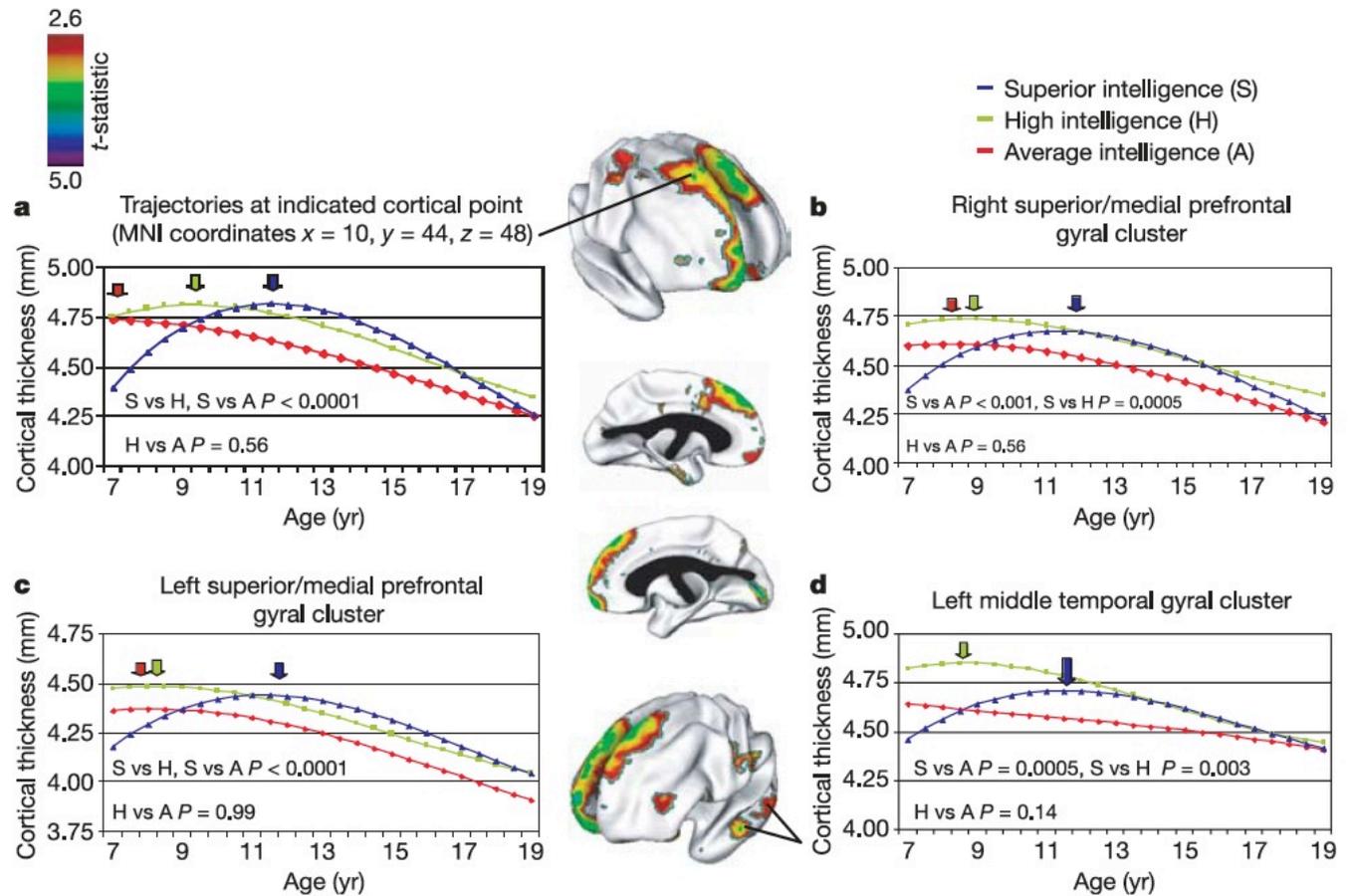




## LETTERS

## Intellectual ability and cortical development in children and adolescents

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## Exercise Increases Hippocampal Neurogenesis to High Levels but Does Not Improve Spatial Learning in Mice Bred for Increased Voluntary Wheel Running

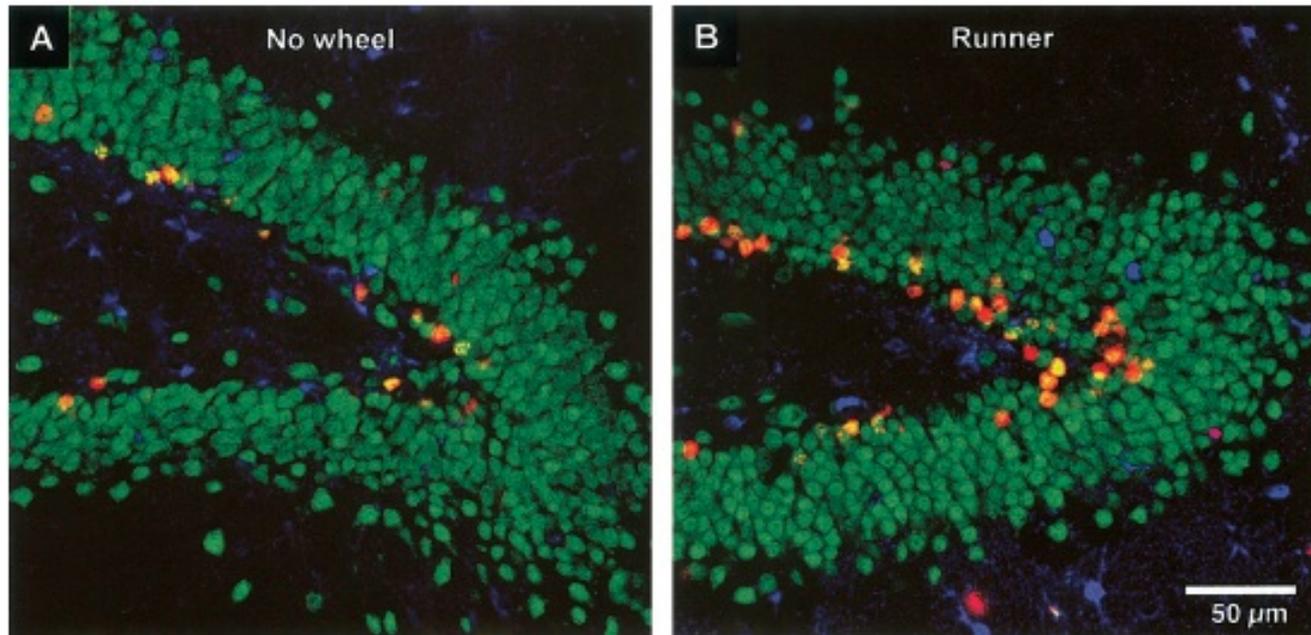
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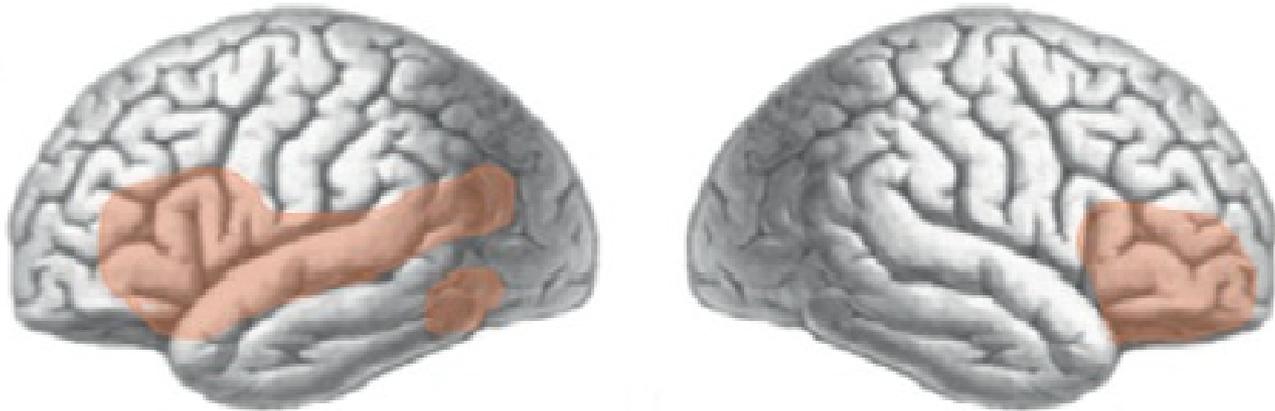
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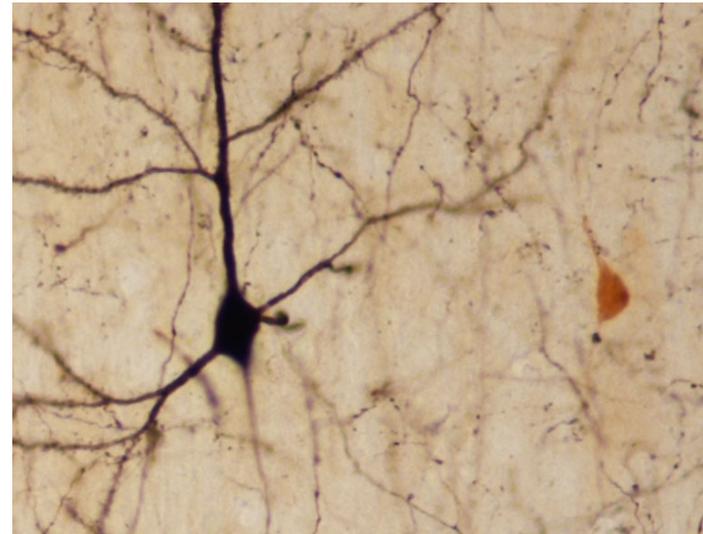
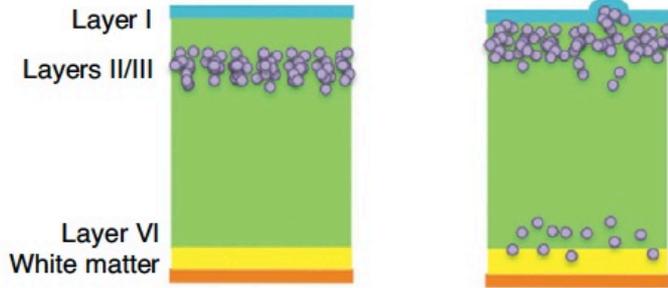
# Dyslexia

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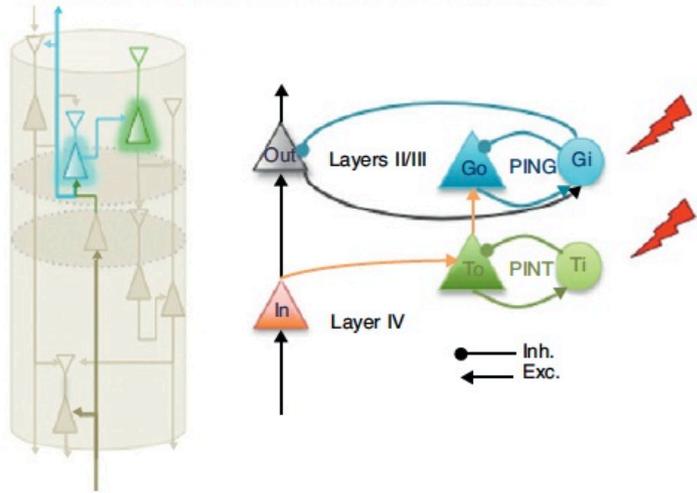


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(a) Normal adult cortical architecture in mice      Abnormal adult cortical architecture with ectopias (RNAi Dcdc, Dyxc1, Kiaa0319)

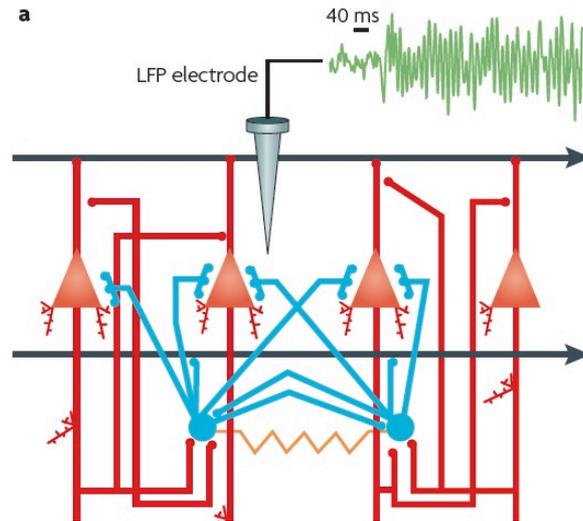


(b) Hypothesis for oscillation generation in superficial cortical layers (modified from Giraud and Poeppel, 2012)



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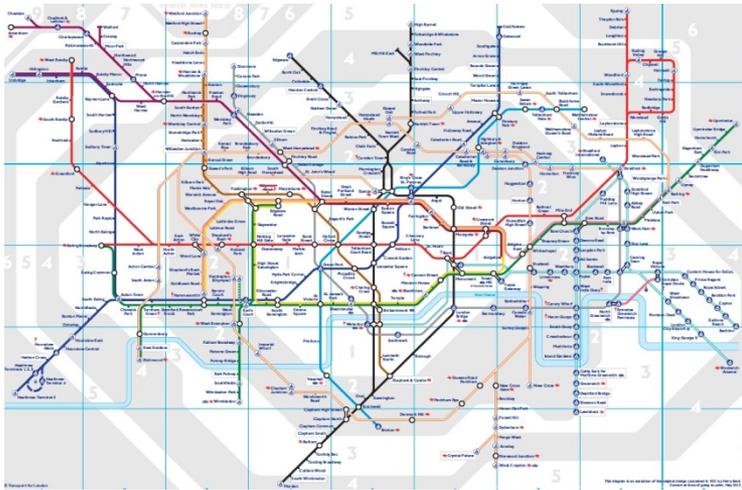
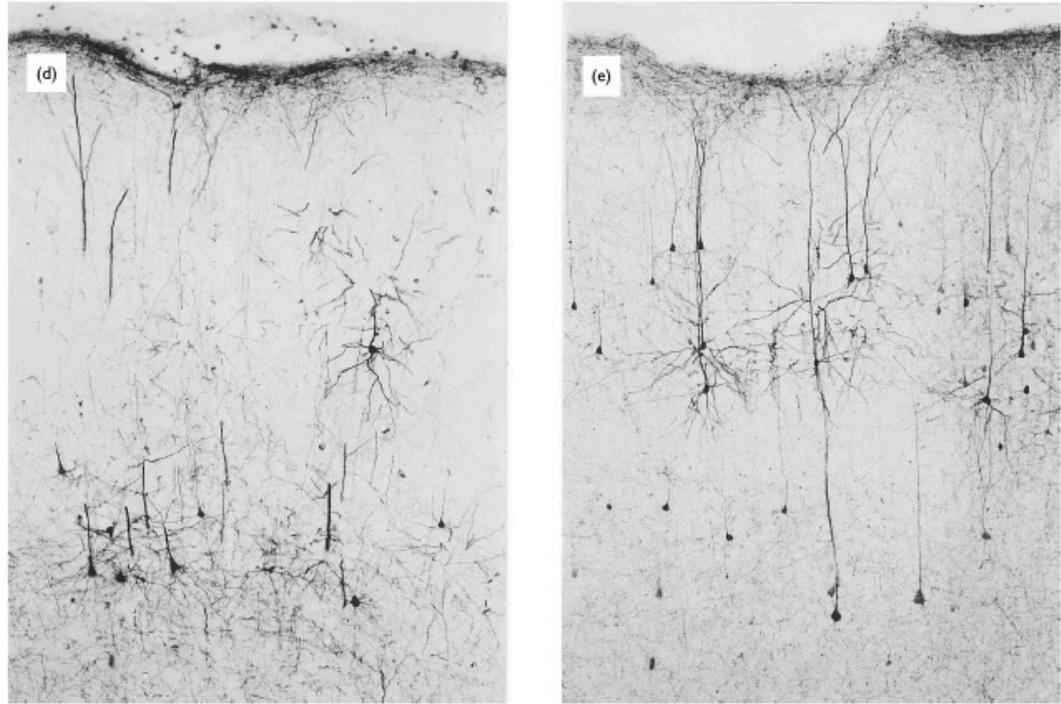
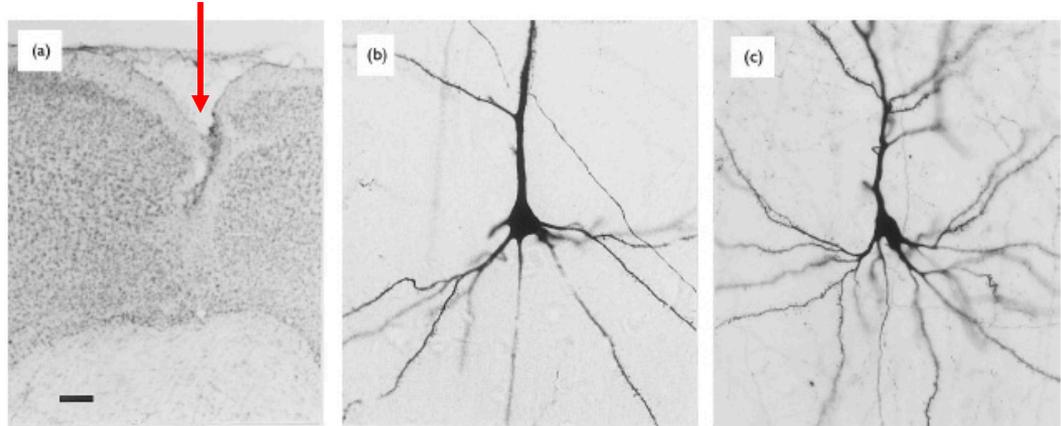


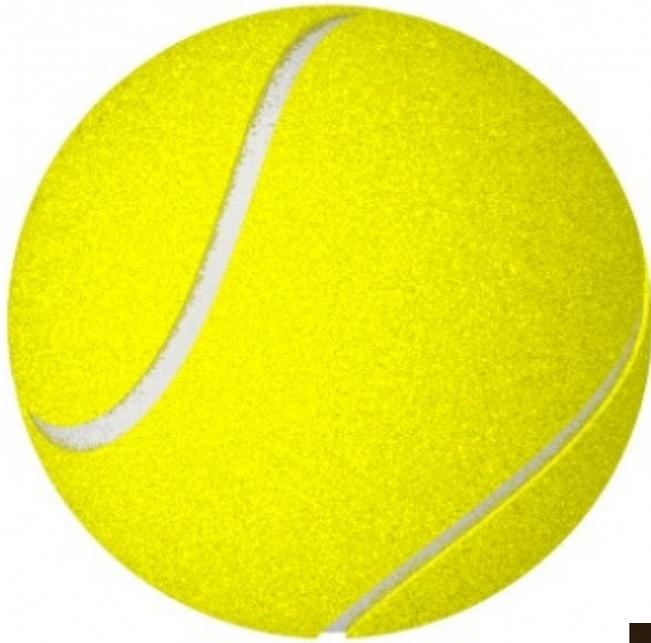
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# Organization of cortico-cortical associative projections in a rat model of microgyria

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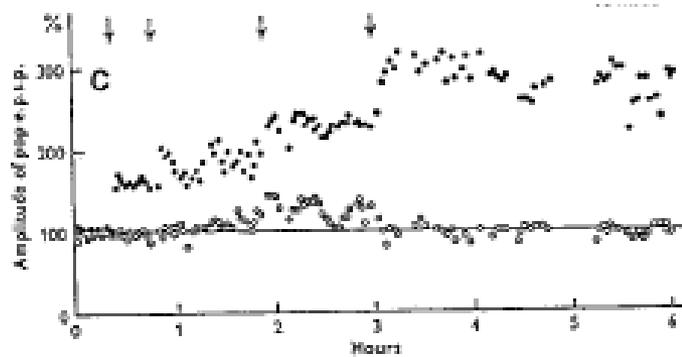
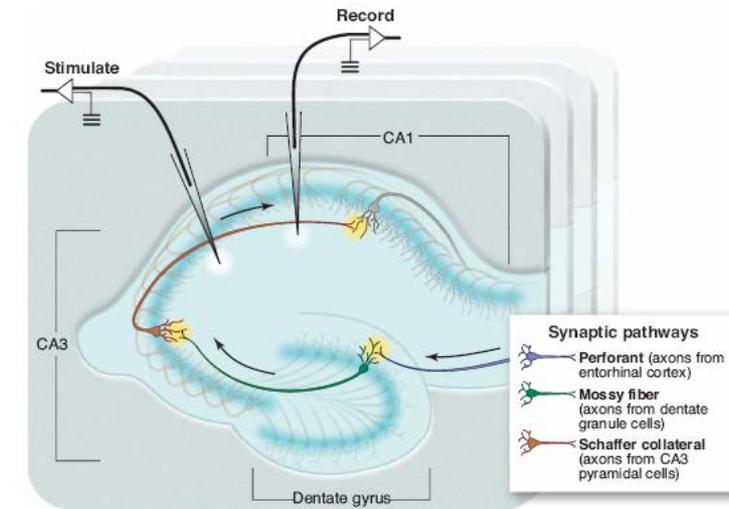
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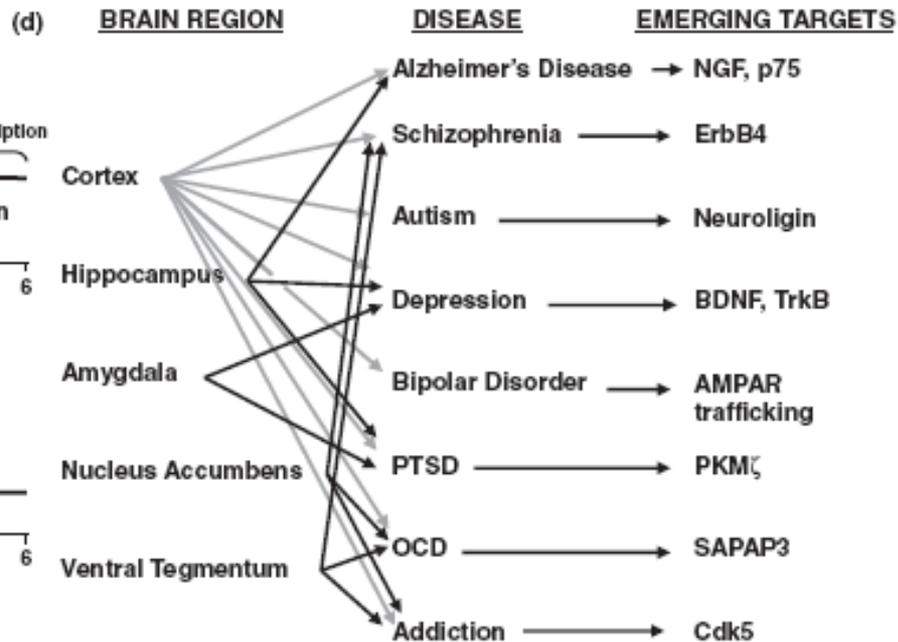
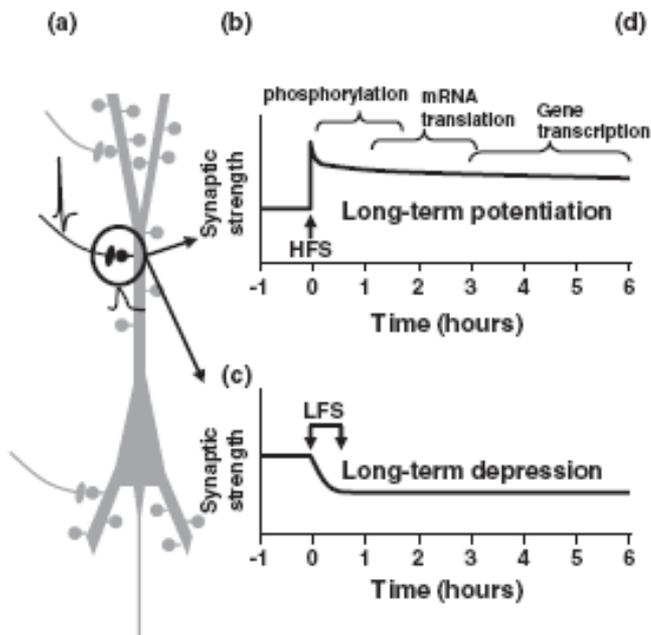
## LONG-LASTING POTENTIATION OF SYNAPTIC TRANSMISSION IN THE DENTATE AREA OF THE ANAESTHETIZED RABBIT FOLLOWING STIMULATION OF THE PERFORANT PATH

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## **The Spike-Timing Dependence of Plasticity**

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## **The Dyslexia-Associated Gene *Dcdc2* Is Required for Spike-Timing Precision in Mouse Neocortex**

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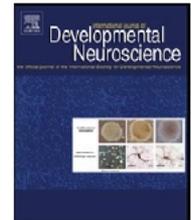
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## Early acoustic discrimination experience ameliorates auditory processing deficits in male rats with cortical developmental disruption

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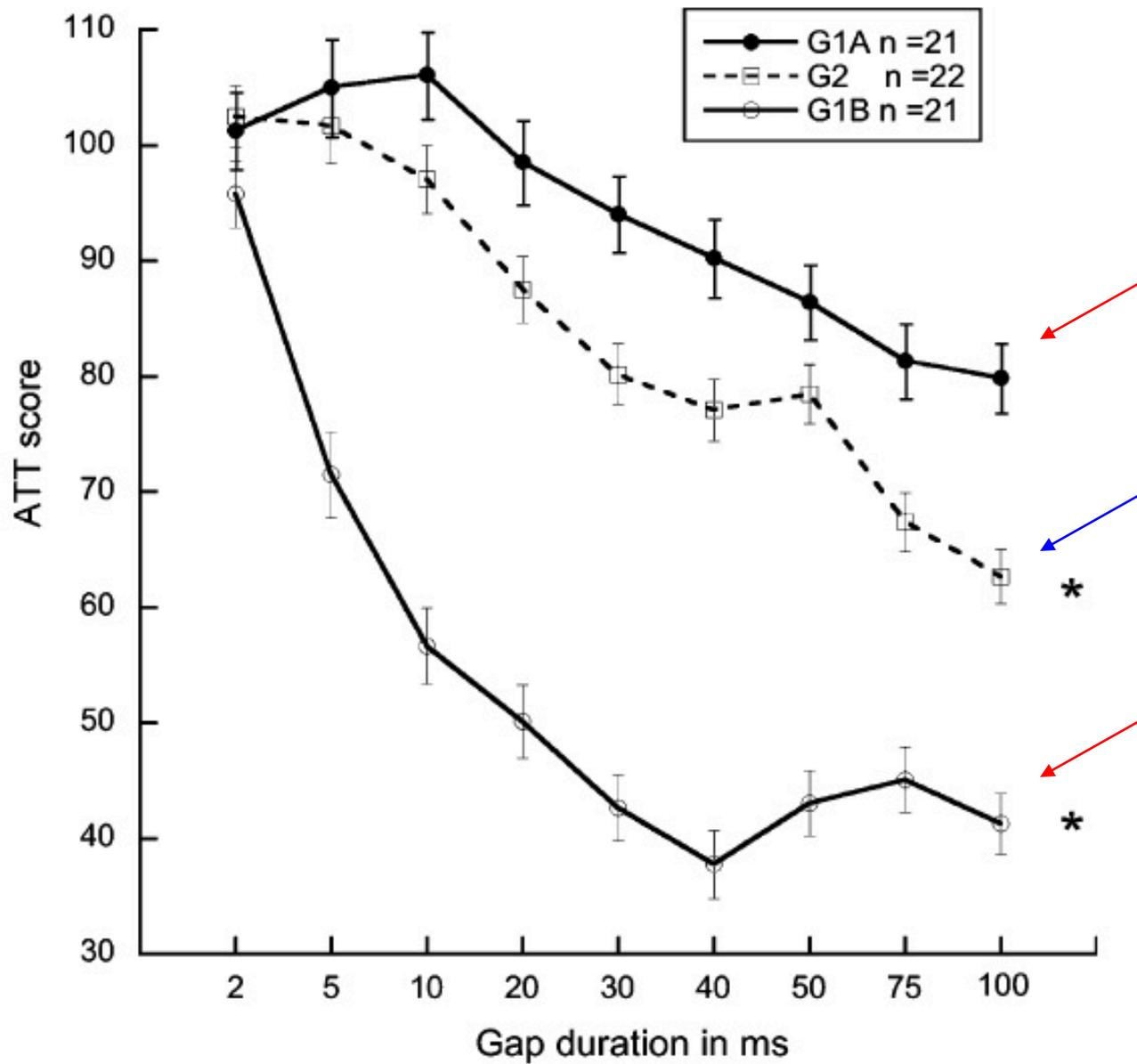
Cortical developmental pathology

Dyslexia

### ABSTRACT

Auditory temporal processing deficits have been suggested to play a causal role in language learning impairments, and evidence of cortical developmental anomalies (microgyria (MG), ectopia) has been reported for language-impaired populations. Rodent models have linked these features, by showing deficits in auditory temporal discrimination for rats with neuronal migration anomalies (MG, ectopia). Since evidence from human studies suggests that training with both speech and non-speech acoustic stimuli may improve language performance in developmentally language-disabled populations, we were interested in whether/how maturation and early experience might influence auditory processing deficits seen in male rats with induced focal cortical MG.

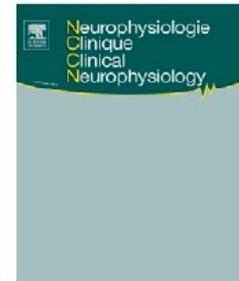
Results showed that for both simple (Normal single tone), as well as increasingly complex auditory discrimination tasks (silent gap in white noise and FM sweep), prior experience significantly improved acoustic discrimination performance—in fact, beyond improvements seen with maturation only.





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## Infant brain responses associated with reading-related skills before school and at school age<sup>☆</sup>

*Les potentiels liés à l'événement (ERPs) chez le nouveau-né et le nourrisson permettent de prévoir les compétences en lecture en âge préscolaire et scolaire*

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## Summary

*Introduction.* – In Jyväskylä Longitudinal Study of Dyslexia, we have investigated neurocognitive processes related to phonology and other risk factors of later reading problems. Here we review studies in which we have investigated whether dyslexic children with familial risk background would show atypical auditory/speech processing at birth, at six months and later before school and at school age as measured by brain event-related potentials (ERPs), and how infant ERPs are related to later pre-reading cognitive skills and literacy outcome.

*Patients and methods.* – One half of the children came from families with at least one dyslexic parent (the at-risk group), while the other half belonged to the control group without any familial background of dyslexia.

*Results.* – Early ERPs were correlated to kindergarten age phonological processing and letter-naming skills as well as phoneme duration perception, reading and writing skills at school age.

However, an interesting phenomenon is that also the at-risk children with later typical reading skills showed differences already in their responses to the pitch change at birth as compared to the control group typical readers. The smaller responses in both of the at-risk groups



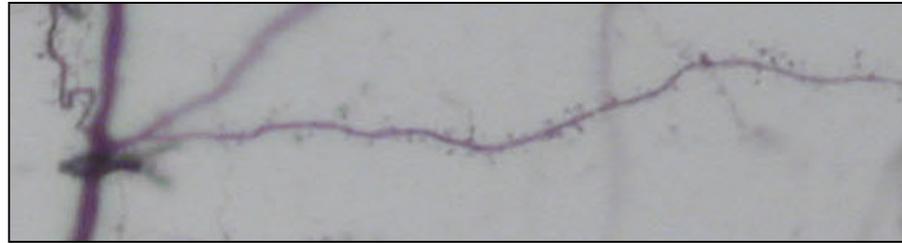
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# Plasticità strutturale



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### **Long-term *in vivo* imaging of experience-dependent synaptic plasticity in adult cortex**

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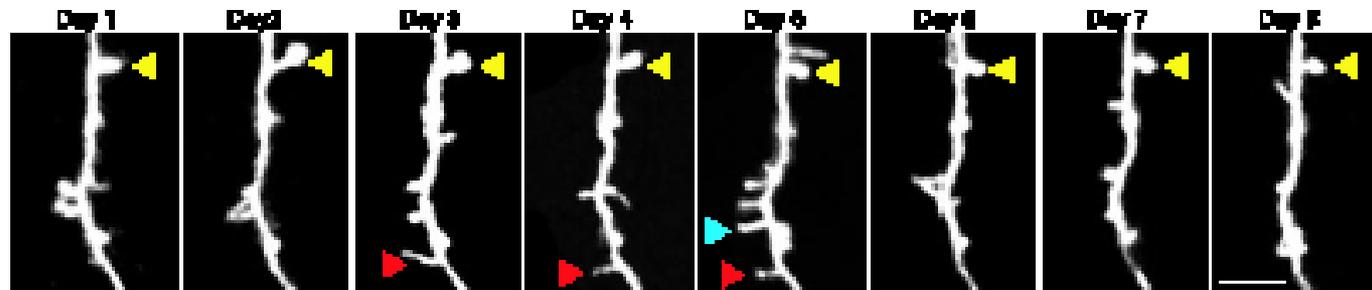
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# Organization of cortico-cortical associative projections in a rat model of microgyria

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Microgyria was experimentally induced by focal freezing lesions of the frontal cortex in newborn rats. Adult microgyric animals received cortical injections of biotinylated dextran amine combined with NMDA, in order to obtain a Golgi-like retrograde labeling of cortico-cortical association neurons. Injections were performed either rostrally or caudally to the microgyric lesion. Results demonstrate that long-range association projections traveling across the zone of the microgyric lesion arise mainly

from infragranular layers. In normal animals the same projections originate both from supragranular and infragranular layers. The analysis of single basal dendrites of layer 2/3 in microgyric animals demonstrates a simplified branching pattern, with a number of end points lower than in control animals. Potential implications for microgyria-associated epilepsy are discussed. *NeuroReport* 11:2185–2189 © 2000 Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

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