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TRAIETTORIE DI METABOLISMO CEREBRALE NELLE FASI PRECOCI DELLA PSICOSI ED IL RUOLO DEL TRATTAMENTO CON ANTIPSICOTICI

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BRAIN METABOLISM IN PSYCHOSIS

- ◎ The brain absorbs the highest metabolic demand of any organ at rest (20 % of O_2 basal consumption and 50-65% of total metabolic requirement) with minimal reserve capacity (Kuzawa et al. PNAS 2014).
- ◎ SCZ patients show reduced glucose utilization (18F-FDG PET) in several cortical regions (meta-analytical evidence, with methodological caveats) (Hill et al. Acta Psych Scan 2004)
- ◎ Meta-analytical evidence of reduced cortical perfusion in SCZ from 15O-H2O PET studies (Goozée et al. Neurosci. Biobehav. Rev. 2014)
- ◎ Meta-analytical evidence of increased lactate and decreased pH in post-mortem SCZ brains (controlled for post-mortem intervals and agonal state) (Hagihara et al. Neuropsychopharm. 2018)
- ◎ The same pattern has been observed *in vivo* using Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) (Dogan et al. Neuropsychopharm. 2018) and CSF biochemistry (Regenold Biol. Psych. 2009)
- ◎ Converging evidence from transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics indicates deficits in mitochondrial activity in SCZ (Prabakaran et al. Mol Psych. 2004; Rajasekaran et al. Neurosc. Biobehav. Rev. (2015)

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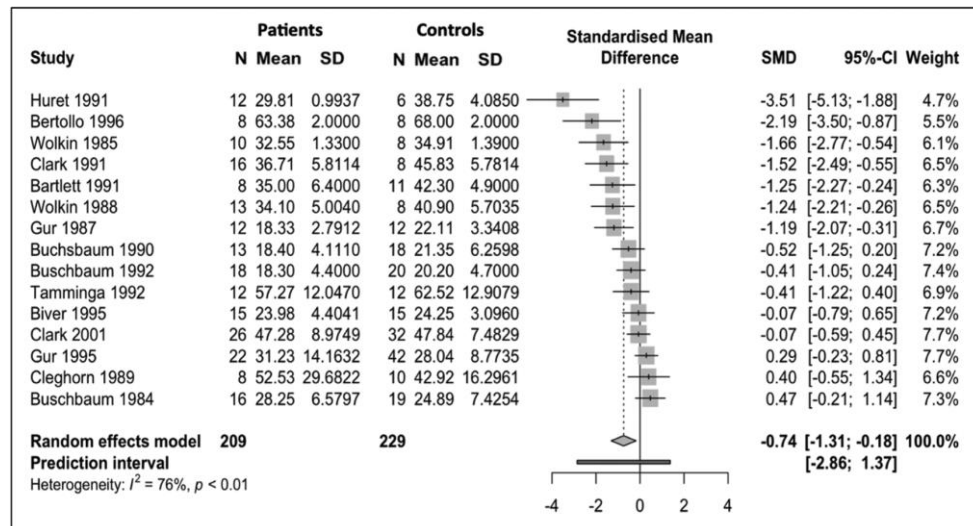
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Brain glucose metabolism in schizophrenia: a systematic review and meta-analysis of ¹⁸FDG-PET studies in schizophrenia

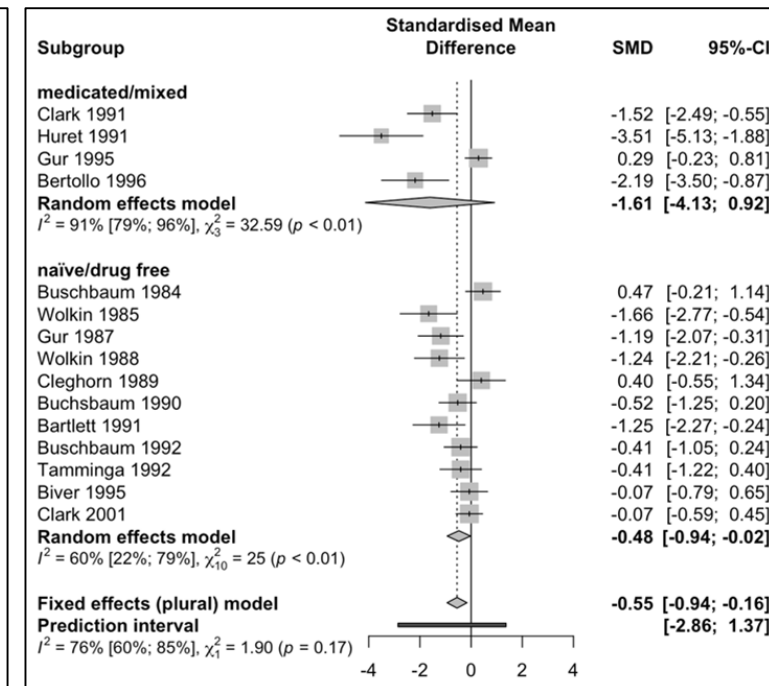
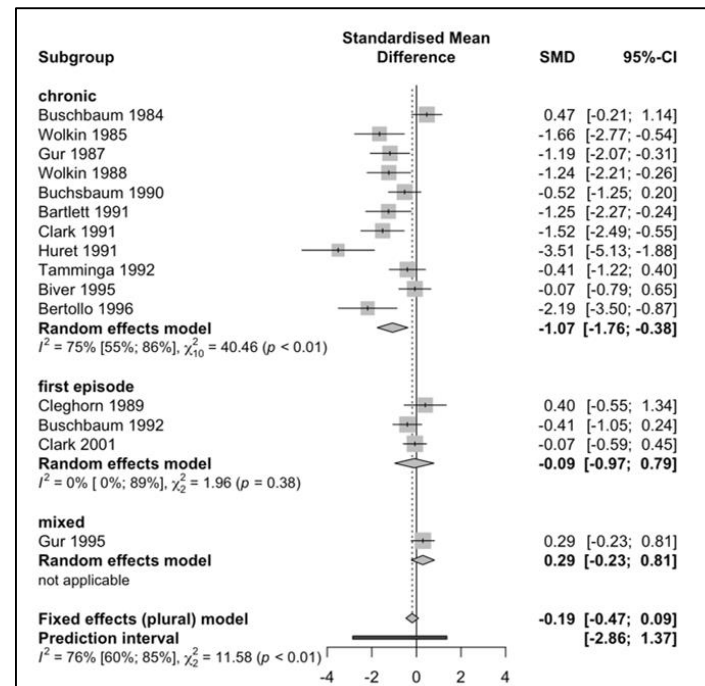
Leigh Townsend¹, Toby Pillinger², Pierluigi Selvaggi^{3,4}, Mattia Veronese^{3,5},
Federico Turkheimer³ and Oliver Howes^{1,2}

Chronic patients show lower frontal metabolism
as compared with FEP

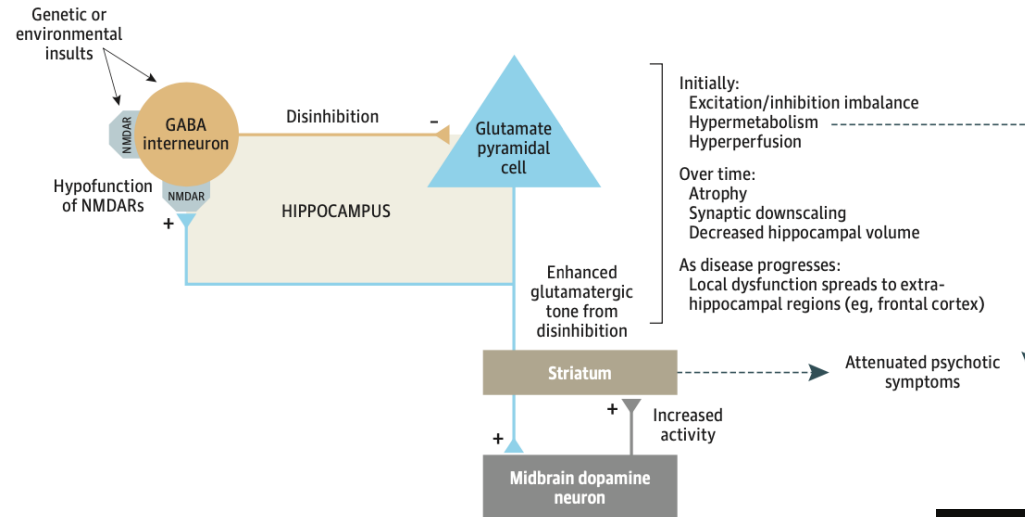
Medicated patients show lower frontal metabolism
as compared with free/naïve



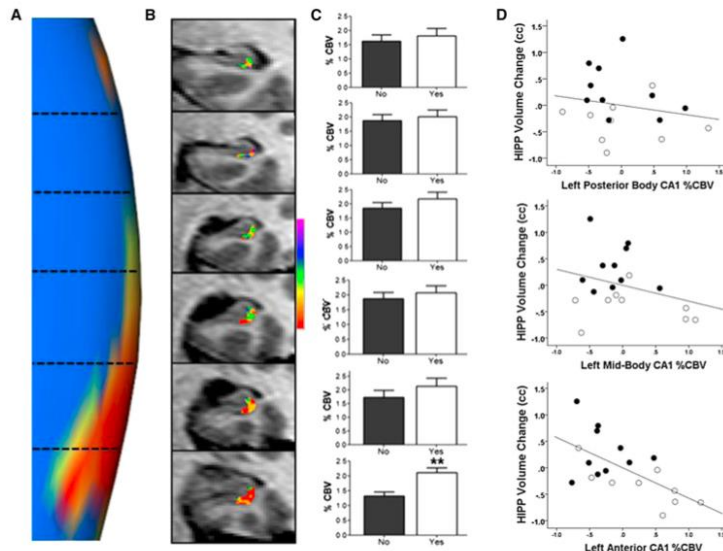
Lower ¹⁸F-FDG uptake in SCZ in
the frontal cortex
(Hedge's $g = -0.66$ (moderate to
large effect size))



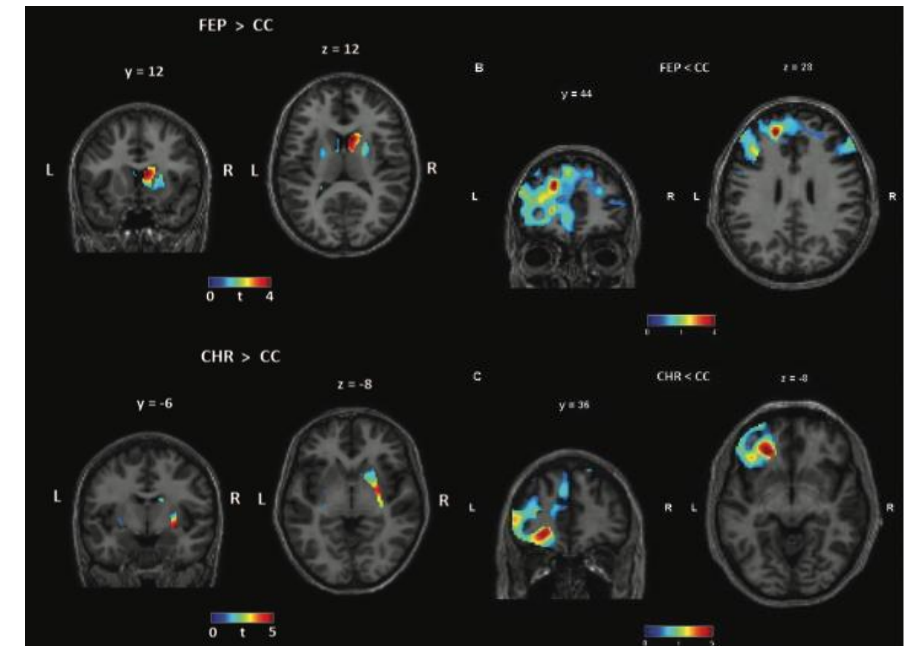
BRAIN METABOLISM IN THE EARLY STAGE



Fusar-Poli et al. JAMA Psychiatry (2020)



Hippocampal hyper-perfusion in CHR-P has been replicated in different cohorts (Allen et al. 2016; Allen et al. 2018, Modinos et al. 2018).



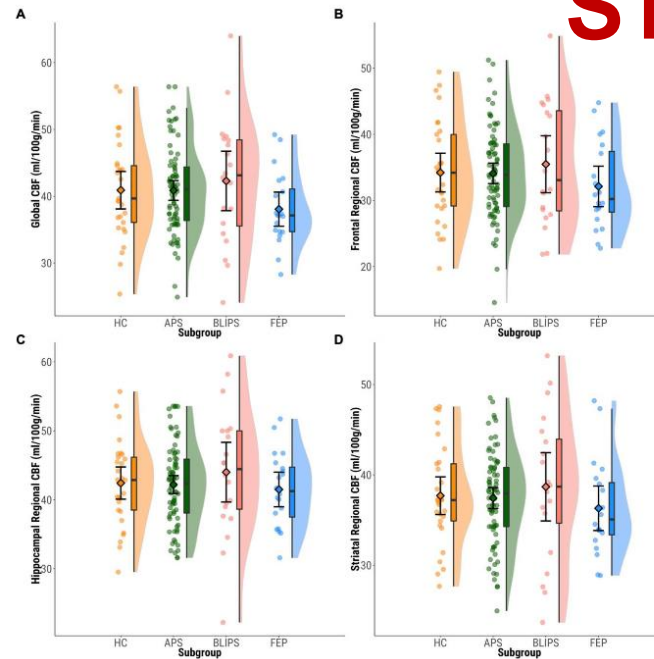
Shobel et al. Neuron (2013)

Kindler et al. Schiz Bull (2018)

BRAIN PERFUSION IN THE EARLY STAGE

Parsing neurobiological heterogeneity of the clinical high-risk state for psychosis: A pseudo-continuous arterial spin labelling study

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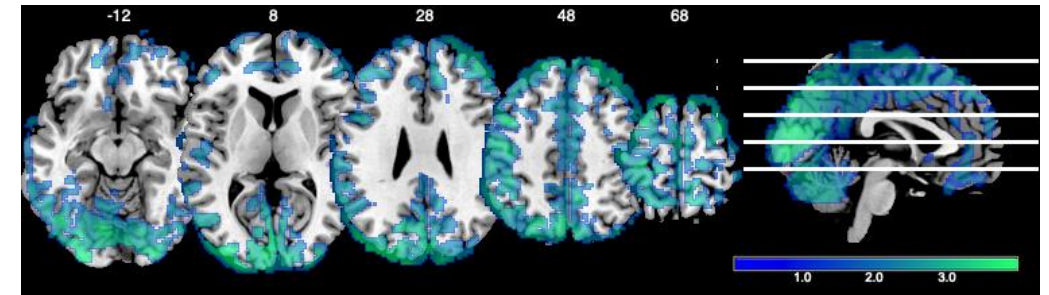
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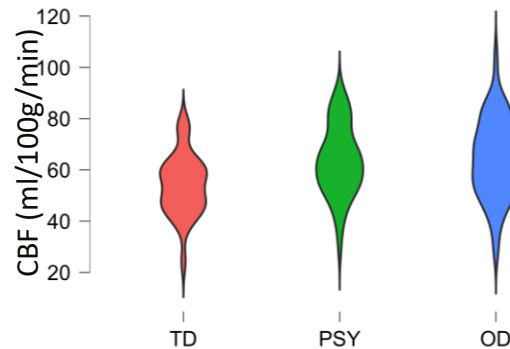
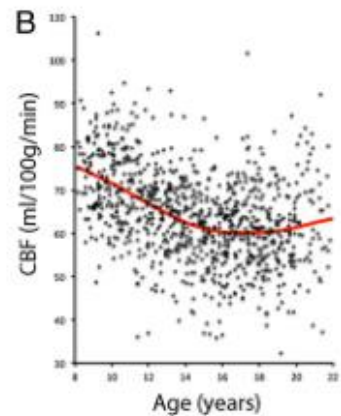
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Reduced cortical cerebral blood flow in antipsychotic-free first-episode psychosis and relationship to treatment response

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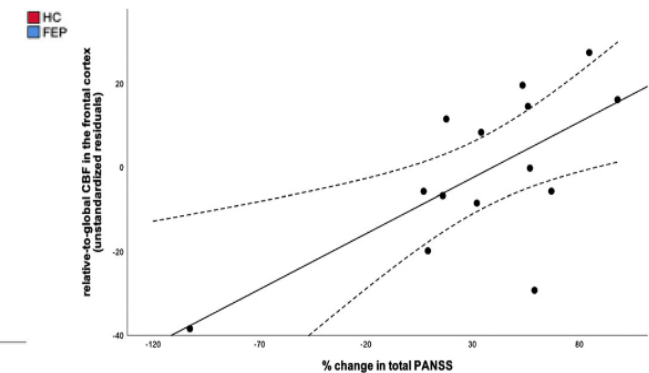
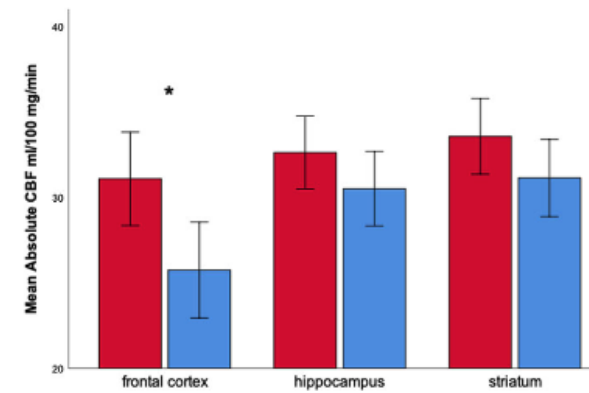
Brain Perfusion during brain development



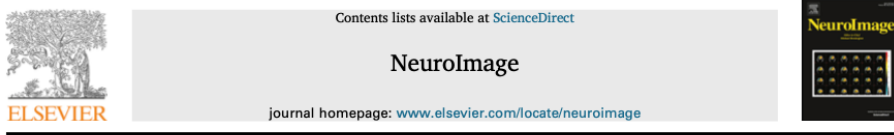
Satterthwaite et al. PNAS (2014)

Selvaggi et al. (unpublished data)

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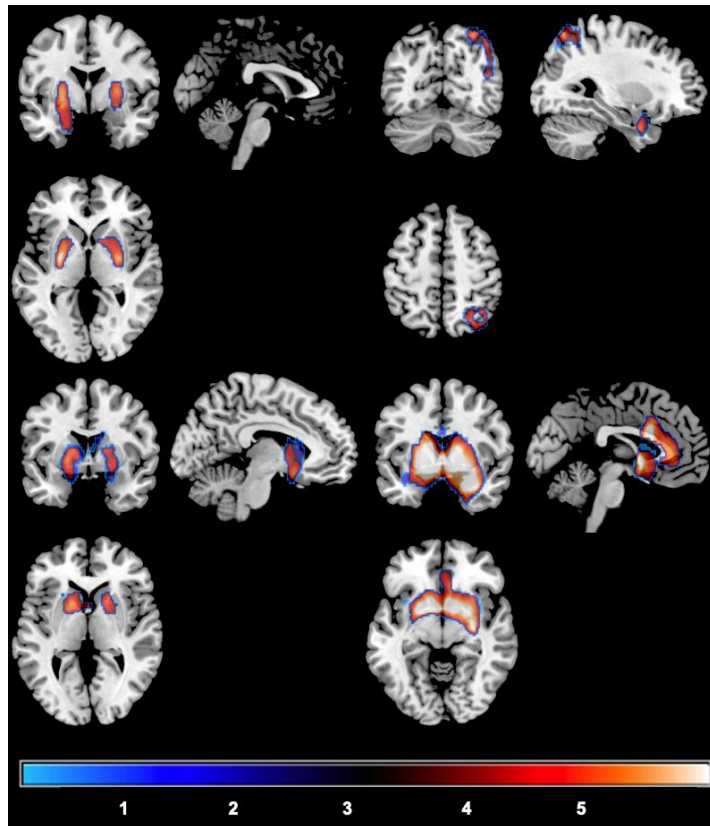


ANTIPSYCHOTIC EFFECTS ON BRAIN PERFUSION

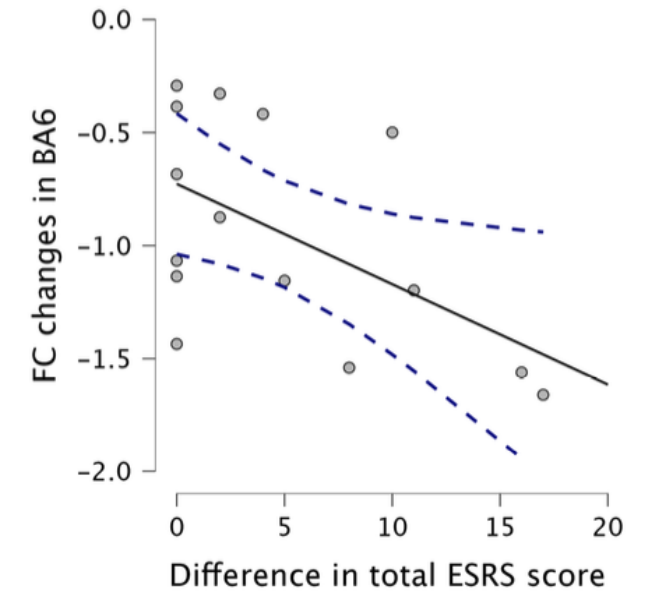
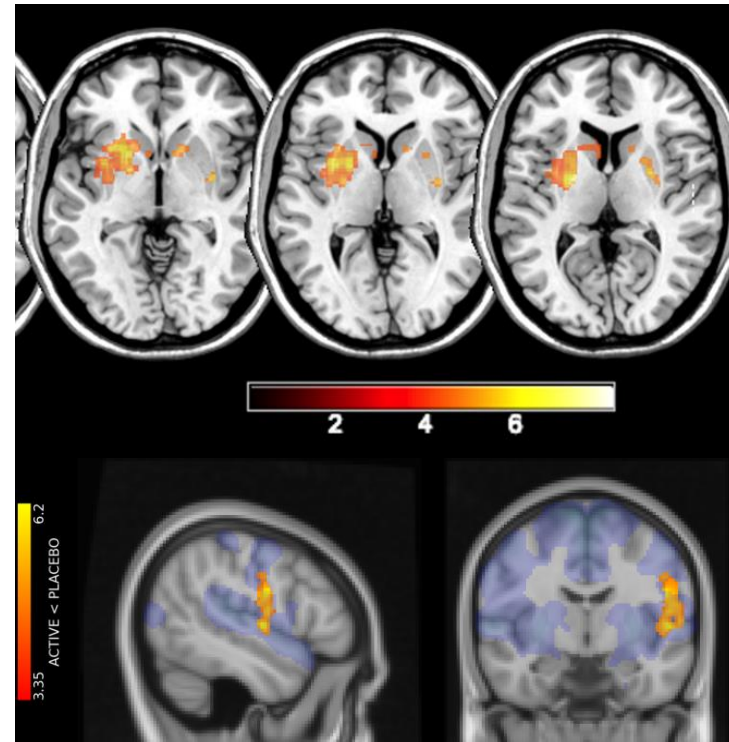


Increased cerebral blood flow after single dose of antipsychotics in healthy volunteers depends on dopamine D2 receptor density profiles

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The effect persists also after one week exposure to amisupride in healthy volunteers and it is linked with EPS



Selvaggi et al. (in preparation)

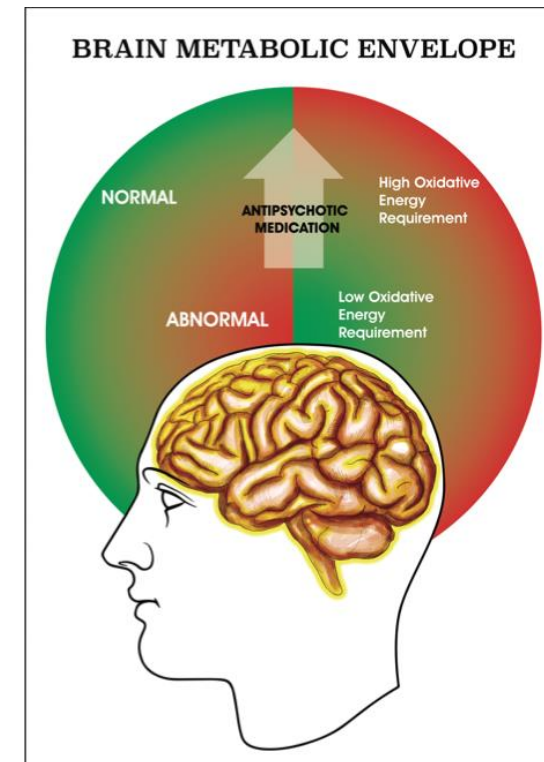
CONCLUSION

- ◎ Brain metabolism is altered in psychosis
- ◎ Alterations in brain metabolism are present at the early stage of the disease, possibly reflecting abnormal neurodevelopment
- ◎ Antipsychotic treatment alters brain metabolism. What is the interaction with baseline anomalies? Are all AP equivalent?
- ◎ The investigation of brain metabolism in longitudinal cohorts might reveal pathophysiological mechanisms underlying altered brain function and behaviour, biomarkers for stratification and maybe new treatment targets.

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Normalizing the Abnormal: Do Antipsychotic Drugs Push the Cortex Into an Unsustainable Metabolic Envelope?

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