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## NeuroGage® 4.0 Cross-sectional Brain Volumetric Analysis

Patient: AB

Location of MRI: Facility – Location

Date of MRI: mm/dd/21

Date of report: mm/dd/22

Age at MRI: 47 years old

Referring physician: FirstName LastName, M.D.

*Note:* This cross-sectional (1 timepoint) analysis complements the related NeuroQuant® 4.0 cross-sectional analyses (appended).

**Summary** (*Note: for detailed information, see the sections further below.*)

NeuroQuant® MRI brain volume analysis showed the following:

- Their intracranial volume was abnormally **large**.
- 11 brain regions were abnormally **small**.
- 19 brain regions were abnormally **large**.

NeuroGage® brain volume analyses showed the following:

- 11 pairs of brain regions had abnormal **asymmetry**.
- The TBI Biomarker test:
  - TBI ✓
  - Normal Ø
- The TBI Biomarker test (a test based on artificial intelligence algorithms) showed that the patient's overall pattern of brain volumes matched that of patients with chronic mild or moderate TBI better than that of normal controls.

Although the patient had brain disorders other than traumatic brain injury, their pattern of brain volume abnormalities better matched that of chronic mild or moderate TBI. The findings were consistent with traumatic brain injury. However, other disorders

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generally are known to be associated with this pattern of volume abnormalities and might be considered depending on their relevance and clinical context.

The pattern of extensive abnormal enlargement was consistent with chronic acquired brain injury but uncommon in most other chronic brain disorders.

Several of the patient's volume abnormalities correlated with specific symptoms.

Overall, the pattern of brain volumes constituted objective evidence consistent with the diagnosis of TBI.

Brain volume measurement does not, by itself, allow diagnosis of TBI. The volumetric findings should be integrated with other clinical data in order to arrive at the best diagnosis.

### Recommendations

Repeat MRI with NeuroQuant® and NeuroGage® cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses now to assess for possible progressive volume changes.

### Sources

- VIN NQ/NG Only New Caller Questionnaire
- 04/09/21 report by Diagnostic Specialists
- MRI Order
- 05/04/21 MRI Brain radiology report

### History

48-year-old woman who, on mm/dd/18, was in a motor vehicle collision. Her diagnoses and symptoms included the following:

- mm/dd/18 motor vehicle collision:
  - Rear-ended and “run over” by tractor-trailer
  - Airbags deployed
  - Car totaled
  - Transported by ambulance to ER
- Traumatic brain injury, mild to moderate
  - Loss of consciousness, amnesia, disorientation, stunned



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- GCS at ER: 15
- Multiple head lacerations
- CT scan revealed multiple pieces of glass embedded in her scalp.
- Cognitive impairment
  - Memory changes
  - Reading retention difficulties
  - Speech difficulties including stuttering
  - Word-finding difficulties
- Impaired fine motor coordination
- Mood impairment
  - Mild depression
  - Irritability
  - Anxiety
- Impaired sleep and wakefulness
  - Insomnia
  - Fatigue
    - Snoring
- Change in libido
- Impaired visual system
  - Horizontal gaze nystagmus
  - Dizziness [sounded like vertigo]
- Tinnitus, right ear
- Posttraumatic stress disorder
  - Flashbacks
  - Nightmares
  - Excessive nervousness while driving, especially with trucks behind her
- Posttraumatic headaches
  - Cervicogenic, apparently
  - Occipital location
- Cervical spine pain
  - Post C5-6 artificial disc replacement
- Thoracic spine pain
  - T6-7 central disc herniation
- Lumbar spine pain

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- L3-4, L4-5, and L5-S1 disc herniations
- Bilateral TMJ tenderness
- Bilateral shoulder pain
- Right elbow pain
- Right hip pain
- Severe numbness and tingling bilateral upper and lower extremities
- Vitamin D deficiency

*Note:* This cross-sectional (1 timepoint) analysis complements the related NeuroQuant® 3.1 cross-sectional analyses (appended).

### Visual inspection of brain images

The brain MRI was interpreted based on visual inspection by Dr. B., radiologist, as showing the following:

- Diffusion tensor imaging with a C-FAST score of 2. This does not meet statistical significance to definitely confirm traumatic axonal injury. However, this does not exclude the possibility of postconcussion syndrome, which should be based on clinical grounds.

### Quality control

- *Summary:* The grayscale and segmented DICOM images were high quality and provided a valid basis for the NeuroQuant results.
- *Details:*
  - MRI scanner:
  - Brand: Siemens, 3T
  - Model: Verio
  - Scanner software version: syngo MR B19
- Inspection of the MRI grayscale images showed:
  - The images were high quality and showed good differentiation between gray and white matter.
  - The ears, nose and vertex all were present.
- Visual inspection of the segmented DICOM images showed no segmentation errors.
- Manual comparison of the scanning parameters used versus those recommended by CorTechs Labs showed good compatibility.
- NeuroQuant® 4.0 automated Compatibility Assessment (attached) showed good quality but noted the following problems:

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- EchoTime was 2.36 and expected value was 21 (not within 10% tolerance). This was a known technical issue that typically did not reduce the quality of the segmented images (Micki Maes, CorTechs Labs Clinical Operations Manager, email communication on 08/05/20).
- SpacingBetweenlices was set at [blank] instead of the expected value of equal to or less than  $\leq 1.2$ , which was not within 10% tolerance.
- SpacingBetweenSlices was noted as “nan,” [not a number], indicating that it was missing. But in fact it was included in the metadata under a different tag/label and therefore was not missing. More generally, the NeuroQuant® 4.0 software occasionally will not match DICOM parameter tags/labels with scanner tags/labels which could result in a blank parameter. This issue will not affect the scan quality reported on the Image Quality Scale section of the Compatibility Assessment report because the Image Quality Scale indicates the amount of noise and quality of contrast. Therefore, the results of the scan may still be reliable. (Micki Maes, CorTechs Labs Clinical Operations Manager, email communication on 11/03/22).
- More generally, per email communication on 05/12/23 with Micki Maes, CorTechs Labs Clinical Operations Manager:
  - The Compatibility Assessment report is a useful tool that can help point out problems with scanner parameters but is not always diagnostic of whether the results are accurate.
  - Visual inspection of the segmented DICOM images generally is a better way to determine whether the results are accurate.
  - Reviewing the Compatibility Assessment report and visually inspecting DICOMs is a better approach than either one alone.

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**Summary of NeuroQuant® Volumetric Analyses**

NeuroQuant® Table	Left	Right	Total	Region	Left	Right	Total
<b>Region</b>	<b>Normative Percentile</b>			<b>Frontal lobe (continued)</b>	<b>Normative Percentile</b>		
Intracranial Volume (ICV)	-	-	<b>99</b>	▪ Pars triangularis	<b>99</b>	89	<b>97</b>
Whole brain parenchyma	86	<b>95</b>	92	▪ Pars orbitalis	79	18	40
Forebrain parenchyma	80	93	87	• Frontal pole	35	70	51
Cerebral white matter	86	91	89	• Lateral orbitofrontal	58	57	57
Cortical gray matter	41	52	46	• Medial orbitofrontal	<b>3</b>	84	46
<b>Ventricles</b>	18	9	12	• Paracentral	69	8	28
• Superior lateral ventricle	21	11	15	• Primary motor	37	32	33
• Inferior lateral ventricle	36	30	31	• Premotor	<b>5</b>	34	13
<b>Subcortical Structures</b>				<b>Parietal lobe</b>	38	61	49
• Cerebellum	67	67	67	• Primary sensory	48	35	40
• Cerebellar white matter	<b>96</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96</b>	• Medial parietal	70	84	79
• Cerebellar gray matter	51	53	52	• Superior parietal	29	71	49
• Brainstem	-	-	69	• Inferior parietal	80	77	82
• Thalamus	22	67	44	• Supramarginal	11	20	11
• Ventral diencephalon	<b>99</b>	77	<b>95</b>	<b>Occipital lobe</b>	87	<b>96</b>	93
<b>Basal ganglia</b>	32	44	37	• Medial occipital	87	83	87
• Putamen	22	46	34	▪ Cuneus	66	77	73
• Caudate	60	33	46	▪ Lingual gyrus	77	52	66
• Nucleus accumbens	11	81	41	▪ Pericalcarine	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>
• Pallidum	66	61	64	• Lateral occipital	78	<b>99</b>	94
<b>Cingulate</b>	30	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Temporal lobe</b>	56	60	58
• Anterior cingulate	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	▪ Superior temporal	44	71	57
▪ Rostral anterior cingulate	10	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	▪ Transverse temporal	58	83	71
▪ Caudal anterior cingulate	6	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	• Posterior superior temporal sulcus	39	47	39
• Posterior cingulate	40	9	17	• Middle temporal	38	38	34
• Isthmus cingulate	90	60	82	• Inferior temporal	70	16	43
<b>Cortical Structures</b>				• Fusiform	21	90	59
<b>Frontal lobe</b>	27	38	32	• Parahippocampal	<b>99</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>
• Superior frontal	18	26	19	• Entorhinal cortex	60	6	25
• Middle frontal	13	33	20	• Temporal pole	73	51	63
• Anterior middle frontal	29	36	31	• Amygdala	89	<b>99</b>	<b>97</b>
• Inferior frontal	93	82	92	• Hippocampus	80	87	85
▪ Pars opercularis	70	85	81				

--- (strikethrough) indicates that the data were unreliable.

**Pink background** indicates an abnormally small region from the NeuroQuant® normative percentile.

**Green background** indicates an abnormally large region from the NeuroQuant® normative percentile.

The volumes and normative percentiles listed above were taken from their respective NeuroQuant reports (attached).

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Summary of NeuroQuant® Asymmetry Analyses

Region	Asymmetry index	Normative Percentile	Region	Asymmetry index	Normative Percentile
ICV		-	Frontal lobe (continued)		
Whole brain parenchyma	-1.68	10	• Pars orbitalis	5.77	<b>97</b>
Forebrain parenchyma	-1.86	7	• Frontal pole	-48.54	12
Cerebral white matter	-1.74	15	• Lateral orbitofrontal	3.66	51
Cortical gray matter	-2.04	11	• Medial orbitofrontal	-67.29	<b>1</b>
Ventricles	16.82	91	• Paracentral	16.90	<b>98</b>
• Superior lateral ventricle	26.54	91	• Primary motor	4.67	59
• Inferior lateral ventricle	-3.40	61	• Premotor	-9.79	11
Subcortical structures			Parietal lobe	-2.67	13
• Cerebellum	0.89	51	• Primary sensory	11.45	70
• Cerebellar white matter	3.73	74	• Medial parietal	0.83	31
• Cerebellar gray matter	-0.01	40	• Superior parietal	-8.73	<b>5</b>
• Brainstem	-	-	• Inferior parietal	-14.76	56
• Thalamus	-7.93	<b>1</b>	• Supramarginal	6.51	31
• Ventral diencephalon	16.86	<b>99</b>	Occipital lobe	-4.98	17
Basal ganglia	-1.26	18	• Medial occipital	1.06	59
• Putamen	-2.56	<b>4</b>	• Cuneus	2.06	36
• Caudate	3.38	90	• Lingual gyrus	6.33	79
• Nucleus accumbens	-22.78	<b>1</b>	• Pericalcarine	-12.24	42
• Pallidum	6.13	62	• Lateral occipital	-11.03	8
Cingulate	3.73	<b>99</b>	Temporal lobe	2.00	45
• Anterior cingulate	-23.48	86	• Superior temporal	-0.13	23
• Rostral anterior cingulate	-17.45	<b>98</b>	• Transverse temporal	0.17	58
• Caudal anterior cingulate	-31.01	60	• Posterior superior temporal sulcus	3.82	43
• Posterior cingulate	15.32	87	• Middle temporal	-6.87	39
• Isthmus cingulate	21.85	84	• Inferior temporal	21.17	95
Cortical structures			• Fusiform	-14.47	<b>1</b>
Frontal lobe	-4.73	17	• Parahippocampal	17.47	81
• Superior frontal	-4.29	35	• Entorhinal cortex	27.82	99
• Middle frontal	-3.90	13	• Temporal pole	4.30	77
• Anterior middle frontal	-1.70	36	• Amygdala	-4.70	18
• Inferior frontal	5.68	72	• Hippocampus	-6.20	34
• Pars opercularis	13.49	31			
• Pars triangularis	-2.29	74			

The asymmetry indices and normative percentiles listed above were taken from their respective NeuroQuant reports (attached). Asymmetries <5%tile are associated with L<R volumes, and asymmetries >95%tile are associated with R<L volumes.

Key: t1 = time of first NeuroQuanted MRI. t2 = time of second NeuroQuanted MRI. ICV = intracranial volume. L = left hemisphere. R = right hemisphere. %tile = normative percentile.

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**Bold font** indicates a normative percentile that was statistically significantly abnormal, defined as ≤5<sup>th</sup> or ≥95<sup>th</sup> normative percentile.

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**Pink background** indicates abnormal asymmetry with L<R for parenchymal regions, or similarly, L>R for ventricular regions.

**Blue background** indicates abnormal asymmetry with R<L for parenchymal regions, or similarly, R>L for ventricular regions.

### NeuroGage® 3.0 TBI Biomarker test:

Result: 66.7% (TBI)

Comparison ranges:

- Normal: 0-50%
- Chronic mild or moderate TBI: >50%

Key: TBI = traumatic brain injury. *Note:* The TBI Biomarker test was developed in order to predict whether a given participant is a healthy normal control or a patient with chronic mild or moderate TBI. For patients with other disorders, the results may or may not be valid and should be interpreted accordingly.

### Methods

MRI brain segmentation and volumetry was performed with NeuroQuant® 4.0, developed by CorTechs Labs, Inc. Tables summarizing brain volume and asymmetry data were generated using NeuroQuant® 4.0 additional data output provided by Cortechs.ai. The NeuroQuant® csv file provides additional data through Cortechs.ai on a given MRI sequence. It includes 71 regions and subregions, absolute brain volumes, percent of intracranial volume, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 95 normative percentile references. This additional information expands on the information provided by the NeuroQuant® reports which may be utilized for further comparisons and potential research.

The TBI Biomarker test was based on NeuroQuant® 3.0 volume data and NeuroGage® 3.0 asymmetry data. 61 patients with chronic mild or moderate TBI, selected using our previously published criteria, were compared to the NeuroQuant normal controls and the NeuroGage® normal controls (N=80). Neural network analyses using JMP 16.2 software were used to predict whether each subject belonged to the group of normal controls or patients. Each neural network model was developed using a K-fold method for validation of the results and then a leave-one-out method for testing the results. (The leave-one-out method is a conservative method that minimizes overfitting of the models.) The final method consisted of the average of 3 neural networks for each subject, yielding the following results:

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		Diagnosis	
		Normal	TBI
Test result	Normal	76	0
	TBI	4	61
Sensitivity:		100.0%	
Specificity:		95.0%	

Since the development of the TBI Biomarker test, we have tested its validity in an additional sample of patients with chronic mild or moderate TBI, many of whom had brain disorders other than TBI. Of that sample (N=47), 93.6% tested positive for a diagnosis of TBI, confirming very good sensitivity of the test. For a subgroup of that sample that included patients with mild TBI but not moderate TBI (N=34), 97.1% tested positive for a diagnosis of TBI, again confirming excellent sensitivity of the test.

Interpretation

In contrast to the results based on traditional visual inspection, the patient had multiple brain volume abnormalities. This finding was consistent with previous reports that NeuroQuant® and NeuroGage® are more sensitive for detecting brain volume abnormalities than is the traditional method of simple visual inspection (Ross, Ochs et al. 2013, Ross, Ochs et al. 2015).

7 brain regions were abnormally large (i.e. parenchymal regions were abnormally large, or similarly ventricular regions were abnormally small), which was less than the number expected by chance alone (9.4 regions = 5% x 188 regions [excluding hypointensities]). 8 brain regions were abnormally small (i.e. parenchymal regions were abnormally small, or similarly ventricular regions were abnormally large), which was less than expected by chance alone (also 9.4 regions).

3 pairs of brain regions had abnormal asymmetry (R<L for parenchymal regions, or R>L for ventricular regions), which was less than the number expected by chance alone (3.1 pairs of regions = 5% x 62 pairs of regions). 12 pairs of brain regions had abnormal asymmetry (L<R for parenchymal regions, or L>R for ventricular regions), which was greater than the number expected by chance alone (also 3.1 pairs of regions).

The multiple regions with abnormal asymmetry constituted a clearly abnormal pattern. Abnormal asymmetry suggests that an abnormal process (for example, atrophy or inflammation) affected one structure but not its contralateral counterpart.

Many studies have shown that TBI causes abnormal asymmetry of brain structures (Bigler 2011, Ross, Ochs et al. 2013, Ross, Ochs et al. 2015, Barcelona, Ross et al.

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2022). More recently, we found multiple areas of abnormal asymmetry in a study comparing 50 patients with chronic mild or moderate TBI to 80 NeuroGage® normal controls (Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2023).

Furthermore, the patient had no diagnosis other than TBI that typically was characterized by extensive abnormal asymmetry. Therefore, the findings of abnormal asymmetry in the patient were consistent with TBI.

Regarding anatomic correlations:

- The abnormal **enlargement** of the left ventral diencephalic region correlated with abnormal **asymmetry** of the ventral diencephalic regions (L>R).
- The abnormal **diminution** of the right cingulate cortex correlated with abnormal **asymmetry** of the cingulate cortices (R<L).
- The abnormal **diminution** of the right rostral cingulate cortex correlated with abnormal **asymmetry** of the rostral cingulate cortices (R<L).
- The abnormal **enlargement** of the left pars orbitalis cortex correlated with abnormal **asymmetry** of the pars orbitalis cortices (L>R).
- The abnormal **diminution** of the left medial orbitofrontal cortex correlated with abnormal **asymmetry** of the medial orbitofrontal cortices (R<L).

Decades of research has shown that traumatic brain injury (TBI) is characterized by extensive brain **atrophy** and, similarly, ventricular **enlargement** (Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011). Most of the early research was conducted on patients with moderate or severe TBI.

Previously published studies of patients with mild or moderate TBI often have found **atrophy** (Hofman, Stapert et al. 2001, MacKenzie, Siddiqi et al. 2002, Ross, Ochs et al. 2012, Toth, Kovacs et al. 2013, Zhou, Kierans et al. 2013, Maller, Thomson et al. 2014, Ross, Ochs et al. 2014, Wang, Xie et al. 2015, Epstein, Legarreta et al. 2016, Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Ross, Ochs et al. 2016, Zagorchev, Meyer et al. 2016, Rajesh, Cooke et al. 2017) but also have found abnormal **enlargement** (Ross, Ochs et al. 2014, Wang, Xie et al. 2015, Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Ross, Ochs et al. 2016, Niu, Bai et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021).

The following studies have found that traumatic brain injury is characterized by abnormal volume (**small** or **large** for parenchymal regions, **small** or **large** for ventricular regions) of multiple brain regions:

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**TBI Table**

Brain region	Small or large?	References
Whole brain parenchyma	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Ross, Ochs et al. 2012, Ross, Ochs et al. 2014, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Cerebral white matter	Small	(Bigler, Anderson and Blatter 2002, Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Ross, Ochs et al. 2014, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020)
Cortical gray matter	Small or Large	(Toth, Kovacs et al. 2013, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Subcortical nuclei + infratentorial regions	Large	(Ross, Ochs et al. 2014, Ross, Ochs et al. 2016, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Cerebellum (gray + white matter)	Small	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018)
Cerebellar white matter	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Brainstem	Small	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012)
Ventricles	Large	(Toth, Kovacs et al. 2013)
Lateral ventricles	Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011)
Superior lateral ventricles	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Third ventricle	Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011)
Thalamus	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Zagorchev, Meyer et al. 2016, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Diencephalon	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
Caudate	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Zagorchev, Meyer et al. 2016, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020)
Putamen	Small	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Zagorchev, Meyer et al. 2016, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018)
Nucleus accumbens	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)

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<b>Pallidum</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Cingulate gyrus</b>	<b>Small or Large</b>	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Anterior cingulate gyrus</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Niu, Bai et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Posterior cingulate gyrus</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Niu, Bai et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Isthmus cingulate</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Frontal lobes (gray + white matter)</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011)
<b>Frontal lobe cortex</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018)
<b>Superior frontal cortex</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Rajesh, Cooke et al. 2017)
<b>Middle frontal gyrus</b>	<b>Small or Large</b>	(Rajesh, Cooke et al. 2017, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Rostral middle frontal gyrus</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Wang, Xie et al. 2015)
<b>Pars triangularis</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Maller, Thomson et al. 2014)
<b>Lateral orbitofrontal cortex</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Zhou, Kierans et al. 2013, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020)
<b>Medial orbitofrontal cortex</b>	<b>Small</b>	(Zhou, Kierans et al. 2013, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Paracentral cortex</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Primary motor cortex</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Parietal lobe cortex</b>	<b>Small or Large</b>	(Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Primary sensory cortex</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Medial parietal cortex</b>	<b>Large</b>	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Precuneus</b>	<b>Small or Large</b>	(Zhou, Kierans et al. 2013, Wang, Xie et al. 2015)

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<b>Superior parietal cortex</b>	Large	(Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Inferior parietal cortex</b>	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Supramarginal cortex</b>	Small	(Maller, Thomson et al. 2014, Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016)
<b>Angular cortex</b>	Small	(Maller, Thomson et al. 2014)
<b>Posterior parietal cortical regions</b>	Small	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012)
<b>Occipital lobe cortex</b>	Small or Large	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Medial occipital cortex</b>	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Cuneus</b>	Large	(Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016)
<b>Temporal lobes (gray + white matter)</b>	Small	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011)
<b>Temporal lobe cortex</b>	Small	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018)
<b>Posterior superior temporal sulcus cortex</b>	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Middle temporal cortex</b>	Small or Large	(Wang, Xie et al. 2015, Govindarajan, Narayana et al. 2016, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Inferior temporal cortex</b>	Small	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Fusiform cortex</b>	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Parahippocampal gyrus</b>	Small	(Farbota, Sodhi et al. 2012)
<b>Entorhinal cortex</b>	Large	(Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020)
<b>Amygdala</b>	Small or Large	(Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Zagorchev, Meyer et al. 2016, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
<b>Hippocampus</b>	Small or Large	(Bigler, Anderson and Blatter 2002, Bigler 2005, Bigler 2011, Maller, Thomson et al. 2014, Cole, Jolly et al. 2018, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2020, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)

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Inferior lateral ventricles	Small or Large	(Bigler, Anderson and Blatter 2002, Ross, Seabaugh et al. 2021)
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The patient had multiple volume findings consistent with the diagnosis of TBI

- Abnormally large whole brain parenchyma
- Abnormally large bilateral cerebellar white matter regions
- Abnormally large left ventral diencephalic region
- Abnormally small right cingulate cortex
- Abnormally small left medial orbitofrontal cortex
- Abnormally large right occipital cortex
- Abnormally large right amygdala region

The patient had some volume findings opposite the volume findings consistent with TBI cited in the literature: abnormally small bilateral anterior cingulate region, abnormally large left pars triangularis region, and an abnormally large bilateral parahippocampal cortex. However, given the patient’s asymmetry and volume findings consistent with TBI, their pattern of brain volume abnormalities better matched that of TBI.

The pattern of multiple NeuroQuant® volumes matching the known TBI pattern, and the asymmetry of multiple brain regions, likely contributed to the TBI Biomarker test being positive for TBI.

The records indicated that the patient had a diagnosis of depression which was likely due to the indirect or direct effects of TBI. More generally, and independent of TBI, major depression has been associated with abnormally small volume of the prefrontal cortex (PFC)—including the dorsolateral PFC, medial PFC, and ventrolateral PFC—orbitofrontal cortex, hypothalamus, and limbic areas (including the hippocampus, amygdala, anterior cingulate cortex, and isthmus cingulate cortex) (Lener and Losifescu 2015, McLaren, Szymkowicz et al. 2016, Schindler, Schmidt et al. 2019). The patient had an abnormally small left medial orbitofrontal cortex, which comprises a portion of the orbitofrontal cortex, and the opposite volume finding of an abnormally large bilateral amygdala region. The patient’s pattern of brain volume abnormalities matched that of TBI much better than that of major depression independent of TBI.

The records indicated that the patient had a diagnosis of anxiety which was likely due to the indirect or direct effects of TBI. More generally, and independent of TBI, generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) has been associated with abnormal volume (small

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or **large** for parenchymal regions) of the following regions: dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (**small**), ventral inferior prefrontal cortex (**small**), orbitofrontal cortex (**small**), anterior cingulate cortex (**small**), posterior cingulate cortex (**small**), precuneus (**large**) and amygdala (**large**) (Kolesar, Bilevicius et al. 2019). The patient had an abnormally **small** anterior cingulate cortex, abnormally **small** left medial orbitofrontal cortex, which comprises a portion of the orbitofrontal cortex, and an abnormally **large** right amygdala region, but no other findings consistent with GAD. The patient's pattern of brain volume abnormalities matched that of TBI much better than that of GAD independent of TBI.

The records indicated that the patient had a diagnosis of insomnia which was likely due to the indirect or direct effects of TBI. More generally, and independent of TBI, chronic insomnia has been associated with abnormal volume (**small** or **large** for parenchymal regions) of the intracranial volume (**small**), thalamus (**small**) (Li, Wang et al. 2019) anterior cingulate (**large**) (Winkelman, Plante et al. 2013), left medial frontal gyrus (medial portion of the superior frontal region) (**small**), and left middle temporal gyrus (**small**) (Joo, Noh et al. 2013). The patient had no findings consistent with chronic insomnia independent of TBI.

The records indicated that the patient had a diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder due to the incident. Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has been associated with abnormal brain volume (**small** or **large** for parenchymal regions) in the prefrontal cortex (**small**) (Moyer 2016), anterior cingulate (**small**) (Moyer 2016), hippocampus (**small**) (O'Doherty, Chitty et al. 2015, Ahmed-Leitao, Spies et al. 2016, Moyer 2016), and amygdala (**large** or **small**) (Ahmed-Leitao, Spies et al. 2016). The patient had abnormally **small** volume of the middle frontal regions (which are a part of the prefrontal cortex) and abnormally **large** volume of the bilateral amygdala regions but no other findings consistent with PTSD. The pattern of brain volume abnormalities matched that of TBI better than that of PTSD.

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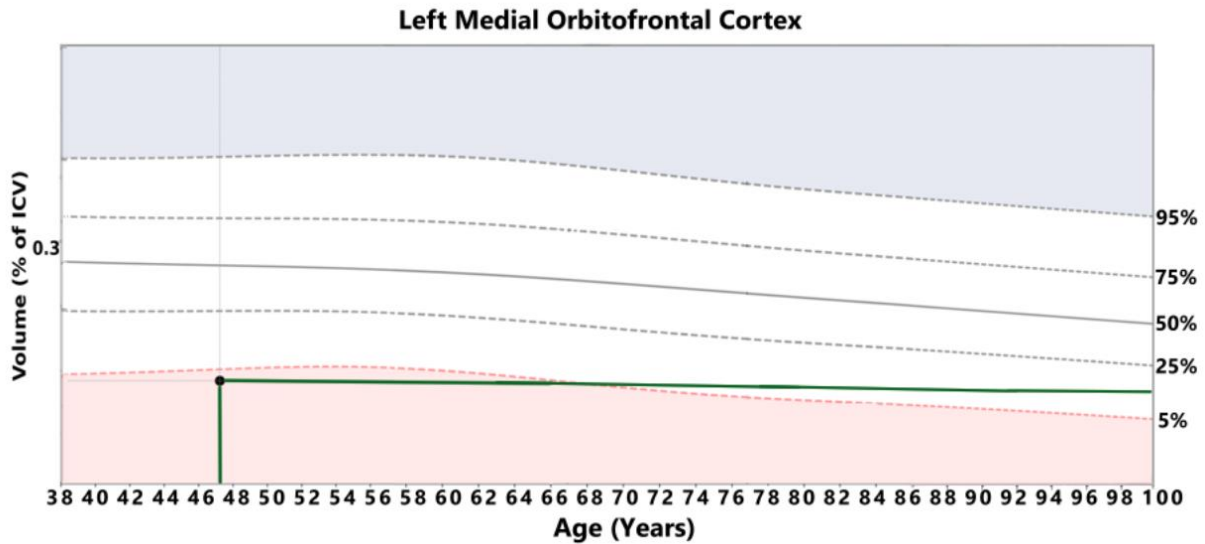
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**Figure:** The volume of the patient’s left medial orbitofrontal cortex was abnormally **small** and was as **small** as that of the average 100-year-old woman based on NeuroQuant® normal control data.

The patient had the following associations between volume abnormalities and clinical symptoms:

- Abnormal **asymmetry** of the thalamus correlated with impaired sleep and wakefulness (Steriade and Llinas 1988).
- Impaired mood correlated with abnormal volume of the anterior cingulate gyrus (Drevets, Savitz and Trimble 2008, Hillis 2014, Smith, Ahern and Lane 2019)
- Abnormally **small** volume of the orbitofrontal cortex correlated with depression (Lener and Losifescu 2015, McLaren, Szymkowicz et al. 2016, Schindler, Schmidt et al. 2019).
- Abnormally **small** volume of the left parahippocampal region correlated with impaired short-term memory (Zola-Morgan, Squire et al. 1989, Davachi, Mitchell et al. 2003, Diana, Yonelinas et al. 2010, Aminoff, Kveraga et al. 2013).
- With regard to patients with PTSD or PTSD-spectrum conditions, the amygdala has been reported to have abnormally **small** volume (Mehta, Golembo et al. 2009, Morey, Gold et al. 2012, Starcevic, Postic et al. 2014,

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O'Doherty, Chitty et al. 2015, Ahmed-Leitao, Spies et al. 2016, Moyer 2016) or abnormally **large** volume (Mehta, Golembo et al. 2009, Moyer 2016). In animal models of PTSD, the amygdala has been found to have abnormally **large** volume (Coplan, Fathy et al. 2014, Hoffman, Paode et al. 2017).

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