

# Development of “Lifestyle Drugs” for Men and Women

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# Lifestyle drugs

Smart drugs, Quality-of-life drugs, Vanity drugs etc.

Lifestyle?

Lifestyle-Drugs?

Active development?

Discovery by chance?

# Lifestyle

A lifestyle is a characteristic bundle of behaviors that makes sense to both others and oneself in a given time and place, including social relations, consumption, entertainment, and dress. The behaviors and practices within lifestyles are a mixture of habits, conventional ways of doing things, and reasoned actions

„Ein Lebensstil ist [...] der regelmäßig wiederkehrende Gesamtzusammenhang der Verhaltensweisen, Interaktionen, Meinungen, Wissensbestände und bewertenden Einstellungen eines Menschen“ (Hradil 2005: 46)

Different definitions in social sciences, philosophy, psychology or medicine

# Lifestyle

Many “subdivisions”

- LOHAS: “Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability“
- LOVOS: “Lifestyles of Voluntary Simplicity“
- SLOHAS: “Slow Lifestyles of Happiness and Sustainability”
- PARKOS: “Partizipative Konsumenten“

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# Lifestyle drugs

Lifestyle drug is an **imprecise term** commonly applied to medications which treat non-life threatening and non-painful conditions such as **baldness, impotence, wrinkles, or acne**, without any medical relevance at all or only minor medical relevance relative to others.

## **Desire for increase of personal well-being and quality of life**

It is sometimes intended as a pejorative, bearing the implication that the scarce medical research resources allocated to develop such drugs were spent frivolously when they could have been better spent researching cures for more serious medical conditions.

Proponents, however, point out that improving the patient's subjective quality of life has always been a primary concern of medicine, and argue that these drugs are doing just that. It finds broad use in both media and scholarly journals.

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## Professor's little helper

The use of cognitive-enhancing drugs by both ill and healthy individuals raises ethical questions that should not be ignored, argue **Barbara Sahakian** and **Sharon Morein-Zamir**.

Today there are several drugs on the market that improve memory, concentration, planning and reduce impulsive behaviour and risky decision-making, and many more are being developed. Doctors already prescribe these drugs to treat cognitive disabilities and improve quality of life for patients with neuropsychiatric disorders and brain injury. The prescription use of such drugs is being extended to other conditions, including shift-workers. Meanwhile, off-label and non-prescription use by the general public is becoming increasingly commonplace.

Although the appeal of pharmaceutical cognitive enhancers — to help one study longer, work more effectively or better manage everyday stresses — is understandable, potential users, both healthy and diseased, must consider the pros and cons of their choices. To enable this, scientists, doctors and policy-makers should provide easy access to information about the advantages and dangers of using cognitive-enhancing drugs and set out clear guidelines for their future use. To trigger broader discussion of these issues we offer the following questions, to which readers can respond in an online forum. Now, on to the questions.



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**Morning pick-me-up: will drugs that help you stay alert become as widely acceptable as coffee?**

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## Smart drugs "as common as coffee": media hype about neuroenhancement.

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### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** The use of prescription drugs to improve cognitive functioning in normal persons--neuroenhancement"--has gained recent attention from bioethicists and neuroscientists. Enthusiasts claim that the practice is widespread and increasing, and has many potential benefits; however recent evidence provides weak support for these claims. In this study we explored how the newsprint media portrays neuroenhancement.

**AIMS:** We conducted an empirical study of media reporting of neuroenhancement to explore: media portrayals of the prevalence of neuroenhancement; the types of evidence used by the media to support claims about its prevalence; and, the possible benefits and risks of neuroenhancement mentioned in these media articles.

**METHODS:** Using the Factiva database, we found 142 newspaper articles about the non-medical use prescription drugs for neuroenhancement for the period 2008-2010. We conducted a thematic content analysis of how articles portrayed the prevalence of neuroenhancement; what type of evidence they used in support; and, the potential benefits and risks/side-effects of neuroenhancement that were mentioned.

**RESULTS:** 87% of media articles mentioned the prevalence of neuroenhancement, and 94% portrayed it as common, increasing or both. 66% referred to the academic literature to support these claims and 44% either named an author or a journal. 95% of articles mentioned at least one possible benefit of using prescription drugs for neuroenhancement, but only 58% mentioned any risks/side effects. 15% questioned the evidence for efficacy of prescription drugs to produce benefits to users.

**CONCLUSIONS:** News media articles mentioned the possible benefits of using drugs for neuroenhancement more than the potential risks/side effects, and the main source for media claims that neuroenhancement is common and increasingly widespread has been reports from the academic literature that provide weak support for this claim. We urge journalists and researchers to be cautious in their portrayal of the non-medical use of drugs for neuroenhancement.

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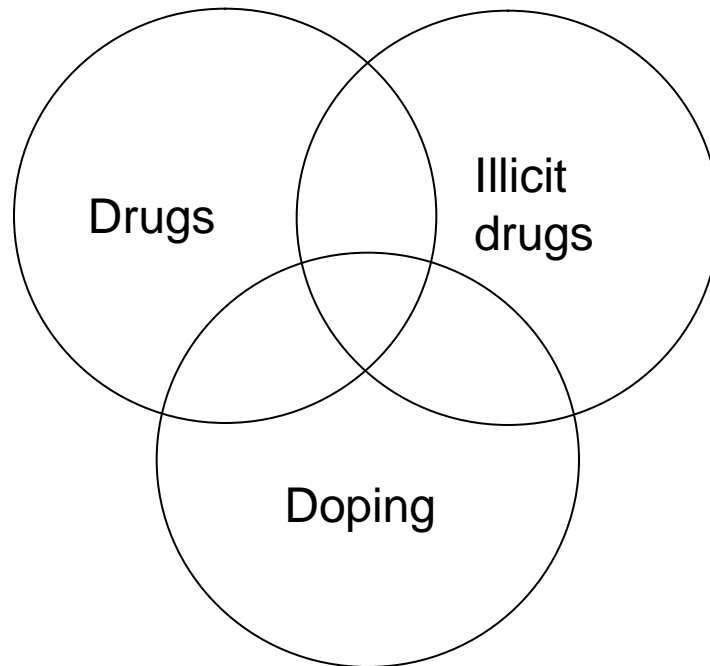


# Attempt of classification

Nootropica  
Psycotropic drugs  
Hormones  
„Ecodrugs“  
Others

Harth et. Al, Gerontology 2009;55:13

# Lifestyle drugs



# Nootropica

Smart Drugs, neuro enhancer, memory enhancer, cognitive enhancer, intelligence enhancer

Antidementia in strict sense

Pharmaceutical products

Dietary supplements

Nutraceuticals

Functional foods

Other substances

# Nootropica

## Examples of pharmaceutical products

Dimethylaminoethanol (DMAE, Norcholin, Deanol)

Hydergin® (Dihydroergocornin, -toxin)

Piracetam (GABA-derivative)

Pramiracetam

Oxiracetam

Aniracetam

L-Carnitine

Vincamin (MA like racetams)

Vinpocetin

Idebenone (Q10 analogon)

Cyprodenate (DMAE precursor)

Meclofenoxate (DMAE ester)

Yohimbine (Alpha antagonist)

# Psychotropic drugs

## Subgroups

Antidepressants

Neuroleptics

Tranquilizers

Mood stabilizer

Psychostimulants

Hallucinogens

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# Psychotropic drugs

## Examples

$\gamma$ -Hydroxybutyrate (GHB)

Ketamine

**Fluoxetine**

Selegiline

S-Adenosyl-methionine (SAM)

**Methylphenidate**

**Adrafinil/Modafinil**

Sibutramine

L-Tryptophan

Serotonin

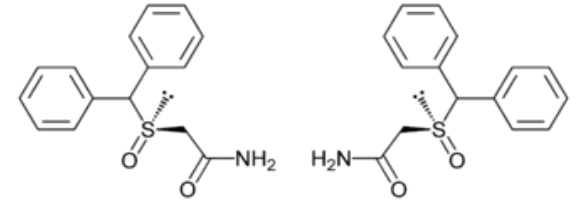
Dexfenfluramine

Ecstasy (XTC)

Ondansetron

Parlodel

# Modafinil



Treatment of narcolepsy

Shift work sleep disorder

Excessive daytime sleepiness associated with obstructive sleep apnea

„Brainbooster“

Prolongation of exercise time up to exhaustion

Listed by World Anti-Doping Agency

Vigil (D)

Modasomil (A, CH)

Provigil (USA)

Alertec (CAN)

Generikum (A)

# Hormones

Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)

Pregnenolone

Melatonin

Desmopressin (DDAVP)

Norethisterone

Contraception drugs

Human growth hormone

Human chorionic gonadotropin

Anabolic steroids

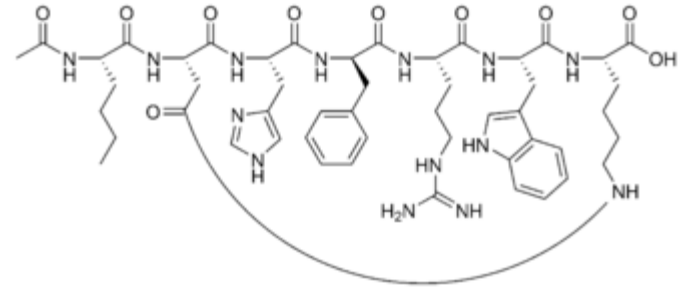
Bremelanotide

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# Hormones

## Bremelanotide



Cyclic hepta-peptide lactam analog of alpha-melanocyte-stimulating hormone (alpha-MSH), activating melanocortin receptors MC3-R and MC4-R in the CNS

Developed from Melanotan II as sunless tanning agent  
9 of 10 male volunteers reported sexual arousal and spontaneous erections as side effects

Discontinuation of development due to RR elevations

New Phase II studies with subcutaneous drug delivery system  
Genuine aphrodisiac because of central action in male and female

# Human Growth Hormon

## Somatropin

„Fountain of youth“

Shortening of lifetime?

Restlife full of well-being and without complaints

Application for at least 6 month to see real benefits (~1mg/d)

After 2 month improvement of sleep and mental clarity

Available as oral spray or as injectable

# $\beta$ -HCG

Human chorionic gonadotropin

Weight loss agent (together with diet plan, according to Dr. A.T.W. Simeons)

Regular injections of 120 to 200 IU (6 d/w)

PoC not confirmed by clinical trials

By AAS taking athletes used to restore testicular size (mimicking LH)

# Ecodrugs

Biogenic drugs, Natural drugs, „Head shop“ drugs

Absinth (Artemisia absinthum)

Echinacea (Echinacea purpurea)

Kava-kava (Piper methysticum)

Herbal ecstasy (Ephedra sinica)

Ritual spirit (Ecstasy)

Guarana (Paullinia cupana)

Chinese herbs

Rose of Sharon

Vitamins

Minerals

Amino acids

*Gingko biloba*

# Others

## **Dextromethorfan (DXM)**

Metformin

Propranolol

Coenzyme Q

Orlistat (Xenical®)

Nimodipine

Centrophenoxin (Lucidril®)

Clenbuterol (Spiropent®)

NADH

Phenytoin

Deprenyl (Selegiline)

Bupropion (Zyban®)

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# Dextromethorphan

## Dextromethorphan

Antitussivum

(+)-3-Methoxy-N-methylmorphinan

<b>HWZ:</b>	3,5 h Met. 3 h	<b>HD:</b>	(ja)	<b>HP:</b>	
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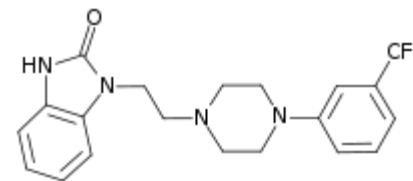
### Präparatliste

Suchergebnis: 10 Präparate

Liste umschalten zu  
"Präparatliste mit Preispackungsangaben"

<b>45.B.2.1.</b>	<b>Basoplex® Erkältungs-Kapseln</b> <i>Ap</i> Basoplex® Erkältungs-Kapseln (Komb)	RIEMSER
<b>45.B.2.1.</b>	<b>Cetebe® antiGrippal Erkältungs-Trunk Forte</b> <b>FS</b> <i>Ap</i> Cetebe® antiGrippal Erkältungs-Trunk Forte Granulat (Komb)	GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare
<b>24.1.1.B.1.1.2.</b>	<b>Hustenstiller-ratiopharm® Dextromethorphan</b> <b>FS</b> <i>Ap</i> Hustenstiller-ratiopharm® Dextromethorphan Hartkapseln (Mono)	ratiopharm
<b>24.2.B.1.</b>	<b>Silomat® DMP/-DMP gegen Reizhusten</b> <b>FS</b> <i>Ap</i> Silomat® DMP Lutschpastillen (Mono) <b>FS</b> <i>Ap</i> Silomat® DMP gegen Reizhusten Lutschpastillen (Mono)	Boehringer Ingelheim
<b>24.1.1.B.1.1.2.</b>	<b>Silomat® DMP INTENSIV gegen Reizhusten</b> <b>FS</b> <i>Ap</i> Silomat® DMP INTENSIV gegen Reizhusten Hartkapseln (Mono)	Boehringer Ingelheim
<b>45.B.2.1.</b>	<b>WICK® DayMed Erkältungs-Kapseln für den Tag</b> <i>Ap</i> WICK® DayMed Erkältungs-Kapseln für den Tag (Komb)	WICK Pharma
<b>24.2.B.1.</b>	<b>WICK Husten-Pastillen gegen Reizhusten mit Honig</b> <i>Ap</i> WICK Husten-Pastillen gegen Reizhusten mit Honig (Mono)	WICK Pharma
<b>24.1.1.B.1.1.2.</b>	<b>WICK Husten-Sirup gegen Reizhusten mit Honig</b> <i>Ap</i> WICK Husten-Sirup gegen Reizhusten mit Honig (Mono)	WICK Pharma
<b>45.B.2.2.</b>	<b>WICK MediNait®, Erkältungssirup für die Nacht</b> <i>Ap</i> WICK MediNait®, Erkältungssirup für die Nacht (Komb)	WICK Pharma
<b>45.B.2.2.</b>	<b>WICK MediNait Erkältungssirup mit Honig- und Kamillenaroma</b>	WICK Pharma

# Flibanserin



Initially tested to treat depression

5-HT<sub>1A</sub> receptor agonist and 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonist

Probably restores the balance between neurotransmitter systems

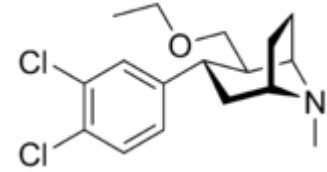
Excitatory activity is driven by dopamine and norepinephrine, while the inhibitory activity is driven by serotonin

Indication Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder (HSDD)

100 mg/day is the maximum dosage recommended

Development terminated in Oct 2010 following a negative report by the FDA

# Tesofensine



Triple reuptake inhibitor of  
Noradrenaline  
Dopamine  
Serotonin

Indirectly stimulating the cholinergic system in prefrontal cortex and hippocampus

Originally developed for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease



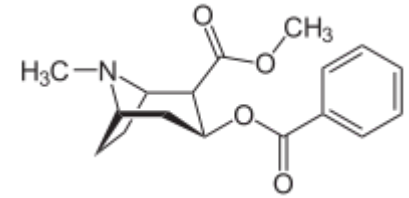
# Die Polypill: alles niedrigdosiert zusammenmischen

**Table 1** Effects of the Polypill on the risks of ischaemic heart disease (IHD) and stroke after two years of treatment at age 55-64

Risk factor	Agent	Reduction in risk factor	% reduction in risk (95% CI)*		Source of evidence
			IHD event	Stroke	
LDL cholesterol	Statins†	1.8 mmol/l (70 mg/dl) reduction in LDL cholesterol	61 (51 to 71)	17 (9 to 25)	Law et al <sup>1</sup>
Blood pressure	Three classes of drug at half standard dose	11 mm Hg diastolic	46 (39 to 53)	63 (55 to 70)	Law et al <sup>16</sup>
Serum homocysteine	Folic acid (0.8 mg/day)	3 µmol/l	16 (11 to 20)	24 (15 to 33)	Wald et al <sup>9</sup>
Platelet function	Aspirin (75 mg/day)	Not quantified			Table A on bmj.com
Combined effect	All		<b>88 %</b>	<b>80 %</b>	

Wald, Law: [bmj.com](http://bmj.com) 2003;326:1419

# Cocain



# DHEA

## **DHEA against:**

AIDS

Allergies

Aging

Autoimmune diseases

Dementia

Diabetes

Obesity

Cardiovascular disorders

Osteoporosis

etc.....

# DHEA

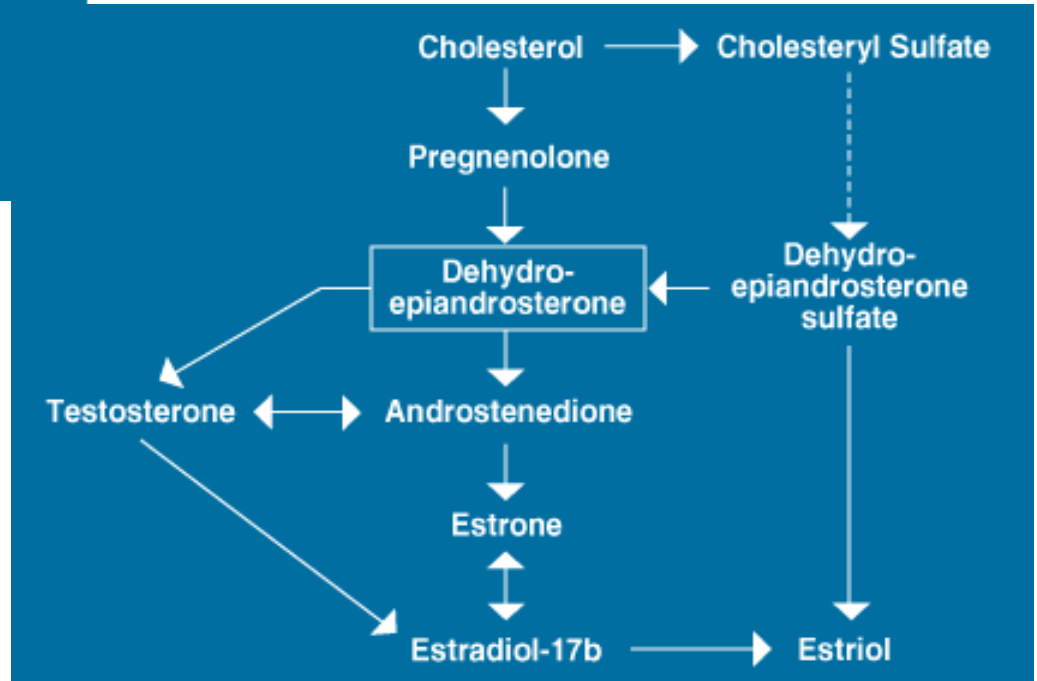
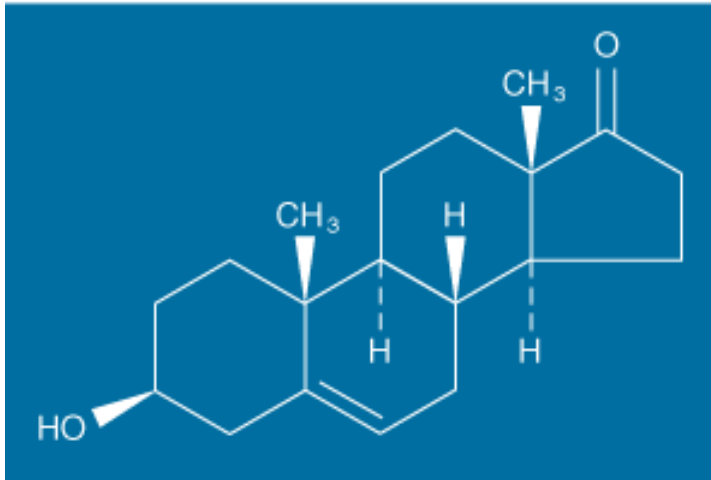


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**Doppelblinde, placebokontrollierte Crossover-Studie zur  
Untersuchung der Wirkung des Neurosteroids  
Dehydroepiandrosteron (DHEA) im ZNS unter Verwendung der  
funktionellen Magnetresonanztomographie (fMRI)**

# DHEA

**FIGURE 1.** Structure of DHEA.



**FIGURE 2.** Biosynthetic Pathways of DHEA and its Metabolites.

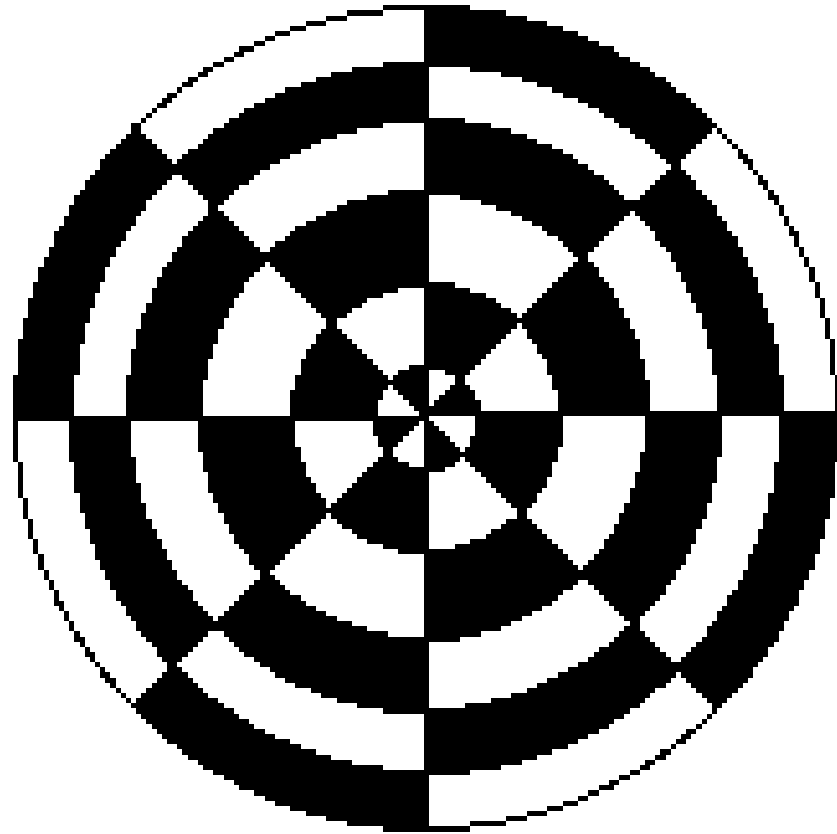
# DHEA

## **Primäre Zielkriterien:**

- **Änderung der BOLD-Response unter einem einfachen, standardisierten fMRI-Paradigma nach Gabe von DHEA oder Plazebo.**
- **Korrelation der BOLD-Response-Veränderung mit dem Ergebnis der neuropsychologischen Testreihe (Aufmerksamkeitsleistung, Visomotorik, visuelles Scanning)**

## **Sekundäre Zielkriterien:**

- **Plasmaspiegel von DHEA und DHEAS**
- **Korrelation pharmakodynamischer Parameter mit GABA-A-Rezeptor-Polymorphismen**



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# DHEA

Folgende Kontraste wurden berechnet:

„vi“	Checkerboard (0, 1 und 6 Hz) gegen Baseline (Kreuz fixieren)
„eins“	Checkerboard invertiert mit 1 Hz
„sechs“	Checkerboard invertiert mit 6 Hz
„sechs>eins“	Wo besteht bei 6 Hz mehr Aktivierung als bei 1 Hz
„bewegt>fix“	Wo besteht bei 6 Hz und 1 Hz mehr Aktivierung als bei 0 Hz

Folgende Statistiken wurden berechnet:  
[in SPM (Statistical Parametric Mapping)]

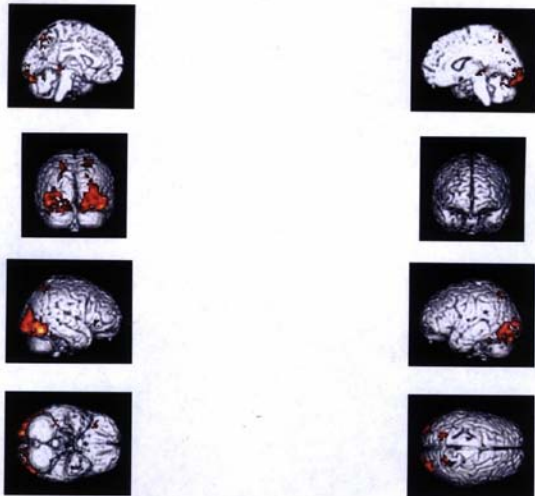
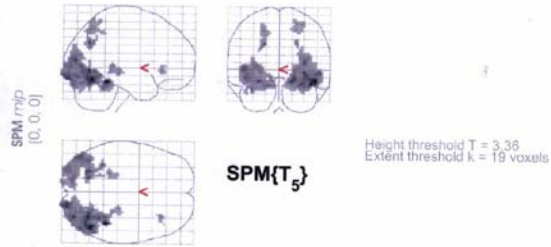
Einzelstatistiken für den Kontrast „vi“
Reteststabilität mit Hilfe des „vi“-Kontrastes
One Sample T-Tests für die einzelnen Sessions
Paired T-Tests für Interaktionen zwischen den Sessions

(z.B.: wo finden sich im Placebo-Arm im Vgl. zur Baseline mehr Aktivierungen unter 6 Hz im Vergleich zu 1 Hz?)

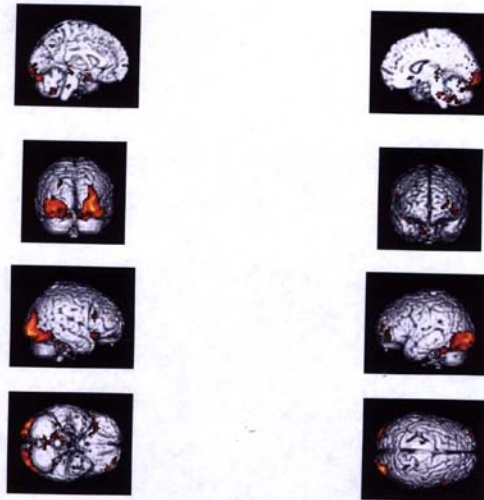
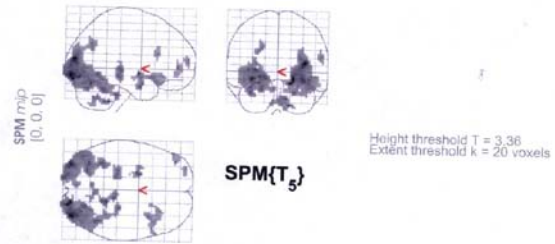


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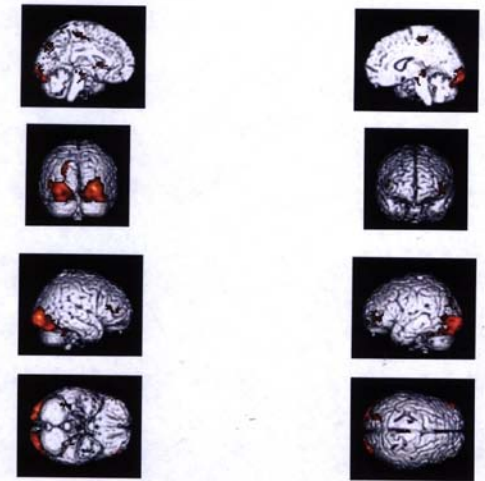
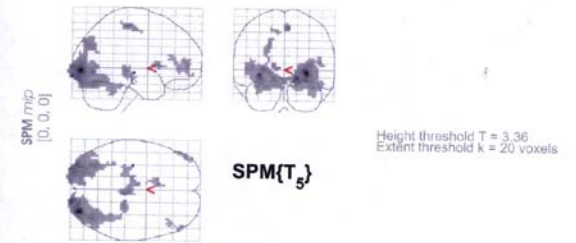
One Sample: vi\_Verum



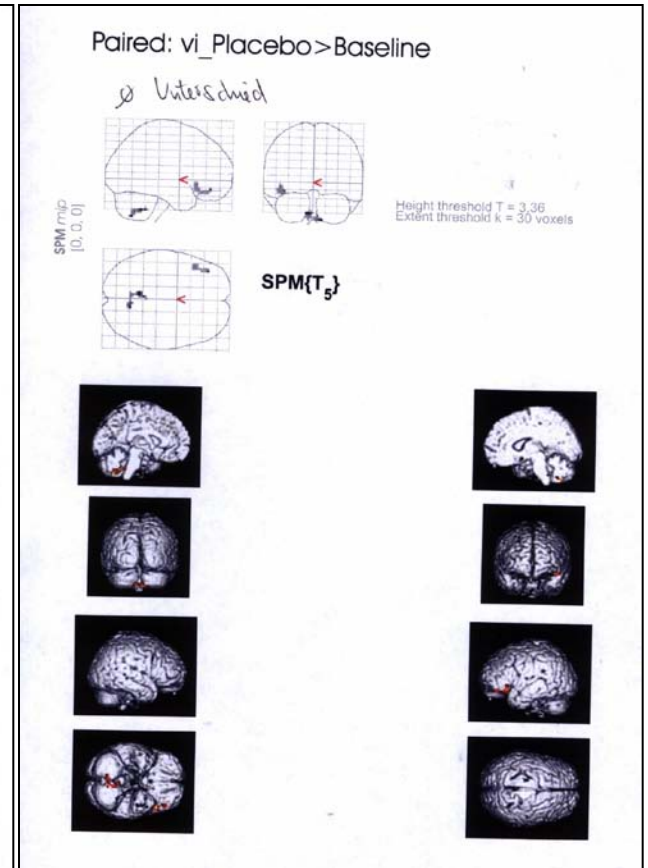
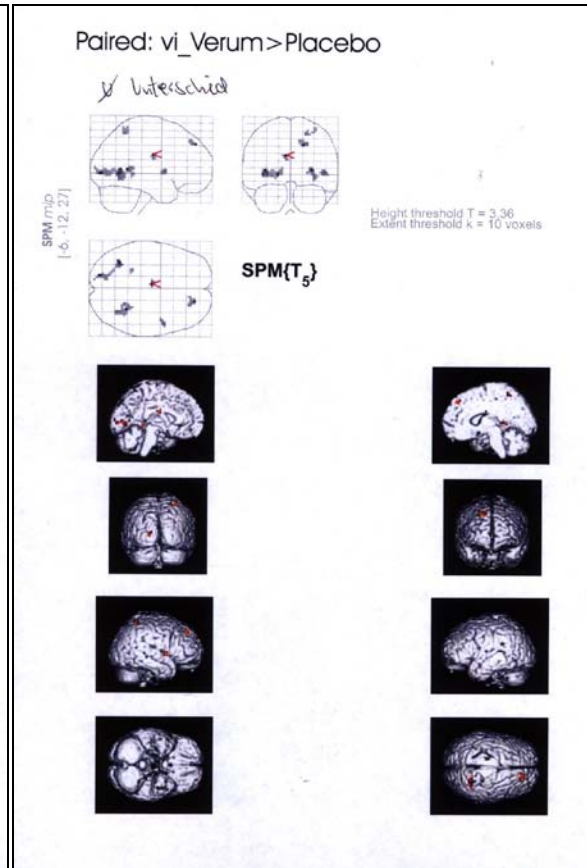
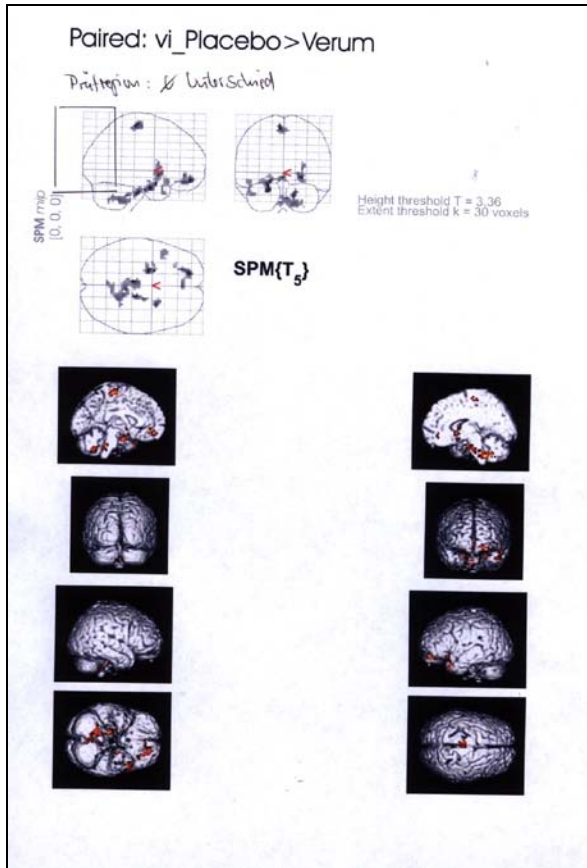
One Sample: vi\_Placebo



One Sample: vi\_Baseline



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## Neuropsychologische Tests

D2	Aufmerksamkeits- / Konzentrationstest
TMT A	Trail Making Test visuelle Geschwindigkeit
TMT B	wie TMT A plus Arbeitsgedächtnis
CPT	Continuous Performance Test
TAP	Testbatterie zur Aufmerksamkeitsprüfung

# DHEA

## **Results:**

**The neuropsychological tests show markedly enhanced performance with verum and with placebo compared to baseline.**

**However, there are no statistically significant differences between verum and placebo**

# DHEA

## **Explanations:**

**Practise effects and / or familiarization**

**Activation effects due to drug application**

# DHEA

## **Conclusion:**

**Without placebo control the published results probably would have been:**

**A single dose of 200 mg DHEA significantly increases performance in neuropsychological tests**