

# Neuropsychological Clustering Highlights Cognitive Differences In Young People Presenting With Depressive Symptoms

Daniel F. Hermens, M. Antoinette Redoblado Hodge, Sharon L. Naismith, Manreena Kaur, Elizabeth Scott,  
AND Ian B. Hickie

Clinical Research Unit, Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

(RECEIVED May 6, 2010; FINAL REVISION November 16, 2010; ACCEPTED November 17, 2010)

## Abstract

Early stages of affective or psychotic disorders may be accompanied by neuropsychological changes that help to predict risk of developing more severe disorders. A comprehensive set of neuropsychological measures was collected in 109 help-seeking young people (16 to 30 years; 54 females), recently diagnosed with an affective or psychotic disorder and presenting with current depression. Hierarchical cluster analysis determined three clusters: one deemed to have a “poor memory” profile ( $n = 40$ ); another with a “poor mental flexibility” profile ( $n = 38$ ) and a third with widespread difficulties plus “impaired attention and memory” ( $n = 31$ ). In general, the three clusters were comparable in demographic, functional and clinical factors suggesting some unique role for neurocognitive impairments. A discriminant function analysis confirmed that the clusters were best characterized by performance in “attentional” versus “learning/memory” measures. Furthermore, profiles of independent neuropsychological variables validated the original solution for two of the clusters, distinguishing all cluster-groups on an attentional measure. The findings of this study suggest that despite presenting with very similar levels of current depressive symptomatology, young help-seeking individuals in the early stages of illness have underlying neuropsychological heterogeneity. Distinct neuropsychological profiling may help to predict later psychiatric outcomes and enhance individually-tailored early intervention strategies. (*JINS*, 2011, 17, 267–276)

**Keywords:** Affective disorder, Psychotic disorder, Memory, Attention, Executive function, Adolescent, Young adult

## INTRODUCTION

Affective and psychotic disorders are now thought to represent different combinations of the same continuously distributed dimensions of symptoms (Hafner, an der Heiden, & Maurer, 2008). Particularly at early stages, the most frequent and stable symptom patterns of these two groups of disorders are: (1) depressive symptoms (e.g., depressed mood, worrying, anxiety); (2) negative symptoms (e.g., loss of energy, slowness, difficulties of concentration); and (3) functional (social and cognitive) impairment (Hafner et al., 2008). Separate lines of research showing that declines in certain cognitive functions, such as, verbal memory and executive functions are characteristic of (and often precede) very early stages of both affective (Burt, Zembor, & Niederehe, 1995) and psychotic (Brewer et al., 2005) disorders. Thus, it is

becoming increasingly important to identify the best cognitive markers for early intervention and to prevent further cognitive damage (Simon et al., 2007).

Affective disorders (i.e., anxiety, depression, bipolar) have typically been associated with a range of neurocognitive deficits including difficulties with attention, psychomotor speed, memory and executive functioning (Castaneda, Tuulio-Henriksson, Marttunen, Suvisaari, & Lonnqvist, 2008; Hermens, Naismith, Redoblado Hodge, Scott, & Hickie, 2010; Hickie et al., 2005; McDermott & Ebmeier, 2009; Naismith et al., 2002, 2003; Ottowitz, Dougherty, & Savage, 2002; Shenal, Harrison, & Demaree, 2003). Similarly, cognitive deficits are at the core of dysfunction in psychosis (Elvegård & Goldberg, 2000; Mohamed, Paulsen, O’Leary, Arndt, & Andreasen, 1999), with learning/memory and executive functions (organization and mental flexibility, in particular) being the most characteristically impaired (Danion, Huron, Vidailhet, & Berna, 2007; Elvegård & Goldberg, 2000; Mohamed et al., 1999). Despite evidence of specific deficits emerging at illness onset and some persisting

Correspondence and reprint requests to: Daniel F. Hermens, Clinical Research Unit, Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney, 100 Mallet Street, Camperdown, NSW 2050, Australia. E-mail: daniel.hermens@sydney.edu.au

with the duration of disease (Castaneda et al., 2008; Hoff et al., 1999; Quraishi & Frangou, 2002), it remains unclear whether there are unique profiles of neuropsychological deficits that may distinguish patient subtypes (i.e., despite the early diagnosis). Such subtypes should be explored as they may link more directly with different risk factors, pathophysiology or developmental trajectories.

The majority of neuropsychological (and neurobiological) studies have examined the affective and psychotic disorders separately, despite the accumulating evidence of clinical and neuropathological overlap (Boks, Leask, Vermunt, & Kahn, 2007; Goldberg, Andrews, & Hobbs, 2009). In particular, there are numerous studies showing shared genetic vulnerabilities in anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia (Berrettini, 2000; Boks et al., 2007; Burmeister, McInnes, & Zollner, 2008; Lewis et al., 2003; Maier et al., 1993); the assumption is that both the symptoms and genetic risk factors are in part unique and in part overlapping (Burmeister et al., 2008). Similarly, a large neuroimaging study (Bilder et al., 1999) comparing brain abnormalities in patients with schizophrenia to those with a mood disorder finds support for a “continuum” rather than a “diagnostic specificity” hypothesis, suggesting that syndromal characteristics are related to neurodevelopmental risk and the degree of deviation. Upon reviewing the literature on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, Hill, Harris, Herbener, Pavuluri, and Sweeney (2008) suggest that neuropsychological measures can help to identify both shared and illness-specific phenotypes.

There is increasing debate about the taxonomic classification of the affective and psychotic disorders (Andrews et al., 2009; Boks et al., 2007) and despite the criticisms of “lumping” *versus* “splitting” (Jablensky, 2009), a recent proposal (Andrews et al., 2009) offers a new “meta-structure” for the organization of mental disorders suggesting only five clusters, with common clinical and risk factors to determine within-cluster similarities or differences. Perhaps one of the most significant changes within this proposal is that bipolar disorder becomes part of the psychotic cluster (Goldberg et al., 2009), rather than one of the mood disorders. However, the authors concede that schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are at different ends of the psychosis continuum; while it was symptom similarity that supported bipolar and unipolar disorder being “together” (Goldberg et al., 2009). Interestingly, it may be that depressive symptoms are key epiphenomena linking various psychiatric phenotypes; certainly for the anxiety, bipolar, depressive, and psychotic disorders, particularly at their early stages (Hafner et al., 2008).

The clinical staging model (McGorry, Hickie, Yung, Pantelis, & Jackson, 2006) provides an enhanced clinical framework for linking the development of clinical syndromes with differential patterns of neuropsychological performance. This model suggests that depressive and psychotic disorders develop across time, moving sequentially in adolescence and the early adult years from high risk states with mild to moderate symptoms to more severe symptoms associated with first episode and more chronic forms of illness (Hetrick et al., 2008; McGorry et al., 2006). Most research suggests an

association between symptom severity and level of neuropsychological impairment; more severe symptoms of depression have been associated with greater impairments in executive functions (McDermott & Ebmeier, 2009; Paelecke-Habermann, Pohl, & Lepow, 2005), psychomotor speed (McDermott & Ebmeier, 2009; Sobin & Sackeim, 1997), and memory (Burt et al., 1995; Landro, Stiles, & Sletvold, 2001; McDermott & Ebmeier, 2009). Deficits in these domains have been linked to underlying structural (Hickie et al., 2005; Naismith et al., 2002) and functional (Hickie et al., 1999, 2007; Naismith, Hickie, Ward, Scott, & Little, 2006; Naismith, Lagopoulos, et al., 2010) brain changes and have been proposed to be possible endophenotypes or markers for depression (Burt et al., 1995; Hasler, Drevets, Manji, & Charney, 2004; Landro et al., 2001; Sobin & Sackeim, 1997; Tsourtos, Thompson, & Stough, 2002). Additionally, there is considerable evidence suggesting that deficits in some domains such as memory are related to disease duration (Hickie et al., 2005; Sheline, Sanghavi, Mintun, & Gado, 1999), whereas psychomotor speed may be related to etiological risk factors such as cerebrovascular disease (Hickie et al., 2001); confounding factors include the effects of institutionalization, medical and psychiatric co-morbidities, and long-term medication use. Therefore, evaluation of potential endophenotypes (such as neuropsychological profiles) may be better informed by the examination of younger subjects, who are at early stages of affective or psychotic disorder (and, therefore, vulnerable to a wide range of illness course trajectories). Results derived from studies that focus on early stages of illness also have the potential to inform early detection and targeted intervention strategies (Lewinsohn, Solomon, Seeley, & Zeiss, 2000; McGorry et al., 2006).

This study assessed key neuropsychological functions in young (16 to 30 years) outpatients with an early diagnosis of an affective or psychotic disorder who all met criteria for current depressive symptomatology. The aim was to determine whether there are distinct neuropsychological profiles (from traditional tests covering a range of cognitive domains) within a large, heterogeneous, yet similarly depressed group of individuals. Cluster analysis was used to group patients in such a way that the similarity between individuals within one cluster is maximized whilst simultaneously minimizing the similarity between participants from different clusters.

## METHODS

### Subjects

One hundred forty outpatients aged 16 to 30 years were recruited from specialized referral services for the assessment and early intervention of mental health problems in young people (Scott et al., 2009). Patients were determined to have a primary diagnosis of anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, or first-episode psychosis by a psychiatrist, according to DSM-IV-TR criteria (American Psychiatric Association, 2000). Patients were invited to participate in this research and undergo a subsequent clinical and

neuropsychological assessment (see details below). All participants were asked to abstain from drug or alcohol use for 48 hr before testing and informed that they may be asked to undertake an alcohol breath test and/or a saliva drug screen. Only patients presenting with depressive symptomatology at the time of the assessment were included in this study; this was determined by a psychiatrist or experienced research psychologist who administered the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale (HDRS, 17-item) (Hamilton, 1967) to quantify current (over the last 7 days) mood symptoms. Patients were required to have a total score  $>7$  for inclusion [Note: HDRS total scores of 8–13 correspond to “mild depression,” 14–18 to “moderate depression,” 19–22 to “severe depression,” and  $\geq 23$  as very severe depression (American Psychiatric Association Task Force, 2000)]. Patients were excluded if they were currently experiencing a manic or mixed episode.

Thirty-one patients were found to have a total HDRS score below 8 and their data was subsequently removed from analysis. Primary diagnoses for the remaining ( $n = 109$ ), “currently depressed” cases were as follows:  $n = 10$  with an anxiety disorder [social anxiety ( $n = 5$ ); generalized anxiety ( $n = 1$ ); panic ( $n = 1$ ); obsessive compulsive ( $n = 1$ ); not otherwise specified ( $n = 2$ )];  $n = 49$  with a depressive disorder [major depressive ( $n = 47$ ); dysthymic disorder ( $n = 2$ )];  $n = 19$  with a bipolar disorder [bipolar I ( $n = 9$ ); bipolar II ( $n = 10$ )], and  $n = 31$  were diagnosed with first-episode psychosis [schizophrenia-spectrum ( $n = 8$ ); affective-spectrum ( $n = 11$ ); psychotic disorder not otherwise specified ( $n = 12$ )].

All patients were receiving clinician-based case management and relevant psychosocial interventions at the time of assessment. Additionally, patients who were treated with psychotropic medications were assessed under “treatment as usual” conditions, that is, medications were not interrupted in any way. At the time of assessment, 23% of patients were not taking any psychotropic medications; 27% were taking a second-generation anti-depressant only; 13% an atypical anti-psychotic medication only; 32% were taking a combination of psychotropic medications that included an anti-depressant and/or an anti-psychotic and the remaining 5% were taking another psychotropic medication.

Exclusion criteria for all participants were medical instability (as determined by a psychiatrist), history of neurological disease (e.g., tumor, head trauma, epilepsy), medical illness known to impact cognitive and brain function (e.g., cancer, ECT in last 3 months), intellectual and/or developmental disability (a predicted IQ score  $< 70$ ), insufficient English for testing or psychiatric assessment, and current substance dependence. The study was approved by the University of Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee and all participants gave written informed consent.

### Clinical Assessment

A psychiatrist or trained research psychologist conducted the clinical assessment (in a semi-structured interview format) to inform the diagnostic classification and to determine the

nature and history of any mental health problems. As a proxy measure for duration of illness, the age that each patient first engaged a mental health service was recorded. In addition to the HDRS, the assessment included the Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS) (Overall & Gorham, 1962) to quantify current general psychiatric symptoms and the social and occupational functioning assessment scale (SOFAS) (Goldman, Skodol, & Lave, 1992); where a patient’s functioning is rated from 0 to 100, with lower scores suggesting more severe impairment. Patients were also asked to complete a self-report assessment that included the Kessler-10 (K-10) (Kessler et al., 2002), which is a brief instrument designed to detect psychological distress (Andrews & Slade, 2001) and the Depression Anxiety and Stress Scales (DASS) (Lovibond & Lovibond, 1995) which measures the three related negative emotional states of depression, anxiety, and tension/stress.

### Neuropsychological Assessment

Premorbid intelligence (“predicted IQ”) was estimated on the basis of performance on the Wechsler Test of Adult Reading (Wechsler, 2002). The following tests (all chosen due to their sensitivity to subtle cognitive changes in mood) formed the “traditional” neuropsychological battery: “psychomotor speed” was assessed using the Trail-Making Test, part A (TMT A), with “mental flexibility” assessed by part B (TMT B) (Strauss, Sherman, & Spreen, 2006). “Simple attention” for routine mental operations was assessed using the mental control subtest of the Wechsler memory scale, third edition (Wechsler, 1997). “Visual memory” was assessed by the 3-min delay of the Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure Test (ROCF) (Strauss et al., 2006). “Verbal learning” and “verbal memory” were assessed by the Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test (RAVLT) (Strauss et al., 2006); variables assessed were: immediate recall (sum of trial 1-5; RAVLT A1-A5) and 20-min delayed recall (trial 7; RAVLT A7). Finally, “verbal fluency” was assessed by the letters (FAS) subtest of the Controlled Oral Word Association Test (COWAT) (Strauss et al., 2006).

Following a short break, participants were assessed by five tests from the Cambridge Automated Neuropsychological Testing Battery (CANTAB) (Sahakian & Owen, 1992). The CANTAB tests have the advantage of being non-verbal (i.e., language-independent; culture-free); we, therefore, selected complementary tests of attention, memory and executive functioning to validate the traditional neuropsychological measures used for the cluster analysis (see below). “Processing speed” was indexed by the five-choice reaction time latency in the Reaction Time task; “set shifting” was indexed by the total adjusted errors score from the Intra-Dimensional/Extra-Dimensional task; “sustained attention” was indexed by the A prime (sensitivity to the target) measure of the Rapid Visual Information Processing task; “visuo-spatial memory” was indexed by the total adjusted errors score from the Paired Associate Learning task; and finally, “working memory” was indexed by the span length score from the Spatial Span task.

## Statistical Analyses

Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS for Windows 17.0. To control for the effects of age, neuropsychological variables were converted to “demographically corrected” standardized scores (i.e., *Z*-scores) using the following established norms: TMT (Tombaugh, Kozak, & Rees, 1998), mental control (Wechsler, 1997), ROCF (Meyers & Meyers, 1995), RAVLT (Rickert & Senior, 1998), and COWAT (Tombaugh et al., 1998). Similarly, CANTAB *Z*-scores, based on an internal normative database of the 3000 healthy volunteers (<http://www.cantab.com>), were calculated for each subject. Prior to analyses, outliers beyond  $\pm 3.0$  *Z*-scores for each neuropsychological variable were curtailed to values of  $+3.0$  or  $-3.0$  (depending on the direction) so that the cluster solutions were not influenced by individuals with extreme scores, that is, skewed distributions (Naismith et al., 2002) and to enable a consistent range across variables, given that the normative data for mental control and ROCF are limited to this range. There were no outliers beyond  $+3.0$  for the five remaining variables and the number of cases beyond  $-3.0$  did not exceed 10% (there were no outliers for COWAT).

A hierarchical cluster analysis using Wards method of minimum variance with a squared Euclidean distance measure was conducted to identify patterns of impairment across the seven traditional neuropsychological variables. Our cluster analysis technique was based on previous similar studies (Delano-Wood et al., 2009; Goldstein, 1990; Hermann, Seidenberg, Lee, Chan, & Rutecki, 2007) and statistical recommendations (Norusis, 2010). Unlike other statistical techniques (e.g., factor analysis), cluster analysis does not identify a particular statistical model (Norusis, 2010); it is simply a classification technique for forming homogeneous groups within complex data sets (Borgen & Barnett, 1987). There are no stringent rules about the number of cases (and the corresponding number of variables) required for cluster analysis, however, hierarchical clustering is recommended for smaller data sets (Norusis, 2010); the type and number of variables are typically chosen on theoretical grounds (Delano-Wood et al., 2009; Goldstein, 1990). Ideally, a good cluster solution is when the data segregates

into theoretically meaningful subsets (Delano-Wood et al., 2009) and this is usually achieved by examining cluster characteristics at successive steps until a reasonable number of relatively homogenous groups is obtained (Norusis, 2010).

One-way between-subject analyses of variance (ANOVAs) were used to assess differences in demographic, clinical and neuropsychological variables among cluster groups. The  $\chi^2$  test was used to compare the ratio of females to males across cluster groups. Significance levels were set at  $p < .05$ . Effect sizes were calculated ( $d = \text{mean difference}/\text{mean standard deviation}$ ) to evaluate pair-wise group comparisons (where  $d > 0.8$  was considered to be a large effect size). Based on a similar methodology (Delano-Wood et al., 2009) we also conducted a confirmatory (standard) discriminant function analysis (DFA) to determine which combinations of the neuropsychological variables best distinguish the cluster groups and whether these combinations could reliably predict cluster-group membership. Finally, the cluster solution was independently validated by examining how each cluster-group compared on a profile of non-verbal neuropsychological measures (from the CANTAB battery).

## RESULTS

### Cluster Characteristics

Agglomeration coefficients generated by cluster analysis revealed a demarcation point between three- and four-cluster solutions, suggesting that a three cluster solution best distinguished the cases; this was confirmed by inspection of the dendrogram. The resultant clustering revealed three relatively well-sized groups (cluster 1:  $n = 40$ ; cluster 2:  $n = 31$ ; cluster 3:  $n = 38$ ), further suggesting that the appropriate number of clusters was selected. Table 1 shows the cluster group mean (curtailed) *Z*-scores (and standard deviations) for each of the seven neuropsychological variables. ANOVA determined main effects of “cluster-group” for each neuropsychological variable; and effect size calculations ( $d$ ) estimate the pair-wise cluster-group differences (see Table 1). The largest effect sizes were evident in mental flexibility and verbal

**Table 1.** Mean *Z*-scores ( $\pm$ standard deviation) for neuropsychological variables across the three clusters with corresponding results for ANOVA

	Cluster 1 ( $N = 40$ )	Cluster 2 ( $N = 31$ )	Cluster 3 ( $N = 38$ )	ANOVA $F(p)$	Effect sizes, $d$		
				[ $df = 2, 108$ ]	1 vs. 2	1 vs. 3	2 vs. 3
Psychomotor Speed	0.49 $\pm$ 0.12	-0.72 $\pm$ 0.24	-0.18 $\pm$ 0.17	12.3 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	1.2 <sup>†</sup>	0.8 <sup>†</sup>	0.5
Mental Flexibility	0.44 $\pm$ 0.11	-1.87 $\pm$ 0.21	-0.87 $\pm$ 0.17	49.9 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	2.4 <sup>†</sup>	1.5 <sup>†</sup>	0.9 <sup>†</sup>
Simple Attention	0.68 $\pm$ 0.16	-1.18 $\pm$ 0.15	-0.31 $\pm$ 0.13	40.6 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	2.1 <sup>†</sup>	1.1 <sup>†</sup>	1.1 <sup>†</sup>
Visual Memory	-0.98 $\pm$ 0.2	-1.85 $\pm$ 0.16	-0.31 $\pm$ 0.18	15.9 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	0.8 <sup>†</sup>	0.6	1.5 <sup>†</sup>
Verbal Learning	-0.34 $\pm$ 0.19	-1.81 $\pm$ 0.21	0.44 $\pm$ 0.13	37.4 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	1.2 <sup>†</sup>	0.8 <sup>†</sup>	2.3 <sup>†</sup>
Verbal Memory	-0.82 $\pm$ 0.19	-1.62 $\pm$ 0.2	0.42 $\pm$ 0.11	35.5 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	0.7	1.3 <sup>†</sup>	2.3 <sup>†</sup>
Verbal Fluency	0.06 $\pm$ 0.2	-1.01 $\pm$ 0.12	-0.19 $\pm$ 0.16	10.2 (.000) <sup>#</sup>	1.1 <sup>†</sup>	0.2	1.0 <sup>†</sup>

Note. Effect sizes ( $d$ ) for each pair-wise cluster comparison are also provided. <sup>†</sup> denote large effects sizes ( $d > 0.8$ ). <sup>#</sup> remained significant even after controlling for predicted IQ. ANOVA = analysis of variance.

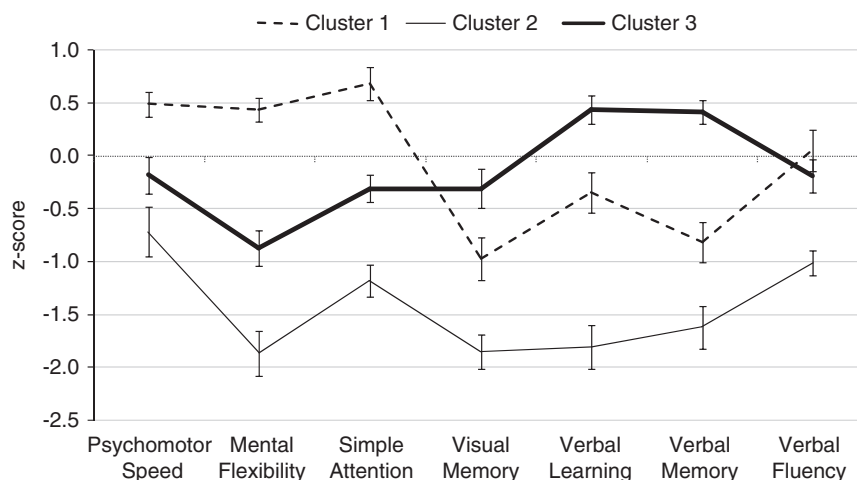


Fig. 1. Profile of Z-scores (with standard error bars) for traditional neuropsychological measures by cluster group.

learning/memory variables. The neuropsychological differences among cluster groups are best represented by the profiles illustrated in Figure 1.

The cluster profiles depicted in Figure 1 are described as follows: cluster 1 shows poor visual and verbal memory, with normal (i.e., Z-score between -0.5 and 0.5) psychomotor speed, mental flexibility, verbal learning and verbal fluency, and average-to-high average simple attention; subsequently labeled: the “poor memory” cluster. In contrast, cluster 3 shows a profile distinguished by poor mental flexibility with the remaining domains varying within the normal range (although verbal learning and memory is in the average-to-high average range); subsequently labeled: the “poor mental flexibility” cluster. Finally, cluster 2 is characterized by poor performance across all measures (in the low average to borderline range) with marked impairments in mental flexibility, verbal learning, and (visual and verbal) memory; subsequently labeled: the “impaired attention and memory” cluster.

Table 2 shows the cluster-group mean Z-scores (and standard deviations) for demographic and clinical variables; with the corresponding between-group tests with effect size calculations. According to  $\chi^2$  analysis, the clusters do not differ significantly in the distribution of each gender; although there is a lower ratio (approximately 1:2) of females to males in cluster 2. ANOVAs for the subsequent variables revealed a main effect of “cluster-group” for two variables: predicted IQ and BPRS total. Closer inspection of the pairwise cluster-group comparisons show that for IQ, there was a significant effect size for the difference between cluster 1 and cluster 2, with the latter showing lower mean IQ. To determine whether IQ differences may have affected the between-group tests performed for each of the seven neuropsychological variables, we conducted ANCOVAs controlling for IQ; all variables remained significant (see Table 1).

In terms of general psychiatric symptoms (indexed by BPRS total), there were no large effects sizes in any pairwise comparison; all clusters showed a mean score in the

Table 2. Mean scores ( $\pm$  standard deviation) for demographic and clinical variables across clusters; between-group differences were tested by chi-square or ANOVA

	Cluster 1 (N = 40)	Cluster 2 (N = 31)	Cluster 3 (N = 38)	Significance test [p]	Effect sizes, d		
					1 vs. 2	1 vs. 3	2 vs. 3
Sex (f/m)	21/19	11/20	22/16	$\chi^2(2, 109) = 3.6$ [.161]	na	na	na
Age, years	20.7 $\pm$ 3.6	20.7 $\pm$ 3.7	19.9 $\pm$ 3.3	$F(2,108) = 0.5$ [.604]	0.0	0.2	0.2
Age, onset	15.8 $\pm$ 3.8	15.7 $\pm$ 4.4	14.1 $\pm$ 3.2	$F(2,93) = 2.0$ [.143]	0.0	0.5	0.4
Predicted IQ	104.6 $\pm$ 8.9	95.2 $\pm$ 10.1	102.5 $\pm$ 8.2	$F(2,106) = 8.3$ [.000]	0.9 <sup>†</sup>	0.2	0.7
Education, yr	12.5 $\pm$ 2.6	11.5 $\pm$ 2.2	12 $\pm$ 1.6	$F(2,108) = 2.0$ [.143]	0.4	0.2	0.3
SOFAS	59.6 $\pm$ 11.4	57.1 $\pm$ 9.7	60.6 $\pm$ 11.2	$F(2,106) = 1.0$ [.387]	0.3	0.1	0.3
K-10 total	27.5 $\pm$ 7.8	30 $\pm$ 8.7	28.8 $\pm$ 8.5	$F(2,89) = 0.7$ [.512]	0.3	0.2	0.1
HDRS total	13.9 $\pm$ 4.8	15.5 $\pm$ 5.7	16.3 $\pm$ 6.2	$F(2,108) = 1.9$ [.159]	0.3	0.2	0.1
BPRS total	41.6 $\pm$ 8.8	46.4 $\pm$ 12.5	46.4 $\pm$ 11.3	$F(2,108) = 2.5$ [.009]	0.4	0.5	0.0
DASS dep	19.0 $\pm$ 10.7	24.4 $\pm$ 13.1	23.2 $\pm$ 11.9	$F(2,99) = 1.9$ [.149]	0.5	0.4	0.1

Note. Effect sizes (d) for each pair-wise cluster comparison are also provided. † denote large effects sizes (d > 0.8). ANOVA = analysis of variance; SOFAS = social and occupational functioning; HDRS = Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; BPRS = Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale; DASS dep = Depression Anxiety and Stress Scales depression subscale.

“moderately ill” range (Leucht et al., 2005). However, cluster 1 was at the lower end of this range compared to the other cluster groups who were both in the middle of this range (see Table 2). Notably, the three cluster groups did not significantly differ in age, age of onset, years of education, or the rating of social and occupational functioning (SOFAS). Similarly, there were no significant differences in self-reported psychological distress (K-10) or depression (DASS), nor in the clinical ratings of current depression (HDRS); each cluster-group was in the mild-to-moderate impairment/symptomatic range (Andrews & Slade, 2001; Keller, 2003; Lovibond & Lovibond, 1995).

### Relationship Between Cluster Membership and Primary Diagnosis or Medication

The three cluster-groups did not differ significantly [ $\chi^2(8,109) = 6.23$ ;  $p = .398$ ] with respect to primary diagnoses. A closer inspection of Table 3 reveals that the diagnostic categories are equally distributed across clusters for the two largest categories (depression and FEP); however, for the smaller two categories (bipolar and anxiety) there is an unequal distribution, with both categories being relatively under-represented within cluster 2. Similarly, with regard to the distribution of medication categories, the three cluster-groups did not differ significantly [ $\chi^2(8,109) = 5.08$ ;  $p = .749$ ]. As with the primary diagnosis data, the larger medication categories tended to be relatively well distributed across the three cluster groups (Table 4); although it is interesting to note that the largest number of individuals on anti-depressant monotherapy was in cluster 1, whereas the largest number of individuals on anti-psychotic monotherapy was in cluster 2 (although the differences are marginal).

### Discriminant Function Analysis

With the seven neuropsychological variables entered (simultaneously) as predictors, DFA confirmed distinct neuropsychological profiling by generating two functions to separate the three cluster-groups. The first function accounted for 64% of the differences among the clusters (Wilk's  $\lambda = 0.168$ ;  $p < .001$ ). The second function explained the remaining

**Table 3.** Cross-tabulation of cluster by primary diagnosis

Primary diagnosis	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3
Depression			
Count	19	15	15
%	38.8%	30.6%	30.6%
FEP			
Count	10	12	9
%	32.3%	38.7%	29.0%
Bipolar			
Count	7	2	10
%	36.8%	10.5%	52.6%
Anxiety			
Count	4	2	4
%	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%

variance (36%) and was also statistically significant (Wilk's  $\lambda = 0.486$ ;  $p < .001$ ). The structure matrix showed a clear delineation of “attentional” (function 1), with high discriminant loadings for mental flexibility ( $r = .674$ ) and simple attention ( $r = .616$ ); versus “verbal learning/memory” (function 2) performance with high discriminant loadings for verbal memory ( $r = .679$ ) and verbal learning ( $r = .533$ ). The resultant DFA showed an overall correct classification rate of 94.5%; more specifically, 97.5% of cluster 1 cases, 90.3% of cluster 2 cases and 94.7% of cluster 3 cases were correctly classified. A cross-validation (“leave-one-out”) technique confirmed the stability of this classification procedure with an overall correct rate of 88.1%; with 90.0% of cluster 1 cases, 83.9% of cluster 2 cases and 89.5% of cluster 3 cases correctly classified. Overall, the DFA findings supported the clustering technique; the additional empirical evidence provided by this DFA was that the cluster groups were maximally separated by two key cognitive domains: “attention” versus “verbal learning/memory.”

### Independent Validation of the Clusters

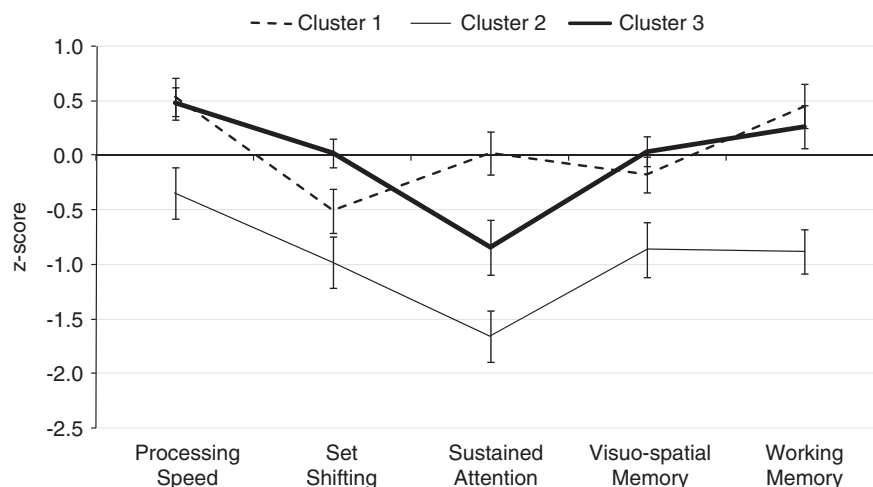
Figure 2 shows how the three cluster-groups compared on a range of independent, non-verbal (CANTAB) neuropsychological measures that were not used to determine clustering. Cluster 1 showed a normal level of performance across the independent measures, with average-to-high average performance in processing speed and working memory. Cluster 3 showed a similar independent profile to cluster 1, but with a marked difference in sustained attention (in the low average range), consistent with the original profile. Finally, as seen in the original solution, cluster 2 showed the worst profile, with a marked deficit in sustained attention.

### DISCUSSION

This study identified three distinct neuropsychological profiles in young outpatients who were all determined have at least mild levels of current depression. The three cluster

**Table 4.** Cross-tabulation of cluster by medication category

Current medication	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3
NIL			
Count	9	5	11
%	36.0%	20.0%	44.0%
Anti-depressant monotherapy			
Count	13	8	8
%	44.8%	27.6%	27.6%
Anti-psychotic monotherapy			
Count	5	6	3
%	35.7%	42.9%	21.4%
Combination therapy			
Count	11	11	13
%	31.4%	31.4%	37.1%
Other psychotropic			
Count	2	1	3
%	33.3%	16.7%	50.0%



**Fig. 2.** Profile of Z-scores (with standard error bars) for Cambridge Automated Neuropsychological Testing Battery (CANTAB) (all non-verbal) measures by cluster group.

groups were relatively balanced in size: one group (cluster 1;  $n = 40$ ) was characterized by impairments in memory with relative strengths in attentional measures; on the other hand, another group (cluster 3;  $n = 38$ ) was characterized by impairment in mental flexibility, with intact memory and verbal measures. The final group (cluster 2;  $n = 31$ ) showed reduced performance in all cognitive domains with marked impairments in both mental flexibility and memory. The profiles for two of these cluster groups (clusters 2 and 3) were somewhat validated by a profile of independent neuropsychological variables, which primarily distinguished the groups according to sustained attention. For cluster 1, performance in the two independent memory tests was normal; suggesting that for these patients, memory problems may be specific to tasks that involve organization and/or verbal skills.

Our findings indicate that for young individuals at the early stages of a major psychiatric disorder, their current depression may not uniformly involve particular neuropsychological deficits or patterns of deficits. On the other hand, there appears to be a moderate number (almost one in three) of depressed outpatients who show a global neuropsychological deficit with attention and memory being particularly impaired; a pattern consistent with what might be expected from other studies of older individuals with affective and/or psychotic disorders (Castaneda et al., 2008; Elvevag & Goldberg, 2000; Taylor Tavares, Drevets, & Sahakian, 2003). This impaired cluster may represent a group of individuals with pre-existing developmental or illness-acquired cognitive difficulties, whose problems appear more severe and possibly more enduring, despite an early diagnosis of an affective or a psychotic disorder (Hafner et al., 2008).

The neuropsychological heterogeneity, despite comparable levels of current depression, indicates that the deficits seen in early affective or psychotic disorders may be characterized by a variety of cognitive profiles and severity levels. The neurobiological correlates of this variability are not well understood. However, the present findings do suggest that a single pathophysiology among young people presenting with

affective or psychotic disorders is not apparent. In other words, the neuropsychological diversity within a sample of diagnostically heterogeneous, yet symptomatically comparable, young outpatients may be a prelude to (or act as markers for) particular illness course trajectories that may transpire, despite an early “primary” diagnosis. For example, a patient diagnosed with first-episode depression with psychotic features may only ever experience one psychotic episode but have persistent problems with mood and, therefore, functioning; in this scenario, neuropsychological profile rather than primary diagnosis may play a more important role in predicting outcome and informing treatment decisions.

In older, chronically depressed patients cognitive deficits have been found to have a substantial and unique contribution to disability; suggesting that efforts to ameliorate cognitive deficits may in turn reduce levels of disability (Naismith, Longley, Scott & Hickie, 2007). Thus, for younger depressed patients with emerging cognitive deficits, tailored and targeted interventions such as cognitive remediation may be particularly effective in improving psychosocial outcomes (Naismith, Redoblado-Hodge, Lewis, Scott, & Hickie, 2010; Redoblado Hodge et al., 2010). Despite the treatment options available, clinical practice would benefit from neuropsychological profiling as it appears to provide more information about the underlying neurobiology; and for young patients this is likely to be more indicative of outcomes than the diagnosis may suggest. As clinical research in early intervention in mental health moves to implement a “pathways-to-illness” or “illness-staging” model (McGorry et al., 2006), the potential value of neuropsychological testing (cross-sectionally and longitudinally) needs to be emphasized. This study demonstrates the considerable illness heterogeneity that is still likely to exist within these clinically defined subgroups. The potential predictive capacity of neuropsychological profiling in these subgroups now needs to be further explored.

To our knowledge this is the first study to undertake neuropsychological clustering in young depressed outpatients within the early stages of an affective or a psychotic disorder.

Our approach is novel in this regard and there are some limitations. First, we found that inter-cluster differences may be associated with intellectual ability and possibly other factors, such as general psychiatric symptom severity and gender. Our study involved a relatively small sample size for a complex statistical technique such as cluster analysis (Borgen & Barnett, 1987); future studies with much larger sample sizes could better assess the influence of premorbid ability on cluster assignment and also evaluate the impact of factors known to affect cognitive functioning, such as gender and medication (Goldstein, 1990). It should be noted that, with regard to depressive symptoms, the sample assessed here can be regarded as “non-responders” to medication [since their HDRS scores were  $>7$  (American Psychiatric Association Task Force, 2000)]; however, we did not measure HDRS before treatment so we cannot determine whether there have been changes in mood due to medication.

Second, factors such as the cross-sectional design (and, therefore, diagnostic accuracy) and potential selection bias (help-seeking outpatients) may limit the generalizability of this study. The primary diagnoses (made by the referring psychiatrist) in this study were not validated by a structured diagnostic interview, so any conclusions about the accuracy or distribution of these psychiatric disorders in this sample should be made with caution. Future studies with a longitudinal design could help to clarify both diagnostic and functional aspects which can be prone to significant changes in this vulnerable age group. Third, while attempts were made to control for the effects of extreme scores (which have the potential to create very small, independent clusters), we acknowledge that some cognitive functions (e.g., mental flexibility) may play a more important role in identifying unique profiles of neuropsychological function.

Our attempt to validate the clustering with a profile of cognitive measures from separate, non-verbal computerized tests should be treated with caution; however, it did provide further support for measures of attention being particularly sensitive to the patient subtypes. It is possible that the deficits observed across the clusters, that is, the poor learning, memory and mental flexibility may be subserved by a fundamental deficit in attention. We observed a “graded segregation” of clusters in the measure of sustained attention (see Table 2), which may support this suggestion; however, clusters 2 and 3 then “switch” in terms of their level of performance for the verbal learning and memory tasks, indicating that fundamental attention processes may not directly impact on learning and memory. Overall, the neuropsychological evidence suggests that there may be different neurobiological systems affected in patient subtypes.

Notwithstanding these limitations, this study suggests that despite very similar levels of current (in particular, depressed) symptomatology, young individuals in the early stages of illness have underlying neuropsychological heterogeneity. This suggests then, that distinct neuropsychological profiling has the potential to predict longer-term psychiatric outcomes and, therefore, enhance early, individually tailored intervention strategies.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The authors thank Catherine Chudleigh, Eleanor Frow, and Rico Lee for their assistance with data collection. We also thank individuals that participated in this study. No financial or other relationships exist that could be interpreted as a conflict of interest pertaining to this manuscript. This study was supported by the following National Health & Medical Research Council funding sources: Program Grant (No. 566529), Centres of Clinical Research Excellence Grant (No. 264611), Australia Fellowship (No. 511921) and Clinical Research Fellowship (No. 402864).

## REFERENCES

- American Psychiatric Association (2000). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed. text revision ed.). Washington DC: American Psychiatric Association Press.
- American Psychiatric Association Task Force (2000). *Handbook of psychiatric measures*. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association Press.
- Andrews, G., Goldberg, D.P., Krueger, R.F., Carpenter, W.T., Hyman, S.E., Sachdev, P., & Pine, D.S. (2009). Exploring the feasibility of a meta-structure for DSM-V and ICD-11: Could it improve utility and validity? *Psychological Medicine*, *39*, 1993–2000.
- Andrews, G., & Slade, T. (2001). Interpreting scores on the Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K10). *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, *25*, 494–497.
- Berrettini, W.H. (2000). Susceptibility loci for bipolar disorder: Overlap with inherited vulnerability to schizophrenia. *Biological Psychiatry*, *47*, 245–251.
- Bilder, R.M., Wu, H., Bogerts, B., Ashtari, M., Robinson, D., Woerner, M., ... Degreef, G. (1999). Cerebral volume asymmetries in schizophrenia and mood disorders: A quantitative magnetic resonance imaging study. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, *34*, 197–205.
- Boks, M.P.M., Leask, S., Vermunt, J.K., & Kahn, R.S. (2007). The structure of psychosis revisited: The role of mood symptoms. *Schizophrenia Research*, *93*, 178–185.
- Borgen, F.H., & Barnett, D.C. (1987). Applying cluster analysis in counseling psychology research. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, *34*, 456–458.
- Brewer, W.J., Francey, S.M., Wood, S.J., Jackson, H.J., Pantelis, C., Phillips, L.J., ... McGorry, P.D. (2005). Memory impairments identified in people at ultra-high risk for psychosis who later develop first-episode psychosis. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, *162*, 71–78.
- Burmeister, M., McInnis, M.G., & Zollner, S. (2008). Psychiatric genetics: Progress amid controversy. *Nature Reviews Genetics*, *9*, 527–540.
- Burt, D.B., Zembar, M.J., & Niederehe, G. (1995). Depression and memory impairment: A meta-analysis of the association, its pattern, and specificity. *Psychological Bulletin*, *117*, 285–305.
- Castaneda, A.E., Tuulio-Henriksson, A., Marttunen, M., Suvisaari, J., & Lonnqvist, J. (2008). A review on cognitive impairments in depressive and anxiety disorders with a focus on young adults. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, *106*, 1–27.
- Danion, J., Huron, C., Vidailhet, P., & Berna, F. (2007). Functional Mechanisms of Episodic Memory Impairment in Schizophrenia. *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, *52*, 693.
- Delano-Wood, L., Bondi, M.W., Sacco, J., Abeles, N., Jak, A.J., Libon, D.J., & Bozoki, A. (2009). Heterogeneity in mild cognitive impairment: Differences in neuropsychological profile



- and associated white matter lesion pathology. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 15, 906–914.
- Elvevag, B., & Goldberg, T.E. (2000). Cognitive impairment in schizophrenia is the core of the disorder. *Critical Reviews in Neurobiology*, 14, 1–21.
- Goldberg, D.P., Andrews, G., & Hobbs, M.J. (2009). Where should bipolar disorder appear in the meta-structure? *Psychological Medicine*, 39, 2071–2081.
- Goldman, H.H., Skodol, A.E., & Lave, T.R. (1992). Revising axis V for DSM-IV: A review of measures of social functioning. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 149, 1148–1156.
- Goldstein, G. (1990). Neuropsychological heterogeneity in schizophrenia: A consideration of abstraction and problem-solving abilities. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 5, 251–264.
- Hafner, H., an der Heiden, W., & Maurer, K. (2008). Evidence for separate diseases? Stages of one disease or different combinations of symptom dimensions? *European Archives of Psychiatry & Clinical Neuroscience*, 258(Suppl 2), 85–96.
- Hamilton, M. (1967). Development of a rating scale for primary depressive illness. *British Journal of Social & Clinical Psychology*, 6, 278–296.
- Hasler, G., Drevets, W.C., Manji, H.K., & Charney, D.S. (2004). Discovering endophenotypes for major depression. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 29, 1765–1781.
- Hermann, B., Seidenberg, M., Lee, E.-J., Chan, F., & Rutecki, P. (2007). Cognitive phenotypes in temporal lobe epilepsy. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 13, 12–20.
- Hermens, D.F., Naismith, S.L., Redoblado Hodge, M.A., Scott, E.M., & Hickie, I.B. (2010). Impaired verbal memory in young adults with unipolar and bipolar depression. *Early Intervention in Psychiatry*, 4, 227–233.
- Hetrick, S.E., Parker, A.G., Hickie, I.B., Purcell, R., Yung, A.R., & McGorry, P.D. (2008). Early identification and intervention in depressive disorders: Towards a clinical staging model. *Psychotherapy & Psychosomatics*, 77, 263–270.
- Hickie, I., Naismith, S., Ward, P.B., Turner, K., Scott, E., Mitchell, P., ... Parker, G. (2005). Reduced hippocampal volumes and memory loss in patients with early- and late-onset depression. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 186, 197–202.
- Hickie, I., Scott, E., Naismith, S., Ward, P.B., Turner, K., Parker, G., ... Wilhelm, K. (2001). Late-onset depression: Genetic, vascular and clinical contributions. *Psychological Medicine*, 31, 1403–1412.
- Hickie, I., Ward, P., Scott, E., Haindl, W., Walker, B., Dixon, J., & Turner, K. (1999). Neo-striatal rCBF correlates of psychomotor slowing in patients with major depression. *Psychiatry Research*, 92, 75–81.
- Hickie, I.B., Naismith, S.L., Ward, P.B., Little, C.L., Pearson, M., Scott, E.M., ... Parker, G. (2007). Psychomotor slowing in older patients with major depression: Relationships with blood flow in the caudate nucleus and white matter lesions. *Psychiatry Research*, 155, 211–220.
- Hill, S.K., Harris, M.S.H., Herbener, E.S., Pavuluri, M., & Sweeney, J.A. (2008). Neurocognitive Allied Phenotypes for Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 34, 743–759.
- Hoff, A.L., Sakuma, M., Wieneke, M., Horon, R., Kushner, M., & DeLisi, L.E. (1999). Longitudinal neuropsychological follow-up study of patients with first-episode schizophrenia. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 156, 1336–1341.
- Jablensky, A. (2009). A meta-commentary on the proposal for a meta-structure for DSM-V and ICD-11. *Psychological Medicine*, 39, 2099–2103.
- Keller, M.B. (2003). Past, present, and future directions for defining optimal treatment outcome in depression: Remission and beyond. *JAMA*, 289, 3152–3160.
- Kessler, R.C., Andrews, G., Colpe, L.J., Hiripi, E., Mroczek, D.K., Normand, S.L., ... Zaslavsky, A.M. (2002). Short screening scales to monitor population prevalences and trends in non-specific psychological distress. *Psychological Medicine*, 32, 959–976.
- Landro, N.I., Stiles, T.C., & Sletvold, H. (2001). Neuropsychological function in nonpsychotic unipolar major depression. *Neuropsychiatry, Neuropsychology, & Behavioral Neurology*, 14, 233–240.
- Leucht, S., Kane, J.M., Kissling, W., Hamann, J., Etschel, E., & Engel, R. (2005). Clinical implications of Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale scores. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 187, 366–371.
- Lewinsohn, P.M., Solomon, A., Seeley, J.R., & Zeiss, A. (2000). Clinical implications of “subthreshold” depressive symptoms. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 109, 345–351.
- Lewis, C.M., Levinson, D.F., Wise, L.H., DeLisi, L.E., Straub, R.E., Hovatta, I., ... Helgason, T. (2003). Genome Scan Meta-Analysis of Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder, Part II: Schizophrenia. *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, 73, 34–48.
- Lovibond, P.F., & Lovibond, S.H. (1995). The structure of negative emotional states: Comparison of the Depression Anxiety Stress Scales (DASS) with the Beck Depression and Anxiety Inventories. *Behaviour Research & Therapy*, 33, 335–343.
- Maier, W., Lichtermann, D., Minges, J., Hallmayer, J., Heun, R., Benkert, O., & Douglas, F.L. (1993). Continuity and Discontinuity of Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia: Results of a Controlled Family Study. *Archives of General Psychiatry*, 50, 871–883.
- McDermott, L.M., & Ebmeier, K.P. (2009). A meta-analysis of depression severity and cognitive function. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 119, 1–8.
- McGorry, P.D., Hickie, I.B., Yung, A.R., Pantelis, C., & Jackson, H.J. (2006). Clinical staging of psychiatric disorders: A heuristic framework for choosing earlier, safer and more effective interventions. *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*, 40, 616–622.
- Meyers, J., & Meyers, K. (1995). *Rey Complex Figure Test and Recognition Trial: Professional Manual*. Odessa: Psychological Association Resources, Inc.
- Mohamed, S., Paulsen, J.S., O’Leary, D., Arndt, S., & Andreasen, N. (1999). Generalized cognitive deficits in schizophrenia: A study of first-episode patients. *Archives of General Psychiatry*, 56, 749–754.
- Naismith, S., Hickie, I., Ward, P.B., Turner, K., Scott, E., Little, C., ... Parker, G. (2002). Caudate nucleus volumes and genetic determinants of homocysteine metabolism in the prediction of psychomotor speed in older persons with depression. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 159, 2096–2098.
- Naismith, S.L., Hickie, I.B., Turner, K., Little, C.L., Winter, V., Ward, P.B., ... Parker, G. (2003). Neuropsychological performance in patients with depression is associated with clinical, etiological and genetic risk factors. *Journal of Clinical & Experimental Neuropsychology*, 25, 866–877.
- Naismith, S.L., Hickie, I.B., Ward, P.B., Scott, E., & Little, C. (2006). Impaired implicit sequence learning in depression: A probe for frontostriatal dysfunction? *Psychological Medicine*, 36, 313–323.
- Naismith, S.L., Lagopoulos, J., Ward, P.B., Davey, C.G., Little, C., & Hickie, I.B. (2010). Frontostriatal correlates of impaired implicit sequence learning in major depression: An fMRI study. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 125, 256–261.

- Naismith, S.L., Longley, W.A., Scott, E.M., & Hickie, I.B. (2007). Disability in major depression related to self-rated and objectively-measured cognitive deficits: A preliminary study. *BMC Psychiatry*, 7, doi:10.1186/1471-244X-7-32.
- Naismith, S.L., Redoblado-Hodge, M.A., Lewis, S.J.G., Scott, E.M., & Hickie, I.B. (2010). Cognitive training in affective disorders improves memory: A preliminary study using the NEAR approach. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 121, 258–262.
- Norusis, M.J. (2010). *PASW Statistics 18 Guide to Data Analysis*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
- Ottowitz, W.E., Dougherty, D.D., & Savage, C.R. (2002). The neural network basis for abnormalities of attention and executive function in major depressive disorder: Implications for application of the medical disease model to psychiatric disorders. *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 10, 86–99.
- Overall, J.E., & Gorham, D.R. (1962). The Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale. *Psychological Reports*, 10, 799–812.
- Paelecke-Habermann, Y., Pohl, J., & Leplow, B. (2005). Attention and executive functions in remitted major depression patients. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 89, 125–135.
- Quraishi, S., & Frangou, S. (2002). Neuropsychology of bipolar disorder: A review. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 72, 209–226.
- Redoblado Hodge, M.A., Siciliano, D., Withey, P., Moss, B., Moore, G., Judd, G., ... Harris, A. (2010). A Randomized Controlled Trial of Cognitive Remediation in Schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 36, 419–427.
- Rickert, P., & Senior, G. (1998, October). WMS-III list learning test and the Rey auditory verbal learning test: Comparisons and Australian normative data. 4th Annual Conference of the College of Clinical Neuropsychologists Loren, Victoria, Australia.
- Sahakian, B.J., & Owen, A.M. (1992). Computerized assessment in neuropsychiatry using CANTAB: Discussion paper. *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, 85, 399–402.
- Scott, E., Naismith, S.L., Whitwell, B.G., Hamilton, B., Chudleigh, C., & Hickie, I.B. (2009). Delivering youth-specific mental health services: The advantages of a collaborative, multi-disciplinary system. *Australasian Psychiatry*, 17, 189–194.
- Sheline, Y.I., Sanghavi, M., Mintun, M.A., & Gado, M.H. (1999). Depression duration but not age predicts hippocampal volume loss in medically healthy women with recurrent major depression. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 19, 5034–5043.
- Shenal, B.V., Harrison, D.W., & Demaree, H.A. (2003). The neuropsychology of depression: A literature review and preliminary model. *Neuropsychology Review*, 13, 33–42.
- Simon, A.E., Cattapan-Ludewig, K., Zmilacher, S., Arbach, D., Gruber, K., Dvorsky, D.N., ... Umbricht, D. (2007). Cognitive functioning in the schizophrenia prodrome. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 33, 761–771.
- Sobin, C., & Sackeim, H.A. (1997). Psychomotor symptoms of depression. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 154, 4–17.
- Strauss, E., Sherman, E.M.S., & Spreen, O. (2006). *A compendium of neuropsychological tests: Administration, norms, and commentary* (3rd ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Taylor Tavares, J.V., Drevets, W.C., & Sahakian, B.J. (2003). Cognition in mania and depression. *Psychological Medicine*, 33, 959–967.
- Tombaugh, T.N., Kozak, J., & Rees, L. (1998). Normative data for the controlled oral word association test (1996). In E. Strauss & O. Spreen (Eds.), *A compendium of neuropsychological tests*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Tsourtos, G., Thompson, J.C., & Stough, C. (2002). Evidence of an early information processing speed deficit in unipolar major depression. *Psychological Medicine*, 32, 259–265.
- Wechsler, D. (1997). *Manual for the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale* (3rd ed.). San Antonio, TX: Psychological Corporation.
- Wechsler, D. (2002). *Wechsler Test of Adult Reading*. San Antonio, TX: Psychological Corporation.