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What is the arcuate fasciculus?

The arcuate fasciculus is a bundle of axons that connects the temporal cortex and inferior parietal cortex to locations in the frontal lobe. One of the key roles of the arcuate fasciculus is connecting Broca's and Wernicke's areas, which are involved in producing and understanding language. Therefore, there may be anomalies in the arcuate fasciculus of people with schizophrenia who experience auditory-verbal hallucinations.

What is the evidence for changes in the arcuate fasciculus?

Moderate quality evidence found reduced white matter integrity in the bilateral arcuate fasciculus, including bilateral anterior and posterior segments, and the left long segment.

There was reduced white matter integrity in the left, but not the right arcuate fasciculus in people with schizophrenia who experience auditory-verbal hallucinations.

For more information see the technical table



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NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) is one of the largest independent medical and clinical research institutes in Australia and an international leader in neurological research.

Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical enefits for all patients.

While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

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