

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table 1. Demographics and working memory performance in the imaging subgroup.

	Met allele carriers (N = 44)		Val homozygotes (N = 77)		COMT F/χ ² (p) ^a	Sex F/χ ² (p) ^a	COMT × Sex F/χ ² (p) ^a
	Male (N = 19)	Female (N = 25)	Male (N = 31)	Female (N = 46)			
Age, yrs	67.05±8.30	63.32±7.94	66.97±6.88	64.91±6.68	0.29(0.59)	4.33(0.04)	0.36(0.55)
Education, yrs	11.63±2.87	10.60±2.93	12.03±3.59	11.54±3.02	1.25(0.27)	1.60(0.21)	0.20(0.65)
APOE ε4 carriers	5(26%)	7(28%)	7(23%)	16(35%)	0.09(0.76)	1.01(0.32)	1.45(0.69)
MMSE,score	28.21±1.36	27.80±1.47	28.29±1.66	27.98±1.54	0.03(0.87)	1.05(0.31)	0.01(0.92)
DST, score							
Forward	7.83±1.15	7.56±1.56	7.45±1.34	7.43±1.47	2.19(0.14)	0.24(0.62)	0.19(0.66)
Backward	4.79±1.18	4.52±1.08	4.74±1.50	4.70±1.35	< 0.01(0.99)	0.15(0.70)	0.13(0.72)
2-back task performance							
Reaction Time, ms	591.95±95.44	619.44±123.27	637.11±107.37	608.85±113.59	0.70(0.40)	0.02(0.89)	1.72(0.19)
Accurate Rate	0.93±0.05	0.92±0.05	0.92±0.05	0.89±0.10	2.48(0.12)	5.56(0.02)	0.07(0.80)

Values are means ± SD.

COMT, catechol-O-methyltransferase Val¹⁵⁸Met genotype; MMSE, Mini-Mental State Examination; DST, Digit Span Subtest.

^a Comparisons between groups were performed using Wald χ²-test for APOE ε4. Two-way analysis of covariance (two-way ANCOVA) was used to determine the main effect of the genotype and sex on the MMSE and working memory performance, as well as the interaction between them (age, education, and APOE ε4 as covariates).

Supplementary Table 2. Effects of COMT genotype and sex effects on task-related brain activity.

Brain region	Genotype effect: Met allele carriers > Val homozygotes	MNI coordinates			Cluster size	T value	P value
		X	Y	Z			
Activation regions	Left inferior temporal gyrus	-54	-54	-12	68	3.84	1.01E-04
	Triangular part of left inferior frontal gyrus	-57	18	3	156	4.33	1.63E-05
	Sex effect: Male > Female						
	Left angular gyrus	-45	-69	39	246	4.22	2.45E-05
Deactivation regions	Interaction effect:						
	Right precuneus	3	-51	24	30	3.30	6.50E-04
	Right superior occipital gyrus	15	-87	27	37	3.67	1.87E-04

Supplementary Table 3. Effects of *COMT* genotype and sex on task-based background functional connectivity.

ROI seed	Brain region	MNI coordinates			Cluster size	T value	P value
		X	Y	Z			
Triangular part of left inferior frontal gyrus (Genotype effect seed)	Sex effect: Male < Female						
	Left calcarine	-9	-63	9	181	-4.10	3.82E-05
	Right calcarine	18	-60	12	56	-3.89	8.55E-05
	Left superior temporal gyrus	-63	-18	9	38	-3.89	8.53E-05
Left angular gyrus (Sex effect seed)							
	Genotype effect: Met allele carriers < Val homozygotes						
	Right angular gyrus	45	-63	45	31	-3.37	5.09E-04
	Sex effect: Male < Female						
	Left medial superior frontal gyrus	-3	51	21	45	-3.94	6.96E-05
	Right superior temporal gyrus	57	-48	21	31	-4.27	2.00E-05