

**Evidence of brain inflammation in patients with Human T Lymphotropic Virus type 1 associated myelopathy (HAM): A pilot, multi modal imaging study using [<sup>11</sup>C] PBR28 PET, MR T1w and DWI.**

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## Abstract

HAM is a chronic debilitating neuroinflammatory disease with a predilection for the thoracic cord. Tissue damage is attributed to the cellular immune response to HTLV-1 infected lymphocytes. Using a specific 18KDa Translocator Protein ligand, [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28, T1-weighted and Diffusion Weighted magnetic resonance imaging, the brains of HTLV-1 infected patients, with and without HAM but no clinical evidence of brain involvement, were examined.

**Methods:** Five subjects with HAM and two HTLV-1 asymptomatic carriers (AC) were studied. All underwent clinical neurological assessment including cognitive function and objective measures of gait, quantification of HTLV-1 proviral load in peripheral blood mononuclear cells and HLA DR expression on circulating CD8+ lymphocytes. [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28 PET and MRI were performed on the same day. [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 PET total volume of distribution ( $V_T$ ) and distribution volume ratio (DVR) were estimated using 2-tissue compartment modelling. MRI data was processed using tools from the FMRIB Software Library (FSL) to estimate mean diffusivity (MD) and grey matter (GM) fraction changes. The results were compared with data from age matched healthy volunteers.

**Results:** Across the whole brain the  $V_T$  for the subjects with HAM ( $5.44 \pm 0.84$ ) was significantly greater than those of AC ( $3.44 \pm 0.80$ ). The DVR of thalamus in patients with severe and moderate HAM were higher compared to the healthy volunteers suggesting increased TSPO binding ( $z > 4.72$ ). Subjects with more severe myelopathy and with high DR expression on CD8+ lymphocytes had increased DVR and MD (near-significant correlation found for the right thalamus MD:  $p = 0.06$ ). On the T1-weighted MRI scans, the GM fraction of the brain stem was reduced in all HTLV1-infected patients compared to controls ( $p < 0.001$ ), whilst the thalamus GM

fraction was decreased in patients with HAM and correlated with the disease severity. There was no correlation between neurocognitive function and these markers of CNS inflammation.

**Conclusions:** This pilot study suggests that some patients with HAM have asymptomatic inflammation in the brain which can be detected and monitored by [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 PET together with structural and diffusion-weighted MRI.

Keywords: HTLV1, HAM, Neuroinflammation, MRI, DWI, PET, [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28

## Introduction

The human T-lymphotropic virus type 1 (HTLV-1) is an exogenous human retrovirus which infects at least 10 million people worldwide(1). HTLV-1 is the etiological agent of a progressive neurological disease, HTLV-1-associated myelopathy (HAM)(2). HAM overtly affects 2-4% of HTLV-1 infected persons at some point during this life-long infection(3) (4), whilst sub-clinical disease is also reported(5). HAM is characterised clinically by several or all of the following: progressive spastic paraparesis, lumbar pain frequently radiating to legs, urinary symptoms, constipation and impotence(6). The neuroinflammation has a predilection for the thoracic cord, but cases of generalised encephalitis as well as more subtle neuro-cognitive change have been reported (7).

Neuroinflammation causes elevated expression of the 18kDa Translocator Protein (TSPO), formerly known as the peripheral benzodiazepine receptor (PBR), within macrophages and microglia. TSPO has been used as a positron emission tomography (PET) target for investigation of disease involving microglial activation and/or macrophage recruitment. Recently, second generation tracers have been developed to target TSPO (8) (9). Human tissue binds to these tracers with either high affinity (HABs), low affinity (LABs) or a mixture of the two (MABs), determined by the rs6971 polymorphism in the TSPO gene(10). [<sup>11</sup>C]PBR28, a second generation tracer with promising characteristics, has been investigated as a marker of neuroinflammation in diseases such as cerebral infarction, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease and depression(11) (12) (13) (14). Magnetic resonance (MR) diffusion weighted imaging (DWI) can provide a measure of tissue integrity, being able to detect change in tissue that appears normal on conventional MR imaging.

We hypothesised that evidence of inflammation in the brain of patients with HTLV-1 could be detected by these imaging modalities, despite the absence of overt clinical abnormality above the spinal cord.

## **Materials and Methods**

The study was conducted at St Mary's Hospital, London and Imanova Centre for Imaging Sciences, London. The study was approved by the National Research Ethics Service (Reference: 11/SC/0130) and the Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee and all subjects gave written informed consent. Seven HTLV-1 infected subjects, five with HAM and two asymptomatic carriers (AC) and all determined to be HABs participated. All underwent a T1-weighted MR scan, MR DWI, and a [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28 PET scan. Data for one subject with HAM (subject #3) was not evaluable due to intolerance of the scanning process and one subject (subject #1) managed only the first 55 of the intended 90 minute PET data acquisition (Table1). Both remained in the study completing all other evaluations.

Structural MR images were inspected for unexpected findings of clinical significance or features that might confound PET co-registration or quantitative analysis. The neuroimaging analysis team were single blind to the clinical findings at the time of analysis.

Subjects underwent routine clinical assessment including 10m timed walk, 6 minute walking test, timed up and go, modified Ashworth's spasticity score and 11 point visual analogue pain score. Additionally neurocognitive function was assessed by validated psychometric tests including National Adult Reading Test (NART), Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS), Rapid Visual Information processing and Choice reaction time. Concurrent PBMC proviral load and T-lymphocyte data were utilised but CSF data were from the most recent lumbar puncture. Patients on potentially disease-modifying therapy were excluded.

Historical [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 PET data for eight age matched healthy volunteers (two female,  $55.6 \pm 6.1$  years, all HABs) acquired at the same centre with the same scanner and imaging protocol, were used for comparison with the patients. Three of these eight control subjects also had DWI and were therefore used in the MRI analysis, together with historical DWI (and T1w scans) from a further three healthy volunteers ( $n=6$ ,  $47.5 \pm 3.9$  yrs.).

### **PET imaging and MR Imaging**

[ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 ( $340.16 \pm 13.60$  MBq) was injected as an intravenous bolus over approximately 20 seconds at the start of 90 minutes 3D-mode dynamic PET acquisition. PET data were reconstructed using filtered back projection with corrections for attenuation and scatter (based on a low-dose CT acquisition). Dynamic data were binned into 26 frames (durations: 8x15s, 3x1min, 5x2min, 5x5min, 5x10min). Arterial blood was sampled via the radial artery to enable generation of an arterial plasma input function. Blood samples taken at 5, 10, 20, 30, 50, 70 and 90 min were also analysed using high performance liquid chromatography to determine the fraction of parent radioactivity in arterial plasma. The generation of the metabolite corrected plasma input function has been detailed previously(15).

Each subject underwent MRI scanning on a Siemens 3T Verio with a 32-channel phased array head coil. A 1mm isotropic whole-brain structural 3D T1-weighted MPRAGE(16) was acquired using the ADNI-GO parameters(17) with a parallel imaging factor of 2 in 5m: 09s. In addition, a 2mm isotropic 12-diffusion direction DWI scan ( $b=0$  and  $1000 \text{ s/mm}^2$ ) covered 49 contiguous 2mm slices of the brain.

### **PET Image Analysis**

Dynamic PET data were corrected for motion via frame-to-frame image registration and aligned with the individual's structural T1 MRI image using SPM5 (Wellcome Trust Center for Neuroimaging, <http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm>) with a mutual information cost function. Probability maps of brain grey and white matter were generated from the T1-weighted image data after segmentation using SPM5. The CIC neuroanatomical atlas(18) was nonlinearly deformed into the individual's space, via T1 MRI data mapping, to obtain a personalized anatomical parcellation of regions of interest (ROIs). Attention focused on regions of different levels of binding such as thalamus, hippocampus, amygdala, cerebellum, caudate and brain stem (including the medulla, pons and midbrain). Each ROI was then applied to the dynamic PET data to derive regional time-activity curves (TACs).

### **PET Kinetic Analysis**

A two tissue compartment model, utilising the metabolite corrected plasma input function, was applied to the regional PET time activity data using a fixed blood volume correction of 5%. For each ROI examined, the total volume of distribution ( $V_T$ ) was estimated from the rate constants as described previously(19). The Logan graphical method(20) employing a plasma input, 5% fixed blood volume and a linear start time at 35 min was also applied to estimate the  $V_T$  at the voxel level to produce a parametric  $V_T$  map for each subject. In addition to  $V_T$ , the distribution volume ratio (DVR, a  $V_T$  ratio between a target ROI and a pseudo reference region, in this case, cortical grey matter) was also obtained for each ROI in order to increase sensitivity to identifying local differences across subjects. Time stability of regional  $V_T$  was studied across all subjects. Based on this analysis, the  $V_T$  estimated from the 55 minute data of subject #1 was corrected for the bias induced from shorter scan duration in order to be consistent with the other subjects. Model fitting and parameter estimation was performed using software implemented in Matlab

R2008b (The MathWorks Inc., Natick, MA, USA).

## **MRI Image Analysis**

MRI data processing used tools from the FMRIB Software Library (FSL) v4.1.9: FSL-VBM(21) to generate Jacobian-modulated, smooth (sigma=3mm) GM volumes in the MNI152 standard space for exploration of voxel-wise differences in grey matter (GM) volume (between HAM patients and controls); and functions from FMRIB's Diffusion Toolbox (FDT)(22) to generate motion-corrected, co-registered MD maps for ROI analysis in each subject's native image space. For the voxel-wise statistics and inference in Voxel-based morphometry (VBM), design files were generated with age as a nuisance variable, and Randomise (permutation testing) was run with threshold-free cluster enhancement (TFCE). The CIC neuroanatomical atlas(18) was applied to the modulated GM maps (in MNI152 standard space) to derive the mean GM volume per voxel in each aforementioned target ROI.

## **Statistical Analysis**

With the exception of the VBM analysis, the patients were evaluated individually due to the small sample size. Z-scores of the regional  $V_T$ , DVR and GM measures were generated for each patient compared to healthy controls, as well as ROI MD measures for all subjects. Correlations between these in vivo imaging measures and the laboratory and clinical assessments were investigated.

## ***Results***

### **Demographics and Clinical assessment**



Five females and two males, aged 48 – 66 (median 57) years, participated in the study. Two females with HAM were Caucasian, the remaining subjects were Afro-Caribbean. Patients with HAM had been symptomatic for 2 – 19 (median 8) years with a range of severity from severe and progressing to mild and stable as summarised in Table 1. All patients, including the two AC, had a proviral load >1 HTLV-1 DNA copy per 100 PBMCs. CSF data in the patients with HAM were available revealing no or mild increases in CSF protein and lymphocyte counts but a uniformly high CSF: PBMC HTLV-1 proviral load ratio (median 3.7, range 1.4 – 4.7). Neurocognitive assessment (Supplemental Table 1) did not reveal any consistent findings.

### **Estimation of $V_T$ and DVR**

The regional  $V_T$  values for individual patients and controls are shown in Figure 1. Global differences between patients were observed across the whole brain. Patient #2 with severe HAM (HAMs2) and patient #5 with moderate HAM (HAMmo) showed the highest TSPO binding, followed by patient #1 (severe HAM, HAMs1) and patient #4 (mild HAM, HAMmi). The  $V_T$  values of all HAM subjects are higher than for the AC with high proviral load, across the whole brain. When compared with the uninfected controls, HAMs2 and HAMmo showed significantly higher TSPO binding in brain stem and thalamus with  $z > 1.94$  (Table 2). There was no significant difference in metabolite profile, parent plasma input function (Supplementary Figure 1) or plasma free fraction between the groups (fp in controls:  $2.37\% \pm 1.79\%$ , HAM patients:  $1.83\% \pm 0.73\%$ , asymptomatic carriers:  $0.95\% \pm 0.14\%$ ). Controls, HAMs and ACs showed similar time stability of  $V_T$ , which is also consistent with little difference in the influence of radiometabolites (Supplementary Figure 2).

Among the HAM subjects, HAMs1 showed lower binding than HAMs2 and HAMmo. This might be due to underestimation of the global  $V_T$  value as this subject was only scanned for 55 minutes. Since the  $V_T$  of [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28 has been reported to increase with scan duration<sup>15</sup> we corrected the  $V_T$  by a scaling factor estimated from the whole population including both patients and controls ( $V_T$  increased by 16% from 55min to 90min, see supplementary figure 2). However our data suggest that the increase in magnitude due to reduced scan duration is greater in patients with high binding than in controls, therefore the performed correction is conservative and the true  $V_T$  value for this subject potentially higher. When cortical grey matter was considered as a pseudo reference region in order to normalise the total volume distribution and increase sensitivity to evaluating regional differences, the DVR of all subjects with severe and moderate HAM were significantly higher than the controls, in the thalamus with z-scores >4 (Table 3).

The spatially normalised  $V_T$  parametric maps are shown in Figure 2. Compared with the healthy uninfected volunteers regional increase of TSPO binding in the thalamus and brain stem is demonstrated in the patients with severe and moderate HAM but not in the HTLV-1 AC.

Based on the evidence of increased TSPO binding in the thalamus of patients with severe and moderate HAM, we studied the correlation between the TSPO signal in this region with peripheral blood CD8+DR+ cell counts and with 10m walk time. There is a trend for a positive correlation between the PET outcome measures ( $V_T$  and DVR) and the two laboratory and clinical measures, although this did not reach significance due to the small sample size (Figure 3). This regional difference in thalamus as shown in DVR in addition to the global change in  $V_T$  in HAM patients compared to controls suggests that the increased TSPO binding seen here was not driven by the possible changes in radioligand binding in the periphery due to increased

activated lymphocytes. TSPO binding did not correlate with any domain of the neurocognitive function tests.

## **MRI Results**

The VBM (1-p) corrected p-value images (Figure 4) revealed little overall difference in grey-matter topography between HTLV-1 infected patients and healthy uninfected controls, mostly limited to the brain stem and the left hippocampus. The regional analysis of GM fraction (Figure 5) clearly shows that HTLV-1 patients have decreased GM volume in these brain stem and hippocampus regions compared to the healthy volunteers. Individual patient z-scores for each regional GM fraction are presented in Supplemental Table 2. Interestingly, the ROI analysis on the modulated GM maps also showed strong positive correlations between clinical scores and HAM-severity in the thalamus (left>right) (Figure 6: top). Additionally, the thalamus shows a marked increase in MD in the HAM-severe patients compared to the controls, and a positive correlation with HAM-severity and CD8/HLA-DR (Figure 6: bottom).

## **Discussion**

In this [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 study TSPO binding showed a global difference across the whole brain with regard to the  $V_T$  values. HAM subjects with severe disease showed highest binding followed by those with moderate and mild disease in decreasing order. Furthermore there was a specific increase in TSPO binding in the thalamus and brain stem in subjects with severe and moderate disease compared to AC, whilst the binding in AC was similar to the HTLV-uninfected controls. This increase in binding, which suggests increased microglial activation, correlated with a marker of T-cell activation (%CD8 cells expressing HLA-DR) and a marker of disease severity

(10m walk time). In our cohort we have found the percentage of circulating activated CD8+ lymphocytes (HLA DR+) to be significantly higher in patients with HAM (47%), than in AC (28%  $p=0.00001$ ), than in healthy HTLV-1 uninfected controls (20%,  $p < 0.01$  AC v controls) and perceive this to be evidence of on-going inflammation in the periphery (Taylor unpublished data). Although the correlation between the  $V_T$ , DVR and these laboratory and clinical measures was not significant due to small sample size, the positive trend suggests that brain inflammation is related with severity of HAM which has not been documented before.

VBM, which allows investigation of focal differences in brain anatomy, shows loss of GM in subjects with HAM, with strong positive correlations between clinical scores and HAM-severity in the thalamus (left>right). MD, a marker of inflammation, is increased in the thalamus in HAM-severe patients compared to the controls (right>left), and shows a near-significant ( $p=0.06$ ) positive correlation with HAM-severity and %CD8+DR+. Thus the PET imaging evidence of brain inflammation, mostly in the region of the thalamus, is supported by the MR findings. Previous MRI studies have shown abnormal signals of white matter in the cerebrum, which was associated with inflammation, but these were usually small and not seen in all patients with HAM (23). In contrast, our MR analysis supported by [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]PBR28 PET imaging, shows, in subjects with moderate to severe HAM, evidence of current brain inflammation despite up to 19 years of disease. Whilst the detection of sub-clinical inflammation in the brain stem, as a continuum of the inflammatory process in the spinal cord might not be unexpected, we speculate that both this and the thalamic focus may have a similar aetiology to the microglial activation seen along the cortico-thalamic tracts and in the thalamus, with PL11195 PET imaging, months to years post traumatic brain injury(24).

HTLV-1 does not infect neurons, and the pathogenesis of HAM is currently attributed to bystander tissue damage consequent upon the cellular immune response to infected lymphocytes that enter the central nervous system(25). Factors associated with disease include high proviral load in PBMCs and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) lymphocytes, and genetics, especially HLA genotype(26)· (27). Shared HTLV-1 integration sites in CSF lymphocyte and PBMCs of patients with HAM(28) suggests that HTLV-1-infected lymphocytes migrate from the periphery into the CNS. A high frequency of HTLV-1 specific CD4 T-lymphocytes is seen in patients with high HTLV-1 proviral load(29) and expression of HTLV-1 in the CNS is thought to result in a local immune response.

The myelopathic symptoms with sparing of the upper limbs are indicative of inflammation in the thoracic spinal cord and symptoms suggesting brain involvement are unusual in patients with HAM. This study shows evidence of an on-going inflammatory process in selective regions of the brain despite the absence of overt clinical evidence of neurocognitive impairment or localising neurology. Although unusual, increased TSPO binding without clinical symptoms has been observed in pre-symptomatic Huntington's Disease patients (30).

Post mortem studies in patients with HAM have shown grossly unremarkable brain except for diffuse thickening of the leptomeninges(31). Our finding of sub-clinical brain inflammation in patients with HAM is however consistent with the histological study of Akizuki *et al*(32), who found small numbers of infiltrating cells, mostly CD4+ and CD8+ lymphocytes and foamy macrophages in the midbrain, pons, medulla oblongata, cerebellum and cerebral white matter. Inflammation involved both white and grey matter, but where affected white matter was preferentially degenerated. Furthermore, activated infiltrating macrophages and microglia expressing MRP14 and MRP8 have been demonstrated in HAM(33). In cases of longer duration,

myelin and axon are equally degenerated and lost. Tissue is largely replaced by glial scar with foamy cells, microglial cells and a small number of lymphocytes, mostly CD8+(34). Our identification by VBM of reduced grey matter is consistent with this histological evidence. In another study perivascular inflammatory infiltration in the cerebrum was seen in deep white matter and in the marginal area of cortex and white matter. In addition to infiltrating cells, demyelination and axonal damage were seen in the lesions. The authors suggested that the HAM inflammatory process progressed in the whole CNS simultaneously (35). Preliminary in-house data suggest that the degree of brain inflammation seen with [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ] PBR28 in patients with HAM is much greater than that seen in dementia, multiple sclerosis, stroke and depression. The CNS inflammation seen in patients with HAM was not seen in the ACs despite their similar high HTLV-1 proviral load in PBMCs. The additional inflammatory process triggers remain unknown. Genetic susceptibility associated with a less efficient adaptive immune response is implicated.

Once validated, these tools have great potential in the clinic: determination of on-going inflammation, especially in long-standing disease will allow targeted prescription of immune modulation whilst imaging pre- and post- therapeutic intervention will be useful in the assessment of novel therapies as well as to determine treatment efficacy for individual patients.

## **Conclusion**

Evidence of inflammation in the brains of patients with more severe HAM were observed by two imaging modalities and despite the small number of subjects there were correlations between clinical metrics and inflammation. This adds to the strength of the observation, notwithstanding the susceptibility to type 1 error of comparison of the clinical metrics with multiple regions.

Further studies are needed to confirm and extend these findings but the data suggest [<sup>11</sup>C]PBR28 PET, T1w MRI and DWI are promising tools to detect and monitor active HAM and to directly investigate the efficacy of therapeutic targets on HTLV-1-associated neuroinflammation.

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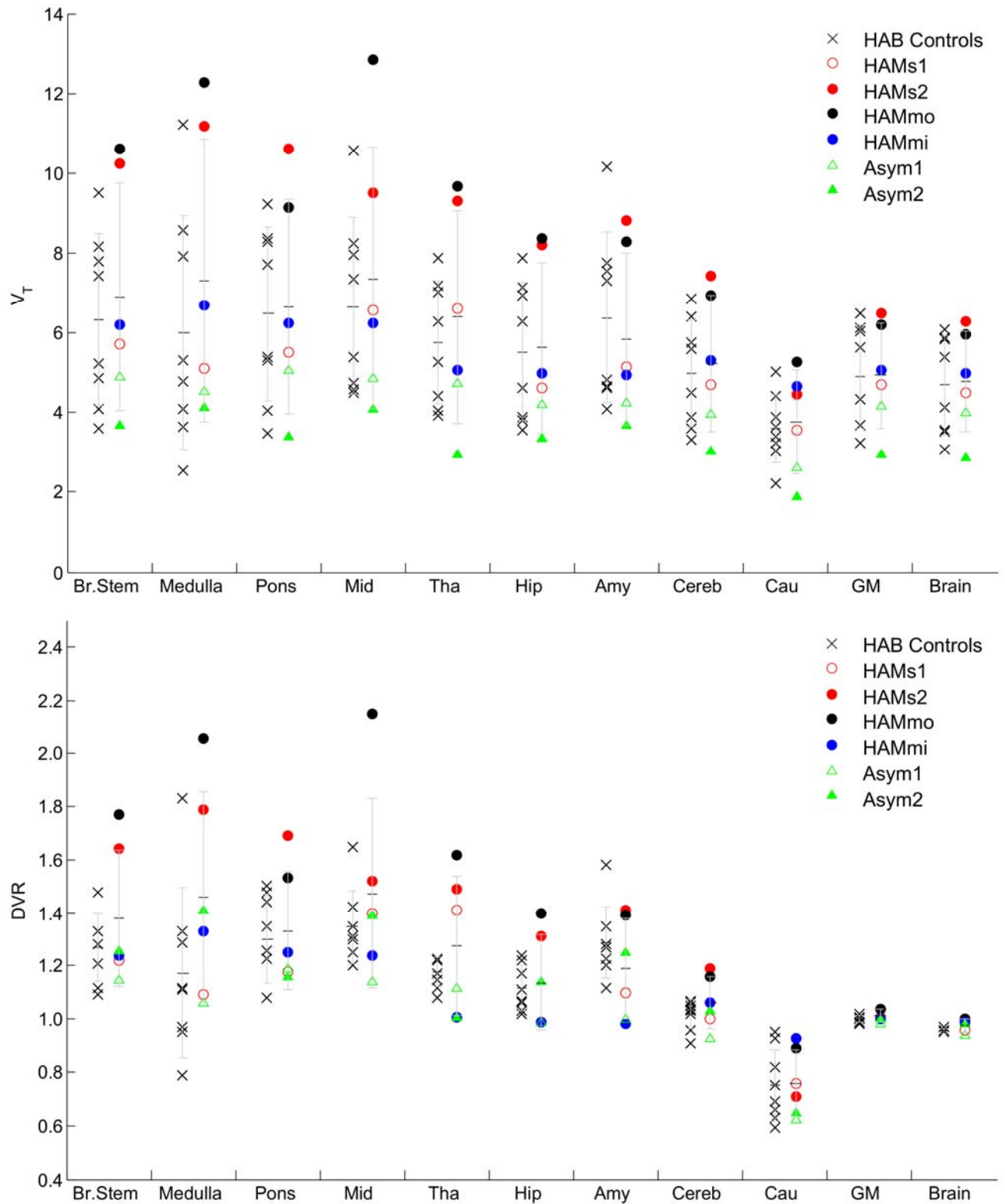


Figure 1. Comparison of the regional VT (top) and DVR (bottom) of [11C] PBR28 in HTLV1 subjects compared to healthy volunteers. Error bar is one standard deviation.

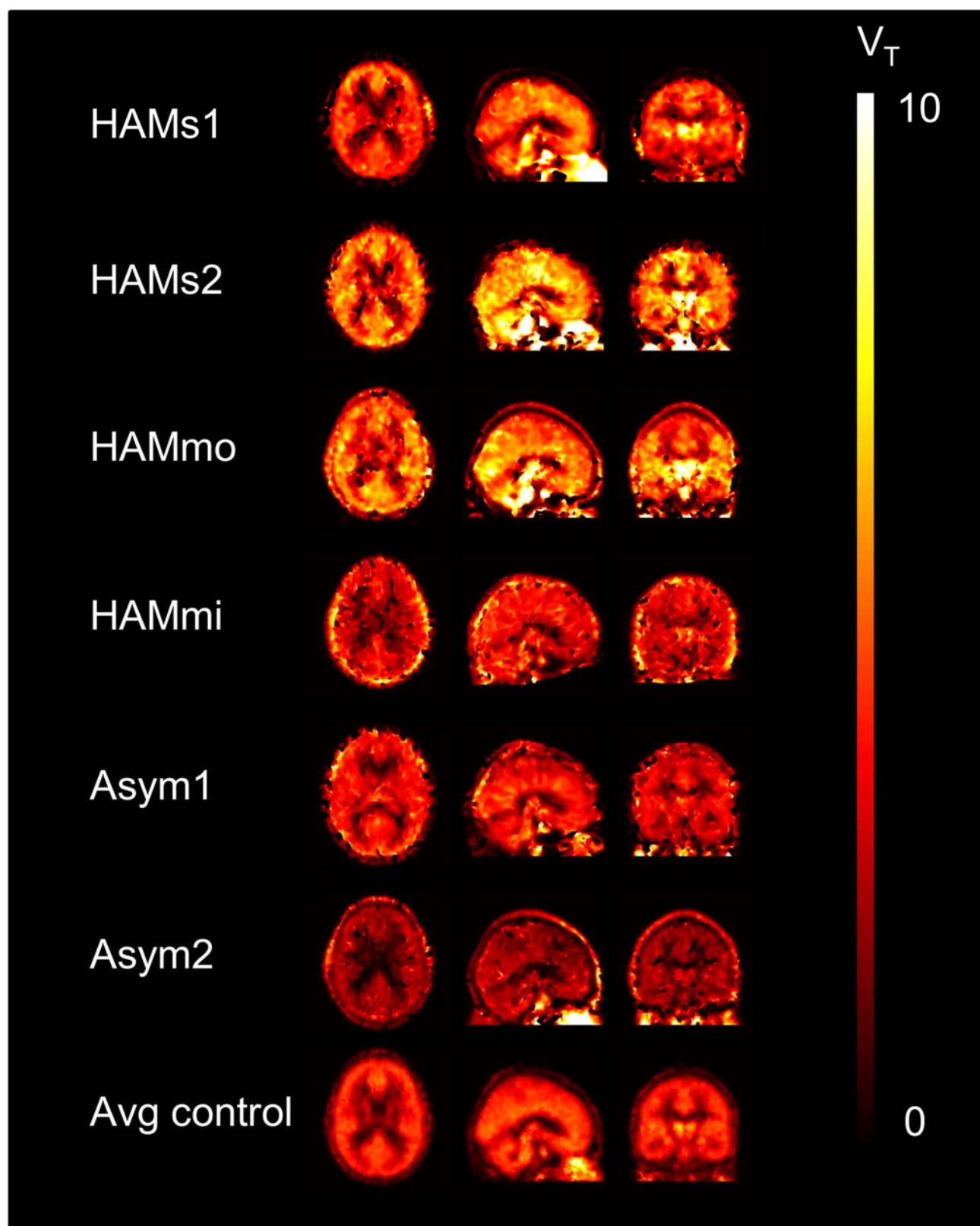


Figure 2. Spatially normalised VT parametric maps of individual HTLV-1 carriers and population averaged healthy controls.

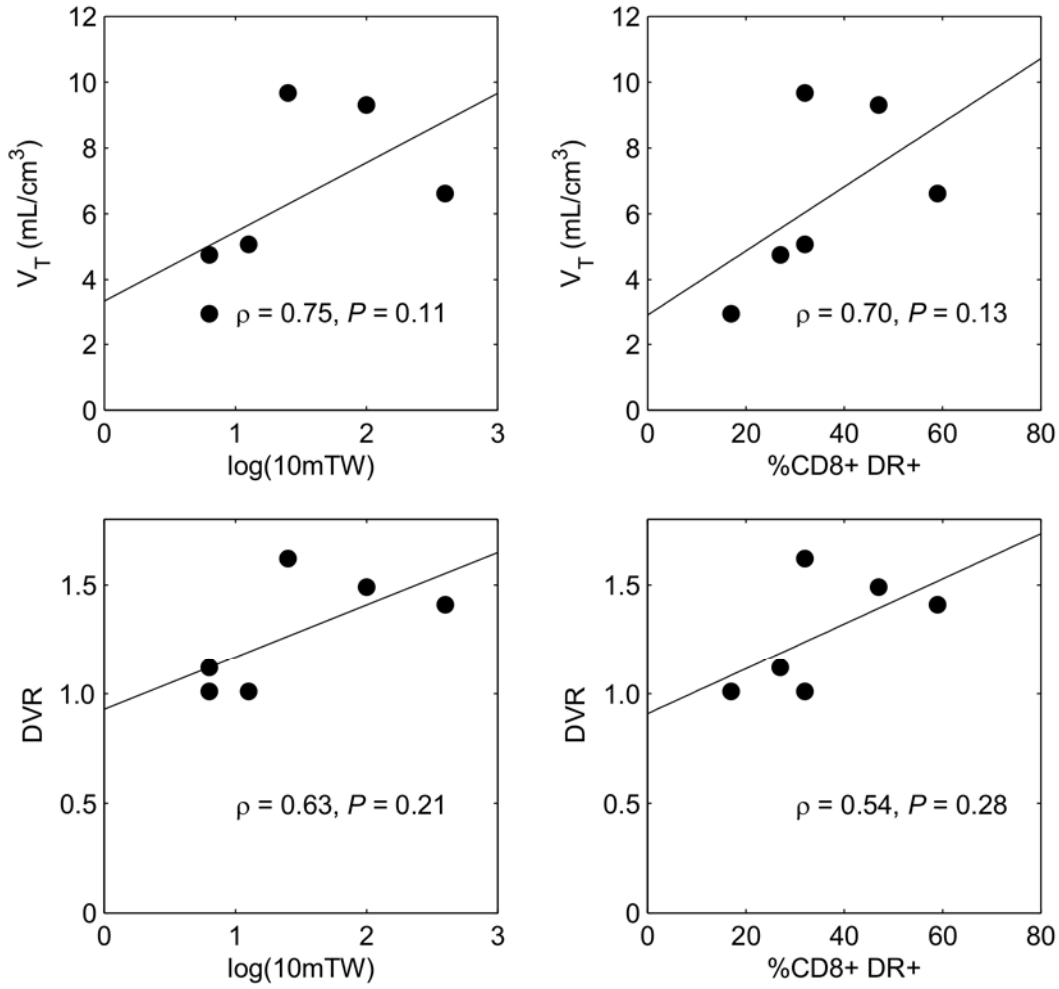
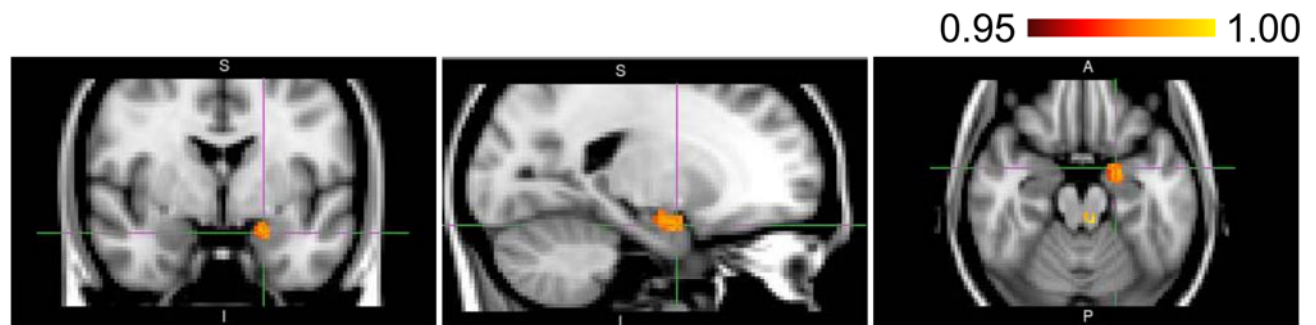
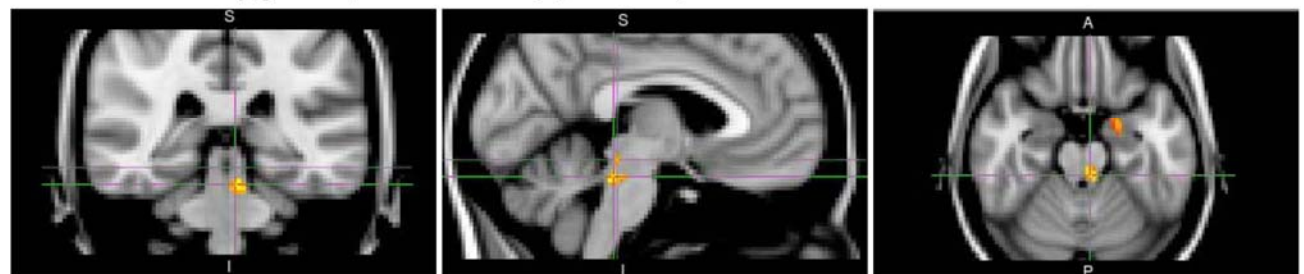


Figure 3. Spearman's rank correlation analysis of in vivo thalamus PET outcome measures in HTLV-1 infected subjects with laboratory and clinical assessments. Top (left to right): Correlation between VT and 10m walk time in log scale and CD8+DR+ cell counts. Bottom (left to right): Correlation between DVR and 10m walk time in log scale and CD8+DR+ cell counts.



Cluster 2, 100 voxels, Max  $1 - p = 0.984$ ,  $x = -20$ ,  $y = -4$ ,  $z = -20$  mm, 91% left amygdala, 5% left hippocampus.



Cluster 1, 44 voxels, Max  $1 - p = 0.999$ ,  $x = -4$ ,  $y = -34$ ,  $z = -22$  mm, 100% brain stem (pons).

Figure 4. VBM analysis: small clusters of altered GM topography in HTLV-1 infected patients compared to controls.

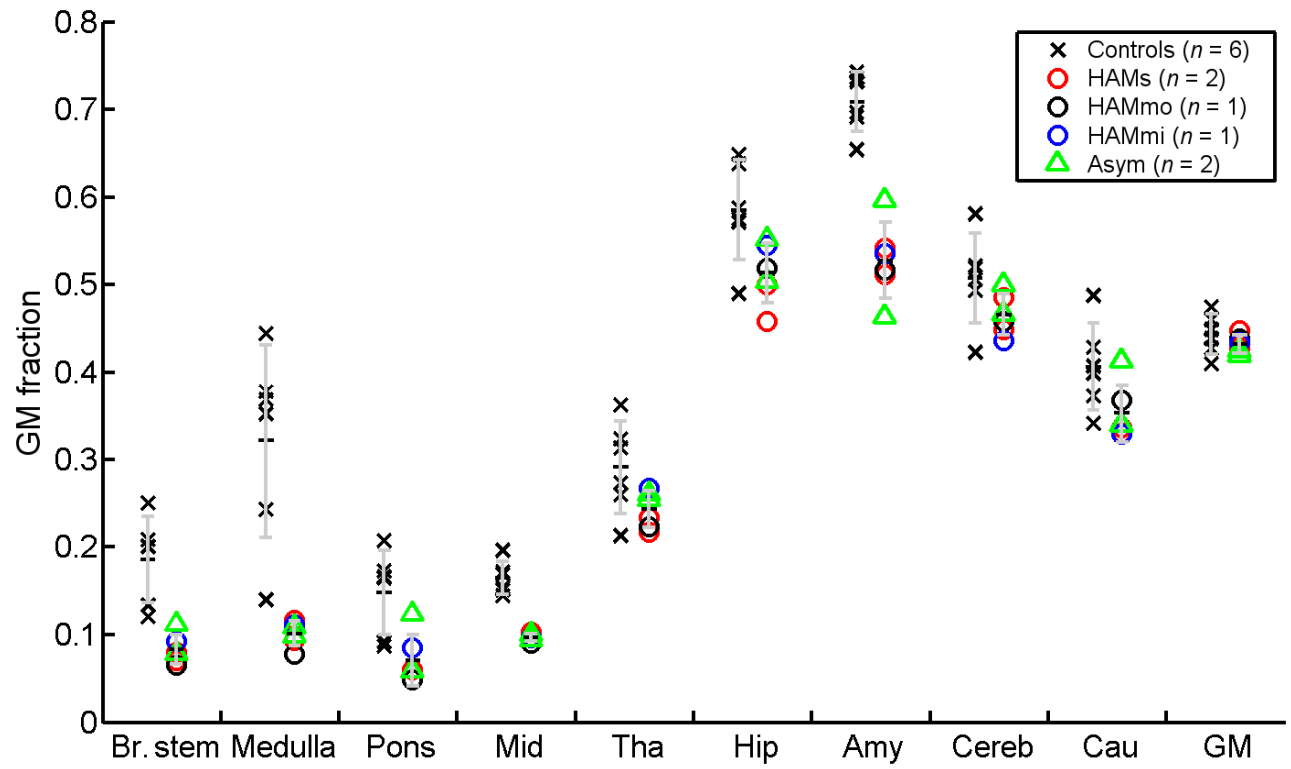


Figure 5. Regional GM fractions in HTLV1 patients compared to healthy volunteers. Error bar is one standard deviation.

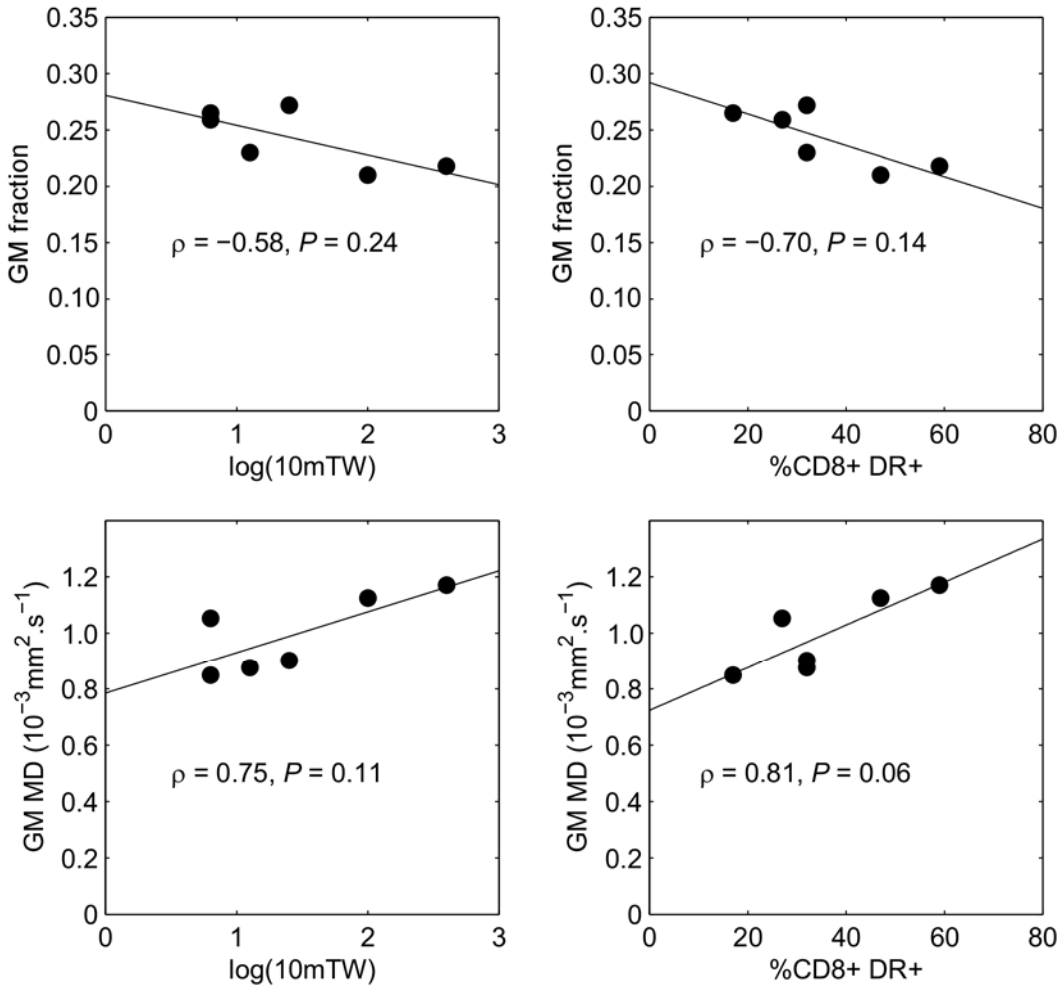


Figure 6. Correlations of the left thalamus GM fraction (top) and right thalamus MD (bottom) with (left to right) the clinical (10m Timed Walk) and laboratory (% circulating CD8+ lymphocytes expressing HLA DR) scores.



## Tables

### 1. Demographics, Neurology, HTLV-1 virology and immunology

Subject No in Analysis	Age (yrs)	Gender	Ethnicity	Duration disease (years)	Mobility aid	10m TW (secs)	PET	MRI	DWI	HTLV-1* proviral load	CD8 DR	Disease
#1 HAMs1	55	Female	Caucasian	19	Frame	366	55 mins	✓	✓	4.9	59	Severe HAM Progressing
#2 HAMs2	48	Female	Caucasian	5	Frame	109	✓	✓	✓	17.4	47	Severe HAM Progressing
#3 HAMmo	66	Female	Afro-Caribbean	8	1 stick	14.5	0 mins	✓	x	3.8	42	Moderate HAM stable
#4 HAMmi	59	Female	Afro-Caribbean	2	Unaided	11.5	✓	✓	✓	7.9	32	Mild HAM stable
#5 HAMmo	54	Male	Afro-Caribbean	13	Elbow crutches	24.7	✓	✓	✓	10.5	32	Moderate HAM slow progression
#6 Asym1	57	Female	Afro-Caribbean	N/A	Unaided	6.5	✓	✓	✓	6.4	27	Asymptomatic
#7 Asym2	57	Male	Afro-Caribbean	N/A	Unaided	6.6	✓	✓	✓	2.6	17	Asymptomatic

10m TW- Time taken to walk 10 meters on the flat.

PET – Positron emission tomography, MRI – Magnetic Resonance imaging, CD8 DR - % CD8 lymphocytes expressing HLA-DR

\*HTLV-1 DNA copies per 100 peripheral blood mononuclear cells,

2. PET regional VT data analysis: Z-scores of individual patient regional VT values compared to healthy volunteers.

Subject Code	HAMs1	HAMs2	HAMmo	HAMmi	Asym1	Asym2
Brain Stem	-0.30	1.94	2.11	-0.06	-0.19	-1.30
Medulla	-0.33	1.88	2.27	0.25	-0.28	-0.68
Pons	-0.48	2.01	1.30	-0.10	-0.17	-1.50
Midbrain	-0.05	1.38	2.98	-0.20	-0.25	-1.24
Thalamus	0.60	2.45	2.71	-0.47	-0.16	-1.93
Hippocampus	-0.55	1.67	1.76	-0.33	-0.19	-1.34
Amygdala	-0.62	1.22	0.95	-0.73	-0.28	-1.35
Cerebellum	-0.22	1.95	1.54	0.27	-0.17	-1.56
Caudate	-0.07	1.07	2.08	1.32	-0.27	-2.10
Grey Matter	-0.16	1.29	1.08	0.12	-0.13	-1.61
'Brain'	-0.17	1.38	1.12	0.25	-0.13	-1.57

3. PET regional DVR data analysis: Z-scores of individual patient regional DVR values compared to healthy volunteers.

Subject Code	HAMs1	HAMs2	HAMmo	HAMmi	Asym1	Asym2
Brain Stem	-0.40	3.08	4.23	-0.29	-0.99	-0.11
Medulla	-0.29	2.03	2.92	0.52	-0.37	0.78
Pons	-0.80	2.48	1.46	-0.36	-0.70	-0.93
Midbrain	0.43	1.35	6.26	-0.83	-1.60	0.33
Thalamus	4.72	6.16	8.84	-3.33	-1.17	-3.33
Hippocampus	-1.57	2.44	3.52	-1.53	-1.60	0.31
Amygdala	-1.49	0.94	0.77	-2.42	-2.30	-0.31
Cerebellum	-0.27	3.35	2.79	0.79	-1.66	0.17
Caudate	0.05	-0.30	1.07	1.42	-1.07	-0.81
Grey Matter	0.41	3.39	4.01	0.17	-2.08	0.00
Brain	0.41	6.13	5.94	4.44	-2.48	2.58