**Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR)**

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| **Human research participants** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend) or state if these demographics were not collected** | **N/A** |
| If collected and within the bounds of privacy constraints report on age, sex, gender and ethnicity for all study participants. | Age and gender information of human research participants was collected in this study. The demographics information can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHOD*: *Infant subjects* section. |  |

**Design:**

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| **Study protocol** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
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| **Laboratory protocol** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| Provide DOI OR other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available. | The data acquisition information can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHOD: Data acquisition* section. Legend of Figure 2a also demonstrates the acquisition protocol. |  |
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| **Experimental study design (statistics details) \*** | | |
| **For in vivo studies: State whether and how the following have been done** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend. If it could have been done, but was not, write “not done”** | **N/A** |
| Sample size determination | Sample size was justified. Significant heterogeneity of regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) across brain regions in Figure 2-figure supplement 2 and significant age-dependent rCBF changes in Figure 3 indicate that the current sample size had sufficient power to capture the inhomogeneity of rCBF measurements and rCBF increase rates across brain regions. For both statistical analyses, false discovery rate corrections were conducted. Of the note, infant MRI, especially multi-modality data including pCASL, phase-contrast MRI, rs-fMRI and structural MRI, was extremely difficult to acquire. After quality control, all evaluable datasets from forty-eight subjects were included in data analysis. |  |
| Randomisation | Randomisation was conducted by nonparametric permutation tests and randomly selecting voxels for rCBF and functional connectivity (FC) measurements, with details in *MATERIALS AND METHODS:* *Coupling between rCBF and FC during the infant brain development* section. Legends of Figure 4, Figure 5 and Figure 5-figure supplement 1-2 also provide information of randomisation. |  |
| Blinding |  | ✓ |
| Inclusion/exclusion criteria | Inclusion/exclusion criteria for infant participants can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHODS*: *Infant subjects* section. |  |
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| **Sample definition and in-laboratory replication** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| State number of times the experiment was replicated in the laboratory. | The details about replication can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHODs*: *Measurement of rCBF with pCASL perfusion MRI and calibrated by PC MRI* section and Figure 2 – figure supplement 1. Additional information for replication can be found in criteria for exclusion/inclusion of infant participants in the *MATERIALS AND METHODS:* *Infant Subjects* section. |  |
| Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates. | Information about data replicates can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHOD*: *Measurement of rCBF with pCASL perfusion MRI and calibrated by PC MRI* section. In addition, quality control of MRI data by visual inspection of experienced pediatric radiologists for replication was also included in the *MATERIALS AND METHODS:* *Data acquisition.* |  |
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| **Ethics** | **Indicate where provided: section/submission form** | **N/A** |
| Studies involving human participants: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval. | This information can be found in the *MATERIALS AND METHODS: Infant subjects* section and the Ethics statement in the submission form. Specifically, informed parental consents were obtained from the subject’s parent. The Institutional Review Board of both Beijing Children’s Hospital Research Ethics Committee (Approval number 2016-36) approved study procedures. |  |
| Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval. |  | ✓ |
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**Analysis:**

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| Describe whether exclusion criteria were pre-established. Report if sample or data points were omitted from analysis. If yes, report if this was due to attrition or intentional exclusion and provide justification. | Exclusion criteria were only applied to the data acquisition. No exclusion criteria were pre-established for data analysis, and no data points were omitted from analysis. Such information was provided in the *MATERIALS AND METHOD*: *Data acquisition* section. |  |
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| **Statistics** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests. | Statistical analysis methods are described throughout the *RESULTS* and more details can be found in the following *MATERIALS AND METHOD sections,* 1) *Characterization of age-dependent changes of rCBF and FC s*ection for describing F-test for model comparisons (exponential, biphasic and linear models) of age-dependent trendlines; 2) *Test of heterogeneity of rCBF across functional network ROIs s*ection for describingone-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) test and paired t-tests for examine the difference of rCBF values among different ROIs. Significant interaction between regions and age was tested with an analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) test where age was used a covariate; 3) *Coupling between rCBF and FC during the infant brain development* sectionfor describing Deming regression and nonparametric permutation test for coupling between rCBF and FC. Statistical test methods and results were also described in the legends of Figure 1-figure supplement 2, Figure 2-figure supplement 1, Figure 2-figure supplement 2, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5, and Figure 5-figure supplement 1-2. |  |
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* You should report how often each experiment was performed
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* Statistical analysis methods should be described and justified
* Raw data should be presented in figures whenever informative to do so (typically when N per group is less than 10)
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