**Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR)**

**Checklist for Authors**

The [MDAR framework](https://osf.io/xfpn4/) establishes a minimum set of requirements in transparent reporting mainly applicable to studies in the life sciences.

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For all that apply, please note **where in the article** the information is provided. Please note that we also collect information about data availability and ethics in the submission form.

**Materials:**

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| **Newly created materials** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| The manuscript includes a dedicated "materials availability statement" providing transparent disclosure about availability of newly created materials including details on how materials can be accessed and describing any restrictions on access. | All data is available in the .xls data file attached. The attached data file is subdivided into separate sheets, each for a single experiment and accompanied with respective heading and descriptions, and provides the possibility of replicating all figures and statistics. Summary of data is presented in the tables and figures within the paper. |  |
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| **Antibodies** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| For commercial reagents, provide supplier name, catalogue number and [RRID](https://scicrunch.org/resources), if available. |  | **x** |
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| **DNA and RNA sequences** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| Short novel DNA or RNA including primers, probes: Sequences should be included or deposited in a public repository. |  | **x** |
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| Cell lines: Provide species information, strain. Provide accession number in repository OR supplier name, catalog number, clone number, OR RRID. |  | **x** |
| Primary cultures: Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status.  |  | **x** |
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| **Experimental animals** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| Laboratory animals or Model organisms: Provide species, strain, sex, age, genetic modification status. Provide accession number in repository OR supplier name, catalog number, clone number, OR RRID. | Young (10-16 weeks old) AQP4 knockout (AQP4(-/-), KO) and wildtype (AQP4(+/+), WT) mouse line regularly cross-breed with WT mice on C57BL/6 mice background was bred in both Copenhagen and Rochester (ref. A. S. Thrane et al. 2011). Both genders investigated. For reference, see H. Mestre et al. 2018. |  |
| Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex, and age where possible. |  | **x** |
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| **Plants and microbes** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
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**Design:**

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| **Study protocol** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
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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 | No up-front sample size determination. As minimal as possible number of animals used for each experiment (see Materials and Methods, from page 14). |  |
| Randomisation | In each experiment, only littermate animals were used (see page 14). Mostly, animals from at least two litters were used due to parallelization of experiments. |  |
| Blinding | Where relevant, all experimentators were blinded to genotype of animal during data acquisition and analysis. Genotypes were revealed at the step of statistical analysis. |  |
| Inclusion/exclusion criteria | We strived not to remove animals from the analysis without a significant reason, based on gross error during data acqusition, animal state or outlying results based on QQ=2% (see Materials and Methods + from line 724)  |  |
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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. | Variable depending on experiment type (see Materials and Methods). For DWI, each set of images was acquired 3 times (3 repetitions) in 3 diffusion directions. |  |
| Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates. | Biological – for animals experiments;Technical - for phantom experiments. |  |
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**Analysis:**

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| **Attrition** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| 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. | No sample or data points were omitted, except for the TMA experiment due to unbalanced group size (page 21, line 724). |  |
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| **Statistics** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests. | Due to character of MRI signal, distribution of signal in EPI images and the group size not allowing to assure normality of data distribution, mostly nonparametric Mann-Whitney U as well as Kruskal-Wallis Anova tests were used (see Materials and Methods) |  |
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| **Data availability** | **Indicate where provided: section/submission form** | **N/A** |
| For newly created and reused datasets, the manuscript includes a data availability statement that provides details for access (or notes restrictions on access). | All data is available in the .xls data file attached. The attached data file is subdivided into separate sheets, each for a single experiment and accompanied with respective heading and descriptions, and provides the possibility of replicating all figures and statistics. Summary of data is presented in the tables and figures within the paper. | **X** |
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| If reused data is publicly available provide accession number in repository OR DOI, OR URL, OR citation. |  | **X** |
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| **Code availability** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| For any computer code/software/mathematical algorithms essential for replicating the main findings of the study, whether newly generated or re-used, the manuscript includes a data availability statement that provides details for access or notes restrictions. | Detailed description of an author algorithm for CSF space segmentation from 3D-CISS images, as well as DWI analysis, is provided in the Materials and Methods section (page 14 onward). Submission of the CSF space segmentation code in Matlab will be performed during the submission of a separate technical paper including a supplementary evaluation of this authorship algorithm using a large data set. A preliminary evaluation of the algorithm was presented during ESMRMB 2021 conference: Gomolka RS, Nedergaard M, Mori Y. CSF space volumetry using 3D-CISS in Aqp4-deficient mice – quantitative analysis and technical advances. ESMRMB 2021 Online 38th Annual Scientific Meeting 7-9 October 2021. Book of Abstracts ESMRMB 2021. Magnetic Resonance Materials in Physics, Biology, and Medicine; 34: S95-6. [Poster, abstract]. Therefore, publishing the code in Github (or else) will take place parallel to submitting a separate technical report on the algorithm. |  |
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**Reporting:**

The MDAR framework recommends adoption of discipline-specific guidelines, established and endorsed through community initiatives.

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| **Adherence to community standards** | **Indicate where provided: section/figure legend** | **N/A** |
| State if relevant guidelines (e.g., ICMJE, MIBBI, ARRIVE, STRANGE) have been followed, and whether a checklist (e.g., CONSORT, PRISMA, ARRIVE) is provided with the manuscript. |  | **X** |

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**Sample-size estimation**

* You should state whether an appropriate sample size was computed when the study was being designed
* You should state the statistical method of sample size computation and any required assumptions
* If no explicit power analysis was used, you should describe how you decided what sample (replicate) size (number) to use

**Replicates**

* You should report how often each experiment was performed
* You should include a definition of biological versus technical replication
* The data obtained should be provided and sufficient information should be provided to indicate the number of independent biological and/or technical replicates
* If you encountered any outliers, you should describe how these were handled
* Criteria for exclusion/inclusion of data should be clearly stated
* High-throughput sequence data should be uploaded before submission, with a private link for reviewers provided (these are available from both GEO and ArrayExpress)

**Statistical reporting**

* 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)
* For each experiment, you should identify the statistical tests used, exact values of N, definitions of center, methods of multiple test correction, and dispersion and precision measures (e.g., mean, median, SD, SEM, confidence intervals; and, for the major substantive results, a measure of effect size (e.g., Pearson's r, Cohen's d)
* Report exact p-values wherever possible alongside the summary statistics and 95% confidence intervals. These should be reported for all key questions and not only when the p-value is less than 0.05.

**Group allocation**

* Indicate how samples were allocated into experimental groups (in the case of clinical studies, please specify allocation to treatment method); if randomization was used, please also state if restricted randomization was applied
* Indicate if masking was used during group allocation, data collection and/or data analysis