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14 **ABSTRACT:**

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16 Phenotypic heterogeneity is a major barrier to understanding the genetic architecture underlying
17 schizophrenia. Incorporating endophenotypes is one way to reduce heterogeneity and facilitate
18 more powerful genetic analysis. Candidate endophenotypes require systematic assessment against
19 endophenotype criteria, and a ranking of their potential utility for genetic analysis.
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24 In this study we assess 20 cognitive and personality measures in a sample of 127 families with at
25 least two cases of schizophrenia per family (n=535) plus a set of 30 control families (n=121) against
26 four endophenotype criteria - a) be associated with the illness but not be a part of its diagnosis, (b)
27 be heritable, (c) co-segregate with the illness in families, and (d) be found in unaffected relatives at a
28 higher rate than in the general population. The endophenotype ranking score (ERV) was used to rank
29 candidate endophenotypes based on their heritability and genetic correlation with schizophrenia.
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31 Finally, we used factor analysis to explore latent factors underlying the cognitive and personality
32 measures.
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39 Evidence for personality measures as endophenotypes was at least equivalent to that of the
40 cognitive measures. Factor analysis indicated that personality and cognitive traits contribute to
41 independent latent dimensions. The results suggest for this first time that a number of cognitive and
42 personality measures are independent and informative endophenotypes. Use of these
43 endophenotypes in genetic studies will likely improve power and facilitate novel aetiological insights.
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INTRODUCTION:

Genome wide association studies (GWAS) have accounted for a modest fraction of the heritability estimates for schizophrenia (h^2 0.6-0.8,^{1,2}); with the polygenic risk score explaining ~7% of the variation on the liability scale³. A major barrier to elucidating schizophrenia's genetic architecture is its phenotypic heterogeneity. Gottesman and Gould⁴ introduced the endophenotype concept to psychiatry as 'measurable components unseen by the unaided eye along the pathway between disease and distal genotype'.

Endophenotypes represent components of liability which are narrower than a dichotomized phenotype, such as a 'yes/no' clinical diagnosis. They promise improved power over affection status alone to detect risk genes by being both quantitative and closer to the level of gene action⁵⁻⁷. Assuming similar levels of imprecision, many studies have demonstrated that power for gene mapping is better with a quantitatively measured phenotype than with a direct dichotomization of that phenotype^{8,9}. In addition, as endophenotypes should be correlated with, but not part of, the clinical diagnosis, power can be further increased by joint analyses of the dichotomous diagnostic phenotype and the quantitative correlated endophenotype¹⁰⁻¹². It is likely that multiple endophenotypes will be necessary to capture the complex pathophysiological processes involved in schizophrenia¹³. Objectively assessing candidate endophenotypes of schizophrenia and ranking them against each other will help to prioritise the most promising endophenotypes to target in future genetic studies. This study builds on previous work in this area^{14,15} by assessing for the first time both cognitive and personality measures as candidate endophenotypes for schizophrenia in a sample of families multiply affected by schizophrenia.

Gottesman and Gould⁴ describe endophenotypes as 'neurophysiological, biochemical, endocrinological, neuroanatomical, cognitive, or neuropsychological (including configured self-report data) in nature' and suggest that they should meet the following criteria: a) be associated with the illness but not be a part of its diagnosis, (b) be heritable, (c) co-segregate with the illness in families, (d) be found in unaffected relatives at a higher rate than in the general population, and (e) be state independent. As discussed by Glahn *et al.*⁵, Gottesman and Gould's five endophenotype criteria are interrelated. Both 'co-segregation of endophenotypes and disease' and 'unaffected relatives (who are at high genetic risk) being intermediate between cases and unaffected controls' indicate joint genetic determination (genetic correlation) between the endophenotype and disease. Endophenotype and disease must be heritable and associated with each other for genetic

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3 correlation (the proportion of trait covariance due to genetic factors) to be present. As genetic
4 correlation indicates the endophenotype trait shares a biological basis with the disorder, a degree of
5 state independence is inferred. Although the Gottesman and Gould criteria are not all independent
6 of each other, a true endophenotype should nonetheless satisfy all the criteria assuming adequately
7 powered samples. Therefore the candidate endophenotypes in this study were assessed against all
8 the criteria possible from our data (a-d).
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14 To complement this analysis, candidate endophenotypes which were associated with schizophrenia,
15 significantly heritable and showed evidence for genetic correlation according to at least one of the
16 two criteria (c and d), were ranked against each other using the endophenotype ranking variable
17 (ERV¹⁰), developed by Glahn *et al.* to prioritise endophenotypes for genetic analysis. Finally we
18 performed a factor analysis to ascertain to what extent the cognitive and personality measures
19 contribute to independent latent variables.
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26 Cognitive variables are among the most often-cited candidate endophenotypes in the psychiatric
27 literature⁵. Cognitive deficits across multiple domains are a core feature of schizophrenia¹⁶⁻¹⁸,
28 present in up to 80% of cases¹⁹, predate illness onset, and do not result from the positive or negative
29 symptoms of the disorder, or antipsychotic treatment²⁰⁻²³. Studies of healthy individuals²⁴⁻²⁷ and
30 families with schizophrenia^{15, 28, 29} have shown cognitive deficits to be significantly heritable ($h^2 \sim 0.4$ -
31 0.8 across different tests). The genetic correlation between cognitive traits and schizophrenia has
32 been estimated by comparing unaffected relatives with healthy controls. A large meta-analysis³⁰
33 reported modest but reliable relative-control differences in attention/working memory, verbal
34 memory, visual memory, executive function, spatial ability, motor function, language and general
35 intelligence. There is evidence that a substantial proportion of the correlation observed among
36 cognitive variables is due to a shared genetic basis^{25-28, 31}.
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45 Abnormal premorbid personality traits have long been described in schizophrenia patients, as well as
46 in their biological relatives^{32, 33}. These personality differences are consistent and pervasive³⁴⁻⁴⁰,
47 predate psychotic illness and are stable over the course of psychotic illness⁴¹. Although they meet all
48 the criteria for potential endophenotypes⁴², personality measures have not been well studied as
49 such, possibly be due to the fact that they have a history of being designed based on clinical
50 observations and may have been considered too close to the clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia to be
51 useful endophenotypes. However, accumulating evidence demonstrates that personality traits
52 represent important potential endophenotypes which are independent of, but causally related to,
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3 the disease process of schizophrenia itself⁴³, discussed in more detail below. In this study we
4 assessed personality using two instruments - the Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire (SPQ⁴⁴),
5 which measures schizotypy, and the Temperament and Character Inventory (TCI), a self-report
6 questionnaire designed to quantify individual differences on each of the temperament and character
7 dimensions outlined in Cloninger's psychobiological model⁴⁵.
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12 The term 'schizotype'⁴⁶ was introduced to describe a continuum of schizophrenic-like differences in
13 perceptual, cognitive, and affective experiences. Schizotypy was originally interpreted under a quasi-
14 dimensional model, whereby a small group of individuals, labelled 'schizotypes', are differentiated
15 from the rest of the population in a categorical fashion^{46, 47}. However recent neurobiological,
16 neuropsychological, social and environmental evidence (reviewed in⁴⁸) supports a fully dimensional
17 model of schizotypy⁴⁹. This model posits a continuum between schizotypy in healthy populations and
18 disorders on the schizophrenia spectrum, consistent with the majority of current theories pertaining
19 to schizophrenia, which describe continuity between clinical and non-clinical psychosis
20 populations⁵⁰. Under the fully dimensional model, high schizotypy is strongly associated with an
21 increased risk of schizophrenia-spectrum psychopathology^{51, 52}, although it is not part of its
22 diagnosis, and schizotypy may also relate to a range of psychotic disorders other than
23 schizophrenia⁵¹. In addition, it has been repeatedly noted that many healthy individuals with high
24 schizotypy not only function well but may benefit from their anomalous perceptual and other
25 experiences and exhibit adaptive strengths such as creativity⁴⁸. Schizotypy is a stable trait with high
26 re-test reliability^{53, 54} which does not solely manifest during acute phases of illness (i.e. is state-
27 independent). Heritability estimates for total schizotypy in community samples are variable, likely
28 reflecting the heterogeneity of schizotypal traits ($h^2 \sim 0.15-0.70$ ⁵⁵⁻⁵⁹). Few studies have looked for
29 evidence of genetic correlation between schizotypy and schizophrenia; however, there is some
30 evidence that unaffected relatives of probands with schizophrenia display higher schizotypy than
31 healthy controls^{60, 61}. Impaired cognition is not necessarily associated with high levels of schizotypy
32 in general populations^{62, 63} or in samples of schizophrenia patients⁶⁴, and schizotypy and cognitive
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50 In addition to schizotypy and schizophrenia being phenotypically independent, a recent overview⁵¹
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52 variants. The first group is postulated to explain mainly schizotypy variance and increased proneness
53 for psychosis, regardless of clinical diagnosis. The second group conveys unspecific neuronal fragility
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3 (but possibly with healthy high schizotypy) and clinical schizophrenia, which is likely to be common
4 to many disorders. The relationship between schizophrenia-associated genetic variants and
5 schizotypy supports this hypothesis. Although several genes implicated in the aetiology of
6 schizophrenia have also been associated with schizotypy, few of these genes have achieved genome-
7 wide significance in large case-control GWAS of schizophrenia⁵¹. In these GWAS, both cases and
8 controls are treated as homogeneous groups and therefore GWAS may predominantly pick up the
9 second group, the more general 'disease resilience'-associated variants. This is supported by a cross-
10 disorder GWAS which found substantial overlap between genetic risk variants for five psychiatric
11 disorders⁶⁵ and by a study showing that genetic risk for schizophrenia from case-control GWAS
12 (summarised using polygenic risk scores) is associated with negative symptoms but not with
13 schizotypy in non-clinical populations^{66, 67}. Individuals with high but healthy schizotypy would not be
14 expected to have a high polygenic risk score for schizophrenia, as those with high polygenic risk
15 scores and high schizotypic traits would be more likely to develop spectrum conditions than to be in
16 a healthy sample. Unlike schizotypy, polygenic risk score for schizophrenia is associated with lower
17 cognitive ability in non-clinical populations⁶⁸⁻⁷¹, indicating that poor cognition may be more
18 correlated with the 'susceptibility to disease' variants picked up by GWAS than schizotypy is.
19 Previous research from the WAFSS has shown that in this sample, patients with schizophrenia can be
20 separated into distinct subtypes characterised by either cognitive deficit, or personality factors
21 (heavily weighted on schizotypal symptoms), using grade of membership analysis¹⁷. The group has
22 previously demonstrated genetic linkage between the cognitively deficit group and the MHC region
23 later implicated in the large schizophrenia GWAS.

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There is evidence for distinct and separable constructs within schizotypy⁷², with the most
consistent^{48, 73} being a three-factor model comprising Cognitive-Perceptual Dysfunction (Ideas of
Reference, Magical Thinking, Unusual Perceptual Experiences, Suspiciousness), Interpersonal-
Affective Deficits (Social Anxiety, No Close Friends, Suspiciousness and Constricted Affect), and
Disorganization (Odd Speech and Odd Behaviour) which broadly correspond to the positive, negative
and disorganised dimensions of schizophrenia respectively⁷⁴. High 'positive' schizotypy is associated
with adaptive strengths like creativity^{75, 76} and with better functioning in other psychiatric illness
such as bipolar disorder⁷⁷. High negative schizotypy has been shown to share considerable variance
with neuroticism, a personality trait linked to other affective or anxiety disorders⁵⁵. As recently
argued by Grant⁴², the ability of the dimensional model of schizotypy to represent the dimensionality
of schizophrenia on a continuous scale makes it a valuable candidate endophenotype which is likely
add power to genetic analyses and to aid investigation into the aetiology of schizophrenia and other

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3 psychotic disorders. The SPQ can be interpreted within the three-factor model framework of
4 schizotypy^{74, 78-80} with each of the three factors being individually heritable⁸¹.

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8 The psychobiological model proposed by Cloninger and colleagues^{45, 82, 83} is based on four
9 temperament and three character dimensions and accounts for most of the variance in personality,
10 both in the general population and in psychiatric patients⁸³. The four temperament dimensions –
11 Novelty Seeking (NS), Harm Avoidance (HA), Reward Dependence (RD) and Persistence (P) are
12 hypothesised to be closely connected with neurotransmitter systems⁸² and are described as
13 heritable biases in learning which lead to variation in responses to danger, novelty, and reward⁸⁴.
14 They have been shown to be relatively stable over lifetime and to be universal across different
15 cultures and various political and ethnic groups⁴⁵.
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22 The three character dimensions - self directedness (SD), cooperativeness (C) and self transcendence
23 (ST) - are related to self-concepts about values and goals that impact the meaning of what is
24 experienced⁸³. Although character has been shown to be influenced by heritable/biological factors⁸⁵,
25 environmental factors such as sociocultural pressures and random life events are thought to impact
26 more on character than on temperament - character traits are dynamic and mature in response to
27 learning and life experiences. Although the temperament traits are thought to be more heavily
28 determined by biological factors, what little data are available suggest that both are moderately
29 heritable ($h^2 \sim 0.24-0.45$, with HA, ST and C being significantly heritable^{86, 87}). Schizophrenia has
30 consistently been associated with abnormal temperament (especially increased HA and decreased
31 RD^{40, 88-90}) and character (especially low SD, low C, and high ST^{40, 88-90}) dimensions, reviewed in⁹¹.
32 Some studies have shown character differences between unaffected relatives of people with
33 schizophrenia and controls. Unaffected relatives have shown lower C^{37, 40, 86}, SD^{37, 40}, and RD³⁷ and
34 higher HA^{40, 86} and ST^{40, 86} compared to healthy controls. Other studies did not find significant
35 differences between relatives and controls however⁹⁰, and some studies have shown group
36 differences in the opposite direction, with individuals at high genetic risk for schizophrenia
37 demonstrating lower ST^{90, 92}, and higher SD and C³⁵, indicating a more mature personality profile
38 than healthy controls. These differences were more pronounced in individuals with less schizotypal
39 features³⁵, indicating that temperament and character profile may depend on the schizotypy of the
40 relatives. Very few studies have examined genetic correlation between the character domains and
41 schizophrenia using co-segregation analysis, although one recent study of the TCI did not find
42 significant genetic correlations⁸⁶. Positive and negative schizotypy has been associated with different
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3 healthy controls, negative schizotypy is associated with high HA, and positive and disorganised
4 schizotypy has been associated with low SD and high ST³⁵. This supports Cloninger's theory that
5 schizotypy is characterized by the character traits; low SD and C, and high ST⁸³. Similarly, looking at
6 schizophrenia symptomatology, high HA is associated with negative symptoms and high ST with
7 positive features⁹⁰. Character dimensions may help to separate those who benefit from high
8 schizotypy from those in whom it becomes pathological^{40,84}. For example, although high ST is
9 correlated with schizotypal and paranoid symptoms, when coupled with high SD and C, high ST
10 indicates maturity, spirituality, and creativity rather than psychopathology⁸⁴.

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18 Given the promise of personality measures to be informative endophenotypes, the aim of this study
19 was to evaluate them against endophenotype criteria and to compare them to the more well-
20 established cognitive measures. Specifically, the study had three aims: (i) to comprehensively
21 evaluate for the first time both cognitive and personality measures as candidate endophenotypes
22 against four of Gottesman and Gould's five criteria(ii) to rank the strength of the evidence for
23 cognitive and personality measures as candidate endophenotypes in relation to each other using the
24 ERV and (iii) to examine the relationship between cognitive and personality measures by conducting
25 a factor analysis to identify the composition of any latent variables.
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32 **METHODS:**

33 *The Western Australian Family Study of Schizophrenia (WAFSS):*

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37 The WAFSS study has been described in detail elsewhere^{17,93}. It was initiated in 1996 with the aim of
38 comprehensively assessing families with ≥ 1 member affected with a disorder within the ICD-10 and
39 DSM-IV schizophrenia spectrum (schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, schizotypal disorder and
40 acute transient psychosis). The majority of probands were recruited from consecutive admissions to
41 a psychiatric hospital. Full pedigree descriptions and family histories were collected using the
42 National Institute for Mental Health Family Interview for Genetic Studies⁹⁴. Clinical assessment
43 included the Diagnostic Interview for Psychosis (DIP⁹⁵) and a best-estimate diagnosis, established by
44 consensus of two senior clinicians blinded to family relatedness. Control families were screened for
45 psychopathology and excluded if they or a first-degree relative had been diagnosed with
46 schizophrenia/schizophrenia spectrum disorder or bipolar affective disorder. Written informed
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3 All WAFSS participants were administered a battery of tests by research psychologists that assessed
4 performance across six domains of cognitive function and personality. The battery of tests was
5 chosen on the basis of showing evidence of heritability²¹ and reasonable effect sizes of test
6 measures¹⁸ at the time of the study design. For this study, all tests for which data were available for
7 a reasonable number of study participants were included.
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12 The cognitive and personality tests are summarised below:
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14 (a) general cognitive ability:

15 Premorbid IQ (National Adult Reading Test, NART⁹⁶)

16 Current IQ (Shipley Institute of Living Scale, SILS⁹⁷)
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18 (b) verbal learning and memory:

19 Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test immediate (RAVLT-IW) and delayed (RAVLT-DW) word
20 recall⁹⁸
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22 (c) sustained attention:

23 Continuous Performance Task degraded stimulus (CPT-DS⁹⁹)

24 Continuous Performance Task, identical pairs (CPT-IP²⁴)
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26 (d) executive function:

27 Controlled Oral Word Association Test (COWAT¹⁰⁰) of phonetic verbal fluency, FAS letters
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29 (e) speed of information processing:

30 Visual Inspection Time (IT) Tasks¹⁰¹, block A and B
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32 (f) laterality:

33 Edinburgh Handedness Inventory (EHI¹⁰²), laterality quotient
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35 (g) schizotypal traits:

36 Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire (SPQ⁴⁴) - three-factor model of Cognitive-Perceptual
37 Deficits, Interpersonal Deficits, and Disorganization
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39 (h) temperament and character :

40 Temperament and Character Inventory (TCI⁴⁵)
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48 In the present study, we included all individuals for whom cognitive and personality measures were
49 available, with at least one documented relative in the study for whom such measures were also
50 available. Thus, the study cohort comprised 127 'affected' families with at least one member with
51 schizophrenia (n=535 family members, including 160 schizophrenia cases) and a separate set of 30
52 control families (n=121, total n=656). The median family size was 4 (range 3-9, supplementary Figure
53 1). Affected families had a median of one case per family, although 26 families were multiplex (2-5
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3 cases per family, supplementary Figure 2). Data were available in both the multiply affected families
4 and the control families for all measures apart from the IT tasks, for which insufficient data were
5 available in the control families.
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9 **Aim (i) to comprehensively evaluate for the first time both cognitive and personality measures as**
10 **candidate endophenotypes against four of Gottesman and Gould's five criteria.**
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14 Data analysis:

15 All analyses were performed in R version 3.3.1¹⁰³. Pedigree analyses were performed using the 'gap'
16 package version 1.1-16¹⁰⁴. The kinship matrix was directly estimated from recorded pedigrees. All
17 cognitive and personality measures were adjusted for age, sex and years of formal education; linear
18 regression of each of the candidate endophenotypes on all three covariates was performed and the
19 resulting residual statistics were each transformed to an (approximately) normal distribution using
20 the 'boxcox' function in the R package MASS version 7.3-45¹⁰⁵ prior to analysis. Additional correction
21 for NART and medication use in cases (chlorpromazine equivalence) was performed as a sensitivity
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31 Multiple testing corrections:

32 Benjamini and Hochberg's False Discovery Rate (FDR) correction¹⁰⁶ was applied to account for
33 multiple testing within each of Gottesman and Gould's criteria (a-d), with q values <0.05 considered
34 statistically significant.
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39 Posthoc power calculations:

40 As this sample was used in different ways to test each of the criteria (a-d), some tests were more
41 powerful than others. To aid in the interpretation of the results of each test, we report posthoc
42 power calculated for each test (at $\alpha=0.05$). The probability of estimating h^2 (criterion b) and the
43 genetic correlation (ρ_g , criterion c) greater than zero in this sample was estimated using the GCTA-
44 GREML power calculator¹⁰⁷. The variance of the genetic relationships was set as the empirical
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51 Power for detecting a difference between schizophrenia cases and their unaffected relatives
52 (criterion a) and for difference between unaffected relatives and healthy controls (criterion d) was
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3 models. Power was estimated using the existing family structures and sample sizes, for a range of
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8 Test of criterion (a) – ‘significantly associated with schizophrenia’.

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10 We examined association with schizophrenia by testing for differences between schizophrenia cases
11 and their unaffected family members for each cognitive and personality measure. Groups were
12 compared using a maximum likelihood estimation model including the kinship matrix (the null
13 model, describing only the relationship between the measure and genetic relatedness) to the same
14 model including variable differentiating cases from controls using log likelihood ratio tests. We had
15 approximately 5% power to detect a between-group difference in the candidate endophenotypes of
16 0.01 sd, 27% power to detect a change of 0.05 sd, and 100% power to detect a change of 0.3 sd and
17 above. Although the primary analysis for this criterion was a comparison of cases and their
18 unaffected family members, a comparison of cases and control families is also reported for
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28 Test of criterion (b) – ‘significantly heritable’.

29 Total additive genetic (narrow sense) heritability is an estimate of the proportion of variability of a
30 trait attributable to the additive effect of genes. The underlying variance-component model asserts
31 that variation in the trait can be partitioned into genetic, known covariates, and environmental
32 components. Each component can then be estimated. In this study, heritability estimation was
33 performed for schizophrenia (h^2_{SZ}) and all cognitive and personality measures (h^2_{CP}) using maximum
34 likelihood variance-component estimation¹⁰⁸. The null hypothesis of no heritability was tested by
35 comparing two maximum likelihood models: the sporadic model, which assumes no genetic effects
36 ($h^2=0$) and the polygenic model, which assumes that some fraction of the phenotypic variation is
37 explained by genetic factors (in this case, the kinship matrix), using likelihood ratio tests. The
38 heritability of schizophrenia was estimated on the continuous liability scale under the assumption of
39 a normal threshold model from all affected families and corrected for ascertainment bias¹⁰⁹, as the
40 families were recruited through a proband and are not representative of the general population (the
41 proportion of schizophrenia cases among WAFSS family members was 24% compared to a lifetime
42 morbid risk in the general population of 1%). For the candidate endophenotypes, this sample
43 provided 68% power to detect $h^2_{CP} \neq 0$ assuming a true h^2_{CP} of 0.3, 90% power assuming a true h^2_{CP} of
44 0.4, and 90% power assuming a true h^2_{CP} of 0.5.
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3 The proportion of the phenotypic correlation between schizophrenia and each of the cognitive or
4 personality measures which was attributable to shared genetic effects (ρ_g) can be estimated by
5 decomposing Pearson's r into ρ_g and ρ_e , where ρ_g is the proportion of variability due to shared
6 genetic effects, and ρ_e is the proportion of variability due to shared environmental effects. Genetic
7 correlation with schizophrenia was calculated for all measures which were significantly heritable
8 using maximum likelihood variance-component estimation, comparing the sporadic model
9 (assuming no genetic effects, $\rho_g=0$) and the polygenic model (maximised without constraint of ρ_g)
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18 Power to detect $\rho_g \neq 0$ between schizophrenia (binary) and the quantitative trait candidate
19 endophenotypes, assuming $h^2_{CP} = 0.5$ and $h^2_{SZ} = 0.8$ (on the liability scale; the actual estimate in this
20 sample) was as follows: 41% power to detect genetic correlation of 0.2, 78% power to detect genetic
21 correlation of 0.3 and 98% power to detect genetic correlation of 0.4.
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26 *Test of criterion (d) – 'significantly different between unaffected relatives and control families'.*

27 Group differences between unaffected relatives and control families were examined using the same
28 methods as criterion (a) above. As the comparison group (control families) was slightly smaller than
29 for criterion (a) (schizophrenia cases), power was lower for this analysis, with approximately 1%
30 power to detect a between-group difference in the candidate endophenotypes of 0.01 sd, 5% power
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40 **Aim (ii) to rank the strength of the evidence for cognitive and personality measures as candidate**
41 **endophenotypes in relation to each other using the ERV.**

42 The ERV was developed by Glahn *et al.*¹⁰ to rank candidate endophenotypes using both heritability
43 and genetic correlation, therefore incorporating both the strength of the genetic signal for the
44 endophenotype and its relationship to the disorder of interest into a quantitative measure of the
45 strength of the evidence for the candidate endophenotype. The ERV describes the standardised
46 genetic covariance with values between 0 and 1, where higher values indicate that the candidate
47 endophenotype and the illness are more strongly influenced by shared genetic factors. It is
48 calculated as the absolute value of the square-root of the heritability of schizophrenia (h^2_{SZ}),
49 multiplied by the square-root of the heritability of the candidate endophenotype (h^2_{CP}) multiplied by
50 the genetic correlation between them: $ERV = |\sqrt{h^2_{SZ}}\sqrt{h^2_{CP}}\rho_g|$.
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10 The phenotypic and genetic correlations between candidate endophenotypes with significant
11 heritability and genetic correlation were calculated from the entire cohort. Phenotypic correlations
12 were adjusted for relatedness using maximum likelihood estimation to incorporate the kinship
13 matrix. Genetic correlations between candidate endophenotypes were calculated using maximum
14 likelihood variance-component estimation, as described above.
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19 Very Simple Structure and Parallel analysis were used to determine the optimal number of factors to
20 extract using the 'vss' and 'factpar' commands in the R package 'psych'¹¹⁰. Factor analysis was
21 performed using Maximum Likelihood Factor Analysis entering raw data and extracting the user-
22 specified number of factors, with varimax rotation using the 'factanal' command in the R package
23 'stats'¹⁰³.
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34 **Aim (i) to comprehensively evaluate for the first time both cognitive and personality measures as**
35 **candidate endophenotypes against four of Gottesman and Gould's five criteria.**
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38 Test of criterion (a) – 'significantly associated with schizophrenia'

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40 Cases were significantly younger, more likely to be male and had significantly lower educational
41 attainment compared to their unaffected family members and healthy control families, and all of the
42 above were included as covariates in all analyses. Cases showed significant impairment compared to
43 their unaffected family members across all measures ($q < 0.05$, Table 1) apart from P, which did not
44 differ significantly between groups.
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50 To control for the possibility that the between-group differences in the cognitive tests were simply
51 reflective of higher IQ in the controls, the tests for group differences were repeated adjusting for
52 NART (supplementary Table 1). All of the significant differences shown in Table 1 were recapitulated
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3 Test of criterion(b) - significantly heritable.

4 The additive heritability of schizophrenia after correction for ascertainment was estimated at h^2_{SZ}
5 =0.80). Eleven of the candidate endophenotypes showed significant heritability in this sample, and
6 some measures of both cognition (IT tests and RAVLT-IW) and personality (SPQ disorganisation, SPQ
7 cognitive-perceptual and C) had particularly high estimates ($h^2_{CP}>0.5$, Table 2). Only measures which
8 were significantly heritable and associated with schizophrenia were assessed for genetic correlation
9 in the following two sections.
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16 Test of criterion (c) - 'significantly genetically correlated with schizophrenia'.

17 Ten of the eleven significantly associated and heritable traits also showed significant genetic
18 correlation with schizophrenia liability in the co-segregation analysis ($q<0.05$, Figure 1) and the
19 magnitude of genetic correlation largely mirrored that of heritability.
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24 Test of criterion (d) – 'significantly different between unaffected relatives and control families'.

25 Unaffected family members were intermediate between cases and controls for all of the cognitive
26 traits, and showed significant impairment compared to the control families in the CPT-IP, NART and
27 SILS IQ, ($q<0.05$, Table 1). For the personality measures, unaffected family members and controls
28 were only significantly different for C, where unaffected family members had higher mean scores
29 than both their affected family members and control families.
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35 Summary of Endophenotype Criteria met:

36 Two of the candidate endophenotypes, CPT-IP and NART, met all four criteria for being an
37 endophenotype (Table 2). Eight measures, many of the traits with the highest ERV scores, met three
38 of the four criteria but did not differ significantly between unaffected family members and healthy
39 controls in the expected direction.
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45 **Aim (ii) to rank the strength of the evidence for cognitive and personality measures as candidate**
46 **endophenotypes in relation to each other using the ERV**
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50 When traits were ranked according to their ERV, RAVLT-IW, both IT tasks, NART premorbid IQ, SPQ
51 cognitive-perceptual and C had the highest scores ($ERV>0.20$, Figure 2).
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3 The phenotypic and genetic correlations between all traits with significant heritability and genetic
4 correlation with schizophrenia are shown in supplementary Figure 3. There were moderate-strong
5 positive phenotypic correlations among most of the cognitive measures (although less consistent for
6 IT and EHI), and within the SPQ factors. Phenotypic correlations between the cognitive and the
7 personality measures were low, and high genetic correlations indicate that what phenotypic
8 correlations exist are largely driven by a shared genetic component. Genetic correlations between
9 most of the cognitive traits were substantial, especially for premorbid IQ.
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16 Factor analysis was performed for all individuals in the affected families (unaffected families were
17 not included due to lack of IT measures) with complete data across the 11 traits which had
18 significant association with schizophrenia, heritability and genetic correlation (n=253, including 82
19 schizophrenia cases). Very Simple Structure and Parallel analysis suggested that the optimal number
20 of factors to extract from this dataset was three. Maximum Likelihood Factor Analysis was then
21 performed specifying the number of factors as 3 (Table 3). The cumulative variability explained by
22 the 3-factor model is modest, at 0.50. Factor 1, which explains the most variance, is heavily loaded
23 on the three SPQ domains, whereas Factors 2 and 3 are driven by cognitive measures - primarily the
24 RAVLT scores (Factor 2), and the IT scores (Factor 3). All three factors were strongly and significantly
25 heritable (h^2 0.6-0.90, $P < 0.01$, Table 2). Phenotypic correlations among factors indicated that the
26 three factors were independent of each other and what little correlation was found between them
27 was largely due to shared genetic factors (supplementary Table 2).
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38 **DISCUSSION**

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40 This study reports for the first time a thorough assessment of cognitive and personality measures as
41 candidate endophenotypes against four of the criteria suggested by Gottesman and Gould; a
42 systematic prioritising of the strongest endophenotypes using the ERV and an examination of the
43 underlying structure of this group of candidate endophenotypes using factor analysis.
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49 One of the strengths of this study was in the use of a large sample of families multiply affected by
50 schizophrenia, which allows us to directly examine the co-segregation (genetic correlation) of
51 schizophrenia and candidate endophenotypes (criteria c), in addition to implying genetic correlation
52 by comparing unaffected relatives with healthy controls (criteria d). Previous studies have largely
53 relied on group comparisons (criteria d) only to infer genetic correlation. In addition, our family
54 sample meant that we could infer the degree of genetic similarity between individuals in its entirety
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4 endophenotypes and their genetic correlation with schizophrenia will be more complete than
5 studies which use SNP-based genetic relationships, representing only part of the genetic similarity
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11 Most of the cognitive and personality measures in this study have previously been shown to be
12 associated with schizophrenia; therefore it was unsurprising that group differences between cases
13 and unaffected relatives were significant for all but P in this study. The direction of associations were
14 all in line with previous studies – cognition was impaired in cases, cases scored higher in all three
15 SPQ domains and the group differences in TCI domains were in concordance with those previously
16 reported^{40, 88-91}, with particularly significant increased HA and ST and decreased SD in cases.
17 Adjustment of group differences in specific cognitive tests for a generalized cognitive deficit was not
18 performed in the main analysis because this generalized cognitive deficit is a core feature of
19 schizophrenia. As noted by Miller and Chapman¹¹¹, adjustment for a covariate which is closely
20 related to the independent variable of interest is inappropriate, as the removal of variance due to
21 the covariate would remove considerable variance in the independent variable of interest. We did
22 perform a sensitivity analyses which showed that the between-group differences were robust to
23 correction for NART and medication use in cases. A limitation of these analyses is that we had
24 insufficient data to adjust for some potential confounders, such as drug and alcohol misuse,
25 although in the limited data available these potential confounders were not correlated with the
26 candidate endophenotypes measured.
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38 Heritability estimations for the cognitive traits in the WAFSS were in keeping with previous reports
39 ($h^2 \sim 0.4-0.8$). We show for the first time substantial heritability estimates for all three SPQ factors in
40 a clinical cohort, in keeping with a previous report in healthy adolescents⁸¹. Our heritability
41 estimates for the TCI were in a similar range to those reported previously ($h^2 0.3-0.45^{86, 87}$).
42 Heritability estimates of C, HA and ST were significant in Korean families⁸⁶, whereas only C was
43 significantly heritable in the WAFSS.
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50 The proportion of phenotypic correlation between schizophrenia and the candidate
51 endophenotypes which was due to shared genetic effects (the genetic correlation with
52 schizophrenia) calculated using variance components analysis was particularly high for NART IQ,
53 RAVLT-IW and IT, in keeping with a previous variance components analysis showing high genetic
54 correlation with schizophrenia for measures of memory and IQ²⁹. All three SPQ factors showed
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3 significant genetic correlation with schizophrenia using variance components analysis. To our
4 knowledge, this represents the first finding of genetic correlation between SPQ measures and
5 schizophrenia using co-segregation analysis. Within the TCI domains, only the negative phenotypic
6 correlation between C and schizophrenia exhibited a significant genetic component, although this is
7 difficult to interpret in the context of the mean C for unaffected relatives not being intermediate
8 between patients and controls (discussed below).
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14 Group differences in the candidate endophenotypes between unaffected relatives of people with
15 schizophrenia and controls, indicative of the measure being genetically correlated with
16 schizophrenia, were significant for NART, SILS, CPT-IP and C. Previous studies have shown
17 differences in most of the cognitive measures examined in this study³⁰. Similarly, previous reports of
18 differences in schizotypy⁶² between unaffected relatives and controls were not replicated, although
19 the interpersonal and cognitive-perceptual factors showed trends in the expected direction,
20 consistent with previous findings of elevation of these factors among unaffected relatives, with less
21 consistent results for disorganised symptoms⁶². Differences between unaffected relatives and
22 healthy controls in HA, ST and C^{40, 86} were not replicated in this study. There was a significant
23 difference in C between unaffected relatives and healthy controls; unaffected relatives had higher
24 scores than both patients and healthy controls which has been shown previously^{35, 40}. It is likely to be
25 an environmental rather than a genetic effect, as the unaffected relatives are not, in this case,
26 intermediate between their affected relatives and healthy controls.
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37 Only CPT-IP, a measure of sustained attention, and NART, a measure of general cognitive ability, met
38 all four criteria proposed by Gottesman and Gould assessed in this study. However, all three SPQ
39 domains, both RAVLT measures and both IT measures showed evidence for genetic correlation with
40 schizophrenia in the co-segregation analysis. Group comparisons between unaffected relatives and
41 controls were not available for the IT measures however, as the IT tests were not performed in the
42 control families. Furthermore, a limitation of this study was the modest size of the sample of control
43 families, which meant that the different methods employed in this study to assess the
44 endophenotype criteria did not have equal power, as outlined in the methods section. For the effect
45 sizes observed in this study, the power for detection of genetic correlation using co-segregation
46 analysis in all the affected families was higher than the power to detect group differences between
47 unaffected family members and healthy controls, which is slightly underpowered compared to the
48 other tests due to the relatively small number of healthy control families available for inclusion in
49 this study. The differences in power may account for the fact that the genetic correlation assessed
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3 by variance components analysis was more pronounced in this study than the genetic correlation
4 suggested by group differences, although most of the traits show a non-significant trend towards
5 unaffected family members being intermediate between patients with schizophrenia and healthy
6 controls. Despite the small differences in power between the different tests of the endophenotype
7 criteria, we had good power to assess all four of the different criteria for being an endophenotype in
8 this study for all but very small effects, meaning that we can presume candidate endophenotypes
9 which did not show evidence for genetic correlation with schizophrenia in the group comparison do
10 not have particularly high genetic correlation with schizophrenia in this sample.
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17 Both NART and the CPT-IP have been consistently shown to share a genetic basis with schizophrenia
18 ^{25-27, 29, 30, 112} and in a recent meta-analysis, both NART and CPT-IP measures had substantial effect
19 sizes when comparing unaffected relatives with controls. A recent paper from the Consortium on the
20 Genetics of Schizophrenia (COGS) study¹¹³ reported that CPT-IP deficits in schizophrenia could be
21 reliably detected across five sites in the Consortium on the Genetics of Schizophrenia (COGS) study
22 despite significant site differences in participant age, sex, education, and racial distribution; deficits
23 were relatively independent of current symptom severity but rather, related to functional capacity.
24 Although cognitive measures are by no means the only promising endophenotypes for
25 schizophrenia, within the neurocognitive literature there is increasing evidence that the CPT-IP is
26 one of the strongest candidate endophenotypes. A recent study of 16 endophenotypes (15
27 neurocognitive, 1 neurophysiological) in the COGS study reported a model including four important
28 endophenotypes: CPT-IP, the California Verbal Learning Test, emotion identification and the
29 antisaccade task, had the same power to discriminate between schizophrenia cases and healthy
30 controls as the model including all 16 endophenotypes (84% vs. 85% accuracy¹⁴).
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42 A novel aspect of this study was the examination of personality measures as endophenotypes and in
43 ranking them compared to cognitive measures using the ERV. We show for the first time that ERVs
44 for the top ranked personality traits and cognitive traits are similar in magnitude. The top ranked
45 cognitive measures in this study were verbal learning and memory, sustained attention and
46 premorbid IQ. This is in keeping with ERV scores reported by Glahn *et al.*¹⁵ for a different cognitive
47 battery which showed that measures of verbal learning and memory, sustained attention, speed of
48 information processing, and general IQ had high ERV scores. The fact that SPQ cognitive-perceptual
49 had an ERV score equivalent to these top cognitive measures suggests that it should be considered
50 an equivalently promising endophenotype for schizophrenia.
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3 In addition, our dataset enabled us to examine the relationship between cognition and personality
4 traits for the first time. There were no significant phenotypic correlations between personality and
5 cognitive measures, reaffirming previous reports^{63, 64, 66} including previous work in the WAFSS¹⁷
6 showing that these measures are largely independent of each other. Genetic correlations between
7 personality and cognitive traits however were high; indicating that what little phenotypic correlation
8 exists between them is largely due to a shared genetic contribution. The substantial genetic
9 correlation we observed among most of the cognitive measures, especially with IQ, has been shown
10 previously^{25, 27, 28, 31}. Previous data suggest that the positive and negative facets of schizotypy are
11 influenced genetically by two distinct latent genetic factors⁵⁸, which is supported by the moderate
12 genetic correlations between the three domains in this study ($r_g < 0.37 - 0.45$, supplementary Figure
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22 The results of the factor analysis extended previous work showing that cognitive deficits are
23 separable into distinct factors by incorporating personality measures. Factor analysis in the COGS
24 cognitive battery²³ showed distinct factors with moderate phenotypic and high genetic correlation
25 with each other. By comparison, we demonstrate much lower phenotypic correlation between
26 factors, likely due to the fact that we included both cognitive and personality factors. This study also
27 confirmed the finding that verbal memory and processing speed are largely uncorrelated and
28 contribute to two distinct factors among cognitive batteries¹¹⁴. Data from the Dunedin cohort study
29 have shown varying longitudinal trajectories in those who go on to develop schizophrenia, with
30 functions which reflect processing speed deteriorating over time, but little evidence of a decline in
31 functions reflecting verbal memory¹¹⁵.

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40 In summary, the richly phenotyped, familial WAFSS cohort is one of the few suitable for a
41 comprehensive analysis of cognitive and personality traits as candidate endophenotypes for
42 schizophrenia. We demonstrate that the strength of genetic support for personality traits as
43 endophenotypes is broadly equivalent to that of cognitive traits, and factor analysis showed that
44 both personality and cognitive traits contribute to independent latent factors. The recent
45 development of the ERV facilitated a systematic ranking of these traits for the first time. Future
46 genetic studies incorporating highly ranked cognitive and personality endophenotypes will hopefully
47 aid in identifying latent genetic variants previously missed due to the heterogeneity of the
48 neurobiological disorders subsumed under the clinical diagnosis of schizophrenia. However,
49 sufficiently powered studies including large samples with these measures will be necessary to
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Table 1. Cognitive and personality traits distribution and heritability in WAFSS participants.

characteristics	cases	relatives	controls	p (cases vs rels)	p (cases vs controls)			
	(n=160, 25%)	(n=375, 57%)	(n=121, 18%)					
Male sex [n, %]	121 (75%)	176 (47%)	61 (50%)	1.0E-08	7.3E-04	0.57		
Age at assessment (yrs) [mean, sd]	34.0 (10.8)	42.5 (22.2)	39.8 (15.6)	4.7E-15	2.6E-05	0.16		
Education (yrs formal) [mean, sd]	11.2 (2.2)	11.8 (3.0)	12.8 (2.7)	0.03	7.20E-09	2.2E-03		
cognitive and personality traits	cases	relatives	controls	q (cases vs rels)	q (cases vs controls)	h ²	q	q (rels vs control)
	(n=160, 25%)	(n=375, 57%)	(n=121, 18%)					
NART IQ	99.5 (11.1)	104.7 (10.8)	106.6 (8.7)	3.1E-02	1.9E-03	0.48	3.4E-03	0.043
SILS IQ	93.4 (14.8)	104.5 (11.8)	108.9 (8.3)	5.3E-07	1.0E-10	0.44	0.012	5.4E-03
RAVLT-IW	21.5 (6.6)	25.9 (6.0)	27.2 (5.2)	7.7E-09	4.7E-09	0.60	1.3E-03	0.105
RAVLT-DW	6.2 (3.1)	8.3 (3.2)	9.06 (2.8)	4.7E-08	1.2E-08	0.41	5.4E-03	0.094
IT block A	69.6 (107.9)	47.9 (28.0)	-	1.2E-05	-	0.55	6.3E-03	-
IT block B	62.4 (96.7)	42.5 (34.1)	-	1.0E-05	-	0.60	3.1E-03	-
CPT-IP	3.13 (1.7)	3.99 (1.5)	4.88 (1.6)	2.7E-08	9.0E-11	0.43	0.011	0.022
CPT-DS	4.50 (1.5)	5.31 (1.2)	5.62 (1.19)	1.8E-10	2.2E-04	0.14	0.574	-
COWAT (FAS version)	30.7 (10.4)	37.0 (11.9)	38.0 (9.9)	2.3E-04	4.8E-05	0.16	0.307	-
EHI (Iq)	51.7 (53.0)	62.7 (53.9)	72.0 (37.8)	4.9E-03	8.6E-05	0.24	0.211	-
SPQ cognitive-perceptual	12.4 (9.2)	2.8 (4.4)	2.5 (4.3)	6.1E-18	7.4E-11	0.59	5.9E-04	0.094
SPQ interpersonal	9.9 (7.1)	3.9 (4.9)	3.6 (4.7)	2.3E-13	5.2E-09	0.47	6.9E-03	0.102
SPQ disorganisation	5.8 (4.8)	1.8 (2.8)	2.0 (3.2)	9.4E-12	3.4E-07	0.52	5.2E-03	0.119
TCI cooperativeness	30.5 (7.1)	36.0 (4.5)	34.0 (5.4)	1.1E-06	0.023	0.73	0.012	0.023
TCI self-directedness	26.5 (7.6)	35.9 (6.7)	33.9 (6.0)	3.7E-13	7.9E-05	0.28	0.168	-
TCI persistence	4.4 (1.6)	4.4 (1.9)	4.0 (2.0)	0.276	0.089	-	-	-
TCI self-transcendence	18.4 (7.7)	11.2 (6.3)	10.4 (6.9)	4.1E-11	6.9E-06	0.31	0.149	-
TCI reward dependence	14.0 (3.9)	16.1 (3.7)	16.1 (3.5)	7.0E-04	4.3E-03	0.21	0.223	-
TCI novelty seeking	18.9 (5.3)	17.9 (5.9)	18.1 (6.2)	0.015	0.024	0.16	0.322	-
TCI harm avoidance	18.4 (7.5)	13.3 (6.5)	14.1 (5.8)	4.6E-09	6.0E-05	0.07	0.689	-

Trait distribution in schizophrenia cases, their unaffected relatives and control families free of psychopathology. Residuals of cognitive and personality measures after regression of age, sex and years of formal education were used and transformed to an (approximately) normal distribution prior to analysis. *q* values are analogous to *p*-values that incorporate FDR-based multiple testing correction. *q* values which are significant after FDR-correction at $\alpha=0.05$ are shown in bold. Only significantly heritable traits were assessed for genetic correlation (comparison between relatives and healthy controls). NART: National Adult Reading Test IQ; SILS: Shipley Institute of Living Scale (SILS)

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3 IQ; RAVLT-IW: Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test immediate word recall; RAVLT-DW: Rey Auditory
4 Verbal Learning Test delayed word recall; IT: inspection time; CPT-IP: Continuous Performance Task
5 identical pairs; CPT-DS Continuous Performance Task degraded stimulus; COWAT: controlled oral
6 word association test; EHI: Edinburgh Handedness Index; SPQ: Schizotypal Personality
7 Questionnaire; TCI: Temperament and Character Inventory.
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15 **Table 2: Endophenotype criteria met.**
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	associated with schizophrenia	heritable	co-segregates with schizophrenia	relatives intermediate
19 NART IQ [mean, sd], n=524	✓	✓	✓	✓
20 SILS IQ [mean, sd], n=517	✓	✓	✗	✓
21 RAVLT-IW [mean, sd], n=532	✓	✓	✓	✗
22 RAVLT-DW [mean, sd], n=529	✓	✓	✓	✗
23 IT block A [mean, sd], n=336	✓	✓	✓	-
24 IT block B [mean, sd], n=335	✓	✓	✓	-
25 CPT-IP [mean, sd], n=474	✓	✓	✓	✓
26 CPT-DS [mean, sd], n=397	✓	✗	-	-
27 COWAT (FAS version) [mean, sd], n=528	✓	✗	-	-
28 EHI (lq)	✓	✗	-	-
29 SPQ cognitive-perceptual	✓	✓	✓	✗
30 SPQ interpersonal	✓	✓	✓	✗
31 SPQ disorganisation	✓	✓	✓	✗
32 TCI cooperativeness [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✓	✓	✗
33 TCI self-directedness [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✗	-	-
34 TCI persistence [mean, sd], n=375	✗	-	-	-
35 TCI self-transcendence [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✗	-	-
36 TCI reward dependence [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✗	-	-
37 TCI novelty seeking [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✗	-	-
38 TCI harm avoidance [mean, sd], n=375	✓	✗	-	-

39 Check marks indicate that FDR-corrected significance was achieved and the direction of effect was as
40 hypothesised. Measures which were not significantly both associated with schizophrenia and
41 heritable were not assessed against the two measures of genetic correlation (indicated by '-').As no
42 data were available for the inspection time task in the control families, the assessment of whether
43 relatives were intermediate between cases and controls was not available for the IT tasks.
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45 Abbreviations as shown in Table 1.
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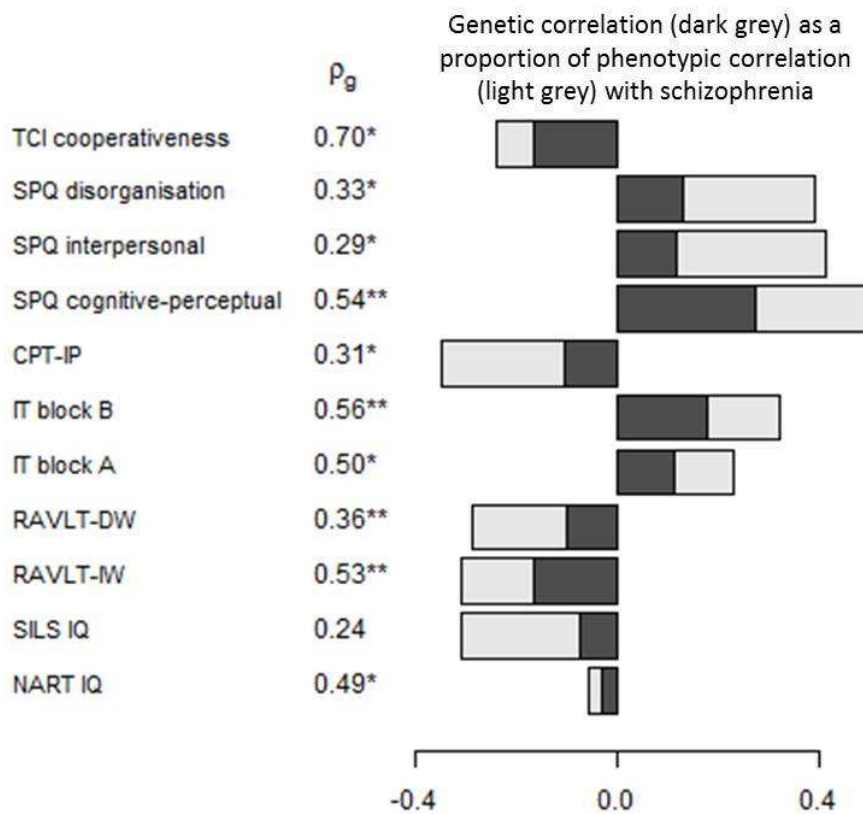


Figure 1. Genetic correlation (ρ_g) between candidate endophenotypes and schizophrenia. Only significantly heritable traits were assessed for genetic correlation. The genetic correlation (dark grey) as a proportion of the phenotypic correlation (Pearson's r) with schizophrenia (light grey) is shown. * $q < 0.05$, ** $q < 0.01$. SZ: schizophrenia/ schizophrenia spectrum disorder. Other abbreviations as shown in Table 1.

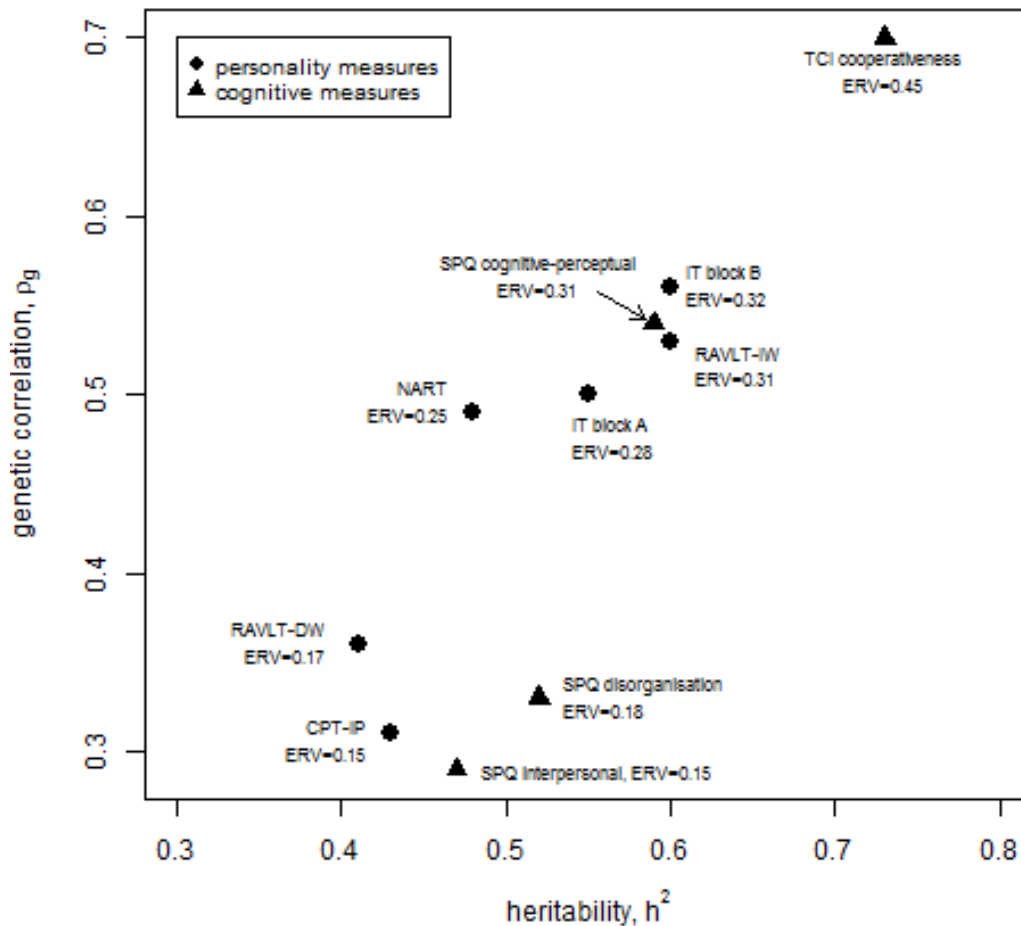


Figure 2. Genetic correlation, heritability and endophenotype ranking variables (ERV). Only traits with significant heritability and genetic correlation with schizophrenia are shown. Personality traits are shown as triangles, cognitive traits as circles. TCI: Temperament and Character Inventory; SPQ: Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire; CPT-IP: Continuous Performance Task identical pairs; IT: inspection time; RAVLT-DW: Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test delayed word recall; RAVLT-IW: Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test immediate word recall; NART: National Adult Reading Test IQ.

Table 3. Factor analysis of cognitive and personality traits.

	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3
NART IQ	0.013	0.441	0.004
CPT-IP	0.219	0.272	0.148
RAVLT-IW	0.110	0.854	0.211
RAVLT-DW	0.149	0.857	0.204
IT block A	0.144	0.206	0.581
IT block B	0.141	-0.054	0.986
EHI (Iq)	-0.009	0.229	-0.033
SPQ cognitive-perceptual	0.838	0.073	0.112
SPQ interpersonal	0.749	0.038	0.140
SPQ disorganisation	0.832	-0.072	0.072
TCI cooperativeness	0.347	0.196	0.058
<i>SS loadings</i>	2.197	1.881	1.460
<i>Proportion Var</i>	0.200	0.171	0.133
<i>Cumulative Var</i>	0.200	0.371	0.504
<i>heritability</i>	0.826	0.687	0.675

Loadings >0.1 are shown in bold. All heritabilities were significant at $P < 0.01$. Chi square test of the hypothesis that 3 factors are sufficient: 49.59 on 25 degrees of freedom, $p = 0.00239$. TCI: Temperament and Character Inventory; SPQ: Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire; CPT-IP: Continuous Performance Task identical pairs; IT: inspection time; RAVLT-DW: Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test delayed word recall; RAVLT-IW: Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test immediate word recall; NART: National Adult Reading Test IQ.

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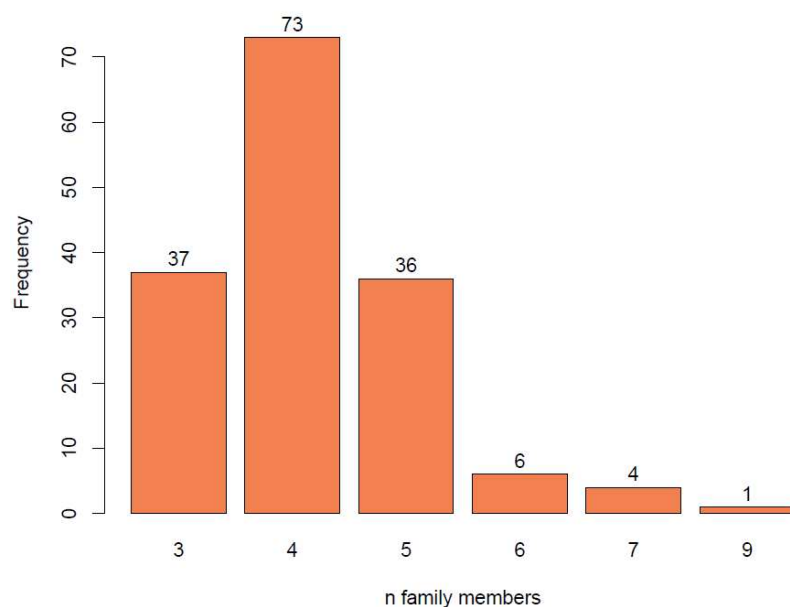
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Figure 1. Distribution of family size for the families included in the analysis (157 families, n=656).

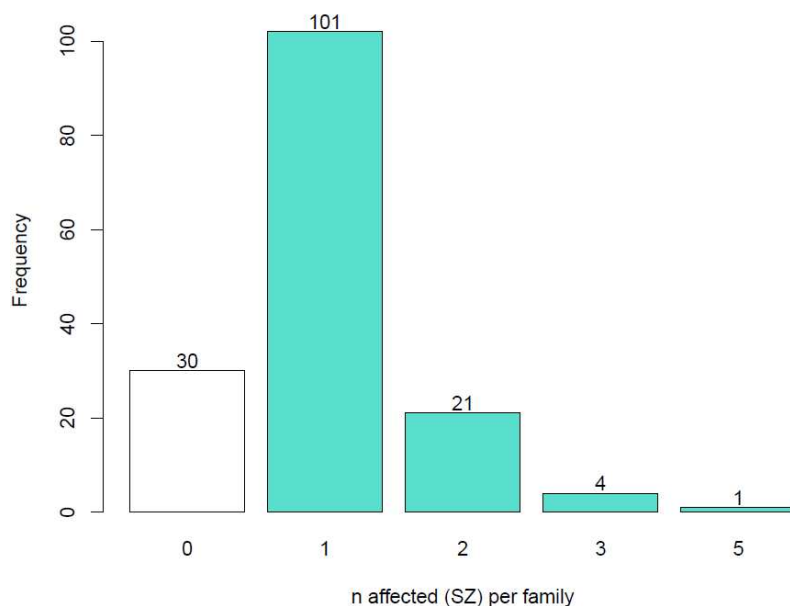


Figure 2. Number of cases per family for all 157 families included in the analysis. Affected families (127 families, n=535) contained 160 cases, with a median of one case per family. The sample also included including 30 control families (n=121)

Table 1. Between-group differences adjusted for NART IQ and medication use in cases.

cognitive and personality traits	cases (n=160, 25%)	relatives (n=375, 57%)	controls (n=121, 18%)	q (cases vs rels)	q (cases vs controls)	q (rels vs control)
SILS IQ	93.4 (14.8)	104.5 (11.8)	108.9 (8.3)	4.35E-07	3.53E-08	4.17E-04
RAVLT-IW	21.5 (6.6)	25.9 (6.0)	27.2 (5.2)	3.85E-07	5.64E-06	0.087
RAVLT-DW	6.2 (3.1)	8.3 (3.2)	9.06 (2.8)	1.44E-05	1.98E-05	0.151
IT block A	69.6 (107.9)	47.9 (28.0)	-	2.36E-06	-	
IT block B	62.4 (96.7)	42.5 (34.1)	-	1.42E-06	-	
CPT-IP	3.13 (1.7)	3.99 (1.5)	4.88 (1.6)	3.15E-07	2.28E-08	0.014
CPT-DS	4.50 (1.5)	5.31 (1.2)	5.62 (1.19)	1.49E-09	9.03E-04	
COWAT (FAS version)	30.7 (10.4)	37.0 (11.9)	38.0 (9.9)	2.15E-03	2.11E-03	
EHI (Iq)	51.7 (53.0)	62.7 (53.9)	72.0 (37.8)	2.10E-03	6.56E-05	
SPQ cognitive- perceptual	12.4 (9.2)	2.8 (4.4)	2.5 (4.3)	7.82E-18	1.01E-10	0.049
SPQ interpersonal	9.9 (7.1)	3.9 (4.9)	3.6 (4.7)	4.90E-14	6.86E-09	0.060
SPQ disorganisation	5.8 (4.8)	1.8 (2.8)	2.0 (3.2)	5.92E-11	3.18E-07	0.143
TCI cooperativeness	30.5 (7.1)	36.0 (4.5)	34.0 (5.4)	1.34E-05	0.034	2.78E-03
TCI self-directedness	26.5 (7.6)	35.9 (6.7)	33.9 (6.0)	5.22E-13	3.44E-04	
TCI persistence	4.4 (1.6)	4.4 (1.9)	4.0 (2.0)	0.266	0.080	
TCI self-transcendence	18.4 (7.7)	11.2 (6.3)	10.4 (6.9)	2.24E-09	5.15E-05	
TCI reward dependence	14.0 (3.9)	16.1 (3.7)	16.1 (3.5)	1.01E-03	6.82E-03	
TCI novelty seeking	18.9 (5.3)	17.9 (5.9)	18.1 (6.2)	0.022	0.032	
TCI harm avoidance	18.4 (7.5)	13.3 (6.5)	14.1 (5.8)	2.65E-09	3.84E-05	

FDR-adjusted q values, comparing cases and controls or cases and relatives adjusting for family structure, sex, age, education, NART IQ and medication use (chlorpromazine equivalence, cases only).

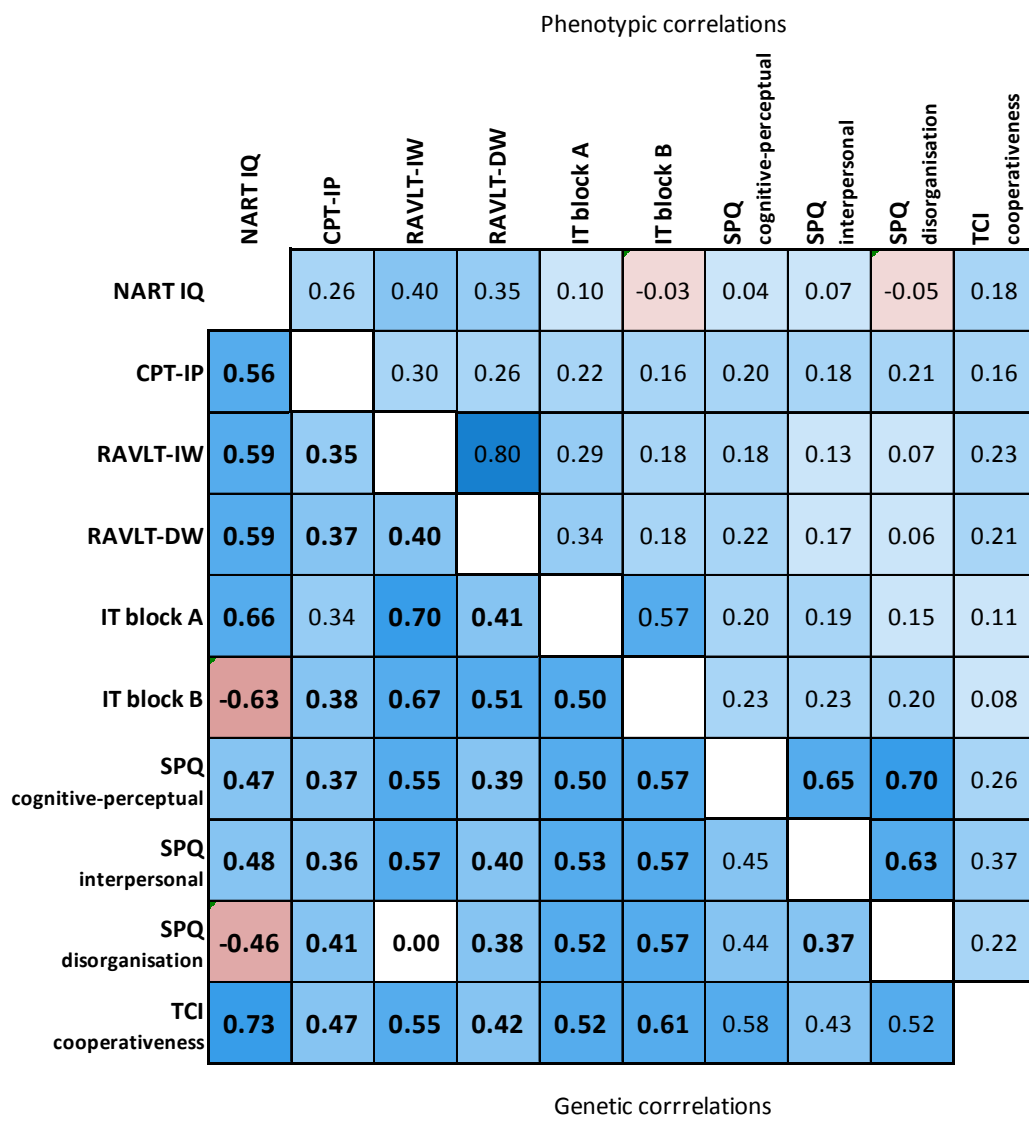


Figure 3. Phenotypic and genetic correlations between candidate endophenotypes. Correlations were calculated from the entire cohort. Phenotypic correlations were adjusted for relatedness. Only traits with significant heritability and genetic correlation with schizophrenia were included.

Table 2. Phenotypic and genetic correlations between factors (Pearson's r).

phenotypic r	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4
Factor 1	1	0.019	0.024	-0.009
Factor 2	0.019	1	-0.008	0.010
Factor 3	0.024	-0.008	1	0.002
Factor 4	-0.009	0.010	0.002	1

genetic r	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4
Factor 1	1	0.860	0.849	0.850
Factor 2	0.860	1	0.647	0.652
Factor 3	0.849	0.647	1	0.649
Factor 4	0.850	0.652	0.649	1

Table 3. Factor analysis in traits with significant heritability and genetic correlation with schizophrenia in cases and unaffected family members separately.

<i>schizophrenia cases</i>	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3	<i>unaffected family members</i>	Factor1	Factor2	Factor3
NART IQ	0.458	-0.110	-0.092	NART IQ	0.087	0.447	0.101
CPT-IP	0.362	-0.036	0.098	CPT-IP	0.210	0.182	0.185
RAVLT-IW	0.900	0.018	0.252	RAVLT-IW	0.083	0.854	0.024
RAVLT-DW	0.818	0.051	0.348	RAVLT-DW	0.112	0.869	0.055
IT block A	0.120	0.131	0.917	IT block A	-0.029	0.205	0.976
IT block B	0.084	-0.015	0.678	IT block B	0.242	0.002	0.546
SPQ cognitive-perceptual	0.004	0.790	0.109	SPQ cognitive-perceptual	0.825	0.081	0.048
SPQ interpersonal	0.003	0.791	-0.075	SPQ interpersonal	0.648	0.057	0.230
SPQ disorganisation	-0.271	0.724	0.066	SPQ disorganisation	0.835	0.023	0.070
TCI cooperativeness	0.192	0.399	0.031	TCI cooperativeness	0.216	0.193	0.067
<i>SS loadings</i>	2.034	1.985	1.528	<i>SS loadings</i>	1.996	1.838	1.363
<i>Proportion Var</i>	0.185	0.180	0.139	<i>Proportion Var</i>	0.181	0.167	0.124
<i>Cumulative Var</i>	0.185	0.365	0.504	<i>Cumulative Var</i>	0.181	0.349	0.472