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37 This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

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41 **eMethods 1. Full Exclusion Criteria**

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43 *Study 1*

44 Exclusion criteria for all volunteers were as follows: 1) ages <18 or >60; 2) a history of a head injury leading to loss of consciousness, 3) personal or family
45 history of neurological, neurodevelopmental, endocrine or cardiovascular health problems, 4) contraindications to MRI safety, 5) current or lifetime history of
46 substance use or dependence as determined by the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV-TR (SCID-I/P), 6) current or recent (within last month)
47 recreational use of illicit substances, 7) screened positive on a THC urine toxicology test that can detect THC metabolite THCCOOH for up to 30 days
48 (InstAlert; 50 ng/ml cut off), or 8) screened positive on a multi-panel urine drug screen (InstAlert) detecting the following substances: amphetamine (500ng/ml
49 cut-off), buprenorphine (5ng/ml cut-off), cocaine (300ng/ml cut-off), methadone (300ng/ml cut-off), opiates (300ng/ml cut-off).

50 *Study 2*

51 Exclusion criteria for all volunteers were as follows: 1) ages <18 or >60; 2) history of a head injury leading to loss of consciousness; 3) personal or family
52 history of neurological, neurodevelopmental, endocrine or cardiovascular health problems; 4) contraindications to MRI including the presence of metal plates,
53 pins, bridges or dentures and pregnancy; 5) current or lifetime history of substance use or dependence as determined by the Structured Clinical Interview for
54 DSM-IV-TR (SCID-I/P); 6) current or recent (within last month) recreational use of illicit substances; 7) screened positive on a THC urine toxicology test that
55 can detect THC metabolite THCCOOH for up to 30 days (SureScreen, Diagnostics; 50 ng/ml cut off); 8) screened positive on a multi-panel drug screen
56 detecting the following substances: amphetamine (300 ng/ml cut off), cocaine (150 ng/ml cut off), ketamine (1000 ng/ml cut off), marijuana (50 ng/ml cut off),
57 methamphetamine (300 ng/ml cut off), opiates (2000 ng/ml cut off) (SureScreen Diagnostics).

58 **eMethods 2. Measures for Tobacco, Alcohol, and Cannabis Use**

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60 *Study 1*

61 Alcohol use was recorded using the Audit questionnaire ¹, tobacco use was recorded using a questionnaire adapted from the World Health Organization ² and
62 cannabis use was measured using an illicit substance use questionnaire described previously ³.

63 *Study 2*

64 Current and previous use of alcohol, nicotine and illicit substances were recorded. If volunteers reported current use, the quantity (cigarettes/alcohol units
65 etc.), duration (years) and frequency (number of uses per week) of use was recorded. Prior cannabis use was recorded using the Cannabis Experiences
66 questionnaire ⁴ as well the following variables: lifetime use (yes/no), age of first use (years), quantity of lifetime use (joints) and time since last use (days).
67 Current tobacco use was defined as tobacco use on at least one occasion within the last week.

68 **eMethods 3. PET Imaging Acquisition Parameters**

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70 *Study 1*

71 Non-continuous 120-minute PET scans were acquired using a brain dedicated PET (Siemens ECAT HRRT) in three-dimensional mode, after a bolus injection
72 of 201 ± 11.10 MBq of [¹⁸F]FMPEP-d₂, synthesized using methods described previously ⁵. Subjects underwent the scan between 0-60 and 90-120 minutes.
73 Two attenuation correction scans were acquired using a Cs¹³⁷ point source before bolus injection and after 120 minutes to avoid attenuation correction bias
74 induced by repositioning after the scan break. Emission data were reconstructed using a 3D-OSEM algorithm into 19 frames of increasing length (3x1 min,
75 5x3 min, 7x6 min and 4x7.5 min) with a 1.22x1.22x1.22 mm³ isometric voxel-size. Continuous arterial blood sampling took place for the first 3.5 minutes of the

76 scan. This was followed by discrete blood sampling at 4.5, 7.5, 11, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100 minutes to measure plasma tracer
77 radioactivity, and at 4.5, 11, 15, 30, 45, 60, 70, 80, 100 minutes to measure the fraction of unmetabolized radiotracer.

78 *Study 2*

79 Continuous 90-minute positron emission tomography (PET) scans were acquired on a PET/CT (Hi-Rez Biograph 6 CT44931) in three-dimensional mode,
80 after a bolus injection of 314 ± 34.4 MBq of [^{11}C]MePPEP, synthesized using methods reported elsewhere^{6,7}. CT scans were acquired prior to each PET scan
81 for correction for attenuation and scatter. Continuous arterial blood sampling took place for the first 15 minutes of the scan which was followed by discrete
82 blood sampling at 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 minutes after the radioligand injection. Images were reconstructed with filtered back
83 projection including corrections for attenuation and scatter.

84 **eMethods 4. MRI Imaging Acquisition Parameters**

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86 *Study 1*

87 High-resolution 3D T1-weighted structural MRI images were acquired for all subjects on a Philips 3T Ingenuity PET/MR hybrid scanner using multi-shot turbo
88 field echo and a 32 channel head coil (176 slices with isometric 1mm^3 voxel size, in-plane matrix size of 256×256 , FOV=176mm, TR=8.1; TE=3.7; TI=1s; flip
89 angle=7°; slice thickness=1mm; slice gap=0mm).

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91 *Study 2*

92 High-resolution 3D T1-weighted structural MRI images were acquired for anatomical co-localisation on a General Electric MR750 3.0T scanner (in-plane
93 matrix size of 256×256 , FOV = 26.0 mm) using whole-brain, interleaved bottom-up acquisition, sagittal orientation and an 8 channel head coil (TR = 7.34
94 mm, TE = 3.036 mm, inversion time = 4 seconds, flip angle = 11°, slice thickness = 1.2 mm, slice gap = 1.2 mm).

95 **eMethods 5. PET Image Analysis: Preprocessing Methods**

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97 *Study*

98 Data pre-processing was performed using a combination of Statistical Parametric Mapping 12 (<http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm>) and Matlab R2014b (The
99 Mathworks Inc., Sherborn, Massachusetts). Motion correction was applied for all PET scans as follows. Attenuation and scatter corrected images were realigned
100 to a single reference frame (the 12th frame, which contained the highest uptake average). Realigned frames were then summated to create single-subject
101 motion-corrected maps which were then used for MRI and PET co-registration, prior to PET data quantification. T1-weighted structural images were co-
102 registered to the PET image using rigid body transformations. Normalization parameters were obtained by warping the co-registered structural MRI to MNI
103 space (International Consortium for Brain Mapping ICBM/MNI) using probabilistic tissue classification with bias correction. The inverse of these parameters was
104 used to fit a neuroanatomical atlas to each individual PET scan using the Hammersmith atlas (Hammers et. al 2003).

105 Decay corrected whole blood tissue activity curves (TAC) derived from automatic blood pump sampling were converted to plasma activity using hematocrit and
106 a population derived tracer specific distribution function. Automated and manual sample TACs were then combined and PET count rate curves were used to
107 reference peak tissue activity to correct for temporal delay between blood sample measurement and target the tissue data. Plasma and whole blood TAC values
108 were extrapolated from 100 to 120 minutes using a biexponential function fit starting at two times the peak activity location. The time delay of the peak
109 radioactivity reaching tissue and blood samples was corrected using PET count rate curves to reference peak tissue activity. The resulting whole blood and
110 plasma TACs were corrected for the fraction of unchanged tracer, which was measured from arterial plasma using thin-layer chromatography and interpolated

111 with an extended version of Hill model fit to the measured un-metabolized fraction time series. The resulting plasma activity concentration curve, corrected for
112 metabolites, was used as parent input for modelling.

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114 *Study 2*

115 Data pre-processing was performed using a combination of Statistical Parametric Mapping 12 (<http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm>) and FSL
116 (<http://www.fsl.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl>) functions, as implemented in MIAKAT (miakat.org). Motion correction was applied to non-attenuation corrected images⁸.
117 Non-attenuated corrected frames were realigned to a single “reference” frame (corresponding to that with the highest number of counts) by employing a
118 mutual information algorithm. The transformation parameters were then applied to the corresponding attenuated-corrected dynamic images, creating a
119 movement-corrected dynamic image which was used for the analysis. Realigned frames were then summated to create single-subject motion-corrected maps
120 which were then used for MRI and PET co-registration, prior to PET data quantification. T1-weighted structural images were co-registered to the PET image
121 using rigid body transformation. Normalization parameters were obtained by warping the co-registered structural MRI to MNI space (International Consortium
122 for Brain Mapping ICBM/MNI) using bias-corrected segmentation. The inverse of these parameters was used to fit a neuroanatomical atlas to each individual
123 PET scan using the Hammersmith atlas (Hammers et. al 2003). Whole blood time-activity curves (TACs) were fitted using a multi-exponential function as
124 derived by Feng’s model (20). For each scan, a time delay was fitted and applied to the input functions (both parent and whole blood TACs) to account for
125 any temporal delay between blood sample measurement and target the tissue data.

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127 **eMethods 6. CB1R Availability: Kinetic Modelling Validation**

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129 *Study 1 & 2*

130 While the use of Logan has been previously validated for FMPEP, returning test-retest data comparable to two-tissue compartmental modelling⁹ we validated
131 the use of Logan by comparing V_T estimates with coefficient variation <10% derived from Logan and 2TCM modelling. In this context, we demonstrated that
132 the mean relative difference between Logan and 2TCM was low (whole brain mrd: -4%+/-11%) and that V_T estimates derived using these models were highly
133 correlated (Pearson’s correlation from 0.7 to 0.94, mean+/-sd: 0.83+/-0.13) in both controls and patients. Logan led to lower between-subject variability
134 compared to 2TCM (average across region 38% for Logan vs 74% for 2TCM) which is consistent with the literature and the performance obtained by the best
135 method proposed by Barros and colleagues⁷. In view of this, and to be consistent across both studies, we used the Logan approach for our analyses.

136 **eMethods 7. Movement Parameters**

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138 *Study 1 & 2*

139 For studies 1-2, cumulative scanner movement was defined as the sum of total frame-to-frame movement during imaging acquisition. For studies 1-2, motion
140 spikes were defined as frame-to-frame scanner movement exceeding 5mm since the resolution of PET images were 5mm.

141 **eMethods 8. Volumetric Image Analysis**

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143 *Study 1 & 2*

144 A voxel-based morphometry (VBM) analysis was conducted using SPM12 in order to determine if there were volumetric differences between patients and
145 controls. Structural T1-weighted structural scans were segmented, warped to a template created using the DARTEL algorithm which improves the accuracy of
146 inter-subject registration and realignment, normalised into MNI space and smoothed using an 8mm Gaussian kernel. To identify if there were volumetric
147 differences between patients and controls, global tissues volumes were compared using independent samples t-test was conducted in SPM12 including age

148 and total intracranial volume as covariates. Tissue volumes were compared between patients and controls in whole-brain and region of interest analyses of
149 the anterior cingulate, thalamus, hippocampus and striatum. The height threshold was set to $p=0.001$ and peak-level family-wise error corrected thresholds
150 ($p<0.05$) were used.

151 **eMethods 9. Cannabinoid Receptor Availability: Additional Analyses**

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153 *Study 1 & 2*

154 To determine if CB1R availability was lower in patients, a repeated measures ANOVA using a 2 (group: control vs. patient) x 13 (region: amygdala, caudate,
155 putamen, insula, cerebellum, posterior cingulate, temporal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe, frontal lobe) design was used for each dataset. These regions of
156 interest were also defined using the Hammersmith atlas¹⁰. The main effect of group tested whether the V_T of the respective tracer was different between
157 patients and controls, and the group x region interaction tested whether mean V_T across ROIs were different between groups, where a null result indicates a
158 global reduction in V_T . Interaction effects were explored with post-hoc independent sample t-tests (two-tailed).

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160 **eMethods 10. Voxelwise Analysis: Additional Analyses**

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162 *Study 1 & 2*

163 An exploratory voxel-wise analysis was also conducted using SPM12 in order to determine if there were whole-brain voxel-wise differences in CB1R
164 availability between patients and controls. The height threshold was set to $p=0.001$ and peak-level family-wise error corrected thresholds ($p<0.05$) were used.

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169 **eTable 1. Experimental Parameters for Study 1 and 2**

170 **Study 1: ([¹⁸F]FMPEP-d₂) - medicated**

171		Healthy volunteers	FEP patients	t	df	p
172	N	11	7			
173	Weight (kg)	M=81.91; SD=9.66	M=94.00; SD=19.83	1.743	16	0.10
174	Body mass					
175	index	M=25.28; SD=3.74	M=29.35; SD=6.62	1.681	16	0.11
176	Dose (Mbcq)	M=199.64; SD=13.00	M=203.29; SD=8.82	0.650	16	0.53
177	Specific activity	>500 Gbcq/micromole	>500 Gbcq/micromole	NA	NA	NA
178	Injected mass					
179	(ng)	M<189.05; SD=12.31	M=<192.51; SD=8.36	0.650	16	0.53
180	Total scanner					
181	motion (mm)*	M=8.05; SD=3.36	M=12.00; SD=3.68	2.350	16	0.03

182 **Study 2: ([¹¹C]MePPEP) – un-medicated**

183		Healthy volunteers	FEP patients	t	df	p
184	N	20	20			
185	Weight (kg)	M=78.29; SD=13.26	M=85.09; SD=14.17	-1.568	38	0.13
186	Body mass					
187	index	M=25.47; SD=3.78	M=26.65; SD=5.24	-0.674	26	0.51
188	Dose (MBq)	M=311.32; SD=44.87	M=311.50; SD=27.48	0.016	38	0.98
189	Injected mass					
190	(µg)	M=4.31; SD=1.60	M=4.72. SD=2.46	-0.583	38	0.56
191	Specific activity					
192	GBq/µmol	M=97.32; SD=287.91	M=158.38; SD=556.02	-.436	38	0.67
193	Fp (% if >1 or					
194	fraction if <1)	M=0.19; SD=4.68	M=0.16; SD=0.05	1.758	38	0.09
195	Total scanner					
196	motion (mm)*	M=12.58; SD=4.68	M=13.78; SD=5.95	-0.709	38	0.48

198 *Total scanner motion was defined as the sum of total frame-to-frame movement during imaging acquisition. Experimental parameters for the positron emission tomography scans for study 1 and 2
 199 including weight, body mass index, dose, specific activity, injected mass, total scanner motion. Body mass index, calculated using methods described previously ¹¹. FEP=first episode psychosis;
 200 N=number; kg=kilograms; mm=millimetres; MBq=megabecquerel; µg=microgram; umol=micromoles; GBq=gigabecquerel.

201 **eResults 1. Volumetric Image Analysis**

202 To identify if there were volumetric differences between patients and controls, tissue volumes were compared between patients and controls in whole-brain
203 and region of interest analyses of the anterior cingulate, thalamus, hippocampus and striatum.

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205 *Study 1*

206 There were no significant group differences in tissue volumes between patients and controls in whole-brain and region of interest analyses of the anterior
207 cingulate, thalamus, hippocampus and striatum. No statistics are reported because there were no suprathreshold clusters.

208 *Study 2*

209 There were no significant group differences in tissue volumes between patients and controls in whole-brain and region of interest analyses of the anterior
210 cingulate, thalamus, hippocampus and striatum. No statistics are reported because there were no suprathreshold clusters.

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212 **eResults 2. Cannabinoid Receptor Availability: Gray Matter Masking**

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214 To determine if differences in gray matter volumes in ROIs influenced our results, the analyses were repeated using a gray matter mask applied to each ROI
215 to restrict the image analysis to gray matter. The results for each study are as follows:

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217 *Study 1*

218 Data were normally distributed and assumptions of sphericity were not violated, $\chi^2=4.67$, $p=0.46$. There was a significant main effect of group on V_T (ml/cm³)
219 of [¹⁸F] FMPEP-d₂, $F(1,16)=19.981$, $p<0.001$ in the anterior cingulate cortex (Hedge's $g=2.1$), hippocampus (Hedge's $g=1.5$), striatum (Hedge's $g=2.1$) and
220 thalamus (Hedge's $g=2.2$). There was also a significant main effect of region, $F(1, 16)=98.99$, $p<0.001$. There was also a significant group x region interaction,
221 $F(1,16)=4.05$, $p=0.012$.

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223 *Study 2*

224 Data were normally distributed and since assumptions of sphericity were violated, $\chi^2=12.14$, $p=0.033$, Greenhouse-Geisser estimates were used. There was a
225 significant main effect of group on V_T (ml/cm³) of [¹¹C]MePPEP, $F(1,38)=5.736$, $p=0.022$ in the anterior cingulate cortex (Hedge's $g=0.8$), hippocampus
226 (Hedge's $g=0.5$), striatum (Hedge's $g=0.4$) and thalamus (Hedge's $g=0.7$). There was also a significant main effect of region, $F(2.31, 88.59)=46.132$, $p<0.001$.
227 However, the group x region interaction effect was not significant, $F(2.33, 88.59)=1.112$, $p=0.347$.

228 **eResults 3. Cannabinoid Receptor Availability Controlling for Potential Confounders**

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230 To determine if tobacco or lifetime cannabis use influenced our results, the analyses were repeated including data on these variables as covariates.

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232 *Study 1*

233 Data were normally distributed and since assumptions of sphericity were not violated, $\chi^2=5.05$, $p=0.41$. There was a significant main effect of group on V_T
234 ($F(1,25)=6.47$, $p=0.01$). There was a significant interaction effect between group x region ($F(3,42)=4.71$, $p=0.01$). There were no significant interaction effects
235 between region x the quantity of current tobacco use ($F(3,42)=0.56$, $p=0.64$) or between region x quantity of lifetime cannabis use ($F(3,42)=0.74$, $p=0.53$).

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237 *Study 2*

238 Data were normally distributed and since assumptions of sphericity were not violated, $\chi^2=10.82$, $p=0.055$. There was a significant main effect of group on V_T
239 ($F(1,25)=6.47$, $p=0.01$). There were no significant interaction effects between group x region ($F(1, 25)=2.95$, $p=0.10$), region x quantity of lifetime cannabis
240 use ($F(3,75)=2.53$, $p=0.06$) or region x quantity of current tobacco use ($F(3,75)=0.21$, $p=0.89$).

241 **eResults 4. Cannabinoid Receptor Availability: Additional Region-of-Interest Analysis**

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243 To determine if CB1R availability was lower in patients across additional brain regions for comparison with other studies, a repeated measures ANOVA using
244 a 2 (group: control vs. patient) x 13 (region: amygdala, caudate, putamen, insula, cerebellum, posterior cingulate, temporal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe,
245 frontal lobe) design was used for each dataset. These regions of interest were also defined using the Hammersmith atlas¹⁰. The main effect of group tested
246 whether the V_T of the respective tracer was different between patients and controls, and the group x region interaction tested whether mean V_T across ROIs
247 were different between groups, where a null result indicates a global reduction in V_T . Interaction effects were explored with post-hoc independent sample t-
248 tests (two-tailed).

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250 *Study 1*

251 Data were normally distributed and since assumptions of sphericity were violated, $\chi^2=165.143$, $p<0.001$, Greenhouse-Geisser estimates were used. There
252 was a significant main effect of group on V_T ($F(1,16)=17.112$, $p=0.001$). There was also a significant main effect of region on V_T ($F(2.28, 36.49)=36.33$,
253 $p<0.001$). However, the group x region interaction did not reach statistical significance ($F(2.28, 36.49)=2.86$, $p=0.06$).

254 *Study 2*

255 Data were normally distributed and since assumptions of sphericity were violated, $\chi^2=254.29$, $p<0.001$, Greenhouse-Geisser estimates were used. There was
256 no significant main effect of group on V_T ($F(1, 38)=2.41$, $p=0.13$). However, there was a significant main effect of region $F(3.65, 138.58)=74.06$, $p<0.001$.
257 However, the group x interaction was not significant $F(3.65, 138.58)=1.77$, $p=0.15$.

258 **eResults 5. Cannabinoid Receptor Availability: Voxelwise Analysis**

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260 *Study 1*

261 In a whole-brain voxel-wise analysis, patients relative to controls showed significantly lower V_T of [¹⁸F]FMPEP-d₂ in a cluster encompassing the anterior and
262 middle cingulate, superior and middle frontal gyrus, inferior orbital gyrus, middle and inferior temporal gyrus, inferior opercular gyrus, inferior frontal pars
263 triangularis (see supplementary figure 1). There were no differences in the control<patient contrast.

264 *Study 2*

265 Patients relative to controls showed significantly lower V_T of [¹¹C]MePPEP in a cluster encompassing the inferior temporal gyrus and fusiform gyrus ($T=4.98$,
266 $pFWE<0.001$) (see supplementary figure 2). There were no differences in the control<patient contrast.

267 **eResults 6. Association Between CB1R Availability and Tobacco Use**

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269 *Study 1*

270 In a multiple linear regression, V_T of [¹⁸F] FMPEP-d₂ in the thalamus was not significantly predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=-2.56$, $p=0.45$) or the quantity of

271 current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=0.32$, $p=0.63$) with an $R^2=0.11$. Similarly, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the hippocampus was not significantly
272 predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=-1.14$, $p=0.87$) or the quantity of current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=-0.13$, $p=0.93$) with an $R^2=0.06$. In line with
273 this, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the striatum was not significantly predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=-4.15$, $p=0.60$) or the quantity of current tobacco use
274 (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=0.52$, $p=0.74$) with an $R^2=0.05$. Moreover, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the anterior cingulate was also not significantly predicted by
275 current tobacco use ($\beta=-5.78$, $p=0.50$) 2.56 or the quantity of current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=0.92$, $p=0.60$) with an $R^2=0.05$.

276 *Study 2*

277 In a multiple linear regression, V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the thalamus was not significantly predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=0.89$, $p=0.53$) or the quantity of
278 current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=-0.15$, $p=0.63$) with an $R^2=0.04$. The V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the hippocampus was not significantly predicted by
279 current tobacco use ($\beta=1.51$, $p=0.71$) or the quantity of current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=-0.38$, $p=0.66$) with an $R^2=0.02$. The V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in
280 the striatum was not significantly predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=0.08$, $p=0.98$) or the quantity of current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=-0.31$,
281 $p=0.68$) with an $R^2=0.007$. The V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the anterior cingulate cortex was not significantly predicted by current tobacco use ($\beta=-0.69$, $p=0.86$) or
282 the quantity of current tobacco use (cigarettes per day) ($\beta=-0.31$, $p=0.70$) with an $R^2=0.004$.

283 **eResults 7. Association Between CB1R Availability and Cannabis Use**

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285 *Study 1*

286 In a multiple linear regression, V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the thalamus was not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=1.55$, $p=0.14$) or the quantity of
287 prior cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=-0.31$, $p=0.46$) with an $R^2=0.16$. Similarly, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the anterior cingulate was not significantly predicted by
288 prior cannabis use ($\beta=4.35$, $p=0.09$) or the quantity of prior cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=-0.66$, $p=0.52$) with an $R^2=0.22$. In line with this, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂
289 in the hippocampus not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=0.76$, $p=0.74$) or the quantity of prior cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=0.16$, $p=0.86$) with an
290 $R^2=0.03$. Moreover, the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the striatum was not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=2.90$, $p=0.23$) or the quantity of prior
291 cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=-0.17$, $p=0.86$) with an $R^2=0.16$.

292 *Study 2*

293 In a multiple linear regression, V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the thalamus was not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=-0.77$, $p=0.78$) or the quantity of
294 prior lifetime cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=0.00$, $p=0.99$) with an $R^2=0.003$. Similarly, the V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the anterior cingulate was not significantly predicted
295 by prior cannabis use ($\beta=0.49$, $p=0.51$) or the quantity of prior cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=-0.56$, $p=0.05$, with an $R^2=0.14$. In line with this, the V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP
296 in the hippocampus not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=-0.33$, $p=0.67$) or the quantity of prior cannabis use (joints) ($\beta=0.14$, $p=0.28$) with an
297 $R^2=0.01$. Moreover, the V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the striatum not significantly predicted by prior cannabis use ($\beta=-0.22$, $p=0.36$) or the quantity of prior cannabis
298 use (joints) ($\beta=-0.22$, $p=0.73$) with an $R^2=0.05$.

299 **eResults 8. Association Between CB1R Availability and Age**

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301 *Study 1*

302 In a linear regression, age did not significantly predict the V_T of [^{18}F] FMPEP-d₂ in the hippocampus ($\beta=-0.07$, $p=0.64$), thalamus ($\beta=-0.06$, $p=0.38$), anterior
303 cingulate ($\beta=-0.17$, $p=0.34$) or the striatum ($\beta=-0.17$, $p=0.34$).

304 *Study 2*

305 In a linear regression, age did not significantly predict the V_T of [^{11}C]MePPEP in the hippocampus ($\beta=-0.27$, $p=0.42$), striatum ($\beta=-0.48$, $p=0.09$), anterior
306 cingulate ($\beta=-0.26$, $p=0.40$) or thalamus ($\beta=-0.16$, $p=0.16$).

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308 **eResults 9. Radiotracer Spatial Covariance**

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310 *Study 1 & 2*

311 The spatial covariance of the two radiotracers was compared using interregional correlation statistics as implemented by the NetPET package¹². Both
312 Krzanowski's tests on eigenvectors and eigenvalues did not show any statistical difference (peigenvector: 0.23, peigenvalue:0.19 lambda= 22.0, mu =28.9),
313 supporting the fact that the distribution of the tracer uptake across brain tissue is similar for both patients and controls.

314 **eTable 2. Cannabinoid 1 Receptor Availability in Healthy Volunteers and First Episode Psychosis Patients Using a Whole**
 315 **Brain Voxelwise Analysis for Study 1 and 2**

316 **Study 1: [¹⁸F]FMPEP-d₂ PET**

317	Region	H	MNI	CS	T	Z	pFDR	pFWE	
318	Middle cingulate	L	-12 -12 42	55915	8.39	5.12	<0.001	<0.001	
319	Middle frontal gyrus	R	44 50 -2	1309	6.90	4.63	<0.001	<0.001	
320	Inferior orbital gyrus	R							
321	Superior frontal gyrus	R	16 52 9	1233	6.68	4.55	<0.001	<0.001	
322	Anterior cingulate	R							
323	Superior medial frontal								
324	gyrus								
325	Superior frontal gyrus	L	-10 42 46	614	6.25	4.38	<0.001	<0.001	
326	Middle temporal gyrus	R	45 -54 3	517	5.98	4.27	<0.001	<0.001	
327	Inferior temporal gyrus								
328	Anterior cingulate	L	-14 36 -2	461	5.74	4.17	<0.001	<0.001	
329	Inferior opercular gyrus	R	52 15 8	5.63	4.12	592	<0.001	<0.001	Inferior frontal pars
330	triangularis	R	39 22 22	100	5.48	4.05	0.003	0.027	
331	Middle temporal gyrus	L							
332	Inferior temporal gyus	L	-62 -27 -15	292	5.32	3.98	<0.001	0.001	

334 **Study 2: [¹¹C]MePPEP PET**

335	Region	H	MNI	CS	T	Z	pFDR	pFWE
336	Inferior temporal gyrus	R	40 8 -42	140	4.48	3.99	<0.001	<0.001

338 Voxel-wise analysis results from study 1 and 2 showing that cannabinoid 1 receptor availability was significantly lower in patients relative to controls.

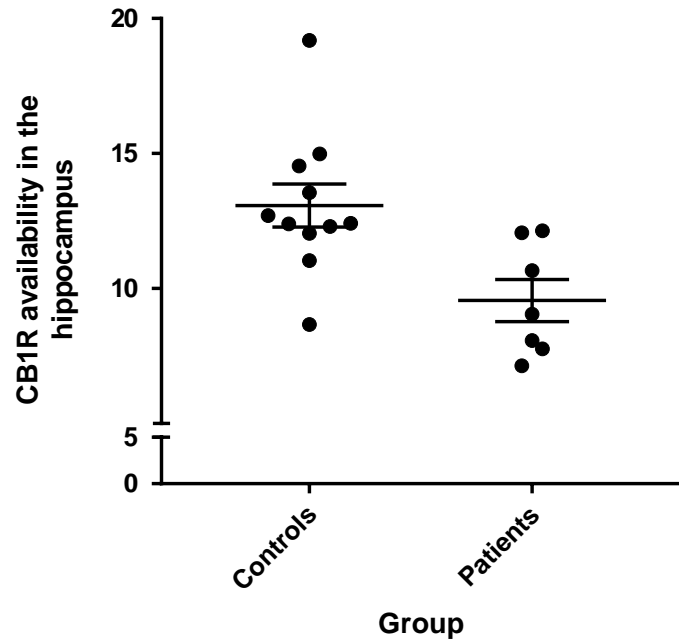
339 H=hemisphere; MNI=Montreal Neurological Institute coordinates; R=right; L=left; CS=cluster extent (voxels); pFDR=p value following false discovery rate correction; pFWE= p value following family
 340 wise error correction.

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344 eFigure 1. CB1R Availability in the Hippocampus in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 1



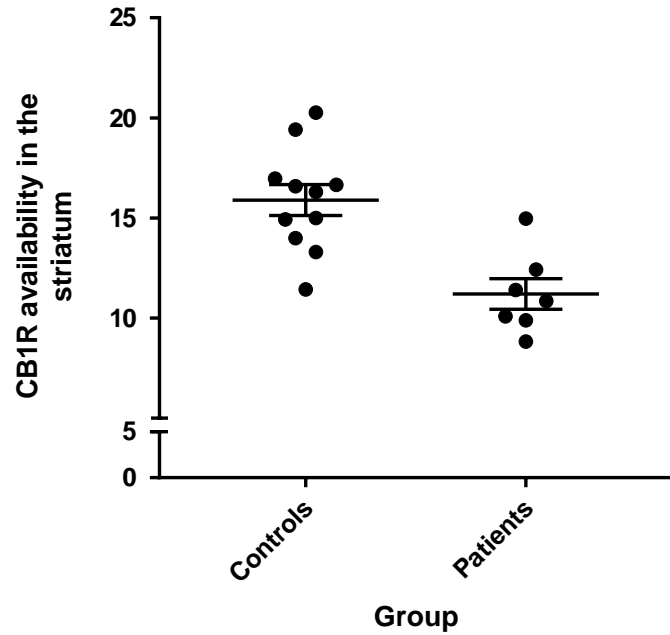
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346 The distribution volume (V_T) of [18F] FMPEP-d2 was significantly lower in the hippocampus in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 1. Mean and SEM values
347 are shown.

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350 eFigure 2. CB1R Availability in the Striatum In Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 1



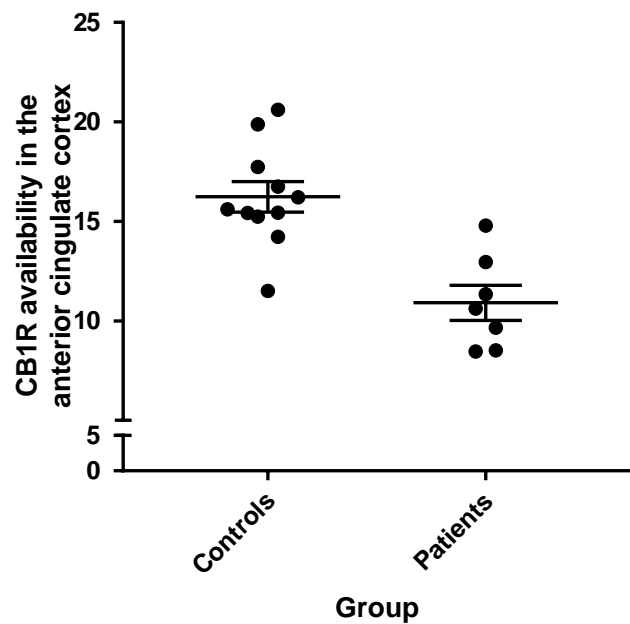
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352 The distribution volume (V_T) of [18F] FMPEP-d2 was significantly lower in the striatum in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 1. Mean and SEM values are
353 shown.

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356 eFigure 3. CB1R Availability in the Anterior Cingulate Cortex in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 1



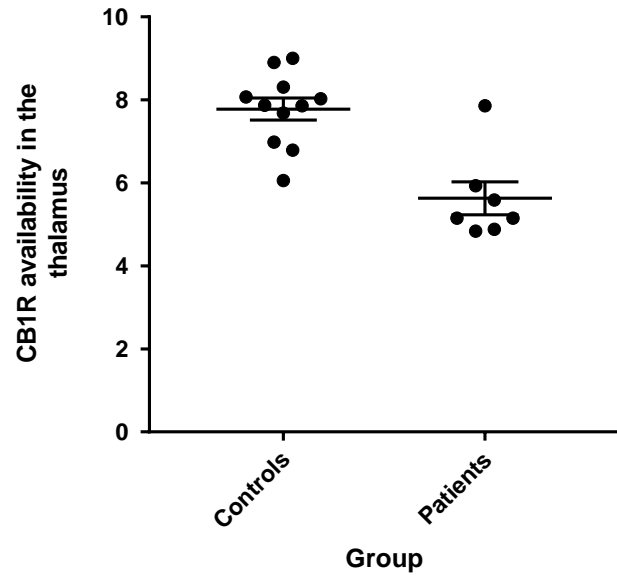
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358 The distribution volume (V_T) of [18F] FMPEP-d2 was significantly lower in the anterior cingulate in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 1. Mean and SEM
359 values are shown.

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362 eFigure 4. CB1R Availability in the Thalamus in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 1



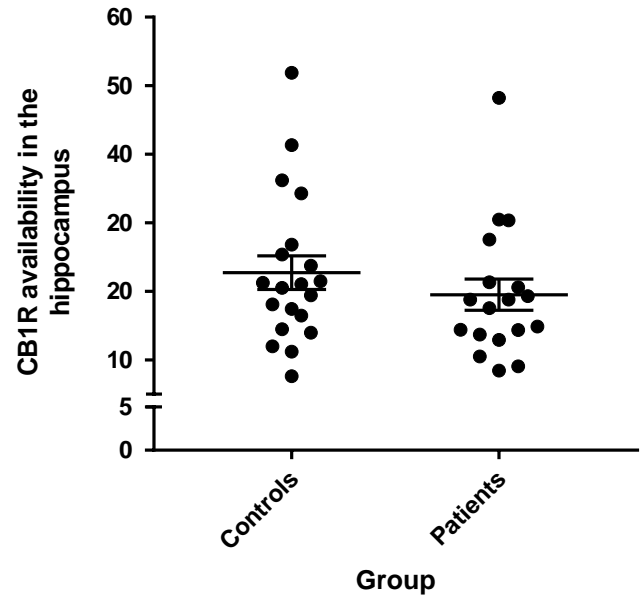
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364 The distribution volume (V_T) of [18F] FMPEP-d2 was significantly lower in the thalamus in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 1. Mean and SEM values are
365 shown.

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368 eFigure 5. CB1R Availability in the Hippocampus in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 2



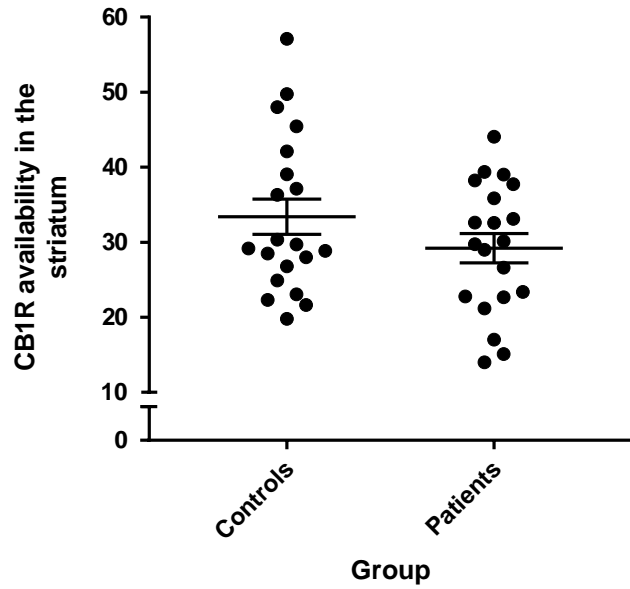
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370 The distribution volume (V_T) of [11C]MePPEP was significantly lower in the hippocampus in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 2. Mean and SEM values are
371 shown.

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374 eFigure 6. CB1R Availability in the Striatum in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 2



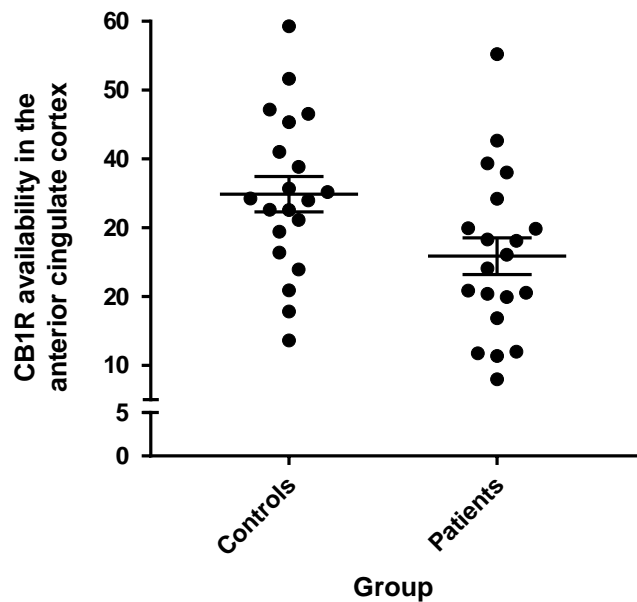
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376 The distribution volume (V_T) of $[^{11}\text{C}]\text{MePPEP}$ was significantly lower in the striatum in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 2. Mean and SEM values are
377 shown.

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380 eFigure 7. CB1R Availability in the Anterior Cingulate Cortex in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 2



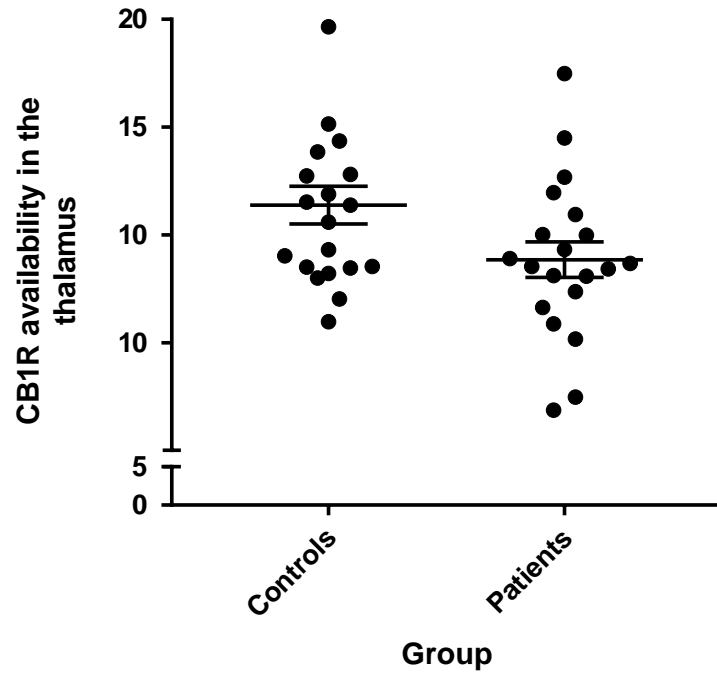
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382 The distribution volume (V_T) of [11C]MePPEP was significantly lower in the anterior cingulate in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 2. Mean and SEM values
383 are shown.

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386 eFigure 8. CB1R Availability in the thalamus in Patients Relative to Healthy Volunteers in Study 2

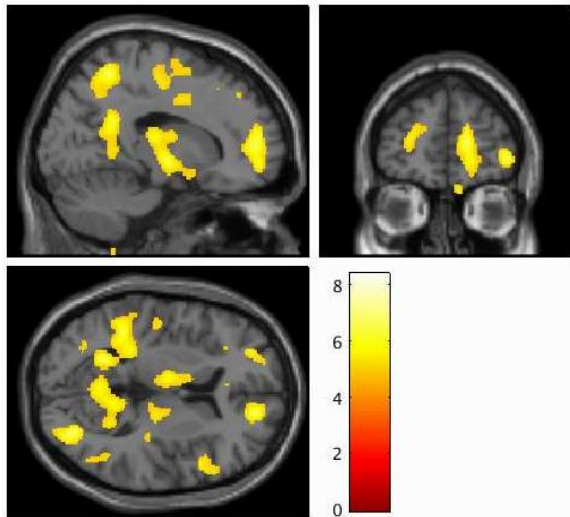


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388 Legend: The distribution volume (V_T) of $[^{11}\text{C}]\text{MePPEP}$ was significantly lower in the thalamus in patients with first episode psychosis relative to healthy volunteers in study 2. Mean and SEM values
389 are shown.

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391 **eFigure 9. Whole-brain voxel-wise analysis showing CB1R availability in patients relative to controls from study 1**

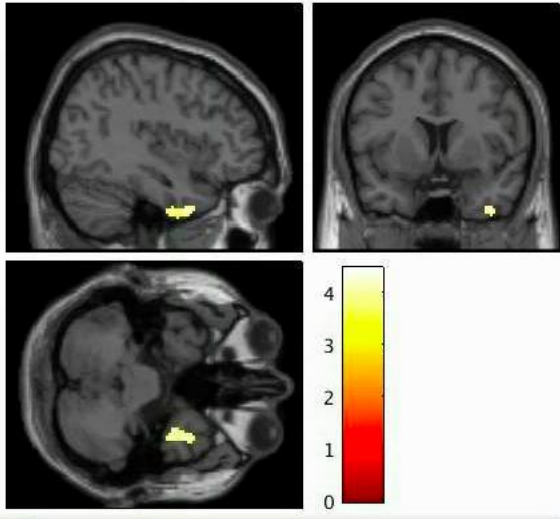


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393 In a whole-brain voxel-wise analysis, patients relative to controls showed a decreased distribution volume of [¹⁸F]FMPEP-d₂ PET in a cluster encompassing the right anterior cingulate cortex, right
394 superior medial frontal gyrus (MNI coordinates: x=16, y=52, z=9), T=6.68, Z=4.55, pFWE<0.001.

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397 **eFigure 10. Whole-brain voxel-wise analysis showing CB1R availability in patients relative to controls from study 2**



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399 In a whole-brain voxel-wise analysis, patients relative to controls showed decreased distribution volume of [¹¹C]MePPEP PET in a cluster encompassing the inferior temporal gyrus and fusiform
400 gyrus (MNI coordinates: x=40, y=8, z=-42), T=4.48, Z=3.99, pFWE<0.001

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