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  The neural correlates of supramodal beauty

  Previous functional imaging experiments investigating neuroaesthetics have almost invariably used stimuli presented through the visual sensory modality. In this experiment, subjects were scanned using fMRI whilst visual art and acoustic music extracts were evaluated and rated for aesthetic appeal. The analysis sought neuroanatomical sites at which activity was parametrically modulated according to each subject's own set of beauty ratings. The neural correlates of 'supramodal' beauty were then isolated by performing an appropriate conjunction analysis.

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