

# After orthognathic surgery, inferior alveolar nerve injury

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### ABSTRACT

Traumatic brain injury can have long-term physical, behavioral, and cognitive effects that limit one's ability to participate in social activities. The inability to discern emotions from facial expressions has also been linked to these issues. In fact, effective social relationships rely heavily on emotional awareness. Particularly, emotional facial expressions give crucial clues to decipher the intentions of others and eventually direct conduct. In previous behavioral investigations conducted after moderate to severe TBI, deficiencies in identifying emotions from facial expressions,

particularly negative ones (such as fear, anger, sadness, or disgust) as opposed to positive ones (such as happiness), have been documented. The prefrontal cortex (including the ventromedial and orbitofrontal) and limbic structures (including the amygdala, temporal lobes, and fusiform gyrus), which are important in emotional processing, are frequently harmed or disrupted after a moderate or severe Traumatic brain injury, and even after mild Traumatic brain injury.

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### INTRODUCTION

Deficits in distinguishing between disgusted and terrified facial emotions have been linked to specific nontraumatic lesions to the bilateral amygdala, anteromedial temporal lobe, or ventromedial prefrontal lobe. A disturbance in the cortical processing of emotional facial expressions has also been seen in the electrophysiological research on mild to severe Traumatic brain injury in adults. Although there is strong evidence that brain areas related to emotional processing undergo structural and neurochemical changes after mild Traumatic brain injury, little is known about how emotions can be recognized from facial expressions after mild Traumatic brain injury. In a previous behavioral study, adults with uncomplicated mild Traumatic brain injury (i.e., without intracranial abnormality) demonstrated performance that was comparable to healthy controls when recognizing happy, sad, and fearful faces. This was in contrast to the performance of people with complicated mild Traumatic brain injury (i.e., with intracranial abnormality) or with moderate or severe TBI, who demonstrated significant impairment in recognizing fearful faces. Although there is strong evidence of structural and neurochemical modifications in brain areas linked to emotional processing after mTBI, little is known about the ability to recognize

emotions from facial expressions after mTBI. In a previous behavioral study, adults with uncomplicated mTBI (i.e., without intracranial abnormality) performed as well as healthy controls at recognising happy, sad, and fearful faces. In contrast, people with complicated mTBI (i.e., with intracranial abnormality) or with moderate or severe TBI performed significantly worse at recognising fearful faces. Prior research on cognitive functioning suggested that more accurate and sensitive measures, like event-related potentials (ERPs), can detect subtle neurofunctional changes related to, for example, working memory and visual attention, while standard neuropsychological tests or behavioral methods frequently fail to detect dysfunctions in the post-acute stages of mTBI. With the help of ERPs, it is possible to identify the relative contributions of early (such as attentional and perceptual factors) and later processing stages (such as executive components of attention, and emotion discrimination), allowing for the rapid temporal sequence of neural processing that underlies emotional recognition. Several early and late ERP components, including the N1 (early selective attentional processing), N170 (perceptual integration of facial features), and anterior N2 (executive cognitive control or high-level cognitive processes enabling discrimination between emotional categories), have been studied in relation to emotional processing from facial expressions in healthy

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individuals. These ERP components have been shown in some studies to be influenced by the emotional valence (negative, neutral, or positive) of facial expressions. For example, preferential processing (i.e., increased ERP amplitude) for negative emotional facial expressions has been shown, as opposed to neutral facial expressions. Due to their relevance to biology, evolution, and behavior, frightening stimuli are assumed to be given priority for attention. Additionally, it has been suggested that engaging in an intentional cognitive activity, such as categorization or oddball discrimination, may hinder or suppress the natural preferential processing of emotional stimuli. In order to better reflect the impact of emotional valence, an implicit or passive viewing task may be more suited. Only two research, to our knowledge, have specifically examined electrophysiological responses connected to the perceptual integration of emotional facial expressions after mTBI (i.e., N170). A decrease in the N170 component was observed for all facial expressions tested in previously deployed military personnel who had suffered an mTBI (i.e., fearful, angry, happy, and neutral). The authors demonstrated that, in comparison to controls, preschoolers who had mTBIs did not exhibit early preferential processing of emotional facial expressions (P1, N170). The goal of the current study was to compare people who have experienced an mTBI to healthy, non-injured persons in terms of brain information processing that underlies emotional detection from facial expressions. In an experiment, we examined early (N1, N170) and late (N2) ERP components while presenting scary, neutral, and cheerful facial expressions.

In order to make sure that everyone paid attention to the stimuli, rare stimuli (butterflies), which were unrelated to the study, were also provided. In contrast to healthy controls, we hypothesized that ERPs that reflect the early stages of attentional processing would be changed after mTBI. A total of 39 participants were recruited for this study, but only 21 participants' data were kept. 10 individuals with uncomplicated (i.e., no cerebral abnormalities on imaging) were selected for the primary analysis. 11 healthy people and mTBI (brain imaging). 9 people had mTBI, while 5 were in good health. Due to trial loss (greater than 50% of trials), individuals were eliminated from the analysis. Eye blinks, movements, a lot of perspiration, or extremely large alpha oscillations, were primarily associated with short-term problems with temperature regulation in the testing environment. Trials included in the EEG between 35 and 50 trials per emotion category were averaged, which was consistent across conditions and groups. The Centre de preadaptation Lucie-Bruneau in Montreal was used to find participants with TBI. Canada's Quebec is. Advertisements placed in the neighborhood were used to find healthy controls. The Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire preadaptation (CRIR) Research Ethics Committee gave its approval to the study. Prior to testing, each subject signed a written informed consent form. It was also necessary to have a negative CT scan or MRI result (no intracranial lesions) (i.e., uncomplicated mTBI). Younger than 18 or older than 55 years, psychiatric or neurological history, including more than one TBI, a penetrating brain injury, such as an assault with a blunt or sharp object, an uncorrected visual impairment, and use of psychostimulant, antidepressant, or antipsychotic treatment were the exclusion criteria for participants

with TBI. This information was recorded either during the initial session or in the patient's medical records. A history of TBI was another exclusion factor for healthy controls. For the purpose of group comparison, measures of intellectual functioning included post-concussion symptoms (Post-Concussion Scale, PCS; 22 items rated 0-asymptomatic to 6-severely symptomatic, for a maximum score of 132; and symptoms related to depression (Beck Depression Inventory-II, BDI-II; 21 items rated 0-symptom absent to 3-severe symptoms, for a maximum score of 132); verbal IQ, or "VOC. Professional actors (five men and five women) designed the facial expressions, which were meant to convey fear, delight, and neutrality (10 different stimuli per emotion category). These facial stimuli were equal in mean brightness and contrast and had been trimmed to exclude nonracial signals. There was also a 256x256-pixel butterfly picture in grayscale. a practice block of 33 trials, participants received 330 trials in two blocks of 165 trials each (50 facial expressions representing each of the four emotion categories of fear, neutrality, happiness, and 15 butterflies), presented in a pseudo-random order (10 facial expressions per emotion category and three butterflies). A distance of 1.14 meters separated all stimuli, which were all displayed in the center of the computer screen. Each trial began with a fixation cross that was displayed for 500 milliseconds, then a visual stimulus (a butterfly or a facial expression) that was displayed and finally a blank screen that was displayed. Our hypothesis was supported by the results, which showed significant differences between groups regardless of emotional expressions in the early attentional stage (N1), indicating altered selective attentional processing for all emotional information from facial expressions after mTBI, even in the setting of attentional facilitation brought on by butterfly detection. The results also demonstrated that, contrary to the hypothesis, both groups displayed equal perceptual integration of facial features (N170), with a preference for processing terrified and happy facial expressions over neutral faces, which was stronger in the right hemisphere. Furthermore, both groups showed a preference for processing fear vs happiness and neutrality at a higher-level emotion classification stage (N2). In the overall context of maintained perceptual integration and higher-level emotion discrimination, our findings point to modified early selective attentional processing following mTBI. The exhibited effects were strong despite the limited sample size, with the majority of effect sizes being strong and the others being moderate. A prior behavioral investigation also showed that for the perceptual integration of facial features and facial emotion discrimination, those with uncomplicated mTBI and healthy people performed similarly. These results are also consistent with other studies on multiple concussions or mTBI, which has previously revealed such deficits in selective attention generally. However, found no attentional biases or enhanced processing of angry or fearful facial expressions and decreased N170 amplitudes to angry, fearful, and happy emotional facial expressions in a group of military personnel who had experienced a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) in comparison to a non-TBI military group. Due to the biomechanical forces involved in such situations and the fact that nearly 40% of their sample had previously suffered an mTBI, whereas this variable was an exclusion criterion in the present study, it is possible that in the latter study, mTBIs sustained during deployment and combat reflected injuries toward the more severe spectrum of mTBI (similar to that of complicated mTBI, although intracranial injuries were not documented). Therefore, it is possible that people with mTBI who

have more severe post-mTBI neuropathy physiological changes will have altered neural processing at higher-level cognitive stages that will enable them to distinguish between fearful facial expressions, in contrast to adults who have had a single, uncomplicated mTBI, who seem to only have changed for selective attention, as was shown in the present study. This is not surprising because, even at the moderate end of the severity scale, cognitive performance is linked to the severity of brain injury. In these circumstances, angry or terrified expressions in particular may exhaust attentional resources, impairing subsequent facial expression processing as well as emotion category classification. In fact, compared to neutrality or happiness, terror requires more facial features to pay attention to and comprehend, such as a raised forehead and brows, an open mouth, and open eyes. Additionally, some studies have shown that even in healthy people, the attentional load can decrease facilitated processing of threatening faces during more complex cognitive stages involving executive attentional control and also decrease activation of brain regions linked to fear to process, such as the fusiform gyri. Our research contradicts earlier findings that showed impairments in the ability to recognise negative emotions, particularly fear, from facial expressions after

moderate or severe TBI. However, our findings show reduced early selective attentional processing following mTBI with no impact on the perceptual and higher-level cognitive stages related to facial emotion recognition. Additionally, they diverge from other research that claimed attentional problems following moderate-to-severe TBI are directly related to decreased emotion identification from facial expressions. Our understanding of attentional versus emotion recognition after an mTBI emphasises the significance of accurately documenting TBI severity, even on the mild spectrum (e.g., according to common diagnostic criteria), when researching the various processing stages associated with facial emotion recognition because different types and ranges of impairments may manifest depending on TBI severity. Interventions aimed at enhancing attentional functioning should be promoted for people with mTBI who have received an injury and exhibit persisting post-mTBI symptoms three months later, as did the patients in the current study. Although it is unclear how particularly this might affect early attentional processing of emotional facial expressions, training complex kinds of attention could lead to a more efficient allocation of attentional resources in general.