

Review of: "Category-specific fMRI Correlates of Picture Naming: a study with Arabs and Filipinos"

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The study of the impact of cross cultural differences on brain activation during cognitive tasks is unfortunately a somewhat neglected area of study. From this point of view this study is a step on the right direction. I think however that theoretically driven a priori predictions are needed in this area and should dictate task selection, which unfortunately does not seem to be the case in the present study. The interpretation of the imaging results is totally post-hoc, and is basically missing in the case of the results for the tool contrast. The distinction between possible language-specific effects (discussed in the introduction) should also not be conflated with (other) cultural differences.