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2 **Remapping in cerebral and cerebellar cortices is not restricted by somatotopy**

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29 **Abstract**

30 A fundamental organizing principle in the somatosensory and motor systems is somatotopy, where  
31 specific body parts are represented separately and adjacently to other body parts, resulting in a body map.  
32 Different terminals of the sensorimotor network show varied somatotopic layouts, in which the relative  
33 position, distance and overlap between body-part representations differ. Since somatotopy is best  
34 characterized in the primary somatosensory (S1) and motor (M1) cortices, these terminals have been the  
35 main focus of research on somatotopic remapping following loss of sensory input (e.g. arm amputation).  
36 Cortical remapping is generally considered to be driven by the layout of the underlying somatotopy, such  
37 that neighboring body-part representations tend to activate the deprived brain region. Here, we challenge  
38 the assumption that somatotopic layout restricts remapping, by comparing patterns of remapping in  
39 humans born without one hand (hereafter, one-handers, n=26) across multiple terminals of the  
40 sensorimotor pathway. We first report that in the cerebellum of one-handers, the deprived hand region  
41 represents multiple body parts. Importantly, the representations of some of these body parts do not  
42 neighbor the deprived hand region. We further replicate our previous finding, showing a similar pattern of  
43 remapping in the deprived hand region of the cerebral cortex in one-handers. Finally, we report  
44 preliminary results of a similar remapping pattern in the putamen of one-handers. Since these three  
45 sensorimotor terminals (cerebellum, cerebrum, putamen) contain different somatotopic layouts, the  
46 parallel remapping they undergo demonstrates that the mere spatial layout of body-part representations  
47 may not exclusively dictate remapping in the sensorimotor systems.

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49 **Significance Statement**

50 When a hand is missing, the brain region that typically processes information from that hand may instead  
51 process information from other body-parts, a phenomenon termed remapping. It is commonly thought that  
52 only body-parts whose information is processed in regions neighboring the hand region could “take up”  
53 the resources of this now deprived region. Here we demonstrate that information from multiple body-  
54 parts is processed in the hand regions of both the cerebral cortex and cerebellum. The native brain regions  
55 of these body-parts have varying levels of overlap with the hand region across multiple terminals in the  
56 sensorimotor hierarchy, and do not necessarily neighbor the hand region. We therefore propose that  
57 proximity between brain regions does not limit brain remapping.

## 58 **Introduction**

59 Somatotopic organization in primary somatosensory and motor cortices is thought to reflect the  
60 lateralized and segregated neural activation patterns associated with sensations from- and movements of-  
61 distinct body parts (Penfield and Boldrey, 1937; Penfield and Rasmussen, 1950; Catani, 2017; Roux et  
62 al., 2018). Following input and output loss, e.g. arm amputation in adults, S1/M1 somatotopies undergo  
63 remapping, such that the region previously representing the hand becomes responsive to inputs from other  
64 body-parts (Flor et al., 1995; Makin et al., 2013b; Chand and Jain, 2015; Raffin et al., 2016). The  
65 principles governing such architectural change are thought to derive from the underlying somatotopy:  
66 neighboring representations, which share greater cortical overlap (Merzenich et al., 1984; Pons et al.,  
67 1991; Merzenich and Jenkins, 1993; Florence et al., 1998) and/or receive stronger inhibition from now  
68 absent inputs (Faggin et al., 1997; Margolis et al., 2012) are more likely to activate the deprived cortical  
69 region. Subsequently, findings showing increased activation by facial inputs in the missing-hand region  
70 following arm amputation (interpreted as resulting from a presumed proximity between hand and lower-  
71 face representations (Jain et al., 2008; Kaas et al., 2008; MacIver et al., 2008; Foell et al., 2014; Andoh et  
72 al., 2017), have been taken as evidence for the role of somatotopy in scaffolding remapping.

73 We, and others, have recently challenged this view, by demonstrating that remapping may occur  
74 between both neighboring and distant body-part representations. For example, the intact hand of amputees  
75 shows increased activation in the S1/M1 missing-hand region (hereafter deprived cerebral hand region)  
76 (Bogdanov et al., 2012; Makin et al., 2013b; Philip and Frey, 2014). Similarly, individuals born without  
77 hands show increased feet activation in their deprived cerebral hand regions (Stoeckel et al., 2009; Yu et  
78 al., 2014; Striem-Amit et al., 2018). This feet-to-hands remapping occurs despite the inherent cortical  
79 distance between the native regions of the feet and hands. Finally, in individuals born without one hand  
80 (hereafter, one-handers), multiple body-parts (residual arm, lips and feet, but not the intact hand) activate  
81 the deprived cerebral hand region (Makin et al., 2013b; Hahamy et al., 2017). As the native foot and lip  
82 regions are not immediately neighboring the hand region, we suggested that proximity between body-part

83 representations is not a prerequisite for remapping. Yet, it has recently been argued that in cases of  
84 congenital hand-loss, remapping is driven by topographic constraints, such that body-part representations  
85 that are further from the hand region will show reduced remapping compared to representations that  
86 neighbor the hand region (Striem-Amit et al., 2018). Thus, local somatotopy is still considered the main  
87 driver of remapping in both congenital and late-onset sensorimotor deprivation.

88         Here, we address this question by examining remapping in one-handers, by measuring the level of  
89 activation in the deprived hand region evoked by movements of multiple body-parts. Crucially,  
90 remapping is examined at multiple sensorimotor terminals with varying somatotopies. Somatotopic  
91 organization was previously identified throughout the sensorimotor systems, including the cerebellum  
92 (Manni and Petrosini, 2004), brainstem (Jang et al., 2011) and basal ganglia (Nambu, 2011). Here, we  
93 focus on the cerebellum, where somatotopy can be reliably identified using fMRI (Grodd et al., 2001;  
94 Buckner et al., 2011; Wiestler et al., 2011; Haak et al., 2017). The cerebellum's somatotopy differs from  
95 that of S1/M1. For example, in S1/M1 the hand and arm have separate regions, and the lip and foot  
96 regions are equally distant from the hand region (Makin et al., 2015). However, in the cerebellum, the arm  
97 and hand regions are overlapping, and the lip region partially overlaps with the hand region (Manni and  
98 Petrosini, 2004; Mottolese et al., 2013; Mottolese et al., 2015). If mere somatotopy drives remapping  
99 (Flor et al., 1995; Chand and Jain, 2015; Raffin et al., 2016; Striem-Amit et al., 2018), then these different  
100 somatotopies should result in different remapping patterns between the cerebral and cerebellar deprived  
101 hand regions. However, if similar patterns of remapping would be observed across these terminals, it is  
102 less likely that remapping is solely determined by the local somatotopy (Hahamy et al., 2017). We test  
103 these competing hypotheses using several independently-acquired datasets of one-handers and two-  
104 handed controls and a meta-analysis approach. Our findings provide robust evidence for similar body-part  
105 remapping across the hierarchy of the sensorimotor system. We therefore propose that remapping is not  
106 necessarily restricted by the physical proximity between the native and remapped representations, and  
107 discuss alternative factors that may underlie this extensive brain plasticity.

108 **Materials and Methods**

109 To avoid known issues of flexibility in fMRI analyses (Carp, 2012) and to enable replication, we  
110 harmonized our methods, including experimental design, preprocessing steps and statistical analyses  
111 across datasets to compare with our previous publication (Hahamy et al., 2017).

112 **Participants**

113 This study makes use of three independently acquired fMRI datasets, each containing data of both one-  
114 handers and two-handed controls. Two of these datasets had cerebellar coverage, and were therefore used  
115 for cerebellar analyses. All three datasets were used for analysis of the cerebral cortex (cerebral cortex  
116 findings in the third dataset have been published in Hahamy et al., 2017).

117 Recruitment was carried out in accordance with NHS national research ethics service approval  
118 (10/H0707/29, dataset1) and with Oxford University's Medical Sciences inter-divisional research ethics  
119 committee (MS-IDREC-C2- 2015-012, dataset2). Informed consent and consent to publish was obtained  
120 in accordance with ethical standards set out by the Declaration of Helsinki.

121 The first dataset (hereafter, Dataset1) contained the same population recruited for a previous  
122 study, using the same scanning procedures and exclusion criteria as described before (Hahamy et al.,  
123 2015b). 25 healthy controls (15 females, age = 41.12±12.86, 8 left hand dominant) and 14 individuals  
124 with a congenital unilateral upper limb deficit (one-handers, 9 females, age = 36.64±12.02, 4 with absent  
125 right hand) were recruited for the study. The proportion of one-handers with a missing right hand (n=4)  
126 and controls who are left-hand dominant (n=8) were similar ( $\chi^2_{(1)}=0.18$ ,  $p=0.67$ ).

127 The second dataset (hereafter, Dataset2) was acquired as part of a larger study (the full study  
128 protocol is currently under preparation and will be made available via Open Science Framework). These  
129 data included the scanning of 12 healthy controls (5 females, age = 45.33±14.85, 5 left hand dominant),  
130 and 14 one-handers (7 females, age = 45.25±11.38, 6 with absent right hand) (see Table 1 for  
131 demographic details). The proportions of one-handers with a missing right hand (n=6) and controls who

132 are left-hand dominant (n=5) were similar ( $\chi^2_{(1)}=0.05$ ,  $p=0.82$ ). Four one-handers participated in both  
133 studies, with data acquired approximately 5 years apart.

134 Full demographic description and acquisition-related information regarding the third dataset are  
135 available (Hahamy et al., 2017).

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### 137 **Experimental Design**

138 Scanning protocol for both datasets included multiple scans (see protocol in <https://osf.io/4vcmx/>). Only  
139 an anatomical T1 scan and a task scan for body-part functional localization were used and analyzed here  
140 (these scanning procedures were described previously, see Makin et al., 2013b; Hahamy et al., 2015b).

141 The sensorimotor task in both datasets followed the same procedure: Participants were visually  
142 instructed to move each of their hands (finger flexion/extension), arms (elbow flexion/extension), their  
143 feet (bilateral toe movements), or lips, as paced by a visual cue. None of the one-handers experienced  
144 phantom sensations. Therefore, in conditions concerning missing hand movements (and elbow  
145 movements for one participant with an above-elbow deficiency) participants were instructed to imagine  
146 moving their missing limb. This condition was only included to match the experimental design across  
147 groups and was not used for main analysis. The protocol consisted of alternating 12-s periods of  
148 movement and rest. Each of the six conditions was repeated four times in a semi-counterbalanced order.  
149 Participants were trained before the scan on the degree and form of the movements. To confirm that  
150 appropriate movements were made at the instructed times, task performance was visually monitored  
151 online, and video recordings were made in a subset of the scans for further off-line evaluation.

### 152 **MRI data acquisition**

153 The MRI measurements of Dataset1 were obtained using a 3T Verio scanner (Siemens, Erlangen,  
154 Germany) with a 32-channel head coil. Anatomical data were acquired using a T1-weighted  
155 magnetization prepared rapid acquisition gradient echo sequence (MPRAGE) with the parameters: TR:



156 2040 ms; TE: 4.7 ms; flip angle: 8°, voxel size: 1 mm isotropic resolution. Functional data based on the  
157 blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) signal were acquired using a multiple gradient echo-planar  
158 T2\*-weighted pulse sequence, with the parameters: TR: 2000 ms; TE: 30 ms; flip angle: 90°; imaging  
159 matrix: 64 × 64; FOV: 192 mm axial slices. 46 slices with slice thickness of 3 mm and no gap were  
160 oriented in the oblique axial plane, covering the whole cortex, with partial coverage of the cerebellum.

161 MRI images of Dataset2 were acquired using a 3T MAGNETON Prisma MRI scanner (Siemens,  
162 Erlangen, Germany) with a 32-channel head coil. Anatomical images were acquired using a T1-weighted  
163 sequence with the parameters TR: 1900 ms, TE: 3.97 ms, flip angle: 8°, voxel size: 1 mm isotropic  
164 resolution. Functional images were collected using a multiband T2\*-weighted pulse sequence with a  
165 between-slice acceleration factor of 4 and no in-slice acceleration. This allowed acquiring data with  
166 increased spatial (2mm isotropic) and temporal (TR: 1500ms) resolution, covering the entire brain. The  
167 following acquisition parameters were used - TE: 32.40ms; flip angle: 75°, 72 transversal slices. Field  
168 maps were acquired for field unwarping.

### 169 **Preprocessing of functional data**

170 All imaging data were processed using FSL 5.1 ([www.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl](http://www.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl)). Data collected for individuals  
171 with absent right limbs were mirror reversed across the mid-sagittal plane prior to all analyses so that the  
172 hemisphere corresponding to the missing hand was consistently aligned. Data collected for left-hand  
173 dominant controls were also flipped, in order to account for potential biases stemming from this  
174 procedure. The proportion of flipped data did not differ between experimental groups in either dataset  
175 ( $\chi^2_{(1)}=0.18$ ,  $p=0.67$  for Dataset1;  $\chi^2_{(1)}=0.05$ ,  $p=0.82$  for Dataset2), and this flipping procedure has been  
176 validated using multiple approaches (see Hahamy et al., 2017).

177 Functional data were analyzed using FMRIB's expert analysis tool (FEAT, version 5.98). The  
178 following pre-statistics processing was applied to each individual task-based run: motion correction using  
179 FMRIB's Linear Image Registration Tool (Jenkinson et al., 2002); brain-extraction using BET (Smith,  
180 2002); mean-based intensity normalization; high pass temporal filtering of 100 s; and spatial smoothing

181 using a Gaussian kernel of FWHM (full width at half maximum) 4 mm. Time-course statistical analysis  
182 was carried out using FILM (FMRIB's Improved Linear Model) with local autocorrelation correction.  
183 Functional data were aligned to structural images (within-subject) initially using linear registration  
184 (FMRIB's Linear Image Registration Tool, FLIRT), then optimized using Boundary-Based Registration  
185 (Greve and Fischl, 2009). Structural images were transformed to standard MNI space using a non-linear  
186 registration tool (FNIRT), and the resulting warp fields were applied to the functional statistical summary  
187 images.

## 188 **Statistical analyses**

### 189 **Meta-analysis approach**

190 The current study makes use of three separate datasets, acquired across several years and using different  
191 magnets and scanning parameters. Two of these datasets included coverage of the cerebellum and were  
192 therefore used for cerebellar analysis, and all three datasets were used for analysis of the cerebral cortex.  
193 Multiple datasets can, in principle, be collapsed for analysis purposes, benefiting from statistical power to  
194 identify weak effects that may not be noticeable in each separate dataset (Friston, 2012). However, as the  
195 current study is guided by an a-priori hypothesis that is also spatially focal (remapping in the deprived  
196 hand region of one-handers), it calls for more stringent inference methods rather than for exploratory ones  
197 that benefit from enhanced power. We therefore opted to analyzing each dataset separately and combine  
198 results using a meta-analysis approach (Hahamy et al., 2015a). Differences across datasets are naturally  
199 expected, given the inherent variability between datasets (different scanners/scanning  
200 protocols/participants) as well as various noise factors that influence any fMRI measurement. However,  
201 while inter-dataset variability could be attributed to both noise and experiment-related phenomena,  
202 consistent effects across datasets can only be attributed to the latter. Thus, the use of meta-analysis  
203 allowed us to test the inherent reproducibility of findings across datasets, and hence make more valid  
204 inferences (Ioannidis et al., 2014; Picciotto, 2018).

205 Our analysis pipeline for all ROI-based analyses reported below included a-parametric  
206 permutation tests performed within each separate dataset. Permutation tests are statistically stringent as  
207 they make no assumptions regarding the finite sample distribution of the data, but rather derive it given  
208 the data observed (Holmes et al., 1996; Nichols and Holmes, 2002), and are also less sensitive to outlier  
209 effects (Masyn et al., 2013), thus contributing to the robustness of findings. The dataset-specific p-values  
210 resulting from each of the below-described permutation tests were then combined across datasets and  
211 meta-analyzed using Fisher's method (Fisher, 1925; Fisher, 1948) to test the reproducibility of results  
212 across datasets. In order to establish the robustness of the reported effects, p-values were additionally  
213 tested using Stouffer's test (Stouffer et al., 1949) and the weighted Z-test (weights set to the square root of  
214 each sample size, Liptak, 1958). To correct for multiple hypotheses testing across the 3 experimental  
215 conditions of interest (movements of the residual arm, lips and feet), the alpha level was adjusted to 0.017  
216 based on the highly conservative Bonferroni correction.

#### 217 **Whole-brain analysis**

218 To evaluate whether movements of different body-parts differentially activate the brains of one-handers  
219 compared to controls, activation evoked by movements of these different body-parts was compared  
220 between the experimental groups. Movements of the lips and feet were directly compared between  
221 groups, intact hand movements in the one-handed group were compared with dominant hand movements  
222 in controls, and residual arm movements in the one-handed group were compared with non-dominant arm  
223 movements in controls. All statistical analyses were designed to follow the procedures described in our  
224 original report (Hahamy et al., 2017). Statistical analyses were conducted using FSL and in-house Matlab  
225 code. To compute task-based statistical parametric maps, we applied a voxel-based general linear model  
226 (GLM), as implemented in FEAT, using a double-gamma hemodynamic response function and its  
227 temporal derivative convolved with the experimental model. The 6 motion parameters and their  
228 derivatives were also included in the GLM as nuisance regressors. Our main comparisons contrasted

229 intact/dominant hand, residual/nondominant arm, lips and feet conditions against a baseline (rest)  
230 condition.

231         Second-level analysis of statistical maps was carried out using FMRIB's Local Analysis of Mixed  
232 Effects (FLAME). The cross-subject GLM included planned comparisons between the two groups.  $Z$   
233 (Gaussianized T/F) statistic images were thresholded using clusters determined by  $Z > 2.6$  ( $p < 0.01$ ), and a  
234 family-wise-error corrected cluster significance threshold of  $p < 0.01$  was applied to the suprathreshold  
235 clusters. This whole-brain analysis tests the specificity of plasticity to the deprived hand region of one-  
236 handers, hence a lenient statistical threshold ( $p < 0.05$ ) is typically used in such procedures (Makin et al.,  
237 2013b; Hahamy et al., 2017). Nevertheless, as we test several whole-brain comparisons (residual arm, lips  
238 and feet conditions), we chose a more strict threshold of 0.01 across our tests to correct for any alpha  
239 inflation. The nature of the sensorimotor task, in combination with the spatial acquisition resolution, the  
240 smoothing and coregistration steps, precludes us from reliably separating sensory and motor sub-regions.  
241 As such, all results are regarded as 'sensorimotor'.

242         For visualization purposes only, condition-specific within-group maps were created for both the  
243 cerebellum and cerebral cortex, using the same statistical procedures reported above. These maps were  
244 merely aimed at visualizing the sources of the reported group-differences, and hence were presented at  
245 varying thresholds that best capture the effects observed in the direct statistical comparisons between  
246 groups. Specifically, all maps were thresholded at  $p < 0.01$ , except for the cerebral maps of the arm  
247 condition, which were thresholded at  $p < 0.0006$ . Since arm movements massively activate the hand  
248 region, the choice of a more stringent threshold for these maps enabled a better visualization of the group-  
249 differences in overlap between peak activity and the deprived hand region. Using the same rationale,  
250 maps were presented before correction for multiple comparison, to best visualize group differences.

251         For presentation purposes, statistical parametric activation maps of the cerebellum were projected  
252 onto a flat cerebellar surface using SUIT (Diedrichsen and Zotow, 2015), and parametric activations in  
253 the cerebral cortex were projected onto an inflated cortical surface of a representative participant's cortex  
254 using the Connectome Workbench.

255 **Cerebellar regions of interest (ROI) definition**

256 To ascertain that the observed increased cerebellar activation in one-handers (observed across the two  
257 datasets with cerebellar coverage) falls within the hand region, and to measure its extent, single-subject  
258 activation values were extracted from independently defined hand-region ROIs and compared between  
259 experimental groups. Activations in the control group of each dataset were used to define ROIs for the  
260 second dataset (thus keeping the ROI definition independent of the tested data). Thus, to define the  
261 cerebellar hand regions of the dominant/intact hemisphere (ipsilateral to the dominant/intact hand) and  
262 nondominant/deprived hemisphere (contralateral to the dominant/intact hand), the 100 cerebellar voxels  
263 of highest activation evoked by either dominant or nondominant hand movements in the control group of  
264 one dataset were used as ROIs in the second dataset, and vice-versa (see Table 2, Figures 1,2). Percent  
265 signal change activation values from the individual statistical parametric maps were extracted for the  
266 intact and deprived hand ROIs for each participant in the residual/nondominant arm, lips, feet and intact  
267 hand conditions. Since the functional data of one control participant in Dataset1 did not cover the  
268 cerebellum, data from this individual were excluded from the cerebellar ROI analysis. The same method  
269 was used to define the cerebellar regions of the lips and feet for visualization purposes.

270 **Statistical analysis of cerebellar ROIs**

271 To a-parametrically assess each planned group-contrast (experimental conditions involving movements of  
272 different body parts), permutation tests were employed within each dataset separately (Holmes et al.,  
273 1996; Nichols and Holmes, 2002). In each experimental condition separately, the test statistic was set as  
274 the difference between mean group activations in a certain ROI. Next, participants' labels (one-handers or  
275 controls) were permuted under the null hypothesis of no group-differences in the levels of ROI activation  
276 under each experimental condition. Thus, two random experimental groups were created for each  
277 condition, and the difference between the groups' mean activation in a given ROI was calculated. This  
278 procedure was repeated 10,000 times, creating 10,000 random differences that constructed the null  
279 distribution. For each experimental condition, the position of the true (unshuffled) group-difference

280 relative to the null distribution was used to obtain a two-sided p-value. Using the same pipeline, under the  
281 null hypothesis of no 2-way interactions between groups and hemispheres (ipsilateral and contralateral to  
282 the missing/nondominant hand), both participants' labels and within-participant hemisphere-labels were  
283 permuted in each dataset and experimental condition separately. The differences between hemisphere-  
284 scores were calculated per participant, averaged across participants of the same experimental group, and  
285 mean group differences were derived. The position of the true (unshuffled) group-difference relative to  
286 the null distribution (resulting from 10,000 such iterations) in each experimental condition was used to  
287 derive a two-sided p-value. Note that due to the somatotopic arrangement within the sensorimotor  
288 terminals, in which the hand and arm representations overlap, movements of the hand and arm evoke  
289 much higher activation in the hand region compared to movements of the lips and feet in the typical brain.  
290 These known differences in activation levels in the hand-region preclude us from running a formal direct  
291 comparison across body-parts, such as a 3-way ANOVA.

292 To comparatively examine the level of remapping of the foot and lip representations (which do  
293 not natively overlap with the hand representation), the activations evoked by lips and feet movements in  
294 the deprived cerebellar hand region of one-handers were directly compared using a permutation test,  
295 following the same procedure previously detailed. Furthermore, a 3-way interaction with factors group  
296 (controls/one-handers), hemisphere (intact/deprived) and body-part (lips/feet) was calculated.

### 297 **Assessing remapping in the cerebral cortex**

298 The overlap of participants between Dataset1 and Dataset2 is relatively small (4 out of 24 participants),  
299 which allowed us to perform the above described cross-dataset replication analyses for the cerebellum.  
300 However, we also aimed to test the reproducibility of our previously reported findings of remapping in  
301 the cerebral cortex (Hahamy et al., 2017) using the two current datasets and a previously published  
302 dataset, and these contained a larger overlap of participants. Dataset2 included only 5 participants who  
303 also participated in the Hahamy et al., 2017 study (with data acquired approximately 2 years apart).  
304 However, Dataset1 and the data used in Hahamy et al., 2017 greatly overlapped (12 out of 14 participants,

305 with data acquired approximately 3 years apart). Hence, cerebral-related results obtained from Dataset1  
306 should be taken as a measure of a within-group replication over time with regards to Hahamy et al., 2017,  
307 rather than as a between-group replication over participants.

308         Analyses performed on the cerebral cortex were identical to those described for the cerebellum,  
309 except for the following differences: 1) For cerebral hand ROIs (in both hemispheres) we used  
310 independent regions previously defined based on the original sample of one-handers and controls of our  
311 previous study (Hahamy et al., 2017; see Table 2; these ROIs will be made freely available via open  
312 science framework), to standardize the analysis across the three datasets (the two current ones and the  
313 previously published one). ROIs for lips and feet were also adopted from the same previous work to  
314 visualize the S1/M1 somatotopy. We were unable to reliably separate between the two cerebral foot  
315 regions for two reasons. First, our experimental task comprised of simultaneous movements of the two  
316 feet. Second, the resulting activation in the two foot regions occupied the medial surface of the cerebral  
317 cortex, mixing signals from the two hemispheres due to acquisition, preprocessing and coregistration  
318 parameters. For this reason, a bilateral ROI was defined for the feet. 2) Since the cerebral-focused ROI  
319 analyses were guided by a predefined hypothesis (over-representation of the residual arm, lips and feet in  
320 the deprived hand region of one-handers) based on our previous study, one-tailed statistical tests within  
321 each of Dataset1 and Dataset2 were used. Since our previous study did not find a significant interaction  
322 between groups and hemispheres for the feet condition, the tests of this effect in the two current datasets  
323 were performed in a two-tailed form.

324         For each experimental condition, sets of 3 dataset-specific p-values (resulting from each of the  
325 two current datasets, as well as the previously reported p-values of the original dataset) were combined  
326 and tested using the same methods described for the cerebellum analyses, including correction for  
327 multiple comparisons.

328         **Comparing remapping in the cerebellar and cerebral cortices**

329 To compare the relative levels of remapping of the lips and feet into the cerebrum and cerebellum hand  
330 regions, the ratio between lips-evoked and feet-evoked activation was calculated in the deprived hand  
331 region of the cerebrum and cerebellum for each one-hander. The cerebrum remapping ratio was then  
332 divided by the cerebellum remapping ratio, and the resulting ratios were averaged across participants of  
333 the same dataset to form the test's statistic. A ratio that significantly deviates from 1 would suggest a  
334 difference in relative remapping between the cerebrum and cerebellum. Under the null hypothesis of no  
335 difference between cerebral and cerebellar remapping ratios, the cerebral and cerebellar remapping ratios  
336 were shuffled within participants and then averaged across participants, a procedure which was repeated  
337 10,000 times to create the null distribution. The position of the true (unshuffled) test statistic within this  
338 distribution was then used to obtain a two-sided p-value. Finally, the resulting dataset-specific p-values  
339 were tested using Fisher's method to assess the consistency of effects across the two datasets.

#### 340 **Assessing remapping in the putamen**

341 Remapping in the putamen was studied using a more exploratory approach compared to the approach  
342 employed for the study of the cerebellar and cerebral cortices. The deprived and intact putamen ROIs  
343 were defined based on the Harvard-Oxford probabilistic atlas, at a probabilistic threshold of 90 (see Table  
344 2). Activations evoked by body-part movements in these ROIs were compared between the experimental  
345 groups of Dataset2 alone (which had better spatial resolution, allowing the study of this smaller  
346 subcortical structure), using two-sided permutation tests, as described for the cerebellar ROI analyses.

#### 347 **Confirmatory analysis: spatial layout of body-part representations**

348 Finally, we aimed to confirm previously reported results, by demonstrating differences between the native  
349 somatotopy of the cerebellum and the S1/M1 somatotopy (see Introduction). To measure the proximity  
350 between native body-part representations, the level of overlap between activations evoked by movements  
351 of the hand, lips and feet in the "intact" hemisphere (cerebral hemisphere contralateral to the  
352 dominant/intact hand and cerebellar hemisphere ipsilateral to the dominant/intact hand) was measured in  
353 all participants using the Dice coefficient (Dice, 1945; Kikkert et al., 2016):



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$$\frac{2 \times |A \cap B|}{|A| + |B|}$$

355 Where A and B represent activations evoked by movements of specific body-parts (intact hand and lips or  
356 intact hand and feet) within a sensorimotor mask. To that end, for each participant, the activation maps of  
357 intact hand, lips and feet conditions were set to a minimal threshold of at  $z=2$  to allow a relatively wide  
358 spread of activation (Kikkert et al., 2016). The few participants who had particularly low spread of  
359 activation ( $<25$  voxels; representing 2.5% of the voxels across all analyzed ROIs) in the intact hemisphere  
360 in either condition, despite the relatively lenient threshold, were excluded from this particular analysis  
361 (Dataset1: 3 control participants; Dataset2: one one-hander and one control participant). In the cerebral  
362 cortex, the level of overlapping activations between the hand condition and each of the lips and feet  
363 conditions were assessed within a mask of the left pre-central gyrus, taken from the Harvard-Oxford  
364 probabilistic atlas (this mask was used without setting a threshold, to contain the central sulcus and both  
365 the pre- and post-central gyri, see Figure 8A). In the cerebellar cortex, the level of overlapping activations  
366 between the hand condition and each of the lips and feet conditions were assessed within a mask of right  
367 lobules I-IV,V and VI, taken from FSL's cerebellar probabilistic atlas. Each of these three cerebellar  
368 masks were thresholded at 50 prior to their unification in order to restrict the unified mask to the  
369 sensorimotor sections of the cerebellar anterior lobe (see Figure 8A).

370 For each participant, 4 Dice coefficients were calculated: overlap between intact hand and feet  
371 activations, and overlap between intact hand and lips activations, in each of the cerebrum/cerebellum  
372 masks separately. We next aimed to verify that the overlap relationship of body-part representations  
373 differs between the cerebrum and the cerebellum, as previously reported (see Introduction). However, a  
374 direct comparison between overlap in representations in the cerebrum vs. cerebellum may be confounded  
375 by the different spatial scales of these two structures. We therefore targeted a comparison between intra-  
376 structure overlap relations, which we will refer to as "neighborhood relationship" of each of the cerebral  
377 or cerebellar cortices. This neighborhood relationship was defined as the ratio of lips-hand overlap to feet-  
378 hand overlap in each brain structure (cerebrum/cerebellum, Figure 8C). As neighborhood relationships are

379 devised as ratios within each brain structure, they normalize the Dice coefficients and enable a  
380 comparison between the cerebrum and cerebellum.

381 To evaluate whether these neighborhood relationships are different between the cerebrum and  
382 cerebellum, a permutation test was employed within each dataset. The test's statistic was defined as the  
383 cross-participants mean ratio between cerebellar neighborhood relationship and cerebral neighborhood  
384 relationship (a ratio that significantly deviates from 1 would suggest a difference in topographies between  
385 the cerebrum and cerebellum). To this end, for each participant, the cerebellar neighborhood relationship  
386 was divided by the cerebral neighborhood relationship. Under the null hypothesis of no difference  
387 between cerebral and cerebellar neighborhood relationships, the cerebral and cerebellar neighborhood  
388 relationships were shuffled within participants and then averaged across participants, a procedure which  
389 was repeated 10,000 times to create the null distribution. The position of the true (unshuffled) test statistic  
390 within this distribution was then used to obtain a two-sided p-value. Finally, the resulting dataset-specific  
391 p-values were tested using Fisher's method to assess the consistency of affects across the two datasets.

392

## 393 **Results**

### 394 **Cerebellar remapping is not restricted by somatotopy**

395 To test whether somatotopy restricts remapping in the cerebellum, we assessed functional remapping of  
396 the residual arm (overlapping the hand region, see inserts in Figure1), as well as the lips and feet (whose  
397 representations have differing levels of overlap with the hand region, see confirmatory analysis below) in  
398 one-handers compared to controls. To this end, we compared results across two independently acquired  
399 datasets of one-handers and controls who underwent a functional MRI scan, involving simple movements  
400 of the hand, arm, lips and feet. Whole-brain activations evoked by movements of the residual arm, lips  
401 and feet (body-part representations previously shown to remap in the cerebral cortex, Hahamy et al.,  
402 2017), and of the intact hand (whose representation did not show such remapping, Hahamy et al., 2017)  
403 were compared between experimental groups within each dataset. These analyses revealed that

404 movements of the lips and feet, but not movements of the intact hand, excessively activated a region in  
405 Lobules V\VI of the cerebellar hemisphere ipsilateral to the missing hand in one-handers, compared to  
406 controls (see Figure 1, Table 3). These activation clusters overlapped with an independently defined ROI  
407 of the deprived hand region of the anterior cerebellum (see Materials and Methods, Figure 1). Unlike our  
408 previous findings in the cerebral cortex, the whole-brain between-group contrast did not reveal increased  
409 activation in the cerebellar hand region of one-handers for residual arm movements, compared to controls.  
410 This could potentially stem from near complete overlap between the arm and hand representations found  
411 in the cerebellum (Mottolese et al., 2013, and see inserts in Figure 1). Specifically, if the arm  
412 representation natively overlaps with the hand representation, additional remapping between these  
413 representations in one-handers may be too subtle to be detected using a whole-brain analysis. Additional  
414 clusters showing increased activation in one-handers compared to controls were also found within  
415 specific datasets, but unlike the deprived hand region, these clusters were not consistent across all datasets  
416 and task-conditions (see Table 4). The results of the direct between-group-contrasts were further  
417 visualized using within-group activation maps of each condition versus a rest baseline (Figure 2).

418 We next aimed to measure the degree of remapped activation in the deprived cerebellar hand  
419 region during movements of different body parts, and assess its consistency across datasets. To this end,  
420 within each dataset and movement condition separately, between-group permutation tests were used to  
421 compare mean fMRI activation values (percent signal change) obtained from two independent hand ROIs  
422 (deprived and intact hand regions of the cerebellar hemispheres' anterior lobe, ROIs depicted in Figures  
423 1,2). These ROIs were obtained from the control group of one dataset and tested on the other dataset, and  
424 are completely independent of the between-group contrast analysis reported above. Results of these tests  
425 were combined across the two datasets (See Materials and Methods; Dataset-specific p-values for all  
426 experimental conditions are presented in Table 5). As shown in Figure 3, these analyses confirmed  
427 increased activation in the deprived cerebellar hand ROI when one-handers moved their lips ( $\chi^2_{(4)}=23.21$ ,  
428  $p<0.001$ ,  $\alpha=0.017$ ) and feet ( $\chi^2_{(4)}=19.91$ ,  $p<0.001$ ,  $\alpha=0.017$ ), as well as their residual arm ( $\chi^2_{(4)}=15.29$ ,  
429  $p=0.004$ ,  $\alpha=0.017$  Bonferroni corrected, Fisher's method for all tests), compared with controls.

430 Movements of the intact hand (whose representation does not remap in the cerebral cortex, Hahamy et al.,  
431 2017) did not result in increased activation in the deprived cerebellar hand region of one-handers  
432 ( $\chi^2_{(4)}=3.33$ ,  $p=0.51$ , Fisher's method). In addition, two-way interactions were consistently revealed  
433 between hemispheres and groups (non-dominant/residual arm:  $\chi^2_{(4)}=20.61$ ,  $p<0.001$ ; lips:  $\chi^2_{(4)}=19.39$ ,  
434  $p<0.001$ ; feet:  $\chi^2_{(4)}=19.23$ ,  $p<0.001$ , Fisher's method,  $\alpha=0.017$  Bonferroni corrected for all tests). These  
435 interactions reflect dissociated recruitment of the deprived cerebellar hand region by movements of  
436 various body parts in one-handers, in comparison with the intact cerebellar hand region and with the  
437 control group (Figure 3). These findings echo the pattern of remapping we previously reported in the  
438 cerebral cortex of one-handers, and reflect sensorimotor remapping which is not limited to the immediate  
439 neighbors overlapping with the deprived hand region.

440 To further evaluate the interplay between remapping and somatotopy, the remapping levels of the  
441 lip and foot representations in one-handers were directly compared. If somatotopy drives remapping, the  
442 lip representation, which overlaps with the deprived hand representation, should show more remapping  
443 compared to the foot representation, which does not overlap with the hand region (see also Confirmatory  
444 analysis below). However, despite different levels of overlap with the cerebellar hand region, no  
445 difference was found between lip and foot remapping into this region (Dataset1:  $p=0.33$ , Dataset2:  
446  $p=0.32$ , permutation tests). Furthermore, a 3-way ANOVA with factors group (controls/one-handers),  
447 hemisphere (intact/deprived) and body-part (lips/feet) revealed no 3-way interaction (Dataset1:  
448  $F(1,36)=1.86$ ,  $p=0.18$ , Dataset2:  $F(1,24)=0.47$ ,  $p=0.5$ ). This indicates that somatotopic proximity does not  
449 determine the degree of remapping. Note, however, that these null results do not allow a formal  
450 interpretation.

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452 **Similar pattern of remapping seen in the cerebellar and cerebral deprived hand**  
453 **regions of one-handers**

454 We next used these two datasets to test the reproducibility of our previous findings of remapping  
455 in the cerebral cortex of one-handers (our previously reported results were based on Dataset3, and can be  
456 found in Hahamy et al., 2017). As shown in Figure 4 (and further visualized in Figure 5), movements of  
457 the residual arm, lips or feet, but not movements of the intact hand, activated the deprived cerebral S1/M1  
458 hand region to a greater extent in one-handers compared to controls, as shown using whole-brain  
459 between-group contrast maps (also see Table 3). Additional clusters showing increased activation in one-  
460 handers compared to controls were also found within specific datasets, but unlike the deprived hand  
461 region, these clusters were not consistent across all datasets and task-conditions (see Table 4). These  
462 results were further supported by ROI analyses (ROIs presented in Figures 4,5). To assess reproducibility,  
463 the results of the ROI analyses were combined across the two current datasets as well as the dataset used  
464 in our previous study (dataset-specific p-values for all experimental conditions are presented in Table 5).  
465 As depicted in Figure 6 and in Table 6, these tests confirmed increased activation in the deprived cerebral  
466 hand ROI when one-handers moved their residual arm, lips and feet compared with controls. Group by  
467 hemisphere interactions consistently revealed dissociated recruitment of the deprived cerebral hand region  
468 (compared to the intact hand region) by movements of various body parts between one-handers and  
469 controls (Table 6). Table 7 presents the results of integration across datasets using additional meta-  
470 analysis measures for both the cerebral and cerebellar hand regions.

471 To evaluate whether different somatotopic layouts would relate to different patterns of body-part  
472 remapping, we compared the remapping seen in the deprived cerebellar and deprived cerebral hand  
473 regions of one-handers (see Material and Methods). This analysis revealed that, although the cerebellum  
474 and cerebrum have different somatotopic layouts (see also Confirmatory analysis below), the lip to foot  
475 remapping ratios did not differ between these two sensorimotor terminals (Dataset1:  $p=0.09$ , Dataset2:  
476  $p=0.15$ , permutation tests;  $\chi^2_{(4)}=8.6$ ,  $p=0.072$ , Fisher's Method). But as noted above, null results should be  
477 interpreted with caution.

## 478 **Remapping in the Putamen**

479 Since the putamen has previously been shown to contain a somatotopic map (Nambu, 2011), and since the  
480 basal ganglia has reciprocal connections with both the cerebellum and the primary sensorimotor cortex  
481 (Nambu, 2011; Dum et al., 2014; Zeharia et al., 2015), we wished to explore remapping patterns in this  
482 terminal. A challenge in studying this area is that its somatotopy is substantially more compact than that  
483 of the cerebellum, requiring increased spatial resolution, which was only available in Dataset2. The left  
484 panel of Figure 7 depicts uncorrected between-group-contrast maps of Dataset2. Similar to our results in  
485 the cerebellum and S1/M1, these maps demonstrated increased activation in the deprived putamen in the  
486 residual arm, lips and feet conditions, but not in the intact hand condition in one-handers compared to  
487 controls. Only results of the lips condition survived correction for multiple comparisons over the whole  
488 brain (Table 4).

489 ROI analysis provides a more sensitive test for remapping. As depicted in the right panel of  
490 Figure 7, these tests revealed significantly increased activation in the deprived putamen in the residual  
491 arm ( $p=0.01$ ), lips ( $p<0.001$ ) and feet conditions ( $p=0.02$ ; permutation tests,  $\alpha=0.05$ ), but not in the  
492 intact hand condition ( $p=0.1$ ). These effects were accompanied by near-significant group (controls/one-  
493 handers) by hemisphere (intact/deprived putamen) interactions (residual arm:  $p=0.048$ , lip:  $p=0.007$ , feet:  
494  $p=0.057$ , permutation tests,  $\alpha=0.05$ ), demonstrating the specificity of this effect to the deprived putamen.  
495 Note that, unlike in the cerebrum and cerebellum, activation in the putamen tends to be bilateral (Gerardin  
496 et al., 2003), hence the non-negligible activation levels in both hemispheres.

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#### 498 **Confirmatory analysis: neighborhood relationship between body-part** 499 **representations differ between the cerebrum and cerebellum**

500 In both the cerebral and cerebellar cortices, the hand region resides between the foot and lip regions,  
501 however, the level of overlap between these representations was previously reported to differ between the  
502 two brain structures (see Introduction). To confirm this difference in overlap between body-part  
503 representations (hereafter, neighborhood relationship) in the cerebrum and cerebellum, we studied the

504 overlap in activations evoked by movements of these body-part in controls and one-handers' intact  
505 hemisphere (notice that no between-group differences were found in the intact hemisphere, Figures 1&4).

506 We confined activations to the sensorimotor parts of the cerebrum and cerebellar anterior lobe  
507 (Figure 8A), and employed the Dice coefficients (Dice, 1945; Kikkert et al., 2016; see Materials and  
508 Methods). As demonstrated in the intact/dominant hemispheres of controls and one-handers in Figure 8B,  
509 some degree of overlap was indeed observed between the peripheral aspects of the hand region and the  
510 activations evoked by lips and feet movements in both cerebrum and cerebellum. This level of overlap  
511 was evaluated using permutation tests on each of the dataset-specific Dice coefficients. Results of these  
512 tests were then combined across the two datasets (See Materials and Methods). This analysis  
513 demonstrated differences in neighborhood relationships between the cerebrum and cerebellum (Dataset1  
514  $p=0.02$ , Dataset2  $p=0.048$  permutation tests; Meta-analysis:  $\chi^2_{(4)}=13.59$ ,  $p=0.009$  Fisher's method,  
515  $\alpha=0.05$ ), reflecting that the representations of the lip and foot show more similar levels of overlap with  
516 the hand representation in the cerebral cortex (Makin et al., 2015) relative to the cerebellum (Figure 8C).

## 517 **Discussion**

518 Here we report large scale remapping of body-part representations in both the cerebellar and cerebral  
519 cortices of individuals born without one hand, and provide similar preliminary results in the putamen. In  
520 all terminals, the residual arm, lips and feet activated the deprived hand region (Figures 1, 4 & 7).  
521 Remapping was specific to the missing hand regions of these terminals (as reflected in our whole-brain  
522 analyses and significant group by hemisphere interactions), despite differences in the somatotopic layouts  
523 across these sensorimotor terminals (Manni and Petrosini, 2004; Mottolese et al., 2013; Makin et al.,  
524 2015; Mottolese et al., 2015). Our findings therefore challenge the view that sensorimotor remapping is  
525 restricted by the underlying somatotopy of the remapped regions (Merzenich et al., 1984; Pons et al.,  
526 1991; Merzenich and Jenkins, 1993; Faggin et al., 1997; Florence et al., 1998; Margolis et al., 2012;  
527 Striem-Amit et al., 2018), at least following congenital deprivation.

528 Previous studies of similar sensorimotor-deprived populations, relying on relatively small sample  
529 sizes, produced mixed evidence for the extent and drivers of remapping. Here we used a large imaging  
530 database of one-handers (n=26), and demonstrated the reproducibility of our main results across  
531 independently-acquired datasets, thereby establishing statistical validity (Ioannidis et al., 2014; Picciotto,  
532 2018). Our findings therefore contribute robust evidence that remapping extends beyond the boundaries  
533 of the somatotopy, and emphasize the need to consider sensorimotor remapping following congenital  
534 malformation as a more complex phenomenon than has previously been discussed. Future large-scale  
535 studies of both functional representation and connectivity, as well as stimulation studies (e.g. transcranial  
536 magnetic stimulation, Stoeckel et al., 2009) will be needed to fully understand the functional specificity  
537 and underlying factors that derive the reported remapping.

538 If remapping into the deprived hand region is not exclusively restricted to the neighboring  
539 representations, what other factors determine which representation undergoes remapping and which does  
540 not? One possibility is that remapping is shaped by altered inputs to the deprived cortex, due to  
541 compensatory behavior. We have previously characterized the behavioral repertoire of one-handers,  
542 which comprises of utilization of their residual arm, lips and feet to compensate for their hand absence  
543 (Hahamy et al., 2017). As previously reported and further extended here, the same body-parts used for  
544 compensatory purposes also remap onto the deprived hand regions of both the cerebellum and cerebrum.  
545 Furthermore, the intact hand, which is not over-used for compensatory purposes in one-handers (Makin et  
546 al., 2013b; Philip and Frey, 2014; Hahamy et al., 2017), does not show remapping onto either the  
547 cerebellar or cerebral deprived hand regions. However, we cannot exclude the possibility that remapping  
548 in the deprived hand region of one-handers is restricted to body-part representations within the deprived  
549 hemisphere. This is because in the current experimental design, the intact hand is the only body-part  
550 contralateral to the deprived cerebral hemisphere/ipsilateral to the deprived cerebellar hemisphere.

551 It is important to mention that so far we have been unable to identify a correlation between  
552 individuals' idiosyncratic compensatory strategies and brain remapping. Moreover, other studies reported  
553 large-scale remapping dissociated from compensatory behavior in congenital or juvenile bilateral hand



554 loss (Yu et al., 2014; Striem-Amit et al., 2018). For example, Striem-Amit and colleagues (2018) recently  
555 demonstrated that body-part representations neighboring the deprived hand region can show remapping,  
556 even if these body-parts are not prominently used for compensatory purposes. These discrepancies across  
557 studies could be attributed to the fact that compensatory daily behavior is difficult to quantify  
558 comprehensively and reliably. Alternatively, it could be speculated that the development of one-handers'  
559 intact hand grants the missing hand region some sensorimotor scaffolding relating to hand functionality  
560 (e.g. via inter-hemispheric functional connectivity, Hahamy et al., 2017). This, in turn, may guide  
561 remapping in one-handers based on behavioral criteria (e.g. relevance for supporting the intact hand),  
562 which will not be available or functionally relevant following bilateral hand malformation. We also  
563 cannot exclude the possibility that behavior and brain remapping may not be directly related. For  
564 example, the observed remapping in one-handers may merely reflect weak normal inputs from different  
565 body-parts to the hand region, which are typically suppressed. In the absence of a hand, these inputs may  
566 simply be unmasked, and not necessarily causally support compensatory behavior (for further discussion  
567 see Krakauer and Carmichael, 2017; Makin and Bensmaia, 2017). Taken together, further research is  
568 needed to validate the causal origins and consequences of behavior on the large scale remapping reported  
569 here.

570         Similar controversy regarding the role of somatotopic boundaries in shaping remapping also  
571 exists in amputation research. In adult amputees, remapping is commonly attributed to residual arm  
572 representation (Kew et al., 1994; Irlbacher et al., 2002; Raffin et al., 2016); (but see Gagne et al., 2011;  
573 Makin et al., 2013b) and mouth representation (Flor et al., 1995; Elbert et al., 1997; Karl et al., 2001;  
574 Lotze et al., 2001; MacIver et al., 2008; Foell et al., 2014); (though see Makin et al., 2013a; Makin et al.,  
575 2015; Raffin et al., 2016), both thought to neighbor the hand region (though see Zeharia et al., 2015;  
576 Roux et al., 2018; as well as hand and lip regions in Figure 4). More recent findings reveal remapping of  
577 the intact hand representation into the deprived cortex (Bogdanov et al., 2012; Makin et al., 2013b; Philip  
578 and Frey, 2014). These more recent findings have ascribed remapping to the compensatory use of  
579 amputees' intact hand. Thus, findings across varied sensorimotor-deprived populations raise the

580 possibility that body-part representations that have little overlap, if any, with the hand region (lips and  
581 feet in one-handers, feet in individuals with bilateral congenital limb loss or childhood amputation, and  
582 intact hand in amputated adults) can remap into the deprived hand region.

583         Although we discuss commonalities in remapping across the life-span, this is not to imply that  
584 remapping bears the same mechanistic and functional meaning when occurring at different life stages.  
585 Hand function begins to form *in utero* (Zoia et al., 2007) and continues to develop into late childhood  
586 (Kultz-Buschbeck et al., 1998). As such, congenital hand malformation offers multiple opportunities for  
587 functional remapping during development. Indeed, vast research on visual and auditory deprivations  
588 introduced the notion of the critical period - an early period of life in which sensory experience may have  
589 greater impact on brain remapping and consequent behavior, compared to later periods (for review, see  
590 Kral, 2013; Voss, 2013). In contrast, classical research of sensorimotor deprivation documented extensive  
591 remapping in adults (Pons et al., 1991; Florence et al., 1998). Although the extent and functional  
592 significance of remapping in later life are still debated (Collignon et al., 2013; Bedny, 2017; Makin and  
593 Bensmaia, 2017; Singh et al., 2018), it is worth noting that in comparison to congenital blindness and  
594 deafness research, sensorimotor deprivation is confined to the sensorimotor network, and is thus smaller  
595 in scale. Therefore, amputation-related deprivation might provide more opportunities/restrictions for  
596 remapping across the life-span, meaning sensorimotor remapping may still be feasible in adulthood  
597 (Dempsey-Jones et al., 2019).

598         Finally, the remapping reported here may indeed be constrained by proximity between body-part  
599 representations - not in the cerebellum/cerebrum, but rather in subcortical sensorimotor terminals. While  
600 it has originally been suggested that sensorimotor remapping occurs at the level of the cerebral cortex  
601 (Pons et al., 1991; Florence et al., 1998), recent studies in monkeys emphasize the role of subcortical  
602 structures, such as the brainstem, in which the layout of somatotopic representations differs from that of  
603 the cerebral cortex (Jain et al., 2000; Kambi et al., 2014; Chand and Jain, 2015; Liao et al., 2016). For  
604 example, Kambi and colleagues (2014) demonstrated that facial remapping in the deprived cerebral hand  
605 region of spinal-cord-injured monkeys is abolished upon inactivation of the deprived cuneate nucleus.

606 The fact that the cuneate nucleus does not normally receive inputs from the face suggests that remapping  
607 seen in the cerebral cortex is likely driven by reorganisation at the level of the brainstem (see also Herbert  
608 et al., 2015 for a related example of remapping in the motor cortex). It is therefore plausible that the  
609 remapping we observed in one-handers may also be initiated in upstream sensorimotor terminal.

610         Indeed, our data provide initial evidence for remapping in one-handers' putamen, which mirrors  
611 the remapping patterns of the cerebral and cerebellar cortices. Interestingly, representations of the hand,  
612 lip and foot, which are distant in the cerebral/cerebellar cortices, neighbor each other in the putamen of  
613 the human basal ganglia (Gerardin et al., 2003; Staempfli et al., 2008). These neighboring representations  
614 may thus more easily remap onto the deprived hand region, and consequently, projections from the  
615 putamen hand representation to its cerebral/cerebellar counterparts would appear as remapping that is  
616 independent of the cerebral/cerebellar somatotopic layouts. This hypothesis is consistent with anatomical  
617 evidence for a closed-loop, reciprocal circuit between primary sensorimotor cortex, cerebellum and basal  
618 ganglia, such that each terminal projects to and receives inputs from each other terminal, with varying  
619 somatotopic layouts within each terminal (Nambu, 2011; Dum et al., 2014; Zeharia et al., 2015). As our  
620 findings reveal remapping in all three of these interconnected terminals, it is plausible that the  
621 documented remapping is initiated by the basal ganglia, or further upstream. However, the results we  
622 reported in the putamen could only be observed in one dataset, and lacked the spatial resolution to  
623 accurately allocate the position of the putamen hand region. These results therefore await further  
624 confirmation with more specialised data collection tools. In addition, since our results demonstrate  
625 remapping in both primary somatosensory and motor cortices (Figure 4), which have differing upstream  
626 hierarchies, the role of subcortical structures in driving cortical remapping requires further research.  
627 Nevertheless, it is tempting to speculate that the upstream sensorimotor terminal at which remapping may  
628 be initiated would contain a somatotopic layout specifically suitable for supporting the emerging  
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816 **Table legends**

817 **Table 1.** Demographic details of individuals with congenital limb-absence included in Dataset2 (Full  
818 details of the participants of Dataset1 are available in Hahamy et al., 2015b).

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820 **Table 2.** Number of voxels ( $2\text{mm}^3$ ) and center-of-gravity coordinates of regions of interest.

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822 **Table 3.** Between-group contrast statistics of activation in the hand regions. The number of voxels  
823 (#vox), peak intensity ( $z_{\text{max}}$ ) and coordinates of the center of gravity of hand-region activations in the  
824 cerebellum and cerebrum are presented for each dataset (rows) and task-condition (columns). Coordinates  
825 are based on the MNI 152 brain template.

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827 **Table 4.** Between-group contrast statistics of increased activation in one-handers compared to controls  
828 outside the hand regions. The number of voxels, peak intensity ( $z_{\text{max}}$ ) and coordinates of the center of  
829 gravity of significant activation clusters are presented for each dataset and task-condition. Coordinates are  
830 based on the MNI 152 brain template.

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832 **Table 5.** Dataset-specific p-values per brain region and experimental condition. Dataset-specific p-values  
833 (rows) are derived from permutation tests for each experimental condition (columns) for both cerebellar  
834 and cerebral hand ROIs (top\bottom of table, respectively). Results of Dataset3 were previously reported  
835 in Hahamy et al. 2017. Results for the residual arm condition in a subsample of participants from  
836 Dataset1 were reported in Makin et al. 2013.

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838 **Table 6.** Meta-analysis statistics for cerebral cortex activations. Fisher's method statistics ( $\chi^2$  and p-value)  
839 are presented for the between-group contrasts and group by hemisphere interactions (rows) across  
840 experimental conditions (columns). All p-values are Bonferroni corrected,  $\alpha=0.017$ .

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842 **Table 7.** Assessment of the consistency of results across datasets using additional meta-analysis methods.  
843 Results are based on the Stouffer's test (Stouffer et al., 1949) and the weighted Z-test (weights set to the  
844 square root of each sample size, Liptak, 1958). Resulting p-values ( $P_s$  denotes Stouffer's test and  $P_z$   
845 denotes the weighted Z-test,  $\alpha=0.0125$  Bonferroni corrected) are presented for the cerebrum and  
846 cerebellum hand regions (rows) and for each experimental condition (columns).

#### 847 **Figure Legends**

848 **Figure 1. Representation of multiple body-parts in the deprived cerebellar hand region of one-**  
849 **handlers: between-group contrast maps.** The left/right panels show between-group contrast maps of  
850 Dataset1/Dataset2, respectively, during residual/nondominant arm (one-handers/controls), lips, feet and  
851 intact/dominant hand movements, projected onto a flat surface of the cerebellum (see example of an  
852 inflated surface on the top right). In the lips and feet conditions (but not in the residual arm or intact hand  
853 conditions), one-handers showed increased activation compared to controls, centred on the deprived  
854 cerebellar hand region. Yellow/blue/green contours indicate the hand/lip/foot ROIs, respectively. Inserts  
855 in the middle panel show the independent ROIs used in each of the datasets, defined based on the  
856 activations of the other dataset to ensure statistical independence. Middle inserts also include purple  
857 contours indicating the residual arm region. Intact/dominant hemisphere, ipsilateral to the intact/dominant  
858 hand; deprived/nondominant hemisphere, ipsilateral to missing/nondominant hand. All maps were  
859 cluster-based corrected for multiple comparisons across the entire brain. Results of residual arm  
860 movements in a subset of participants from Dataset1 were previously reported (Makin et al., 2013b).

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862 **Figure 2. Cerebellar within-group activation maps.** Within-group activation maps for each  
863 experimental condition versus a resting baseline (rows) are presented for the control and one-handed  
864 groups of each separate dataset (columns). All annotations are as detailed in Figure 1. All maps are  
865 presented at an uncorrected threshold of  $p < 0.01$  to visualize the origin of the between-group contrast  
866 results presented in Figure 1. The within-group maps of one-handers show over-activation in the  
867 cerebellar deprived hand region in the residual arm, lips and feet conditions, compared to controls.

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869 **Figure 3. Multiple body-parts activate the deprived cerebellar hand region of one-handers: ROI**  
870 **analysis.** The left/right panels show activation levels in Dataset1/Dataset2 (respectively) in the bilateral  
871 cerebellar hand regions (independently defined for each dataset, ROIs depicted in Figures 1,2), during  
872 residual/nondominant arm (one-handers/controls), lips, feet and intact/dominant hand movements.  
873 Activation levels in the deprived cerebellar hand region of one-handers (white bars) were greater than  
874 activations in the nondominant hand region of controls (grey bars) in all but the intact hand condition. 1H,  
875 one-handers; CTR, controls; intact/dominant hand ROI, ipsilateral to the intact/dominant hand;  
876 deprived/nondominant hand ROI, ipsilateral to missing/nondominant hand. Error bars depict SEMs.  
877 Results of residual arm movements in a subset of participants from Dataset1 were previously reported  
878 (Makin et al., 2013b). The scales of brain activations (y-axes) are not fixed across experimental  
879 conditions, to allow better visualization of the inter-group and inter-hemispheric differences within each  
880 condition.

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882 **Figure 4. Multiple body-parts activate the deprived cerebral hand-region of one-handers: between-**  
883 **group contrast maps.** The left/right panels show between-group contrast maps of Dataset1/Dataset2,  
884 respectively, during residual/nondominant arm (one-handers/controls), lips, feet and intact/dominant hand  
885 movements, projected onto an inflated surface of a template brain. In each of the arm, lips and feet (but  
886 not intact hand) conditions, one-handers showed increased activation compared to controls, centred on the

887 deprived cerebral hand region. Yellow/blue contours indicate the hand/lip ROIs, respectively.  
888 Deprived/Nondominant hemisphere, contralateral to missing/nondominant hand. All maps were cluster-  
889 based corrected for multiple comparisons across the entire brain. Results of residual arm movements in a  
890 subset of participants from Dataset1 were previously reported (Makin et al., 2013b).

891 **Figure 5. Cerebral within-group activation maps.** Within-group activation maps for each experimental  
892 condition versus a resting baseline (rows) are presented for the control and one-handed groups of each  
893 separate dataset (columns). ROIs were defined based on Dataset3, to ensure full replication of our  
894 previously published results in this dataset (Hahamy et al., 2017). All annotations are as in Figure 4. All  
895 maps are presented as means of visualisation of the origin of the between-group contrast results presented  
896 in Figure 4, and are therefore presented at varying uncorrected thresholds. The within-group maps of one-  
897 handers show over-activation in the cerebral deprived hand region in the residual arm, lips and feet  
898 conditions, compared to controls. Within-group maps of Dataset3 can be found in Hahamy et al., 2017.  
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900 **Figure 6. Multiple body-parts activate the deprived cerebral hand-region of one-handers: ROI**  
901 **analysis.** The left/right panels show activation levels in Dataset1/Dataset2 (respectively) in the bilateral  
902 cerebral hand regions (independently defined, ROIs depicted in Figure 5), during residual/nondominant  
903 arm (one-handers/controls), lips, feet and intact/dominant hand movements. Activation levels in the  
904 deprived cerebral hand region of one-handers (white bars) were greater than in the nondominant-hand  
905 region of controls (grey bars) in all but the intact hand condition. All annotations are as in figure 3.  
906 Results of residual arm movements in a subset of participants from Dataset1 were previously reported  
907 (Makin et al., 2013b). The scales of brain activations are not fixed across experimental conditions, to  
908 allow a better visualization of the inter-group and inter-hemispheric differences within each condition.  
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910 **Figure 7. Multiple body-parts over-activated the deprived putamen of one-handers.** Left: between-  
911 group contrast maps of Dataset2, during residual/nondominant arm (one-handers/controls), lips, feet and

912 intact/dominant hand movements. In each of the arm, lips and feet (but not intact hand) conditions, one-  
913 handers showed increased activation compared to controls, centred on the deprived putamen. Yellow  
914 contours indicate the bilateral putamen nuclei. Between-group contrast maps of the residual arm, feet and  
915 intact hand conditions are presented at an uncorrected threshold of  $p < 0.01$ . Right: activation levels in  
916 Dataset2 in the bilateral putamen nuclei, during each of the experimental conditions. Activation levels in  
917 the deprived putamen of one-handers (white bars) were greater than in the nondominant putamen of  
918 controls (grey bars) in all but the intact hand condition. All annotations are as in Figure 3.

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920 **Figure 8. Different overlap relationships of body-part activations between the cerebrum and**  
921 **cerebellum.** (A) Sensorimotor masks used to estimate overlap relationships between body-part  
922 representations in the intact/dominant cerebral hemisphere (left, marked in purple over an inflated cortical  
923 surface) and intact/dominant cerebellar hemisphere (right, marked in yellow over a flattened cerebellar  
924 surface). The "intact/dominant" cerebral hemisphere is contralateral to the intact/dominant hand (in  
925 controls/one-handers, respectively) and the "intact/dominant" cerebellar hemisphere is ipsilateral to the  
926 intact/dominant hand. (B) Averaged maps across all participants of each dataset (columns) in the lips (top  
927 row) and feet (bottom row) condition, projected onto surfaces of the intact/dominant cerebral (left) and  
928 cerebellar (right) hemispheres. Independent ROIs of the intact/dominant hand are depicted in black  
929 contours on these same surfaces. These ROIs are presented for illustration purposes only, and were not  
930 used in our statistical analysis of neighborhood relationships, which does not rely on ROIs (see Materials  
931 and Methods). (C) Overlap between (i) hand and lip activations and (ii) hand and foot activations were  
932 estimated for each participant using the Dice coefficient (see Materials and Methods). The relationship  
933 between these overlapping activations was calculated as the ratio between lip-hand overlap and foot-hand  
934 overlap (y-axis), which was calculated separately for the cerebrum (purple bars) and cerebellum (yellow  
935 bars) within each separate dataset. As evident in both datasets, the ratios of overlap between hand-lip and  
936 hand-foot activations are smaller in the cerebellum compared to the cerebral cortex (cerebellar

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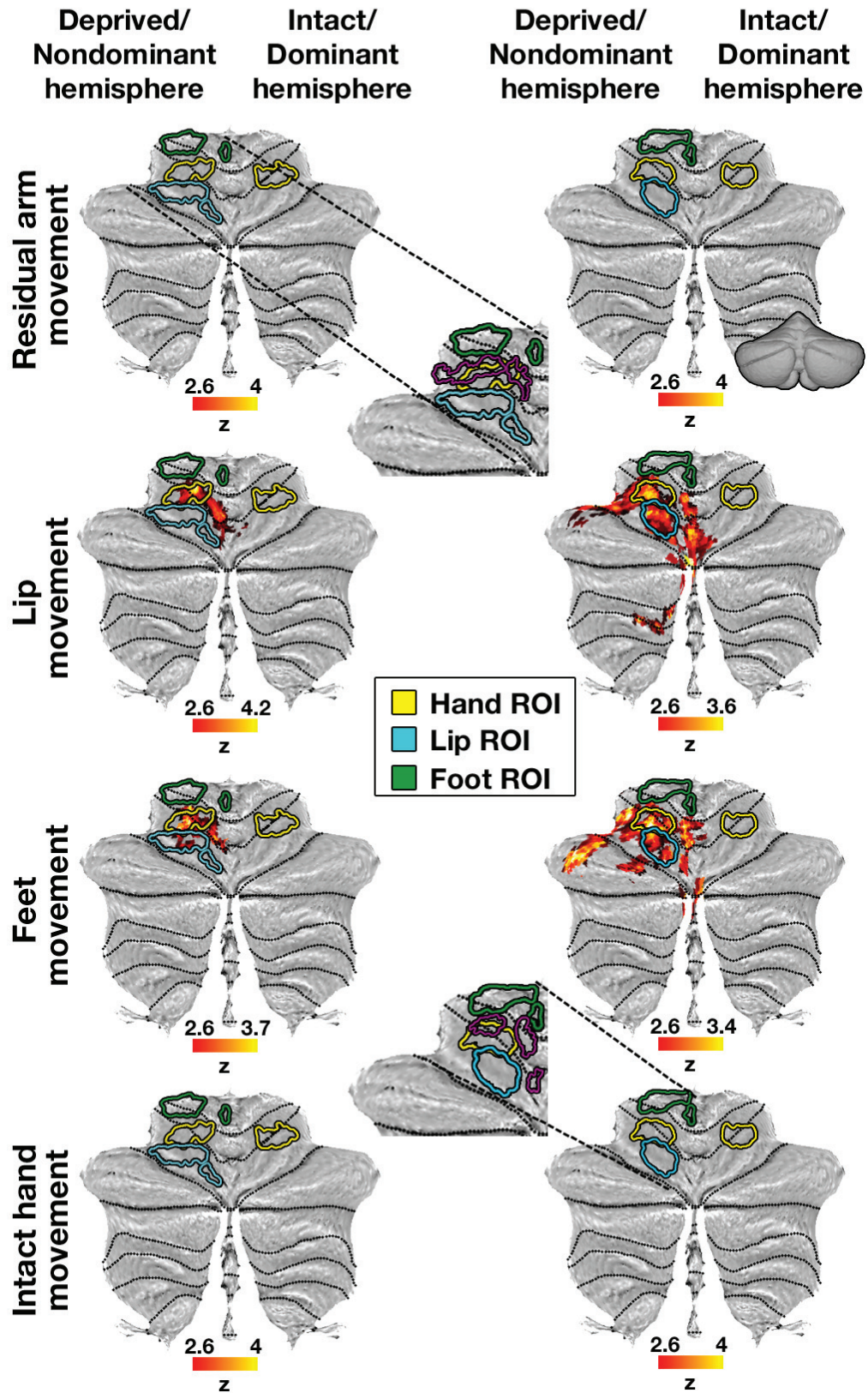
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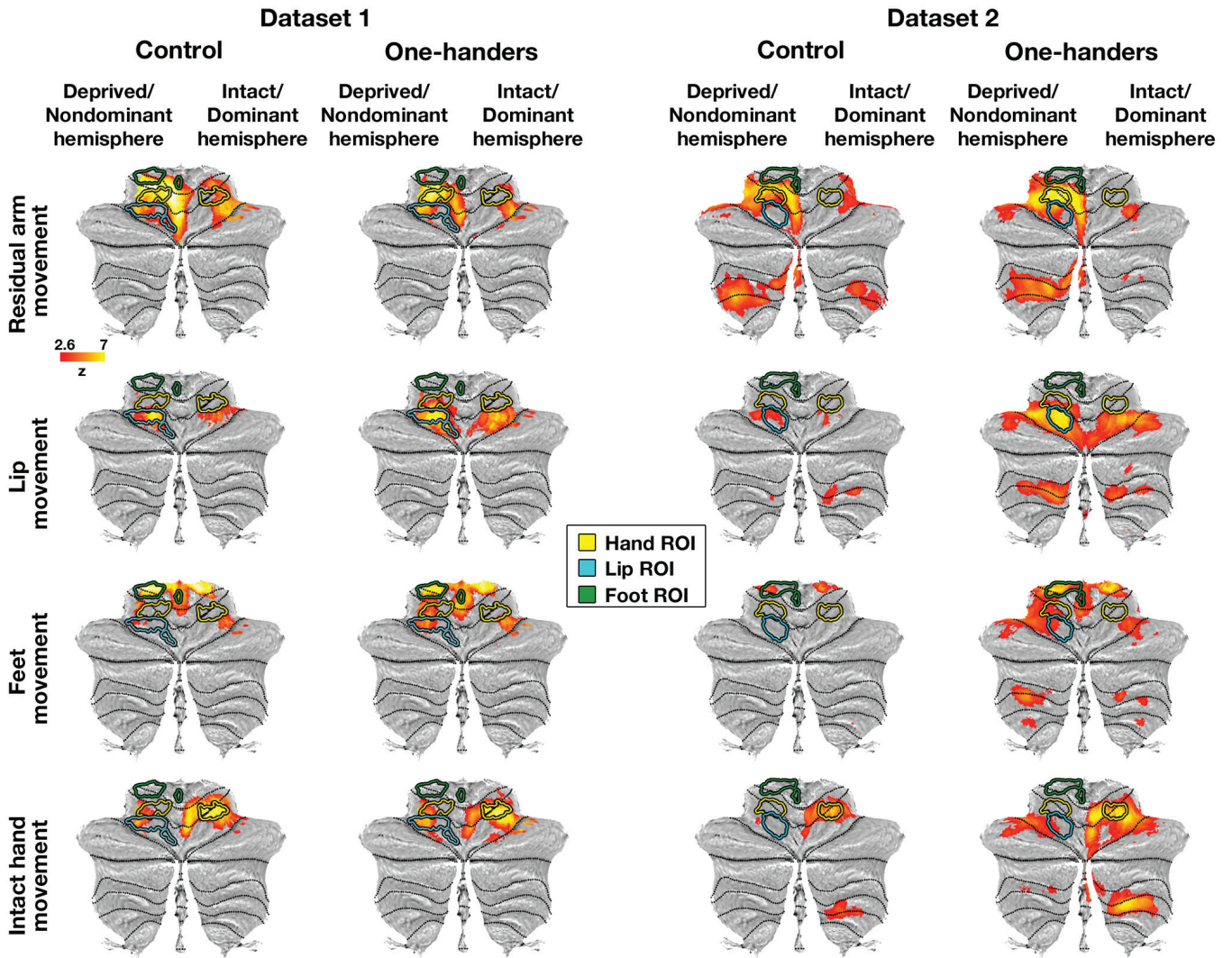


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## Dataset 1

## Dataset 2



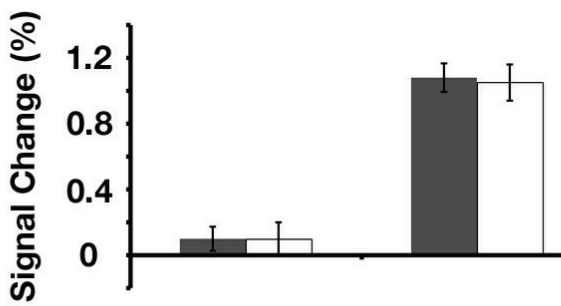
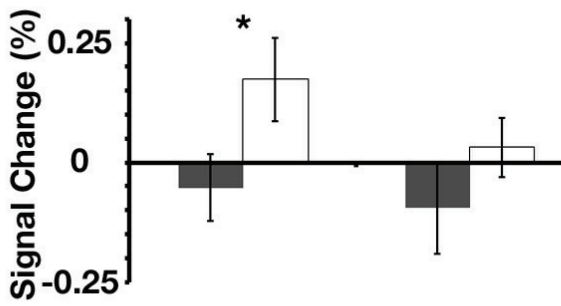
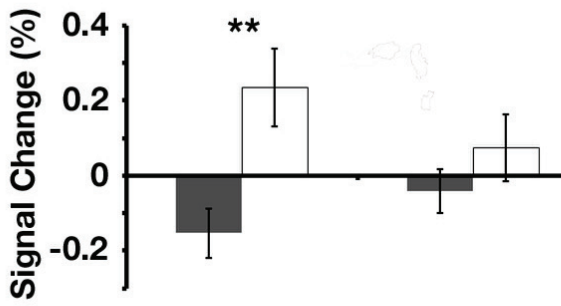
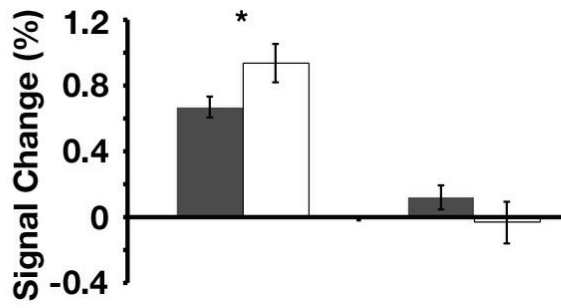




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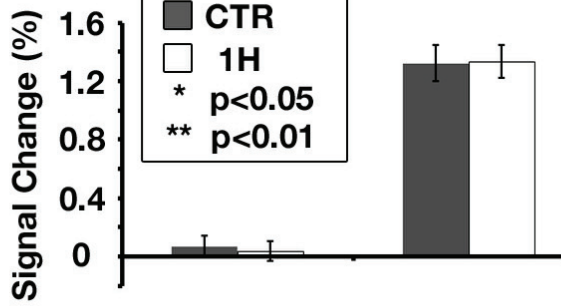
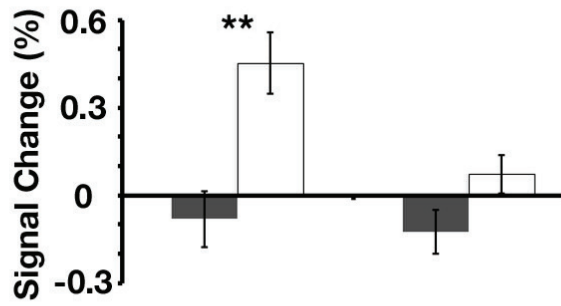
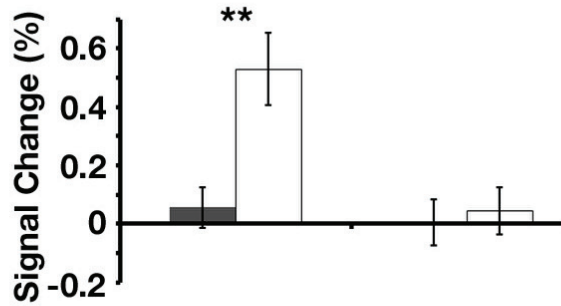
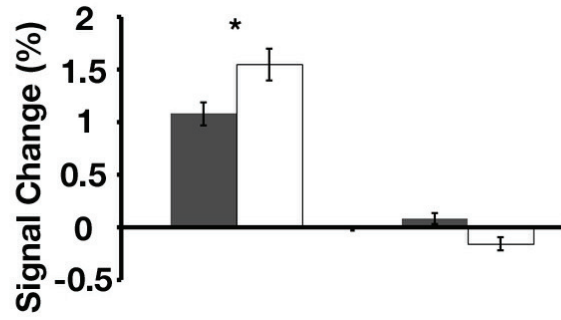
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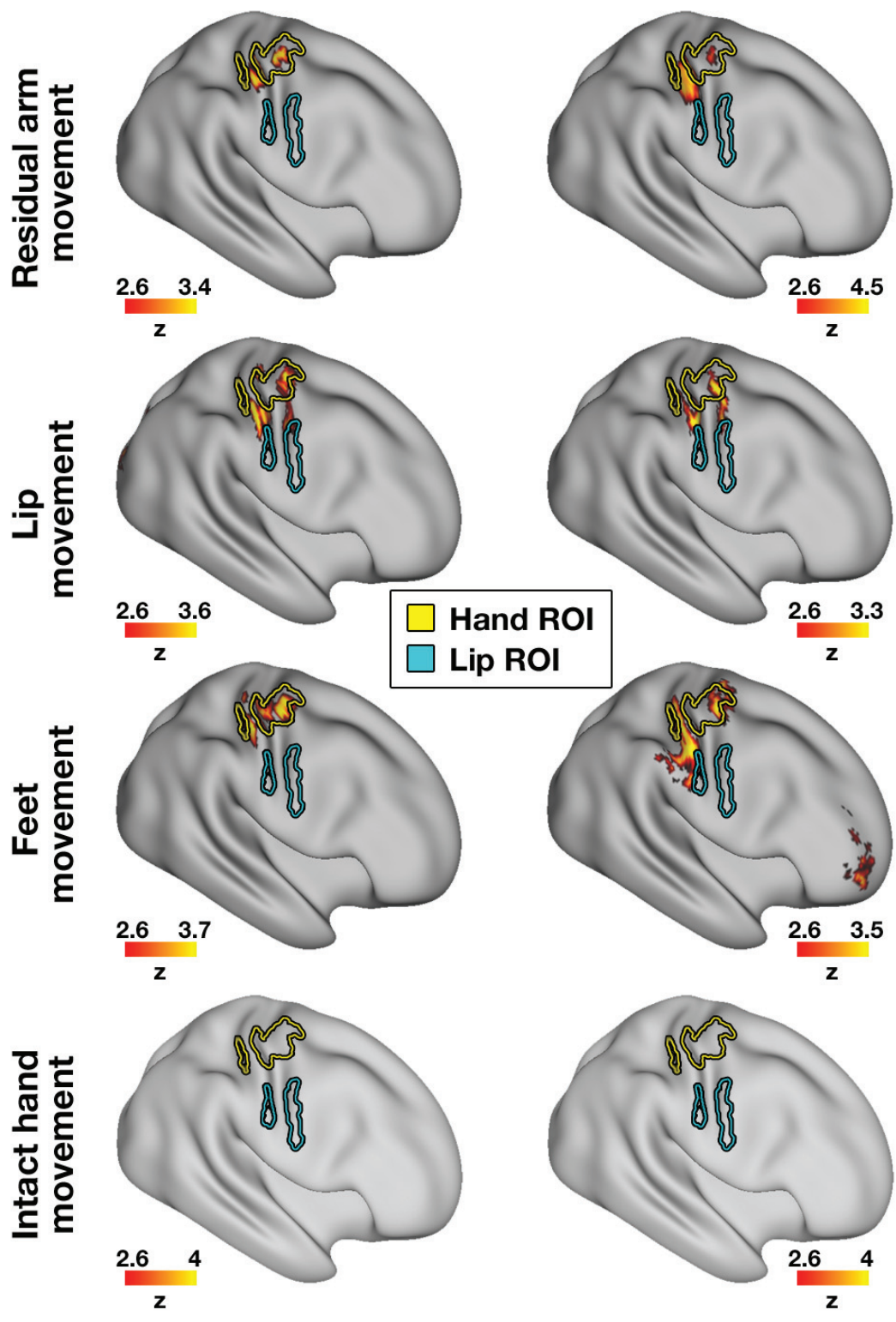
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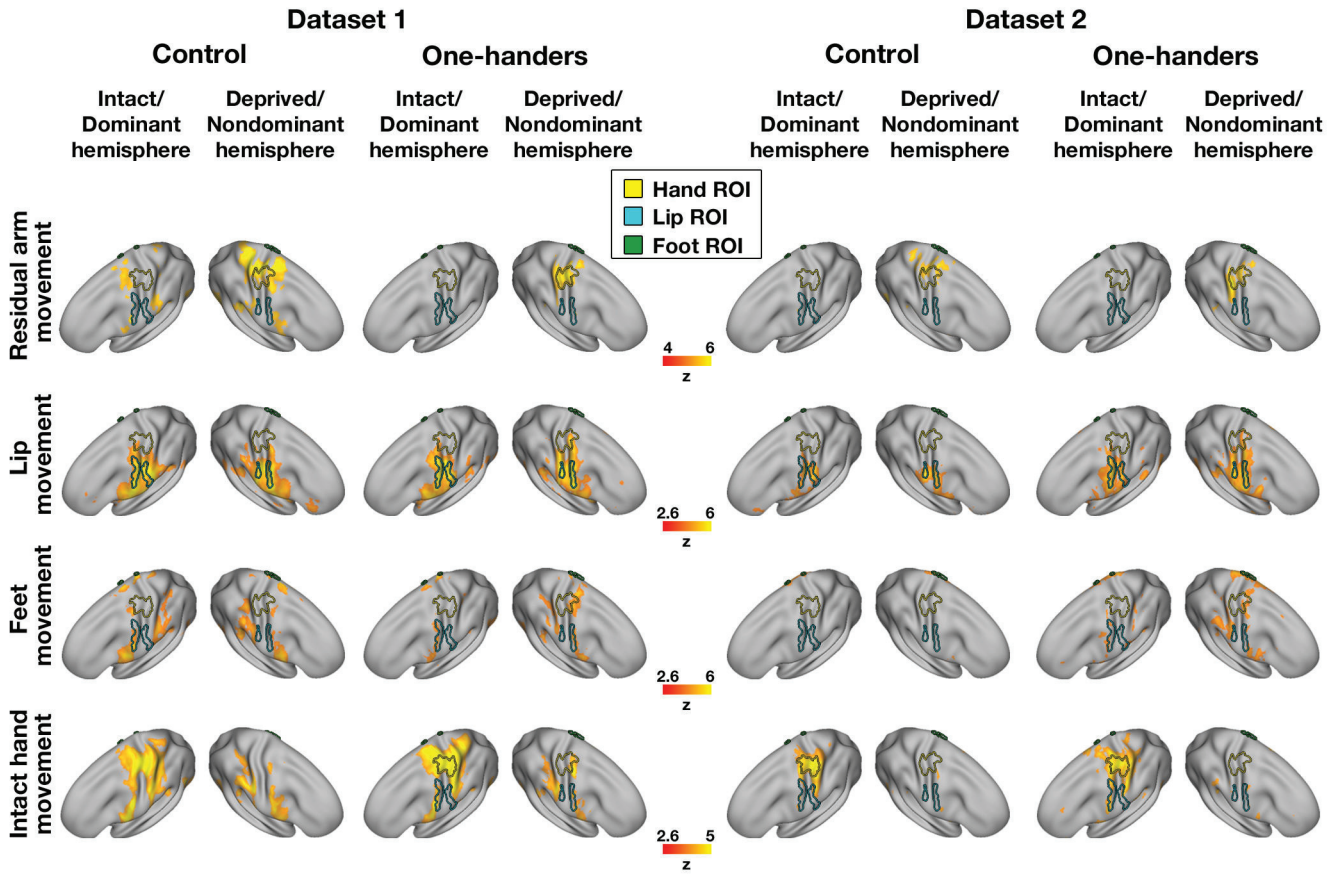
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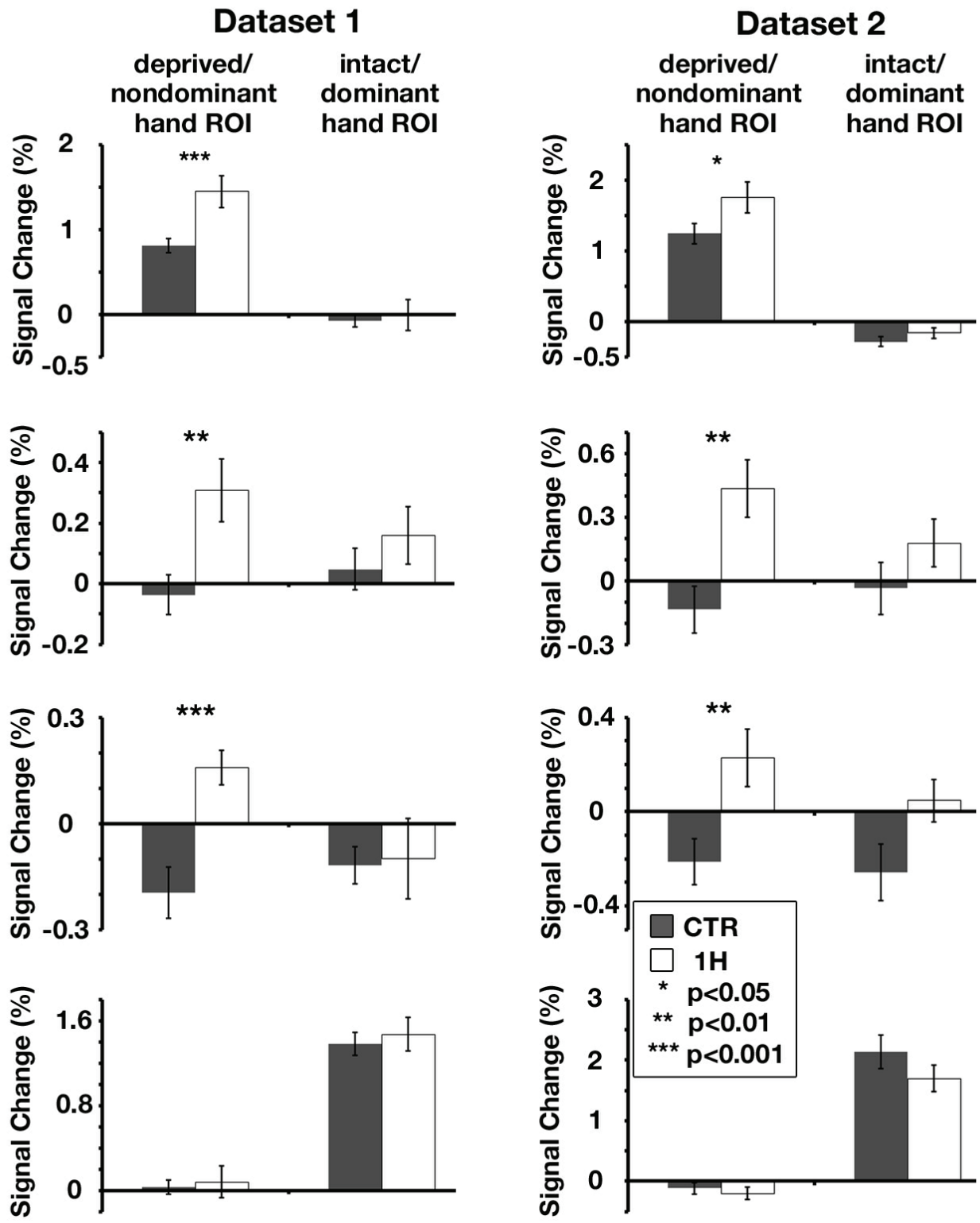
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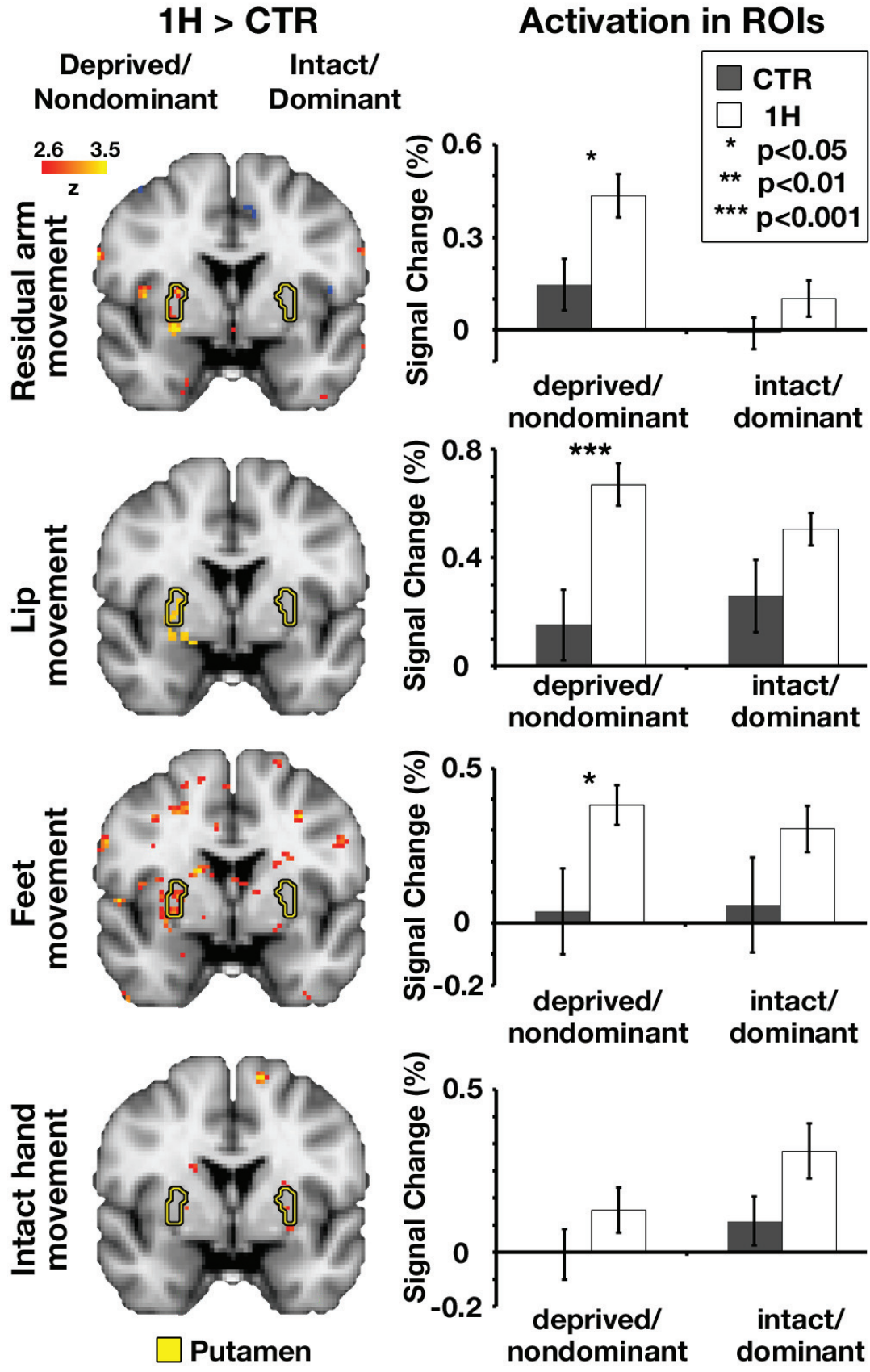


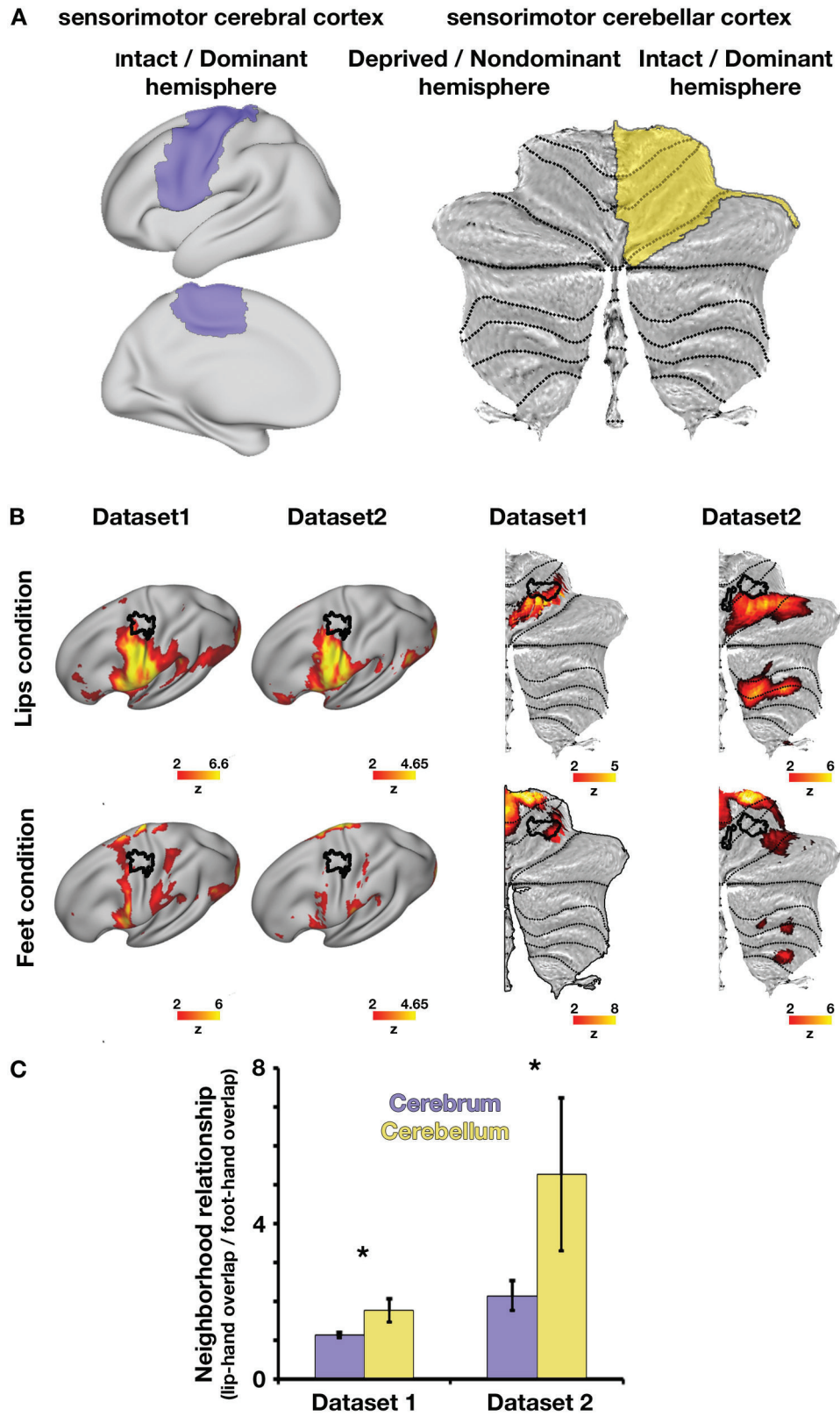


### Activation in Cerebral Hand ROIs









Participant	Age	Gender	Level of limb deficiency	Affected limb	participated in both studies
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4	58	Male	below elbow	Left	yes
5	37	Female	below elbow	Right	yes
6	52	Female	below elbow	Left	
7	32	Male	below elbow	Left	
8	61	Male	below elbow	Left	
9	42	Female	below elbow	Left	
10	53	Female	below elbow	Right	yes
11	44	Male	below elbow	Left	
12	35	Male	below elbow	Right	

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13	51	Female	below elbow	Left
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14	63	Female	below elbow	Right
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	# voxels	Coordinates
<b>Intact/dominant hand</b> <b>(cerebellum, Dataset1)</b>	100	21,-51,-21
<b>Deprived/nondominant hand</b> <b>(cerebellum, Dataset1)</b>	100	-21,-52,-21
<b>Intact/dominant hand</b> <b>(cerebellum, Dataset2)</b>	100	21,-51,-22
<b>Deprived/nondominant hand</b> <b>(cerebellum, Dataset2)</b>	100	-20,-51,-24
<b>Intact/dominant hand</b> <b>(cerebrum)</b>	388	38, -22, 56
<b>Deprived/nondominant hand</b> <b>(cerebrum)</b>	388	-38, -22, 56
<b>Intact/dominant putamen</b>	286	26, 4, 0
<b>Deprived/nondominant</b> <b>putamen</b>	321	-26, 4, 0

Brain region	Dataset		Residual	Lips	Feet
			<b>arm</b>		
<b>Cerebellum</b>	1	# vox	-	329	246
		Z <sub>max</sub>	-	5	3.94
		Coordinates	-	-13,-55,-17	-21,-58,-16
	2	# vox	-	594	623
		Z <sub>max</sub>	-	4.45	4.03
		Coordinates	-	-17,-59,-21	-21,-57,-22
<b>Cerebrum</b>	1	# vox	244	439	268
		Z <sub>max</sub>	3.82	4.5	4.11
		Coordinates	46,-20,58	45,-17,54	44,-20,58
	2	# vox	422	411	450
		Z <sub>max</sub>	5.79	4.24	4.14
		coordinates	49,-20,56	48,-16,54	52,-22,50

Dataset	condition	Region	Region	Region
1	Lips	supracalcarine cortex, 735 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 3.75$ , (2,-79,13)	Deprived \ nondominant occipital pole, 342 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 4.01$ , (20,-91,23)	Intact \ dominant parahippocampal gyrus, 217 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 3.9$ , (-26,-10,-23)
2	Lips	Deprived \ nondominant putamen, 288 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 3.7$ , (26,-4, -1)	Intact \ dominant parahippocampal gyrus, 187 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 3.83$ , (-30,-17,-28)	Deprived \ nondominant cerebellar lobule VIIb, 167 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 4$ , (-7, -78, -48)
	Feet	Intact \ dominant frontal pole, 221 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 4.18$ , (-27,57,0)	Deprived \ nondominant frontal pole, 177 voxels, $Z_{\max} = 3.65$ , (29,49,7)	

<b>Brain region</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Dataset</b>	<b>Residual arm</b>	<b>Lips</b>	<b>Feet</b>	<b>Intact hand</b>
<b>Cerebellum</b>	Group contrasts	1	0.02	0.002	0.04	0.49
		2	0.02	0.004	0.001	0.38
	Group by Hemisphere interaction	1	0.04	0.009	0.11	0.46
		2	0.0008	0.007	<0.001	0.4
<b>Cerebrum</b>	Group contrasts	1	<0.001	0.003	<0.001	0.37
		2	0.03	<0.001	0.004	0.28
		3	<0.001	<0.001	0.04	0.15
	Group by Hemisphere interaction	1	0.03	0.04	<0.001	0.43
		2	0.05	0.02	0.15	0.16
		3	<0.001	0.002	0.23	0.25

	<b>Residual arm</b>	<b>lips</b>	<b>feet</b>	<b>Intact hand</b>
<b>Group-contrast</b>	$\chi^2_{(6)}=47.73,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=43.8,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=37.08,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=8.31,$ p=0.22
<b>Group by Hemisphere interaction</b>	$\chi^2_{(6)}=32.54,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=28.07,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=23.7,$ p<0.001	$\chi^2_{(6)}=8.09,$ p=0.23

Brain region	Test	Residual arm		Lips		Feet		Intact hand	
		P <sub>s</sub>	P <sub>z</sub>	P <sub>s</sub>	P <sub>z</sub>	P <sub>s</sub>	P <sub>z</sub>	P <sub>s</sub>	P <sub>z</sub>
<b>Cerebellum</b>	Group contrasts	0.002	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.41	0.42
	Group by Hemisphere interaction	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.4	0.4
<b>Cerebrum</b>	Group contrasts	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.13	0.13
	Group by Hemisphere interaction	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	<0.001	0.14	0.16