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Martial Arts Training's Effects on Attentional Networks in Typical Adults

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Abstract

There is considerable evidence of enhanced cognitive functioning in youngsters connected with Martial Arts (MA) instruction. But in healthy people it has seldom been investigated. Experts studied the influence on adult cognitive control of intense martial arts instruction. To achieve this, two groups of people tested without sporting experience, with at least two years of instruction in martial arts utilising the Attention Network Test (ANT). More than 500 individuals have chosen a broader sample. 48 selected people were 21 (mean = 19.68) and 27 for non-martial (mean = 19.63) arts. Their participation was chosen. In both groups, several population characteristics, including age and bodily mass, were matched (BMI). Following an earlier pilot research, these parameters had an influence on the measures of ANT. The consequences of martial arts may be discovered online, but not with instructions. In example, when endogenous signals are maintained, boxers have seen performance gains. This occurred just as when the extrinsic signal was supplied to the control group. This result is corroborated by a reverse connection of years of martial arts expertise with costs, as no external indications are available. This implies that the longer a person performs an activity, the greater the health. The results are interpreted in connection to consequences in some brain cognitive tracts of the establishment of special attention states.

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Introduction

The ability to focus on the work at hand and to avoid distractions is essential for attaining our objectives. It is one of the most fragile cognitive functions, despite its important significance in human adaptation to life. This is backed up by a significant body of research that demonstrates the wide range of factors that can contribute to attention deficit disorder, including genetics, mental illnesses, and traumatic brain injury. The most significant impact on

attention management is likely age, and numerous researches have examined this loss in performance in the elderly. Attention span decrease varies, but it is typically gradual and is the greatest predictor of cognitive impairment in the elderly. The care inspection of a range of attention networks, depending on the type of control needed, is carried out from a neurological perspective by the coordinated activation, but all of those networks are similarly influenced by their age (Bavelier & Davidson, 2013).

Attention, in terms of the ease with which attention control appears to be diminished, it is unclear whether this characteristic might be enhanced and, if it could be enhanced then the question remains how. In this research, warning, education and executives are studied in the effect of martial arts learning on three distinct focus networks. These networks have shown themselves to be totally autonomous at the brain level. The results of this document are essential if we are to comprehend the effect of experiences on these networks and to determine the necessary strategies for intervention (Boot et al., 2008).

Attentional Control in Martial Arts

There are two methods to improve care regulation, according to Tang et al. Attention training (AT) is also known as Network Training and Careful State Training (AST). AT is primarily focused on task-specific techniques and has its roots in Western culture. It's been increasingly popular over the last decade, and it's marketed as a "brain training" game. That example, many AT research have concentrated on training individuals on specific tasks in order to increase certain cognitive capacities, but these gains cannot be transferred to skills-based tasks. Attention task training, for example, only increases the abilities necessary for similar attention tasks. However, in this sort of AT study, improvements are frequently found. Participants who were taught to play action video games had better visual attention than those who were taught to play Tetris. This might be due to the fact that in this sort of game, swiping the screen for targets or adversaries requires vigilance. This buff looks to be short time rather than short term, in addition to being non-transferable as mentioned by Carriere et al. a long-term improvement seeker who puts in a lot of effort towards Tang and Posner (Carriere et al., 2010; Tang & Posner, 2009).

The AST, on the other hand, claims to be founded on Eastern culture, to draw attention through changes in mental and physical circumstances, and to enable better transfer to non-motivated work can be improved by Yoga, mindfulness yoga, meditation, and martial arts are all practises that contain AST. Gothe et al. studied the effects of yoga on cognitive control in healthy adult volunteers (Gothe et al., 2013). After doing different tasks each day, participants were invited to return to the lab three times to undertake computer behavioural exercises. (1) Yoga session of 20 minutes. (2) Treadmill workout regimen of 20 minutes. (3) There are no fundamental data-gathering operations. The three processes were performed in a random order. To provide attentional controls, the Flanker and tasks were utilised, and the results revealed that the yoga sessions improved both tasks. These advantages were not found following cardiovascular activity, suggesting that the practise aspect of yoga is unlikely to be the only cause of the impact. Moore et al. in a similar study found a relationship between knowledge and improved performance in attention and response inhibition tests (Moore & Malinowski, 2009). Unlike Gothe et al., however, this study was cross-sectional and used the amount of conscious experience rather than the outcome of the session.

Martial arts and mindful yoga share many similarities, and while there hasn't been much study on martial arts in school-aged children, they can lead to comparable gains in performance. For instance, an average of three taekwondo lessons a week have been demonstrated throughout a course of a school year to help the parents enhance memory, attention, concentration and control. In addition, in a recent in-depth examination of 84 studies, Diamond and Ling have been identified in martial arts, attentiveness and training to children in Montessori and other treatments, for example team sports, aerobics and boarding. Adaptable to the game or the curriculum for executive control tasks. Important aspects are also highlighted in the evaluation, such as the fact that children with the lowest baseline cognitive test scores and children from poorer socioeconomic backgrounds have the biggest benefit. This finding suggests that the greatest effect of this sort of intervention should be found in neuro-pathological populations, such as individuals with impaired cognitive control and young people with high inadequacy. Indeed, stories of young individuals with enhanced cognitive ability are uncommon. The majority of the advantages are seen in cortical excitability induced by long-term karate practise, or in the motor sensory system linked with taekwondo athletes' cortical motor stimulation. Some of these routes, such as attention networks (described below), overlap with numerous cognitive networks, enhancing the probability of effectively detecting perceptual changes. Despite no previous link, atypical adult neurological consciousness (Chamberlain et al., 2006; Diamond & Ling, 2016).

Evidence showing an age-related reduction in cognitive control, on the other hand, could help older persons. When the measurement of cognitive controls is carried out across time, the form of an inversed "U" appears to be assuming that the performance improves with age and is relatively consistent until early adulthood. Studies that use older people for the examination of the impact of martial arts on the regulation of attention are somewhat unusual, albeit not owing to the physical demands of sports. This shows that it is not possible to do this sort of investigation. In order to evaluate the advantages of karate instruction with general practise, Jansen et al. have recruited participants ageing between 67 and 93 years. This instruction was provided more than 20 times over the course of 3-6 months, with participants of the karate group reporting improved health but no substantial influence on cognitive speed or intellect (Jansen & Dahmen-Zimmer, 2012).

Outside of seminars, however fighters often compare training disparities in years rather than weeks or months, thus short cards may not be able to attain the same emotional features. Expert’s assessed three distinct groups of individuals aged 63 to 83, based on prior studies. They compared a karate training group, a strength training group, and an exercise-free control group. The results showed that in each of the four tasks, the karate group had small increases. For example, after 5 months of training, the divided attention test improved not significantly ($p=0.063$), but after 5 months of further training it increased gradually. The effect was found to be reliable ($p = 0.002$). These findings strongly imply that, at least in adults, training time should be extended beyond that employed in pre and post-intervention trials before any possible benefits may be achieved (Clark, Iversen, & Goodwin, 2002).

To conclude, numerous research on the effects of martial arts on attention and cognitive control have been done in school children or the elderly. Studies in healthy, neurologically unusual people appear to be lacking. To show progress in other related tasks, this cohort tends to require longer training durations. This is a void that specialists want to bridge with this research (Deary et al., 2009).

Literature Survey

K. Witte et al. presented in the article that recent research shows that aerobic training can delay the decline of cognitive function in old age. Evidence suggests that a mix of aerobic, balance, and coordination activities improves or maintains cognitive functioning. East Asian martial arts are particularly rich in age-related activities. The objective of this study is to determine whether karate workouts for elderly people improve cognitive function and, if so, which cognitive areas are affected. 89 elder ladies and men, averaging 70 years, were involved in this study. One of two operating groups (karate or fitness with a five month intervention duration) or a control group was allocated randomly to participants. All participants had to complete a cognitive test battery before and after the intervention. The Karate Group was given an additional five months of intervention in a follow-up study. Only after the 5 month karate training session did the results reveal a substantial increase in motor reactivity, stress tolerance, and split attention. In addition, the results of the secondary research show that after 10 months, there are still benefits. A 5 month karate training programme can assist improve focus, resilience, and motor reaction speed, but a 10-month programme is even more effective (Witte et al., 2016).

A. B. Vivas et al. presented in the article that the processing of targets given to areas likely to impede return has an effect with an inhibitory tagging mechanism (IOR). This method works by isolating the active representations of stimuli in blocked areas from their respective responses. This inhibitorious tagging process of vision attention, such as wording during the Strop task, was investigated by the authors if the task was irrelevant yet dominant aspect of target stimuli. This idea was tested with the Strop effect in an IOR method. Results showed that (a) IORs were found in a colour discrimination task (b) Stroop interference was lowered (experiment 1) or eliminated (experiment 2) in cued sites versus uncued sites; and (c) the effects of inhibitory marking was confined to the shortest stimulus onset in asynchronous value, which replicated previous functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) These data supported the idea that inhibitive marking in IOR affects the effectiveness of colour words in stroop-like conditions in their reaction (Vivas & Fuentes, 2001).

L. B. Thorell et al. presented in the article that Executive functions, such as working memory and inhibition, impact many areas of human conduct. Interventions that improve executive functioning can therefore be advantageous. Previous study has demonstrated that training may enhance memory, but it is not apparent if this applies to inhibitions and whether pre-school managerial duties are able to be learned. In this research pre-school children received five weeks of computerised training in either visual and spatial memory, or inhibition. A commercially available video game played by an active control group, while a passive control group was merely present during pre- and post-tests. Training in memory improved the performance of children on trained job tasks; it also showed advantages of training on space and verbal workplace memory untrained evaluations and impacts on care transfer. Two out of three paradigms of the training task showed considerable gains over time, but no significant improvements on work memory or attention assessment tests in comparison to the control groups. In both treatments, there were no effects on untrained inhibitory tasks. According to the findings, working memory training seems to have a significant influence on pre-school children. The lack of improved inhibition in both training programmes can be the result of the specific formation programme employed in this study or can result in different management functions, as can be easily improved through training that can be associated with differences in psychological and neural processes at the heart (Thorell et al., 2009).

S. A. Shah et al. presented in the article that Attention deficiencies are a general result of traumatic brain injury (TBI), causing functional disabilities, rehabilitation obstacles and long-term disabilities, and are catastrophic. Although these impairments are extensively recognised, little is known about the pathophysiology behind them that prevent the creation of effective and focused treatments. Authors investigate the completeness of brain systems that are unique to care functions via quantitative electroencephalography evaluations collected during the Attention Network (ANT) test, a behavioural paradigm that differentiates alerting, guiding and executive attention components. The authors investigated 13 individuals with cognitive deficits at least 6 months after TBI and 24 participants under control. TBI individuals have shown selective impairment in management attention based on their performance on the ANT. TBI individuals have obtained a pattern of increased mid-line theta power (2.5-7,5 Hz) and a reduced frontal beta power in combination with spectral analysis following target presentation (12.5-22.5 Hz). This pattern was associated with executive attention deficit in individual expression ($r = -0.67$, $p < 0{,}001$). Specifically the differentiation and varied disaffiliation of the medical frontier neuronal population is suggested based on our results, indicate the gradation of this pattern of spatiotemporal dynamics in terms of executive attention deficiency (Shah et al., 2017).

The Attention Network Test

Comparing most previous studies, the wide range of measures used to assess care controls may lead to discrepancies in study. One way of reducing this issue is by ensuring that the underlying process will not be separated from the advantages by shared actions (e.g. academic success and IQ). This problem can also be resolved using a validated task as a measure of a particular function placed at the nerve site (Diamond & Lee, 2011).

Petersen and Posner examined the latest research on attention regulation and verified the presence of three primary attention networks in the human brain (Alert, Orientation and CEO). These networks, each of which has a different brain structure and various elements of attention, are independents from each other. Alertness is related to optimal vigilance, orientation is related to the target's spatial position and managers are connected. The Attention Network Test allows for measurements of these signals (ANT). Use a modified flanking operation with four sorts of tails to provide various kinds of evidence. Alertness measurements assess the responsiveness of a person to targets in unpredictable vs. predictable times (time queues). The guidance index assesses how effectively participants can focus on an uncertain situation compared to a given place (spatial cues). In conclusion, the executive index evaluated how far reactive disputes in accompanying duties had been resolved. Distraction elicits an equal or contrary reaction of the target (congruent) malfunction in an associated task. Every three criteria are understood operationally as cost and substantial variations in response time (RT) or precision imply poor controllability (Dorbath, Hasselhorn, & Titz, 2011).

In the evaluation of the neuronal activity in connection to the three attention networks assessed by the ANT, functional magnetic resonant imaging (fMRI) was utilised. While these three networks are mutually autonomous and overlap, each network's functional response is supposed to have separate anatomical locations. The warning indication appears to comprise a norepinephrine circuit which is connected to the frontal and parietal lobes of the right lock. The orientation index is regulated largely by the cholinergic region that participates in the upper cortex, the anterior eye area of the temporal parietal junction and the upper colloid. Finally, it enables the previous, lateral, ventral cortical and dopamine-based areas like basal ganglia and basal ganglia to become active. The coordinated activation of these three networks helps us to respond quickly and accurately when we provide a special sensory experience (Durston et al., 2006).

Martial arts training is a broader educational experience that includes not only adequate exercise training, but also the ability to achieve goals in mental concentration and strong social situations. It is therefore hard to anticipate where improvements are to be observed in reliable terms. Some training elements can, however, influence these measurements directly. A fighter, for example, should examine the body of his opponent continually for a scoring opener in a match. It can happen at any moment so that monitoring training can take place in further tests, including randomly assessed index detection targets. Besides scoring, boxers need prevent and block all of their opponents' strikes. Not only does this require proper timing (also related to the warning system), but it also requires better spatial orientation to the exact location where the shot was fired. Like spirits, boxers also throw punches and fake kicks to distract their opponents and score goals with surprise shots. If people are not addressing themselves to solve the real problem correctly, then they will need conflict checking for the type of response measured by the operational metric. Of course, combat is not the only thing about training in martial arts. Martial arts are similarly not excluded and many other interests may be shared, including tennis, fencing and dance. However, it constitutes a repeated training environment in some abilities akin to the skills employed in TA, brain training, etc. The additional features (common in AST research) of focus, meditation and discipline give a viable method for care-checking training.

Two sets of participants from a larger sample of 500 young people were compared with this research. One group comprised of boxers with at least two years' experience and the other did not have previous training in martial arts. Group tasks cannot be random as comprehensive training is required. Special attention must thus be paid to eliminating the most significant and possible conflicts throughout the matching process. Since the influence of diverse demographics on ANT is not documented earlier, specialists conducted studies that have already identified such interference.

The objective of this study was to evaluate the performance of combatants and executives that have not been inclined to the three ANT-measured attention areas. Compared to non-martial arts artists, the Martial Arts Group assumed smaller stats were seen, reflecting improved performance.

Participants and Screening Procedure:

ANT wide population studies based on diverse demographic and lifestyle factors use an unbiased, random sample from 41 graduates. The pilot demonstrated the substantial influence on ANT performance of both age and body mass index (BMI). So the martial arts group was chosen largely for these two factors, rather than martial arts.

Discussion

This research demonstrates that training in martial arts is linked to enhanced attentiveness. This seems to be an advantage in boosting the intrinsic preparedness for unknown objectives, as the increasing advantages of unhealing versus the stated lack of progress. That is, if the next goal does not have a signal, the martial arts performs more highly, but the difference between these groups is gone if the objective has a dependable signal. The advantage of the MA group warning was verified by the negative association of the warning index to the number of training years. Experts can deduce the nature of these advantages via depending on the ANT as described at the start. In the previous research neuroimaging techniques were used, alarm indices were associated with the active usage of the

Norepinephrine network, the linking localus coeruleus with the right cortex and cortex and the pre-frontal cortex (ACC) with the frontal cortex. It is shown that people do cerebral cortex. Locus coeruleus is the brain stem nucleus which contributes to the synthesis of norepinephrine and promotes alert levels to the rest of the brain. Various motor- and cognitive-treatment areas of the brain were primed to allow faster reactions to stimuli.

It is still uncertain whether aspects of the martial arts training can affect alert numbers and where they really come from. A deeper comprehension of these subtleties is also possible through further study employing neuroimaging technologies. Fan and Posner, for example, recommended using the Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) system to assess the network's functional connectivity. When individuals understand the way these circuits function for a normal set of participants, they may start to investigate and show if martial arts training has an impact. Neuronal influence on excitement was observed. Boxers educated for years to swiftly react to stimuli, may of course moulded the brain to reduce the activation threshold of cognitive processing, sensory and motor control regions. This is nonetheless predicted to happen under all situations regardless of whether or non-exclusive predictability or unpredictability results in a faster response time. The results of this hypothesis do not demonstrate that the total RT of the Martial Arts group was significantly different compared to that of the Non-Martial Arts Control Group.

An intriguing element of our results is that the maximal advantages appear to be more particular under unexpected situations. Our martial arts appear to be more prone, for some reasons, to generate these enhancements to boost sensory processing without the help of external signals. In fact, there is evidence that at the precise instant the target seems to allocate intrinsic attention time, improving the identification of disguised goals which would otherwise be processed accidentally. More importantly, experts also found that it was better to identify targets closer to the planned timeline than those further away in time. Considering this in the context of our findings, the martial arts are inherently capable of maintaining long-term vigilance to achieve unpredictable goals in a way more effectively than the control by experts.

This is confirmed by recent studies on heightened excitement in the karate athletes' spinal cord engine system. In this study the authors discovered that a quicker Response Time (RT) to targets that show up at various interval times was the usual response time test for this enhanced karate group. Related findings from this research group also suggest a potential for euphoria in the motor cortex of taekwondo athletes, and this effect can also be seen in other types of martial arts. Existing studies did not find differences between groups when the goals appeared at predictable intervals. Our martial arts team favours spotting Moscatelli's peers because they're faster than martial arts teams that simply have unpredictable goals. Note that this RTI assignment is a monitoring task as well. We can see our outcomes in advance, showing further that martial arts are connected to heightened alert network activity through the excitement of this spinal motor system. Studies before 4 appear to be indicative, however there are signs that the three focus networks investigated are quite independent. In the form of spatial guidance, for example, the modulation of management-based networks seems to play a crucial part in activating competitive reactions to tasks. Advanced alerts may also be utilised to increase target identification in the field of view in front of the damaged location while evaluating sluggish patients. No correlation was found between Alerts and Disambiguation in our data, nor was Dispatch with Operations. However, researchers found a stronger correlation between Warning and Executive because experts found a stronger concordance effect under predictable conditions. Additional support can be obtained from studies that have found that

an increase in norepinephrine improves executive response options. This is in perfect agreement with the above outcomes, where the feedback-matching effect is observed only in the presence of spatial signals. In essence, resolving a dispute caused by a dissenting party must first select a goal in terms of both space and time. This is an interesting element of the data, but it has never been impacted and has not changed from group to group by martial arts instruction.

In our analysis, the advantages associated with MA training appear mostly to be confined to innate warning systems. It must be noted that after 18 years of practise, this progress has risen. These results are noteworthy because they show that it is possible to achieve relevant results from research employing randomised groups with a few months of training. But the lack of control over group factors is a key limitation in the use of cross-sectional samples. In order to enhance the management of current research, participants were carefully matched to various factors. Two similar groups of participants were recruited, based on age, body mass index, lifestyle and health variables including smoking and education at the presenting level, and the demographic information of more than 500 persons was filtered. Control participants will only be employed if they claim that they participate in activities for several hours a week to prevent striking groups of active and passive participants. Time, especially at the fitness, football and basketball were included in the activities that showed that the participants managed activity, such as martial arts. Previous studies showing an association between fitness and cognitive control considered this an important variable used to pair groups to ensure similar fitness levels. However, our estimates are based on unverified self-reported measurements and should be considered carefully. Descriptive statistics in all cases did not reveal a significant difference in weekly time between the two groups for participating in other activities.

The variability of the martial arts groups, in particular in relation to martial styles, also raises more issues. The present alliance employs several martial arts systems, which differ in both ideology and formation. This was done on the idea that all of them included physical and mental education aspects that would give superior performance control in line with Tang's and Posner's AST categories. But Weiser et al. martial arts indicate that, on the one hand, they are permanently in meditation and, on the other hand, in combat. This implies that potential variances in style in various types of martial arts might be taken into account. Further study is aimed at assessing these potential distinctions and hoping to better understand cognitive enhancement motives associated with martial arts (Weiser et al., 1995).

Current studies show that attention actually differs between those who have experience with martial arts and those who do not. This impact, as shown in only one of the three known focus networks, confirms earlier research indicating changes in control following force usage while the control area is being expanded. Further research should aim to reproduce this outcome and clarify why it exists only in whistle-blowers and not in guidelines or regulators. This can help to better understand how working in various attention networks can be "trained" or enhanced through martial arts.

Conclusion

Martial arts training has been linked to enhanced cognitive performance in youngsters, according to research. However, only a limited number of healthy persons have been studied. In this study, two groups of persons were studied using the Attention Network Test and discussed the influence of strict martial arts training on cognition control in adults (ANT). Have two years of experience in martial arts, but no background in athletics. More than 500 people

were chosen to participate in a larger sample. In the martial arts group a total of 48 persons were chosen: 27 from non-martial arts (average oldness: 19.63) and 21 (average oldness: 19.68). Various demographic factors, such as age and BMI, were used to match the two groups. This comes after a recent pilot research revealed that these variables had a substantial influence on ANT readings. Online, there are warnings about the impacts of martial arts training, but no instructions. Boxers, in particular, have shown improved performance when endogenous alerts are maintained. When the extrinsic signal was given, this happened in the same way it did in the control group. Because there are no external indications, this outcome is supported by an inverse relationship between years of martial arts expertise and cost. This implies that the greater a person's inherent sanity is the longer they play a sport. The findings are open discussion in future in terms of the consequences of distinct attention states forming in specific brain cognitive circuits.

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