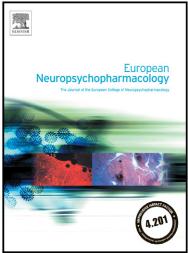
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Findings from neuroimaging studies in patients with schizophrenia suggest widespread structural

changes although the mechanisms through which these changes occur are currently unknown.

Glutamatergic activity appears to be increased in the early phases of schizophrenia and may

contribute to these structural alterations through an excitotoxic effect. The primary aim of this

review was to describe the possible role of glutamate-mediated excitotoxicity in explaining the

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