

## Data supplement

**Table DS1** Auditory Vocal Hallucination Rating Scale: characteristics of auditory vocal hallucinations in a sample of 7- and 8-year-old children, in percentages (*n* = 347)

Characteristic	%
1 Number of voices <sup>a</sup>	
One	70
Two or more, speaking separately	18
Two or more, speaking simultaneously	12
2 Frequency	
Once a week or less	70
At least once a day	27
At least once an hour to continuously	2
3 Duration	
Shortly, only for a few seconds	66
At least several minutes	29
From one to several hours	5
4 Localisation of voices	
Only internal (inside the skull)	55
Only external (surroundings)	17
Both internal and external	28
5 Loudness	
Whisper to normal voice	91
Loud/screaming	10
6 Origin of voices	
Internal attribution (mostly)	57
External attribution (mostly)	16
No idea	27
7 Negative content	
Positive to slightly negative	79
Mostly to always negative	21
8 Severity of negative content	
None or slight	67
Accusations of child and/or family	28
Threats and/or terrifying commands	5
9 Amount of distress or suffering	
None or mild	85
Serious/severe	15
10 Intensity of distress or suffering	
None or mild	92
Serious/severe	8
11 Interference with daily functioning	
None or slight	97
Serious/severe	3
12 Control over voices	
Mostly/full	28
Slight/some	12
None	60
13 Anxiety <sup>a</sup>	
Not at all/hardly	66
Sometimes	27
Mostly/always	7
14 Interference with thinking <sup>a</sup>	
None or slight	56
Sometimes	25
Mostly/always	19
15 Form of address <sup>a</sup>	
First person	31
Second person	66
Third person	9
16 Hypnagogic and/or hypnopompic voices <sup>a</sup> (item was dropped for this age group)	

a. Additional to the 11-item auditory hallucinations subscale.