

Cortical excitability, here defined as the strength of the response of cortical neurons to a given stimulation, reflects neuron reactivity and response specificity and is, therefore, a fundamental aspect of human brain function

In humans, cortical excitability can be studied by means of [transcranial magnetic stimulation](#) (TMS), a noninvasive tool enabling the direct stimulation of cortical neurons

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