ADNI Biostatistics Core
Conference call, 26 April 2005

Present on call: Laurel Beckett, Danielle Harvey, John Kornak, Sarah Walter, Youyan Xu, Rob Croop (Bristol Meyers)

Absent on call: Mike Weiner.

John reported that he thought there had been a solution to the left/right issue of the scans and that he would verify it during the voxel-based call on Wednesday.

Devon couldn't be present on the call, but she sent an email summarizing the current state of the ADCS database. Danielle reported the summary to the rest of the group, since not everyone was at their computer to see the email. UCLA has been added to the database, so we should begin to see information from their scans soon. Some BSI data has been uploaded, it has been cleaned, and entries with -9999 are missing. Anders will be providing three numeric summaries for the scans (Grey/White contrast, cortical thickness, and signal to noise, all as difference values), although it is not known when this data will be available.

Danielle reported to the group what BSI data was available. As of Tuesday morning, there was BSI data available on 7 subjects for the Aim 2 analysis and 6 subjects for the Aim 3 analysis. Demographics are also available, but there are no hippocampal volumes available in the database yet.

Danielle also mentioned that she and Qian met to go over the analysis program, which was tested on the available BSI data and seems to be working well (analyses were performed in both R and SAS to make sure that the program was doing what we thought). So, we're all ready to go on the analyses and are just waiting for the data.

Danielle also said that she had email correspondence with Cliff, Nick, and Norbert and had set a deadline of the end of this week for data to be submitted to ADCS. We can only guarantee that data submitted by this time will be analyzed in time for the meeting on May 8. We are going to run the analyses this weekend and Monday and will write up a summary to circulate to the rest of the Biostat team to be discussed on Tuesday during the next conference call.