

ADNI Biostat call, April 5, 2011.

Present on call: Laurel Beckett, Danielle Harvey, Mike Donohue, Arnold Huang, Niklas Sjogren, David Shera, Nandini, Peter Quark, David Verbel, Tom Kelleher,

Danielle provided an update on database. Several labs have provided updated spreadsheets: Bill Jagust FDG PET, Anders Dale MRI. The plasma Abeta was submitted but there has been a delay in LONI making it available. It should be available soon as a download (may already be; they were hoping for early this week.) We don't know yet when ADNI-GO summary data will be available, but images are starting to be available for download and processing. Labs have been working on summaries but they are not yet available. LONI and ADCS are still working on a schema to handle the fact that we have similar data from multiple studies. Some of the long-term follow-up is becoming available on ADNI-1 participants. Data release on newly enrolled people is slow, for example E-MCI. We don't yet know what summaries will be available on AVID images.

There has been one call already of the data working group, and there will be another call tomorrow. The first task is identifying challenges and confusions in working with the data and passing those on with suggestions to bioinformatics core to make the access more user-friendly. On the first call, the main participants were people putting together databases in-house for various companies and trying to make it available for in-house use. The committee is trying to remove some of the duplication of efforts.

Laurel will mention to the executive committee the issue of secondary versions being created from the ADNI database, and issues of access and approval.

The meeting in Los Angeles will be Friday, April 8, from 10 AM to noon in the Senator 2 room at the meeting hotel. We will be able to meet face to face, talk about projects we are working on, and analytic challenges. If you have recommendations or additions, please let us know!

Peter Quark is new on this call. He is just starting analyses. He will be in Paris.

Next call is Tuesday, May 2, same time.