

ADNI Conference Call  
13 March 2007

Present: Danielle Harvey, Monica Chu, Brandon Witcher

Monica updated the group on the link between LONI and ADCS for accessing the clinical data. LONI is waiting to hear back from Dr. David Salmon, the interim PI at ADCS, as to the list of clinical variables (mainly identifying information) that should not be made public. Once LONI receives this list, they can proceed with the development of the query-able clinical database. She also mentioned that at the current time enrollment will be capped at 800, which includes the 32 normals that were over-enrolled. Hippocampal volumes are the only imaging summaries coming in to date, but Mike Donahue is in communication with the various labs to establish data forms for submission to ADCS.

Danielle confirmed that LONI is developing a search tool for the clinical data. Once the tool has been developed, data may be downloaded in csv format. The goal is to have this tool in place by the end of the month. Because the Biostat Core needs to carry out analyses before the meeting at the end of April, Danielle will contact the ADCS team directly to get access to these clinical data this week.

Danielle also reported that several comments have been coming in from the biomarker core about the analytic plan. She will be incorporating these suggestions in the next week and will circulate the next draft soon. The analytic plan will be presented at the meeting in early April. Laurel will likely put together a draft presentation in the next week or so which will be circulated to the group for comments.

Brandon asked if any additional discussion had taken place about topics for the summer data workshop. Topics mentioned include access to data, types of analyses that can be done, examples of analyses, and possibly an illustration of using the cross-validation scheme. Brandon was particularly interested in ways for "batch download" of clinical data and images. Danielle will look further into this process for accessing images and will get back to Brandon.

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