CONFIDENCE AND STUDY DESIGN









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Item	Description			
$Volume_Baseline$	The tissue volume at baseline of the study.			
$\sigma_{population}$	The inter-subject standard deviation.			
$\sigma_{subject}$	The within-subject standard deviation.			
μ_{eta}	The volume difference between baseline and final			
	measure.			
n	The number of subjects per group.			
$N_{timepoints}$	The number of scans per subject for longitudinal			
	data.			

Table 1: The key parameters in simulating change over a short period of time.

 $Volume_Baseline \sim \operatorname{normal}(\mu_{population}, \sigma_{population})$ $Volume_Timepoint_i \sim Volume_Baseline + \operatorname{normal}\left(\mu_{\beta}\left(\frac{timepoint_i - 1}{N_{timepoints} - 1}\right), \sigma_{subject}\right)$



	absolute	volume	relative to brain volume	
Dataset	$\sigma_{population}$	$\sigma_{subject}$	$\sigma_{population}$	$\sigma_{subject}$
Ex-vivo high resolution	5.0~%	1.1~%	1.7%	0.99%
Ex-vivo low resolution	$4.8 \ \%$	1.3~%	3.0%	1.0%
In-vivo	4.8 %	3.1~%	2.2%	1.7%



Recovering 3% volume change





Effect of number of subjects

4 scans per subject







HOW ACCURATELY CAN WE DETECT ANATOMICAL DIFFERENCES?

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SIMULATIONS





5% VOLUME LOSS





UNDERESTIMATE



BLOB-OLOGY



TRUEVS FALSE POSITIVES

