

1 Magnetic resonance imaging datasets with anatomical 2 fiducials for quality control and registration

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29 Abstract

30 Tools available for reproducible, quantitative assessment of brain correspondence
31 have been limited. We previously validated the anatomical fiducial (AFID) placement
32 protocol for point-based assessment of image registration with millimetric (mm)
33 accuracy. In this data descriptor, we release curated AFID placements for some of the
34 most commonly used structural magnetic resonance imaging templates and datasets.
35 The release of our accurate placements allows for rapid quality control of image
36 registration, teaching neuroanatomy, and clinical applications such as disease
37 diagnosis and surgical targeting. We release placements on individual subjects from
38 four datasets (n = 132 subjects for a total of 15,232 fiducials) and more than 10 brain
39 templates (4,288 fiducials), compiling over 300 human rater hours of annotation. We
40 also validate human rater accuracy of released placements to be within 1-2 mm (using
41 a total of 50,336 Euclidean distances), consistent with prior studies. Our data is
42 compliant with the Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS) allowing for facile incorporation
43 into modern neuroimaging analysis pipelines. Data is accessible on GitHub
44 (<https://github.com/afids/afids-data>).
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55 **Background & Summary**

56 Open resources available for reproducible, quantitative assessment of brain
57 correspondence have been limited¹. The most common metrics employed for the
58 purpose of examining the quality of image registration, including the Jaccard similarity
59 and Dice kappa coefficients, compute the voxel overlap between regions of interest
60 (ROIs), which have been shown to be insufficiently sensitive when used in isolation or
61 in combination for validating image registration strategies¹. The ROIs used in voxel
62 overlap are often larger subcortical structures that are readily visible on MRI scans (i.e.,
63 the thalamus, globus pallidus, and striatum), and thus lack the ability to detect subtle
64 misregistration between images which may be crucial to detecting erroneous significant
65 differences and variability¹⁻⁵.

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67 Inspired by classic stereotactic methods, our group created, curated, and validated a
68 protocol for the placement of anatomical fiducials (AFIDs) on T1 weighted (T1w)
69 structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans of the human brain². The protocol
70 involves the placement of 32 AFIDs found to have salient features that allow for
71 accurate localization. The AFIDs are described using three-dimensional (x, y, and z)
72 Cartesian coordinates and thus correspondence between points can be computed
73 using Euclidean distances across a variety of applications. After a brief tutorial, AFIDs
74 have been shown to have high reproducibility even when performed by individuals with
75 no prior knowledge of medical images, neuroanatomy, or neuroimaging software. This
76 was shown in separate studies where placements were performed on publicly available
77 templates and datasets² and a clinical neuroimaging dataset³.

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79 The AFIDs protocol provides a metric that is independent of the registration itself while
80 offering sensitivity to registration errors at the scale of millimeters (mm). This margin is
81 crucial in neuroimaging applications (including morphometric analysis and surgical
82 neuromodulation), where a few millimetres may represent the difference between
83 optimal and suboptimal therapy.

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85 The aim of this data descriptor is to provide the community with curated AFID
86 placements and their associated MRI images. We release annotations on four datasets
87 ($n = 132$; 15,152 fiducials) including healthy subjects and patients with neurological
88 disorders, and more than 10 commonly used magnetic resonance imaging templates
89 (4,288 fiducials), compiling more than 300 human rater hours of manual annotation of
90 neuroanatomical structures. Descriptions of datasets and templates are provided in
91 subsequent sections (see Table 1).

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93 **Current Applications:**

94 *Registration Assessment:* We share our curated AFIDs annotations for a wide variety
95 of datasets and templates of varying field strengths. This diversity of datasets will
96 facilitate the testing and validation of image registration algorithms that can be used in
97 many contexts. The user can select the datasets and templates that are in line with
98 their neuroimaging application, then use the curated annotations to assess image
99 registration quantitatively. For instance, AFIDs have been used to evaluate the process
100 of iterative deformable template creation^{6,7}, showing that error metrics generated from
101 AFIDs converged differently as a function of template iterations and registration method
102 (i.e., linear vs non-linear). Sharing the AFID placements and their associated images
103 in the Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS) format aids in the convenience we strive to
104 provide for the end-user and neuroimaging application developer^{2,3,6,7}.

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106 *Education:* New raters can compare their AFID placements to the curated normative
107 distribution placements we release here. Our placements have been compiled over the
108 years and can help raters assess accuracy for specific fiducials and subject/template
109 data. To improve user accessibility and navigation of our released AFIDs annotations

110 and framework, we also release the AFIDs validator (<https://validator.afids.io>). This tool
111 provides: 1) detailed documentation of the AFIDs placement protocol, 2) an interactive
112 way for users to upload placements to a regulated database, and 3) interactive ways
113 to view uploaded placements relative to curated placements, which helps guide user to
114 improve neuroanatomical understanding and placement accuracy^{2,3}.

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116 *Brain structure and volumetric analyses:* The 32 AFIDs (and associated images) in our
117 pathologic dataset relative to the control can allow for insight on brain morphology and
118 putative biomarkers of neurodegenerative diseases³.

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120 **Prospective Applications:**

121 *Registration optimization and quality control:* The released imaging and AFID
122 placement data may be useful in a few ways for improving neuroimaging pipelines: 1)
123 providing centralized and quality controlled neuroimaging data (from more than 5
124 international neuroimaging datasets) allowing for a more accurate and generalizable
125 head-to-head comparison amongst existing software for image registration, and 2)
126 establishing a new registration metric which can be incorporated into neuroimaging
127 software development workflows to optimize registration algorithm performance and
128 also for quality control.

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130 *Automatic and accurate landmark placement:* Our curated AFIDs can be used as
131 ground truth placements when training machine-learning algorithms to automate brain
132 landmark localization. Among the 32 AFID placements we release are the anterior and
133 posterior commissures (AC and PC, respectively). Downstream applications of
134 automatic localization include automatically computing AC-PC transforms (a common
135 process in neuroimaging studies) and aspects of neurosurgical planning which involve
136 the placement of these anatomical landmarks. The diversity of the released data (both
137 hardware and disease status) will be crucial to the generalizability of such tools.

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139 *Surgical targeting:* We release ultra-high field (7-Tesla; 7-T) MRI data where small
140 structures like the subthalamic nucleus (STN)⁸ and zona incerta within the posterior
141 subthalamic area are clearly visible⁷. Ground-truth locations of surgical targets (x, y,
142 and z) can be related to the AFIDs placement locations via predictive models. This
143 approach mitigates the lack of access to best case neuroimaging in clinical settings
144 due to lack of high-field MRI or motion degradation.

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146 *Brain anatomy abstraction and anonymization:* AFIDs and the distances between them
147 represent an abstraction of brain anatomy in an anonymized way while still allowing for
148 accurate pooling of data. Other major anatomical landmarks (representing lesions,
149 tumors, or other structures) can be described in reference to the AFIDs “coordinate
150 system” we establish using these curated placements.

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152 **Methods**

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154 **Rationale for fiducial selection and placement assessments**

155 The current version of the AFIDs protocol involves the placement of 32 anatomical
156 fiducials. These AFIDs were selected to be easily identified on T1w MRI scans across
157 varying field strengths (1.5-T, 3-T, 7-T) and were validated in previous studies^{2,3}. During
158 the selection process, regions that were prone to geometric inhomogeneity and
159 distortion were avoided to enhance the accuracy of fiducial placement across
160 applications of the AFIDs protocol². There are 10 fiducials that fall on the midline and
161 11 located laterally on both hemispheres. The AFIDs protocol includes fiducials
162 representing salient neuroanatomical features mostly located in the subcortex.
163 Additional proposed fiducials could be included in future versions of the AFIDs protocol,
164 but would require undergoing a similarly rigorous validation process^{2,3}.

165 *Fiducial localization error (FLE)* is a term described by Fitzpatrick and colleagues⁹ that
166 represents the distance between a fiducial position from its intended location. This term
167 is used when operating image-guidance systems during neurosurgical procedures. In
168 the context of the AFIDs protocol, and inspired by this extant terminology, we have
169 defined the term anatomical fiducial localization error (AFLE). This value, in millimetres,
170 can be thought of as the error arising from the placement (i.e., localization) of each of
171 the 32 fiducials. When used to communicate the accuracy of all 32 AFIDs together, we
172 term it global AFLE. There are three contexts for applying AFLEs: **1) Mean AFLE**: rater
173 localization error relative to the intended location defined as the mean placement of all
174 raters for a specific fiducial (termed ground truth AFID in subsequent sections). **2) Inter-**
175 **Rater AFLE**: rater localization error calculated as the pairwise distances between
176 different rater placements. If a single rater applied the AFIDs protocol more than once,
177 then their mean placement coordinates were used for the pairwise distances
178 calculations. **3) Intra-Rater AFLE**: rater localization error evaluating the precision of
179 multiple placements by a single rater computed as the average pairwise distance
180 between the same rater's placements.

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182 We also adopt the term *fiducial registration error (FRE)* in the context of the AFIDs
183 protocol and term it the anatomical fiducial registration error (AFRE). It is important to
184 note that FRE in our context diverges from the original usage by Fitzpatrick and
185 colleagues⁹ which was restricted to external fiducials used in the context of image
186 registration. Computed in millimetres, AFRE is defined as errors arising from the
187 registration protocol applied on two images (often, but not limited to, subject and
188 template). AFRE is the distance after co-registration between each of the 32 AFIDs
189 placed on a subject image and their counterparts placed on template image. The
190 average AFRE of all fiducials is termed the global AFRE. We also establish
191 nomenclature to differentiate various use cases for AFRE. If an individual rater
192 placement is chosen for subsequent analysis, then we term the resulting AFRE to be
193 the **real-world AFRE** as it is more representative of what would happen in a clinical
194 setting where one rater would apply the AFIDs protocol. If a ground truth AFID
195 placement is used, then the resulting error is termed **consensus AFRE** as it represents
196 the average placement among a group of raters prior to the image registration step. In
197 this data descriptor, our focus is on releasing the curated fiducial placements and not
198 an assessment of registration, so no AFRE metrics are produced. We still felt it would
199 be useful to introduce AFRE as their computation constitutes one of the main
200 applications of AFIDs and our shared datasets for quality control (i.e., in the context of
201 image registration).

202 203 **Hardware and software used to curate data**

204 All manually curated fiducials were placed using the Markups Module of 3DSlicer (an
205 open-source imaging software)¹⁰. The datasets were curated at different times so a
206 reference to the exact version of 3DSlicer and associated modules will be made under
207 each dataset. 3DSlicer was chosen because it offers a variety of modules, particularly
208 markups and registration modules were used for fiducial placement and AC-PC
209 transform. 3DSlicer stores fiducials placed within its 3D coordinate system overlaid on
210 the image giving the possibility of more accurate localization without the need to
211 interpolate to the nearest voxel. The AFIDs placements released here for templates
212 and datasets were performed on structural T1w MRI images.

213 214 **AFIDs protocol application**

215 Before raters performed the AFIDs protocol, they attended a 3DSlicer workshop and
216 placed the AFIDs protocol on a publicly available template as a form of training. For
217 manual rater placements, the AFIDs protocol (<https://afids.github.io/afids-protocol/>)
218 generally began with the placement of the anterior commissure (AC) and posterior
219 commissure (PC) points (AFID01 and 02 respectively), which are defined to be at the

220 center of each commissure. This was then followed by the identification of one or two
221 more midline points (often the pontomesencephalic junction, AFID04, and the Genu of
222 Corpus Callosum, AFID19, are used). After that, an AC-PC transform is performed, and
223 the rest of the anatomical fiducials are placed. Rater placements deviating from a
224 ground truth fiducial by greater than 10 mm were removed and considered outliers, as
225 these errors are likely to be due to mislabelling and not reflective of true localization
226 accuracy. In addition to subsequent sections, Table 1 provides brief descriptions of the
227 released datasets and templates, information about raters, and AFIDs applications.
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229 **AFIDs-HCP30 dataset**

230 *Subject demographics and imaging protocol*

231 This subset consists of 30 unrelated healthy subjects (age: 21-52; 15 female and 15
232 male) chosen from the Human Connectome Project dataset (HCP). All scans were T1-
233 weighted MR volumes with 1 mm voxels acquired on a 3-T scanner¹¹.
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235 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

236 A total of 5 expert raters applied the AFIDs protocol. All raters had applied the AFIDs
237 protocol before and have more than a year of neuroimaging, anatomy, and 3DSlicer
238 experience. Three raters were previously heavily involved in validation studies^{2,3} and
239 were assigned 10 random scans such that a total of one application of the AFIDs
240 protocol was applied (via 3DSlicer 4.10.0). Two independent raters annotated all the
241 30 subjects for a total of three AFIDs protocol applications (2,880 fiducials) via 3DSlicer
242 4.10.0. Dataset can be found on: [doi:10.18112/openneuro.ds004253.v1.0.3](https://doi.org/10.18112/openneuro.ds004253.v1.0.3)
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244 **AFIDs-OASIS30 dataset**

245 *Subject demographics and imaging protocol*

246 This subset consists of 30 subjects (age: 58.0 ± 17.9 years; range: 25-91; 17 female
247 and 23 male) selected from the publicly available Open Access Series of Imaging
248 Studies (OASIS-1) database¹² and imaged at 3-T. The subjects were cognitively intact
249 (Mini-Mental State Examination = 30), and the MRI scans were specifically chosen to
250 be challenging (areas with more complex anatomy and asymmetries) by the senior
251 author. More details on the selected subjects can be found in a previous study². It is
252 important to note that this subset of the OASIS-1 dataset is different from other currently
253 existing subsets (for instance, the one used in the Mindboggle project¹³).
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255 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

256 Eight novice raters (11.5 ± 11.2 months imaging experience, 14.2 ± 17.0 months
257 neuroanatomy experience, and 7.0 ± 8.8 months of 3DSlicer experience) and 1 expert
258 rater (neurosurgical resident with 10 years experience in neuroanatomy) applied the
259 AFIDs protocol via 3DSlicer 4.8.1. A total of 3 AFIDs protocol applications (2,880
260 fiducials) were performed as part of the AFIDs-OASIS30 dataset. Dataset can be found
261 on: [doi:10.18112/openneuro.ds004288.v1.0.2](https://doi.org/10.18112/openneuro.ds004288.v1.0.2)

262 **LHSCPD dataset**

263 *Subject demographics/template details and imaging protocol*

264 The London Health Sciences Center Parkinson's disease (LHSCPD) dataset currently
265 consists of 40 subjects diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease (age: 60.2 ± 6.8 , range: 38
266 – 70; sex: 13 female and 27 male) with images acquired at University Hospital in
267 London, ON, Canada on a 1.5-T scanner (Signa, General Electric, Milwaukee,
268 Wisconsin, USA). The detailed imaging protocol was described in a previous study³.
269 Ethics approval was received for anonymized release of patient scans by the Human
270 Subject Research Ethics Board (HSREB) office at the University of Western Ontario
271 (REB# 109045).
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273 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

274 There were 2 expert raters (over 5 years of experience in medical imaging,
275 neuroanatomy, and 3DSlicer) and 3 novice raters (no knowledge of medical imaging,
276 neuroanatomy, and 3DSlicer prior to training). AFIDs placements were performed using
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275 3D Slicer version 4.10.0 on structural T1w images. A total of 5 AFIDs protocol
276 applications were performed (6,400 fiducials). Dataset can be found on:
277 [doi:10.18112/openneuro.ds004298.v1.0.1](https://doi.org/10.18112/openneuro.ds004298.v1.0.1)

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279 **SNSX dataset**

280 *Subject demographics and imaging protocol*

281 The Stereotactic Neurosurgery (SNSX) dataset currently consists of 32 healthy
282 participants (age: 46.2 ± 13.5 years; range: 20–70 years; 12 female and 20 male) with
283 images acquired at the Western University Centre for Functional and Metabolic
284 Mapping (CFMM) on a 7-T head-only scanner (Siemens Magnetom; Siemens
285 Healthineers, Erlangen, Germany). An 8-channel parallel transmit/32-receive channel
286 coil was used. The ethics approval, detailed imaging protocol, and pre-processing steps
287 were documented in a previous study⁷.

288 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

289 There were 3 expert and 6 novice raters recruited to apply the AFIDs protocol on the
290 SNSX-32 dataset using 3DSlicer 4.8.1. No rater demographic data was collected,
291 however, the 3 expert raters had more than 12 months of exposure to medical imaging,
292 neuroanatomy, and 3DSlicer and applied the AFIDs protocol in our previous validation
293 study². The 6 novice raters had prior exposure to medical imaging, neuroanatomy, and
294 3DSlicer but have never applied the AFIDs protocol before training. The raters were
295 split into 3 equal groups with one expert rater placed in each. Each group was randomly
296 assigned a subset of the 32 subjects (two out of three rater groups had 11 subjects to
297 annotate). Each rater within the group placed the AFIDs protocol on all subjects
298 allocated to their group. Thus, the AFIDs protocol was performed a total of 3 times on
299 all 32 subject scans (3,072 fiducials), with each rater annotating either 10 or 11 different
300 subjects once depending on their group assignment. Dataset can be found on:
301 [doi:10.18112/openneuro.ds004241.v1.0.2](https://doi.org/10.18112/openneuro.ds004241.v1.0.2)

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303 **MNI2009Asym & Agile12v2016 & Colin27 templates**

304 *Template details and imaging protocol*

305 A group of commonly used public templates were annotated. The *MNI2009bAsym* is a
306 population group template consisting of 152 individuals (aged 18.5–43.5 years) used
307 commonly in the literature¹⁴. The images were acquired on a Philips 1.5-T Gyroscan
308 (Best, Netherlands) scanner at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

309 The *Agile12v2016* is an ultra-high field template created locally at our institution
310 (CFMM). It consists of 12 healthy control subjects (6 female; age: 27.6 ± 4.4 years).
311 Scans were on a 7-T scanner (Agilent, Santa Clara, California, USA/Siemens,
312 Erlangen, Germany) via a 24-channel transmit-receive head coil array^{15,16}.

313 The *Colin27* is a template created from one subject scanned 27 times on a Phillips 1.5-
314 T MR unit¹⁷.

315 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

316 The same 8 novice raters that annotated the AFIDs-OASIS30 subset also annotated
317 all of the templates mentioned above 4 times. Each rater performed the AFIDs protocol
318 a total of 12 times for a total of 96 protocols (1,024 fiducials). Since raters annotated
319 the same template more than once, there was an intra-rater metric calculated for these
320 three templates (contrary to the datasets). Annotations were performed via 3DSlicer
321 4.8.1.

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323 **BigBrainSym & MNI2009Sym & PD-25 templates**

324 *Template details and imaging protocol*

325 BigBrain is an ultra-high resolution histological 3D model of the brain created using a
326 large-scale microtome to cut a complete paraffin-embedded brain (65-year-old male)
327 coronally at 20-mm thickness¹⁸. The BigBrainSym template refers to the BigBrain
328 registered to MNI2009bSym space, defined in previous studies^{2,6}. The MNI2009Sym is
329 a symmetric version of the MNI2009Asym¹⁴.

330 The PD-25 template is a multi-contrast MNI template of a PD cohort with 3-T field
331 strength¹⁹. We used the PD25-T1MPRAGE for the AFIDs placements.

332 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

333 A total of 2 expert raters (more than one year of experience in neuroimaging, anatomy,
334 and 3DSlicer and have been involved in prior validation studies^{1,2}) were involved in
335 placements. Each rater annotated both templates once (192 fiducials) via 3DSlicer
336 4.8.1.

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338 **TemplateFlow templates**

339 *Template details and imaging protocol*

340 All adult human structural MRI templates that could be found on TemplateFlow at the
341 time of manuscript preparation were annotated (n=8)²⁰.

342 *Rater demographics and AFID placements*

343 Three novice raters (no prior neuroimaging, anatomy, and 3DSlicer experience) and 1
344 expert rater (lead author; more than 10 years of experience in medical imaging,
345 anatomy, and 3DSlicer) annotated a total of 8 templates (see Table 1). Each rater
346 annotated the 8 templates once (1,024 fiducials) via 3DSlicer 4.10.

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348 **AFLE calculation for all datasets and templates**

349 All placements for a given scan and fiducial were averaged to achieve the ground truth
350 fiducial placement per participant or template as shown in Figure 2a. For datasets,
351 ground truth fiducial placements were computed for each subject in a dataset as shown
352 in Figure 2b.

353 To compute the mean AFLE, Euclidean distances from the ground truth fiducial location
354 to each of the individual rater placements were averaged for each fiducial. The result
355 is termed the subject or template mean AFLE per fiducial. This process was
356 independently repeated for all subjects. All subject mean AFLEs were averaged to
357 achieve a dataset mean AFLE per fiducial as shown in Figure 3a. Finally, the dataset
358 mean AFLE per fiducial was averaged across all fiducials to produce the global dataset
359 mean AFLE. In a similar fashion, global inter-rater AFLE was computed for one subject
360 across fiducials and then averaged across all subjects to produce a global dataset inter-
361 Rater AFLE shown in Figure 3b.

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363 **Data Records**

364 In total, we release the curated AFID placements and associated imaging of 4 datasets
365 and 14 openly available human brain templates (total of 19,520 manually placed
366 anatomical landmarks — more than 300 human rater annotation hours). When
367 available, individual rater placements were released, otherwise, the rater's mean
368 (ground-truth) placements were made available. The data we release here is BIDS
369 compliant with a primary focus on adoption and usability. The AFIDs coordinates are
370 described using the Markups comma-separated values file (i.e., .fcsv extension) which
371 is generated after the raters save their placements. The *.fcsv file is compatible for
372 loading and viewing on 3DSlicer. As for the imaging data, all images used for
373 annotations were BIDS compatible and made available in a compressed NIfTI-1 format
374 (i.e., .nii.gz extension). Each BIDS dataset has been released separately on
375 OpenNeuro²¹ (links found under each dataset). A GitHub repository (serves as a
376 centralized reference) also hosts AFIDs annotation files and template imaging data
377 with directions for accessing BIDS datasets (<https://github.com/afids/afids-data>).
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379 **Technical Validation**

380 As mentioned in the methods, raters typically go through the AFIDs protocol by
381 referring to the detailed documentation we have made available online
382 (<https://afids.github.io/afids-protocol/>) and attend a neuroanatomy session with
383 supplementary video (<https://github.com/afids/afids-education>). To ensure the
384 placements we share are accurate and reproducible amongst expert and novice raters

385 we computed the AFLE metrics to show the distribution in localization and validate that
386 it is generally within 1-2 mm across various raters. Table 2 summarizes the AFLE
387 metrics computed for each of the templates and datasets. On all datasets and
388 templates, the mean AFLE metric was always within 1-2 mm.
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390 **Usage Notes**

391 We recommend loading the shared AFIDs annotation files (*.fcsv) in 3DSlicer alongside
392 their associated images all of which are in BIDS format for ease of navigating. The local
393 neuroimaging datasets we release here (namely, the LHSCPD and SNSX) will be
394 quality controlled and expanded as more patients are recruited. Additionally, quality
395 and version control of the AFIDs framework will be introduced as more collaborations
396 and initiatives begin incorporating it into their workflows and releases. New templates
397 and brain images can be added to future versions of the data descriptor once they have
398 met standards for validation set by prior related studies^{2,3}.
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400 **Code Availability**

401 GitHub repository for code used in technical validation and prior AFIDs studies can be
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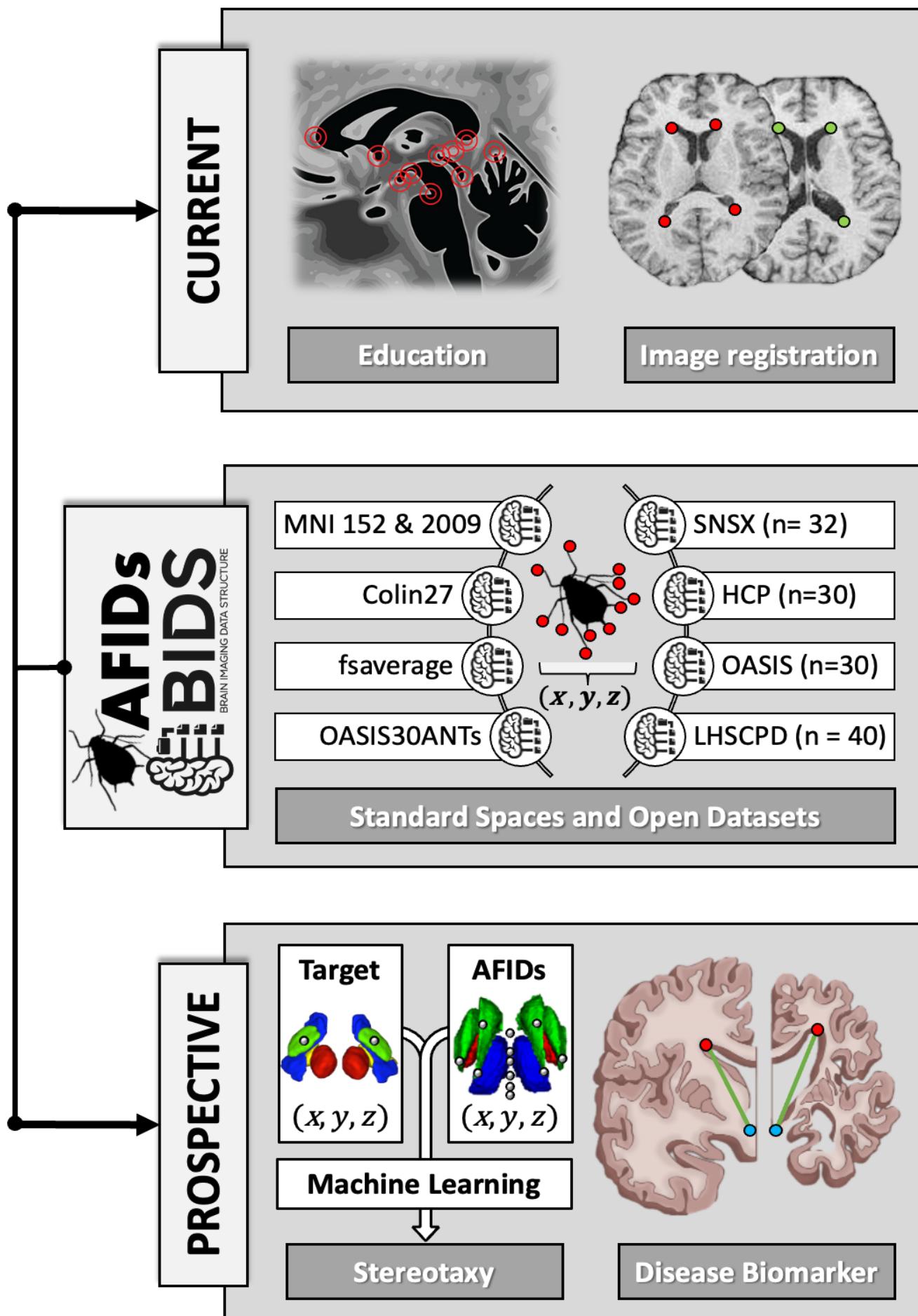


Figure 1: Current and prospective applications of curated anatomical fiducial (AFID) placements. Top panel: current applications in neuroanatomy education and image registration. Middle panel: released healthy and pathologic datasets and templates (descriptions can be found in text). Bottom panel: prospective applications of AFIDs in stereotactic targeting and as a disease biomarker.

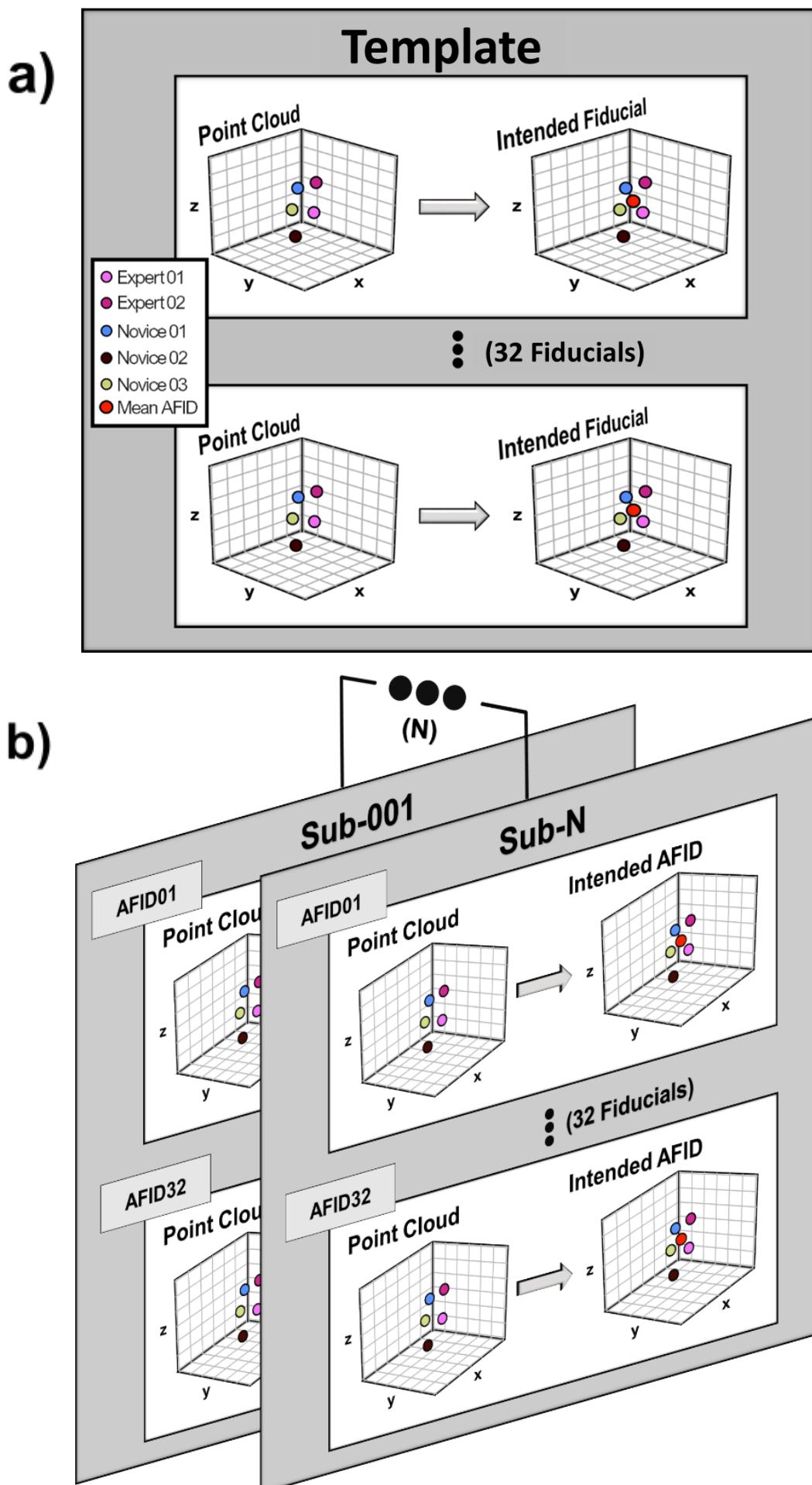


Figure 2: Ground-truth anatomical fiducial (AFID) placement on templates and datasets. (a) and (b) show the process of computing the intended AFID placement on a neuroimaging template or dataset respectively. It is the mean of the rater point cloud at each AFID, referred to as “ground-truth” in the text.

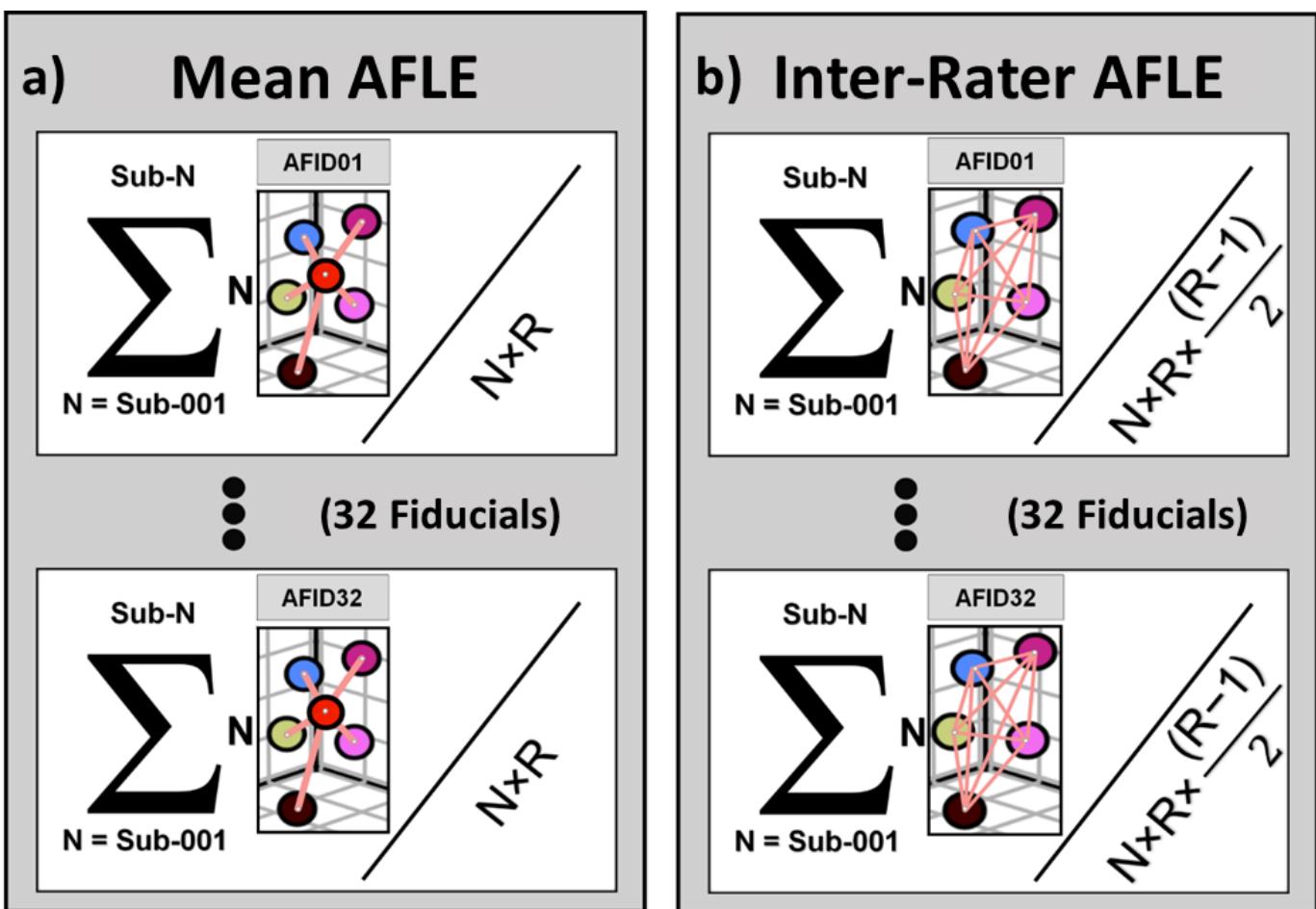


Figure 3: The technical validation computations for our anatomical fiducial (AFID) placements on templates and datasets. (a) and (b) show the equations used to compute mean and inter-rater anatomical localization error, respectively. $N = \text{number of subjects in a dataset}$. If calculating for a template, N would be 1. $R = \text{the number of raters per scan/image}$. In (a) Euclidean distances (shown in pink) represent distance from rater placement to the ground-truth (red). The mean AFLE was calculated by dividing the sum all Euclidean distances across all subjects (shown by the sigma notation) with the total number of Euclidean distances in the dataset ($N \times R$) for each AFID. In (b) Euclidean distances (shown in pink) represent the pairwise distances between all rater placements on a scan. Inter-Rater AFLE was calculated by dividing the sum of the pairwise distances (shown by the sigma notation) by the total number of rater pairwise distances across a dataset per AFID ($N \times R \times \frac{(R-1)}{2}$).

Table 1: Summary of templates and datasets released, raters, and anatomical fiducial (AFID) protocol applications.

Template or Dataset	Brief Description	Field Strength (T)	Raters (N)	AFID protocol applications	References	
					Imaging	Placements
MNI2009bAsym	A population group template consistent of 152 individuals used most commonly in neuroimaging literature	1.5	8 novices	8 x 4 (1,024 individual points)	Fonov et al., 2011	Lau et al., 2019
Colin27	A template of a single healthy control subject (N = 1) imaged 27 times and averaged together	1.5			Holmes et al., 1998	
Agile12v2016	An ultra-high field template created at Western University Centre for Functional and Metabolic Mapping (CFMM). It consists of 12 healthy control averaged subjects	7			Lau et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2016	
BigBrainSym	Ultra-high resolution histological 3D model of the brain (BigBrain) registered to MNI2009bSym space	N/A; histological	2 experts	2 x 1 (64 individual points)	Amunts et al., 2013; Xiao et al. 2019	N/A
MNI2009bSym	The symmetric version of the MNI2009bAsym Template	1.5			Fonov et al., 2011	
PD-25	A multi-contrast MNI template of a PD cohort	3			Xiao et al. 2017	
TemplateFlow	A centralized resource of open-access templates for neuroimaging studies (MNI152 -Lin, -NLin2009cAsym, -NLin2009cSym, -NLin6Asym, -NLin6Sym, MNI305, OASIS30ANTS, fsaverage)	3+	4 total: 1 expert and 3 novices	4 x 1 (128 individual points)	Ciric et al. 2021	N/A
AFIDs-HCP30	A subset of N = 30 healthy control subject images from the human connectome project dataset	3	5 total: 4 experts, 1 novice	3 x 30 (2,880 individual points)	Van Essen et al., 2013	N/A
AFIDs-OASIS30	A subset of N = 30 cognitively intact and wide age ranged independent images from the OASIS-1 database with large ventricle sizes	3	9 total: 1 expert and 8 novices	3 x 30 (2,880 individual points)	Marcus et al., 2010	Lau et al., 2019
LHSCPD	A set of N = 40 Parkinson's Disease patient images acquired at University Hospital (London, ON)	1.5	5 total: 2 expert and 3 novices	5 x 40 (6,400 individual points)	Abbass et al., 2021	
SNSX	A set of N = 32 control subject images acquired at Western University Centre for Functional and Metabolic Mapping (CFMM)	7	9 total: 3 expert and 6 novices	3 x 32 (3,072 individual points)	Lau et al., 2020	

Table 2: Summary anatomical localization errors (AFLE) and Euclidean distances (ED) used for their calculations for all released data

Template or Dataset	EDs utilized for AFLE metrics	AFLE \pm Error	
		Mean	Inter-rater
MNI152NLin2009bAsym	Mean: 1,024 and inter-rater: 3,584	0.99 \pm 1.11	1.07 \pm 0.46
Colin27		1.71 \pm 2.78	1.36 \pm 0.88
Agile12v2016		1.10 \pm 1.59	1.14 \pm 0.48
BigBrainSym	Mean: 64 and inter-rater: 32	0.63 \pm 0.50	1.25 \pm 1.02
MNI152NLin2009bSym		0.55 \pm 0.26	1.09 \pm 0.52
PD-25		0.42 \pm 0.24	0.83 \pm 0.47
MNI152Lin	Mean: 128 and inter-rater: 192	1.07 \pm 0.45	1.74 \pm 0.74
MNI152NLin2009cAsym		1.03 \pm 0.40	1.67 \pm 0.63
MNI152NLin2009cSym		1.06 \pm 0.47	1.67 \pm 0.63
MNI152NLin6Asym		1.16 \pm 0.51	1.90 \pm 0.86
MNI152NLin6Sym		1.08 \pm 0.54	1.73 \pm 0.84
MNI305		1.14 \pm 0.41	1.85 \pm 0.52
OASIS30ANTs		0.78 \pm 0.33	1.25 \pm 0.51
fsaverage		1.00 \pm 0.44	1.65 \pm 0.73
AFIDs-HCP30		1.16 \pm 0.53	1.98 \pm 2.03
AFIDs-OASIS30	Mean: 2,880 and inter-rater: 2,880	0.94 \pm 0.73	1.58 \pm 1.02
LHSCPD		1.57 \pm 1.16	2.01 \pm 1.49
SNSX		0.96 \pm 0.33	1.64 \pm 1.37
Total or Average	Mean: 19,520 and inter-rater: 30,816	1.02 \pm 0.31	1.52 \pm 0.34