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Sample sizes in neuroimaging

Poldrack et. al (2017)

2015: 30 subjects / study
Towards large-scale brain imaging studies
More and more shared data available

Single study
30 subjects

Consortium
1000 subjects

+ Images
+ Homogeneous
- Fewer datasets

Cohort
1 000 - 100 000 subjects
New challenges when working with open data
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4. Statistical analysis
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2. Analytic variability?
Analytic variability

“Different acceptable analysis methods”
Carp et al. (2012)
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Spatial registration
Segmentation
Cross-modality registration

etc.
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How does analytic variability impact neuroimaging results?
Background

▷ **Choice of Analysis Pipeline (functional MRI)**
  *Carp (2012)*

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  *Groenenschild et al (2012)*

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  *Glatard et al (2015)*

▷ **Choice of analysis software package**
  *Pauli et al (2016)*
  *Bowring et al (2018) (preprint)*
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Joint work with Alexander Bowring and Thomas Nichols
Three published studies with available data

Pipelines aimed to replicate the original analyses

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Dice coefficients

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Dice coefficients

![Image](image10)

Unthresholded statistics

3. Transparency
Disclosing analytical details

Details about the analysis pipeline are in the code.

In manuscripts, it is best practice to:

- Cite custom code
- Cite libraries and tools
How to cite software? The software citation principles

IMPORTANCE

UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION

CREDIT AND ATTRIBUTION

PERSISTENCE

SPECIFICITY

SOFTWARE CITATION PRINCIPLES

Software is a critical part of modern research...

...yet there is little support for its acknowledgement and citation.

https://blog.datacite.org/software-citation-principles/ by Laura Rueda, adapted.
3. Results

[...] All analysis scripts, results reports, and notebooks for each of study are available through Zenodo (Nielsen and Smith, 2014) at https://zenodo.org/record/1203654 (Alexander Bowring et al., 2018).
Let others cite your code

GitHub

Attribution

Unique identifier

Specificity
Citing libraries and tools

2.2 Data Analyses

All data analyses were conducted using AFNI 17.0.18 (RRID:SCR_005927, (Cox, 1996)), FSL 5.0.10 (RRID:SCR_002823, (Jenkinson et al., 2012)), and SPM12 v6906 (RRID:SCR_007037, (Penny et al., 2011)).
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https://fsl.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl/fslwiki
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Also applies to other (non-neuroimaging) tools, repositories and libraries...

2.5 Scripting of analyses and figures

A Python **Jupyter Notebook** (Kluyver et al., 2016) was created for each of the three studies. Each notebook harvests our results data from **Neurovault** (RRID:SCR_003806) and applies the variety of methods discussed in the previous section using **NiBabel** 2.2.0 (Brett et al., 2017), **NumPy** 1.13.3 (Walt et al., 2011) and **Pandas** 0.20.3 (McKinney and Others, 2010) packages. Figures were created using **Matplotlib** 2.1.0 (Hunter, 2007) and **Nilearn** 0.4.0 (Abraham et al., 2014).
Provenance is information about entities, activities, and people involved in producing a piece of data or thing — W3C PROV
Machine-readable provenance
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NIDM Experiment

NIDM Workflow

NIDM Results

NIDM: neuroimaging data model
International collaboration with INCF SIG on Reproducibility and Best Practices in Human Brain Imaging
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NIDM-Results → fMRI, VBM results
Harmonised model and provenance.

Joint work with INCF NIDASH working group - https://github.com/incf-nidash/
NIDM-Results in brief

Maumet et. al, (2016)
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Maumet et. al, (2016)
Derived data reuse with NIDM-Results: meta-analysis


Maumet et. al, (2016)
Derived data inspection with NIDM-Results: SPM- and FSL-like views

https://github.com/incf-nidash/nidmresults-spmhtml
https://github.com/incf-nidash/nidmresults-fslhtm
Derived data inspection with NIDM-Results: SPM- and FSL-like views
How to use NIDM-Results for my study?

1. Export

$ nidmfs fsl_ds107_group 49 -g Control

2. Publication on NeuroVault

https://github.com/incf-nidash/nidmresults-spm
https://github.com/incf-nidash/nidmresults-fsl
One step further: linking it all together!

“Gather, view and monitor all research outcomes”

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Many ways to contribute

You can...

- Make your research outputs available and citable
- Cite existing software
- Use derived data standards and tools
- Contribute to the development of new specifications and their ecosystems
- Make datasets in neuroimaging data repository discoverable

Join the NIDASH community! https://github.com/incf-nidash/nidm-specs

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