

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TABLES

Imaging Multiple Sclerosis Pathology at 160 μ m Isotropic Resolution by Human Whole-Brain *Ex Vivo* Magnetic Resonance Imaging at 3T

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Supplementary Table S1: Overview of Acquisition Times for the Investigated Protocols and Brains

Isotropic 3D resolution:	270 μm	240μm	200μm	180μm	160μm
SNR_{relative} / a.u.	1.00	0.78	0.42	0.28	0.19
TA_{base} / h	07:00:31	09:08:07	08:12:33	07:04:49	06:57:20
avg_{min-SNR} #	<i>N.N.</i>	3	4	5	6
TA_{min-SNR} / h	07:00:31	27:24:21	32:50:12	35:24:05	41:44:00
MS brain #1 avg_{max-performed} #	-	9	11	8	11
TA_{max-performed} / h	-	82:13:03	90:18:03	56:38:32	76:30:40
MS brain #2 avg_{max-performed} #	<i>N.N.</i>	-	8	-	-
TA_{max-performed} / h	07:00:31	-	65:37:44	-	-

SNR_{relative}: Relative SNR of the different acquisition protocols.

TA_{base}: Acquisition time of the base protocol (single acquisition without averaging).

avg_{min-SNR}: Minimum number of averages recommended for “sufficient SNR”, see Supp. Tab. S2 as well as Materials and Methods section.

TA_{min-SNR}: Resulting acquisition time for the recommended “minimum SNR protocol”.

avg_{max-performed}: Maximum number of averages that could be performed within the frame of the investigations.

TA_{max-performed}: Resulting acquisition time for maximum number of averages performed.

“*N.N.*”: not necessary.

Manual averaging of the acquired magnitude images from repeated base protocol measurements.

Supplementary Table S2: Overview of Expert Decisions for the Visual SNR Evaluation on MS Brain #1

Recommendations:	240μm	200μm	180μm	160μm	Expertise
averages_{min-SNR} (E1) #	1	3	3	5	Neurologist
averages_{min-SNR} (E2) #	6	4	5	6	Neuroradiologist
averages_{min-SNR} (E3) #	1	2	2	2	Neurologist
averages_{min-SNR} (E4) #	4	5	7	6	Image Processing Expert
averages_{min-SNR} (E5) #	3	6	6	9	MRI specialist (Biologist)
averages_{min-SNR} (E6) #	1	1	3	4	Neurologist
averages_{min-SNR} (E7) #	3	5	6	8	Physicist
arithmetic MEAN	2.7	3.7	4.6	5.7	---
MEDIAN	3	4	5	6	---

averages_{min-SNR}: Minimum number of averages recommended for “sufficient SNR”, here, listed by expert-rater who intentionally have different expertise, i.e., different clinical and scientific backgrounds.

Manual averaging of the acquired magnitude images from repeated base protocol measurements.