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# MRI Acquisition Recommendations for Quicktome



## 1. Regulatory information

Quicktome (Catalogue Number: SCI0001), Neurosurgical Planning and Visualization Software

Product: Quicktome Version 1.1.0 and above

Document version: 4

Languages available: Canadian French, English, French, Italian, German, Spanish

Language of this version: English

Region of this version: Global

All critical characteristics of the medical device, as well as range and precision of all the measured or displayed values or performances can be found in the following user manuals

- UMA0011 - Quicktome Software User Guide - Quicktome version 1.1.1
- UMA0015 - Quicktome Software User Guide - Quicktome version 1.2.0 and above

Manufacturer information:



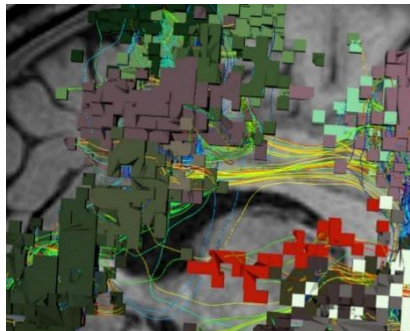
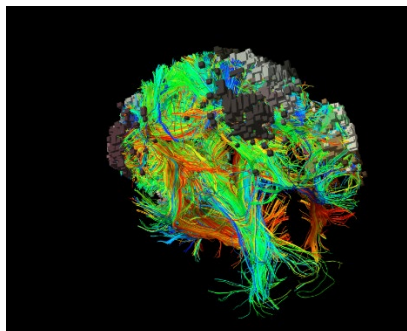
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For Quicktome version 1.2.0 and above, the authorized representative within the locale can be found on the About Screen of the device or on the company website

## 2. Introduction

This document provides an overview of the recommended MRI acquisition protocols when obtaining scans for use with o8t's Quicktome product.

The Omniscient software utilizes standard high-resolution anatomical MRI along with high-quality diffusion acquisitions to generate connectomic maps of the brain.



The following two acquisitions must be obtained for each study in the same session:

- i. DWI with high scan directions (similar to DTI)
- ii. 3D or thin-slice T1 (similar to navigation scan)

### 3. Compatibility

Software is compatible with GE, Philips, Siemens scanners of 1.5T and 3.0T field strength. DTI must be enabled on scanner.

Software is compatible with raw DICOM files only. Pre-processed DICOM files are incompatible so should not be used.

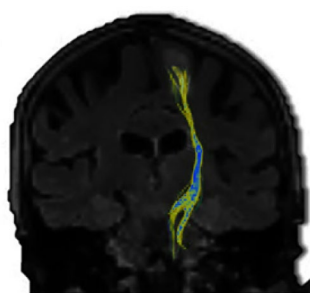
### 4. Patient setup

- Supine, reduce head angulation as much as possible
- Diffusion should be acquired BEFORE contrast injection

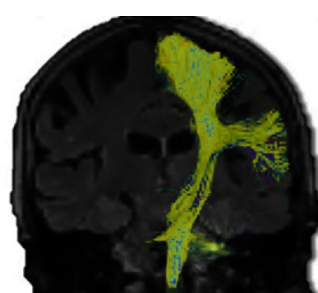
## 5. Diffusion scan

### 5.1. Background

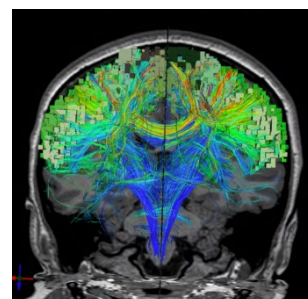
This is a high-resolution multi-scan directional diffusion scan, which is most similar to a diffusion tensor image (DTI) acquisition. From this high-direction DTI acquisition, we utilize an alternative algorithm to DTI called constrained spherical deconvolution (CSD) to generate tracts within the brain, which may improve performance in areas of crossing subcortical fibers.



Cortico-spinal tractography using standard DTI<sup>1</sup>



Cortico-spinal tractography using CSD<sup>1</sup>



Motor network generated from Omniscient Neurotechnology software

The most important aspect for this scan to allow for optimal algorithm performance is to achieve whole brain coverage with the highest number of scan directions possible in a clinically achievable time. Isotropic voxels are highly desired, and scan thickness should be as close to 2 mm as possible.

- **Required:** Multi-direction DWI
  - **Required:** Axial DWI
- **Required:**
  - 1 baseline reference scan (b0) with magnetic field strength  $B = 0 \text{ s/mm}^2$
- **Required:** > 30 gradient directions
  - **Recommended:** >40 gradient directions
  - **Required:** Gradient directions must be equally distributed around a sphere
  - **Required:** Consistent magnetic field strength  $B \geq 1000 \text{ s/mm}^2$
  - **Note:** "Multi-shell" acquisitions of multiple b-values are not supported
- **Required:** Isotropic voxels in scan plane and full brain coverage
  - **Recommended:** Voxel size: 2x2x2 mm (see comment regarding slice thickness)
  - **Recommended:** FOV = 240 mm and matrix = 120 x 120
- **Required:** Thin slice thickness;  $\leq 3\text{mm}$ 
  - **Recommended:**  $\leq 2\text{mm}$  preferred
  - **Recommended:**  $\geq 0.5 \text{ mm}$  to avoid long processing times
  - **Minimum spatial image dimensions:** 64x64x20 (closely linked with slice thickness and voxel size settings)
  - **Tip:** to achieve full brain coverage with minimal slice thickness, set scan parameters to 2 mm slice thickness and appropriate matrix and FOV size; check for full brain coverage with maximum slice count; increase TR as needed to add slices; when TR is at max, increase slice thickness
- **Target Scan Time:** 6:30 (30 directions), 13:00 (64 directions)

<sup>1</sup> Henderson, F., Abdullah, K. G., Verma, R., & Brem, S. (2020). Tractography and the connectome in neurosurgical treatment of gliomas: the premise, the progress, and the potential, *Neurosurgical Focus FOC*, 48(2), E6.

### 5.3. Scanner specific summary – Diffusion Scan

Scanner	Scan	Acquisition Parameters	DTI specific parameters
<b>Siemens</b>	In Siemens library:  Head > clinical libraries > advanced applications libraries > diffusion and perfusion  Select: ep2d_diff_mddw_20_p 2	<u>Routine:</u>  Slices: 90 (adjust for full brain) Dist. Factor: 0% Orientation: Transversal Phase enc. Dir. A>>P Phase oversampling: 0%  FoV read 240 FoV phase 100.0% Slice thickness: 2.0 TR: SHORTEST TE: SHORTEST Averages: 1  <u>Resolution-Common :</u> Base resolution: 120 Phase resolution: 100%  <u>Resolution-IPAT:</u> PAT mode: GRAPPA Accel. Factor PE: 2  <u>Geometry-Common:</u> Multi-Slice mode/Series : Interleaved	<u>Diff-Neuro</u>  *Diffusion mode: MDDW *Directions: Select 30 or 64 *Diffusion Scheme : Bipolar  Diff. weighted images: On Trace weighted images: Off Mosaic: On  Diff. weightings: 2 b-Value: 0 b-Value: 1000
<b>GE</b>	<u>Parameters</u> Pulse Seq: Spin Echo Imaging Mode: 2D  Imaging Options: EPI, DIFF, Asset	<u>Acquisition Timing</u> Freq: 120 Phase: 120 NEX: 1 Freq DIR: R/L Phase FOV: 1  Auto Shim: Auto Phase Correction: Yes  <u>Scanning Range</u> FOV: 24.0 Slice Thickness: 2.0 Spacing: 0 # of Slices: 80 (adjust for full brain)  <u>Scan Timing</u> TE: Min TR: 8000 (adjust to increase slices for full brain)	Number of Diffusion Directions: 40 b-value: 1000 Optimized TE : Yes Dual Spin Echo: Off  Diffusion Directions: Tensor Number of T2 images: 1
<b>Philips</b>	EPI Single Shot  <u>Contrast</u> Scan Mode: MS Technique: SE Fast imaging mode: EPI Shot mode: Single-shot	<u>Geometry</u> F RL(mm): AC RL(mm): O 240 Q 2 V: AP(mm): vox AP(mm): 240 el 2 size FH(mm): : 2  Slice Thickness (mm): 2 Reconstruction matrix: 120 Sense: yes	<u>Contrast</u> Directional resolution = High (32) <b>*Gradient Overplus = No</b> Gradient Duration = Maximum  Nr of b-factors = 2 b-factor order = Ascending max b-factor = 1000 average high b = No

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		<p>Stack Slices: 90 (adjust for full s brain)</p> <p>Gap: 0</p> <p>Slice Orientation: Axial</p> <p><u>Contrast</u></p> <p>TE: Shortest</p> <p>TR: Shortest</p>	
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## 6. High-resolution anatomical scan

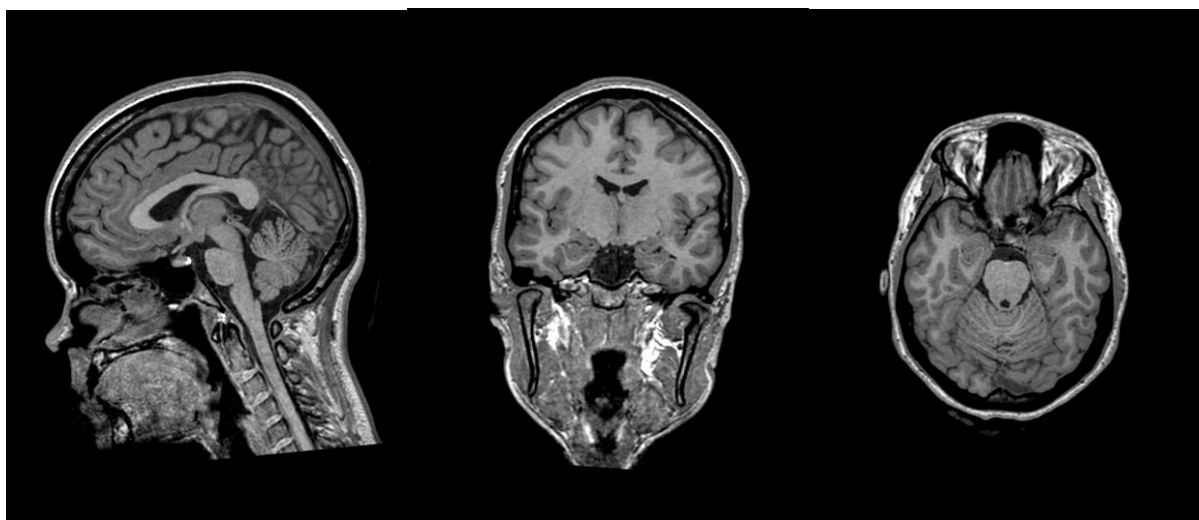


Figure 2 Example high-resolution anatomical scans

### 6.1. Background

This is a standard acquisition similar to navigation quality scans (Stealth scan, Brainlab scan, etc). This scan should balance high-resolution and high-tissue contrast (T1 weighting).

### 6.2. Summarized Checklist – Anatomical Scan

- **Recommended:** T1 weighting preferred, with or without contrast; T2 and FLAIR are permitted
  - **Recommended:** 3D volume acquisition preferred, thin-slice 2D is permitted
  - **Recommended:** Axial preferred; Sagittal and Coronal are permitted
- **Required:** Thin slice thickness:  $\leq 2$  mm
  - **Recommended:**  $\leq 1$  mm preferred
  - **Minimum spatial image dimensions (Primary anatomicals):** 128x128x100 (closely linked with slice thickness and voxel size settings).
  - **Minimum spatial image dimensions (Secondary anatomicals):** 128x128x20 (closely linked with slice thickness and voxel size settings).
  - **Maximum spatial image dimensions (All anatomicals):** 500x500x350 (closely linked with slice thickness and voxel size settings).
- **Required:** FOV to cover whole head
  - **Recommended:** 256 x 256 matrix to achieve isotropic, other matrix sizes are permitted
  - **Recommended:** Isotropic voxels are preferred but not required
- **Required:** 0.0 mm gap/spacing between slices, no overlap between slices
- **Required:** 1 single acquisition, no concatenation
  - **Recommended:** Select for T1 weighting and optimal tissue contrast
  - **Note:**
    - DICOM MultiFrame formats are not supported
    - Limited support for DICOM Mosaic formats (isotropic in plane of acquisition required)

- **Required:** 1 average
  - **Recommended:** More if desired for higher SNR
- **Target scan time:** <6 mins

### 6.3. Scanner Specific Summary – Anatomical Scan

Scanner	Scan	Acquisition Parameters				Contrast Parameters	Other																
Siemens	MPRAGE (3D)	<u>Routine</u> FoV read: 256 FoV phase: 100% Slice thickness: 1.00 Slices per slab: 190 (adjust for full head) Averages: 1  <u>Resolution-Common</u> Base resolution: 256 Phase resolution: 100 Slice resolution: 100				TE: SHORTEST TR: SHORTEST	<u>Resolution-Filter</u> Image - Distortion Corr.: On - Mode: 3D  <u>Resolution-IPAT</u> - PAT mode: GRAPPA - Accel. Factor PE: 2																
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