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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING MEDICAL IMAGE ACQUISITION PARAMETERS**

(57) Systems and methods are disclosed for identifying image acquisition parameters. One method includes receiving a patient data set including preliminary scans of the patient and/or patient information; computing patient characteristics based on the preliminary scans and/or patient information. The received patient data set is grouped with other patient data sets, these including images associated with computed characteristics including measures of global and local image quality, each of

the other patient data sets defining characteristics of a respective individual other than the patient. The grouping is based on similarities between the patient and individuals corresponding to the other patient data sets, given the one or more computed patient characteristics. Recommended image acquisition parameters suitable for the patient data set are identified using the grouping of the patient data set with other patient data sets and using the computed image characteristics.

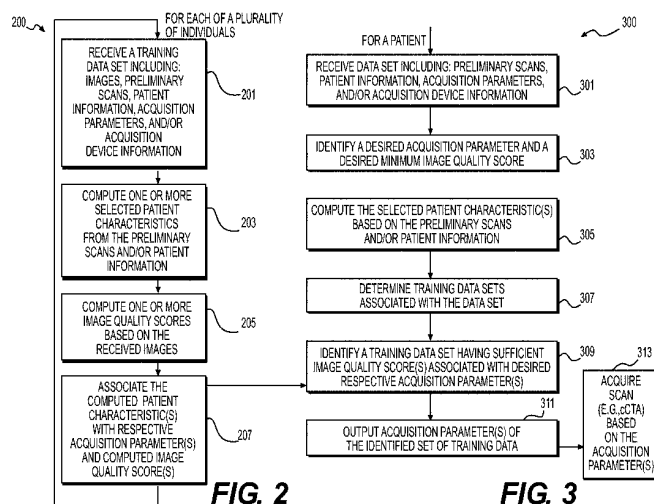


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