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Brain image simulation protocol

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ABSTRACT

This protocol details the method for simulating a brain image with small and large features

ATTACHMENTS

[protocol_simulation.docx](#)

MATERIALS

File required: 'imageSimulation' folder

Toolbox required: Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox, image processing toolbox

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- 1** 1. Prepare **negative control images** where no fluorescent puncta were labelled. These images are considered as background images.
- 2** 2. Select one or several cropped images containing **large aggregates** in the library and apply a **sigmoid function** to the selected cropped image where x in the sigmoid function is determined by **the distance to the large aggregate in the cropped image**.
- 3** 3. Simulate **small puncta** with 2D gaussian distribution on a **blank image** (same image size as the negative control image), the number of which should be determined from **real images**. The sigma of puncta should be determined from **real images** as well.
- 4** 4. **Add** cropped **large aggregates** onto the **background images** at a random location. Then **add** the **simulated puncta** onto **the background image** to form a simulated image with **both small and large features**.
- 5** 5. Record position, intensity and background information per small puncta expect for those overlapping with the large aggregates in the simulated image and save the results.
- 6** 6. **Repeat** step2 to 5 again for other background images