The ADNI-related protocols provide imaging parameters for the VB11D, VB12T, and VB13 Siemens software versions that are suggested for ADNI "spin-off" trials. The protocols do not require any WIPs pulse sequence and do not compromise image or contrast quality. A major difference between the original and the "spin-off" protocols is the use of the Siemens "Prescan Normalize" feature instead of the B1-calibration scans. In comparison to the B1-calibration, which is used in the ADNI protocols, initial results indicate that the use of the "prescan normalize" feature does not compromise the imaging results at all.

Important note: Sites that are already enrolled in the actual ADNI study should NOT use these ADNI-related protocols. This is because the official ADNI protocols that are supplied by Siemens Medical Solutions contain the two 3D B1-calibration scans. Using the ADNI-related protocols would cause problems in the automated data pipeline of ADNI. Following this will help insure continuity of the longitudinal MRI image data for the ADNI study.