

## Construction of dataset for Virtual Chinese Male No.1

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**Abstract:** Objective To establish digitized Virtual Chinese Human Male No.1 (VCH-M1) image dataset with a 0.2-mm equal interval. Methods The body of a 24-year-old male was used for this study. Perfusion with phenol and vermilion of the arteries was performed, followed by body shape adjustment by cold saline and pre-embedding with broken ice in an upside-down position, which was completed in a stepwise procedure to minimize body shape deformation. Section milling was conducted subsequently with the section thickness of 2 mm and the section images were captured by digital camera, which were immediately transferred to a computer for storage and processing. Results A total of 9232 sections were obtained for the whole body, and the resolution of each of the image in TIF format was 3024伊016 pixels, resulting in the size of approximately 18 M for each image and about 1.6 G for the whole dataset. Conclusions Compared with VCH-F1, the image quality in VCH-M1 dataset is significantly improved, demonstrated by much clearer tissue boundary in the images and minimized body shape deformation during the embedding process.

**Key words:** Virtual Chinese Human; visible human project; digitized virtual human

The completed dataset containing high-quality section images provides the fundamental platform for sophisticated virtual human study. We have previously established the dataset of Virtual Chinese Human Female No.1 (VCH-F1) with a section thickness of 0.2 mm<sup>啁</sup>, on the basis of which the construction of another dataset, that for Virtual Chinese Human Male No.1 (VCH-M1), was completed with the same section thickness using modified techniques from those employed in the previous project for improvement of the image quality.

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

#### Subject

For this dataset construction, we used the cadaver of a 24-year-old Chinese young male died of acute food poisoning, which was preserved at -10益 within 3 h after death. Voluntary consent was obtained from the relatives of the young subject to donate this cadaver for medical research, and after strict quarantine procedures, the cadaver was measured and scored for the dataset purpose with standardized evaluation system described previously<sup>啁</sup>.

#### Artery perfusion and body shape finalization

After the cadaver was rinsed at 20益 to restore the

body temperature, the artery perfusion solution using the mixture of 5% phenol, 1% benzoic acid and vermilion starch was injected via the femoral artery<sup>啁</sup> in a total volume of 1200 ml. The cadaver was then sealed in a plastic bag and kept frozen in saturated sodium chloride solution at -10益 for 72 h before the embedding procedure was carried out.

#### Specimen embedding

To guard against embedding reagent expansion due to the solidification when frozen that may change the body shape, we employed subsection embedding of the specimen with smashed ice blocks. Specifically, the ice blocks of the embedding solution consisting of 1.5 g staining agent, 1.2 kg glutin and 70 liters water were smashed before embedding. The detachable embedding mould made of 1-cm-thick aluminous alloy (220 cm伊58 cm伊8 cm) was fixed onto the base of the milling machine to hold the frozen specimen vertically in an upside-down position. The smashed ice was poured into the embedding mould to the level of the frontal bone and the spaces between the ice pieces were filled with the embedding solution, followed by a 48-h freezing. The embedding of the whole body was completed after 8 rounds of freezing by raising in succession the embedding level from the neck, thorax, abdomen, hip, knee and ankle, respectively, supplemented with further freezing for another 5 d. After the embedding mould was removed, still another round of 48-h freezing of the

specimen was carried out<sup>啮磨</sup>.

### Specimen milling and image collection

The distance allowed for the moving of the milling machine on the Zaxle was set at 0.2 mm for each section. The section number and length marker were labeled on each section, for which standardized color chart was also supplied. A Fuji FinePix S2 Pro digital camera with Nikon AF 24/2.8 D lens was used for capturing the section images at a resolution of 3024伊016 pixels. A Shanghai T-66S flashlight was used with the guide

number of 34 (ASA 100/DIN 21) and the wire backtime < 3 s. The color temperature was 5500-6000 黎 and the flashing time set at 1/1000 s. Synchronous wire triggering was adopted for the shooting.

## RESULTS

### General body measurement

The anthropometrical measurements were shown in Tab.1, and the reference standards were derived from Anthropometrical Survey of Chinese<sup>啮-10 黎</sup>

Tab.1 Anthropometrical measurements of the specimen for establishing Virtual Chinese-Male No.1 dataset

No.	Item	Actual measurement	Reference standard	Conformity	Score
1	Height(cm)	176.00	162.70依.94	伊	0
2	Weight(kg)	68.50	63.95依.63	姨	5
3	Maximum head length(cm)	18.90	18.64依.44	姨	5
4	Maximum head width(cm)	16.50	15.92依.71	姨	5
5	Transverse circumference of the head(cm)	57.50	56.52依.14	姨	5
6	Neck circumference(cm)	39.40	39.89依.97	姨	5
7	Inner canthal distance(cm)	3.45	3.59依.27	姨	5
8	Outer canthal distance(cm)	10.04	10.27依.50	姨	5
9	Width of the nose(cm)	3.92	4.02依.26	姨	5
10	Height of the nose(cm)	5.34	5.65依.41	姨	5
11	Width of the mouth(cm)	4.86	4.92依.30	姨	5
12	Chest circumference(cm)	87.00	85.00依.91	姨	5
13	Waist circumference(cm)	72.50	75.64依.25	姨	5
14	Finger length(cm)	175.51	67.03依.32	伊	0
15	Shoulder width(cm)	41.50	40.46依.82	姨	5
16	Pelvic width(cm)	28.95	27.52依.55	姨	5
17	Transverse chest diameter(cm)	30.05	28.18依.21	姨	5
18	Chest A-Plength(cm)	22.50	20.00依.85	姨	5
19	Upper extremity length(cm)	76.00	73.34依.12	姨	5
20	Lower extremity length(cm)	95.00	90.14依.70	伊	0
Total					85

### VCH-M1 dataset

VCH-M1 dataset consisted of a total of 9 232 images with an approximated data size of 160 G. For the convenience of different potential users of this dataset, the image data were stored in 3 different file formats to allow variously oriented studies, as listed below:

TIF format: Resolution 3024伊016 pixels, 161.56 G in size

JPG format: Resolution 3024伊016 pixels, 8.31 G in size

JPG format: Resolution 180伊20 pixels, 0.74 G in size

## DISCUSSION

High-precision milling is crucial to the establishment of high-quality virtual human image dataset.

After the successful construction of VCH-F1 dataset, we attempted the following improvement on the techniques:

### Body shape finalization and specimen embedding

We used low-temperature saturated sodium chloride to finalize the body shape and keep the whole body in a natural physiological position. With subsection embedding utilizing smashed dice blocks, instead of the liquid form, of the embedding solution, we successfully solved the problem of body shape deformation due to the extrusion of the embedding reagent expansion when frozen, which was somehow obvious in VCH-F1 dataset. Along with this article we present several sample images of different body parts from the dataset (Fig.1-4). Fig.5, 6 shows the section images resulted from different embedding methods.

Phenol and nitrite mixture perfusion

The new perfusion solution we adopted was sterilized and effective to enhance tissue brittleness and retain the natural color and luster of the tissues. In this dataset the connective tissue tearing was reduced.

Sterilized solution not only reduced the potential health risk on the part of the staff, but also preserved the fresh color of the muscles and other tissues, which is very helpful for image registration (Fig.7,8).

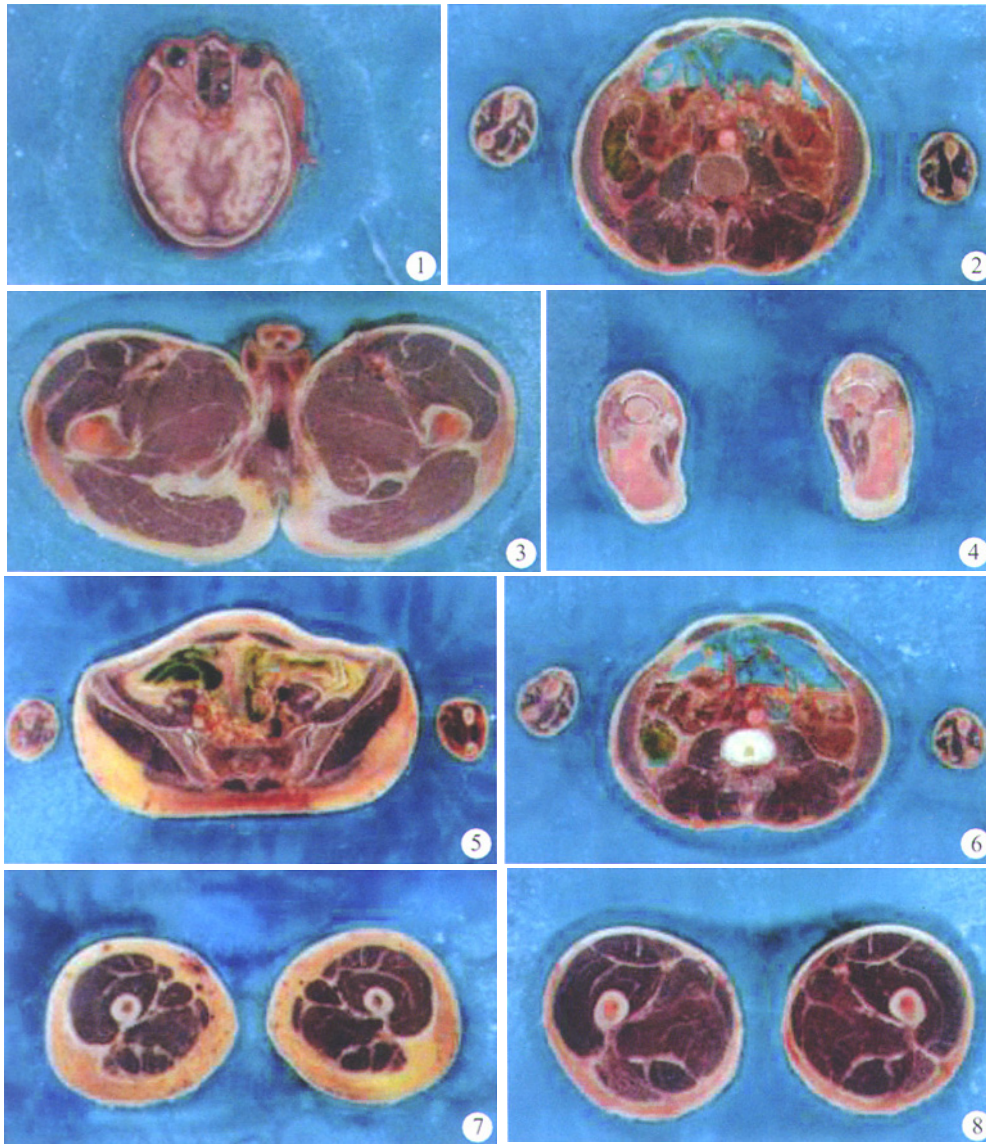


Fig.1 Image of a section of the head Fig.2 Image of an abdominal section

Fig.3 Image of a section of the perineum Fig.4 Image of a section of the ankle

Fig. 5 Image of an abdominal section in VCH-F1 dataset in which subsection embedding with liquid embedding solution was used

Fig. 6 Image of an abdominal section image in VCH-M1 in which subsection embedding with smashed ice blocks of the embedding solution was used

Fig.7 Section images of fresh and unfixed specimen

Fig.8 Section images of the specimen fixed with phenol

### Image labeling

In this dataset each section image was serially numbered and supplied with a standardized color chart and length marker to facilitate later analysis of the images (Fig.6).

Both the VCH-M1 and the previously established VCH-F1 datasets were completed with these sections spacing at 0.2 mm and resolution of 3 024 × 1 016 pixels, and anthropometrical results have approved both specimen to represent standard Chinese. The improved

techniques employed in the establishment of the present VCH-M1 dataset resulted in higher image quality for later computer processing, therefore offer a solid foundation for future Virtual Chinese Human studies.

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## 虚拟中国人男性一号冷/CH要M1数据集研究

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摘要 咱暂目的 构建男性虚拟中国人 0.2mm 等间距数字图像数据集咱暂并通过改进人体标本处理工艺咱暂提高虚拟中国人冷/CH要M1数据集的质量咱暂方法 材料选自遗体捐献中心咱暂为食物中毒急性死亡的 24 岁男性咱暂经石炭酸冷/珠砂动脉灌注冷/低温盐水定型冷/预制冰渣倒立包埋冷/一次装夹冷/连续等间距铣削等一系列处理后咱暂采用数码相机照相和计算机自动存储获取数据集咱暂结果 共获得分辨率为 3024伊016 像素的断面 9232 片冷/IF 格式数据集容量为 161.56G咱暂另获 JPG 格式数据集两个冷/分别为冷/分辨率 3024伊016 像素冷/容量为 8.31G冷/分辨率 180伊20 像素冷/容量为 0.74G咱暂图像组织边界清晰冷/肢体变形较小冷/断面标记明显咱暂结论 虚拟中国人男一号冷/CH要M1数据集的质量有进一步的提高冷/为后续的计算机图像处理和有关应用开发提供了质地优良的基础条件咱暂

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