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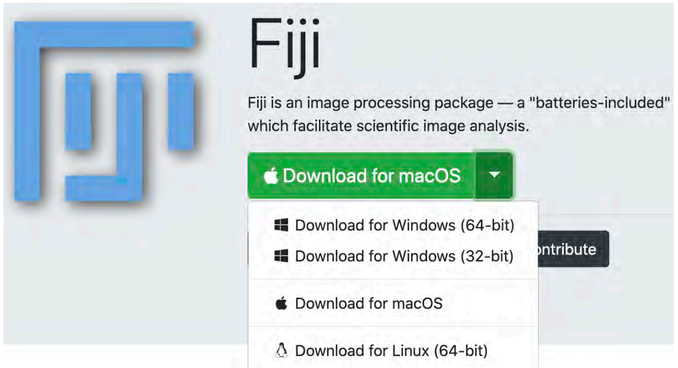
Install and Update Fiji

Download Fiji

https://fiji.sc/



https://imagej.net/Fiji

Fiji is distributed as a portable application,

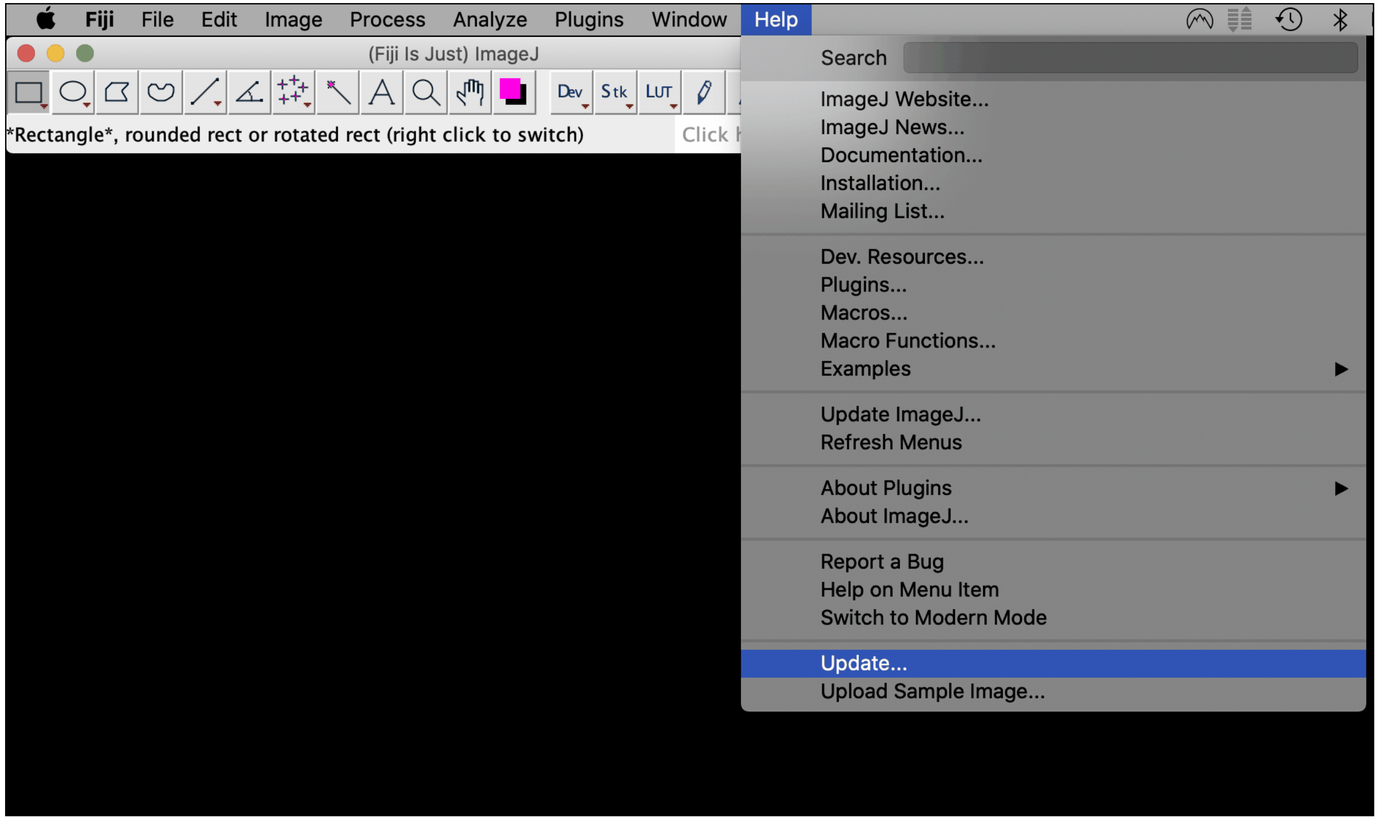
which means that you do not have to run an installer.

Just download (zip file), unpack and start it.

"Help" menu

Update Fiji

(and install/uninstall plugins)

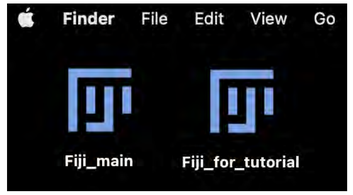


Help > Update…

To update Fiji and/or the plugins.

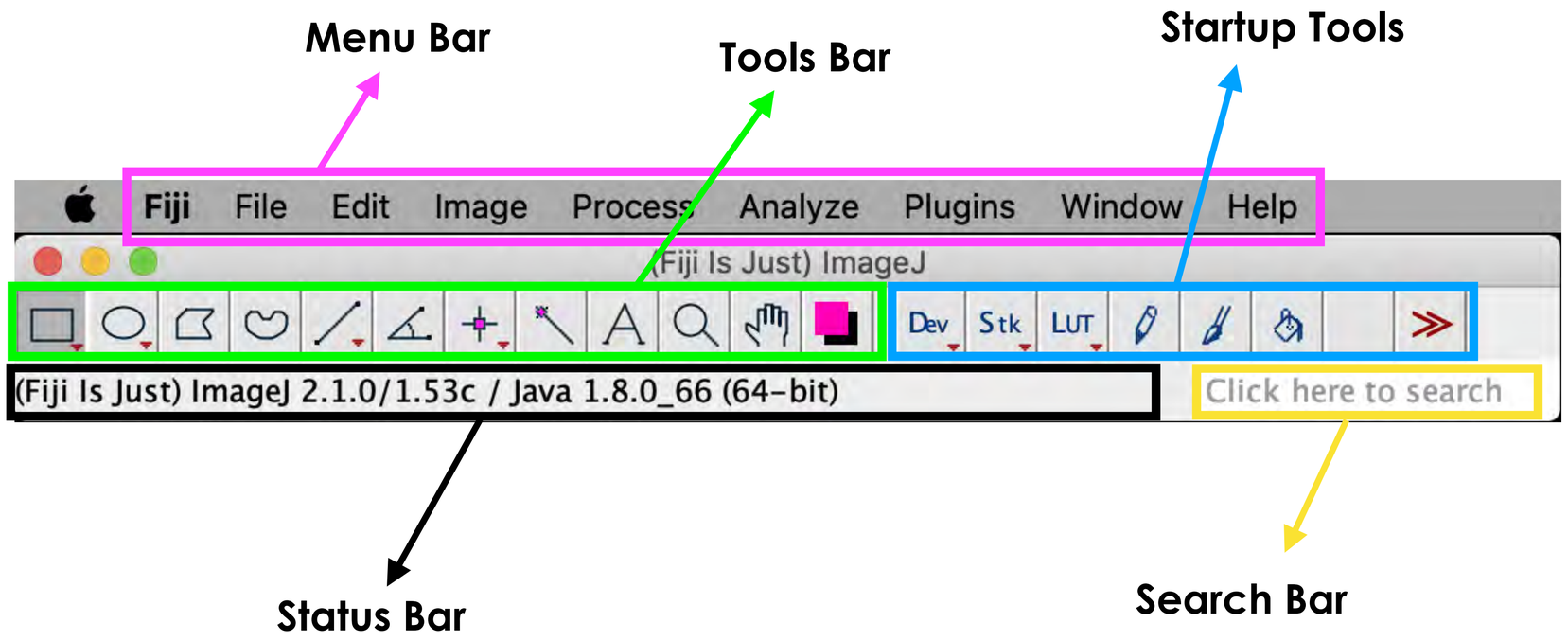
***Apply Changes*:** Install/Update the listed plugins

***Manage Update Sites*:** opens a list of plugins, you can select which one(s) to install in Fiji



You can have more than one Fiji app!

Graphic User Interface (GUI)



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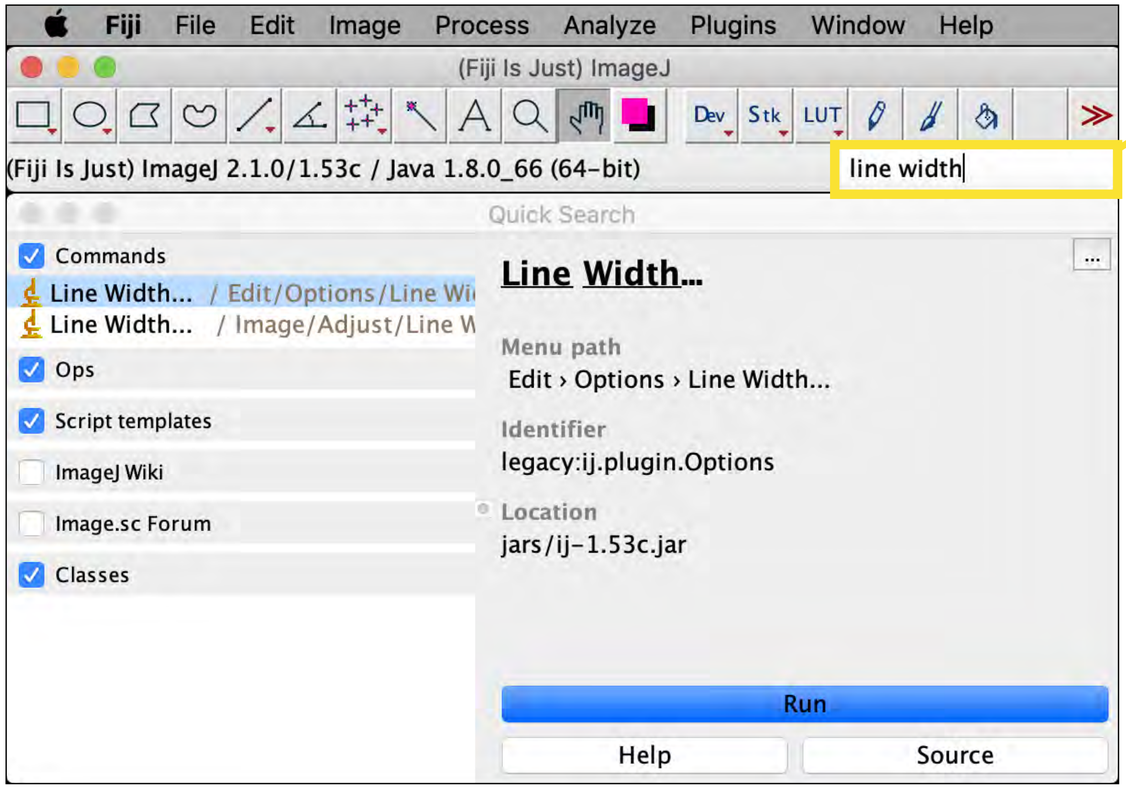


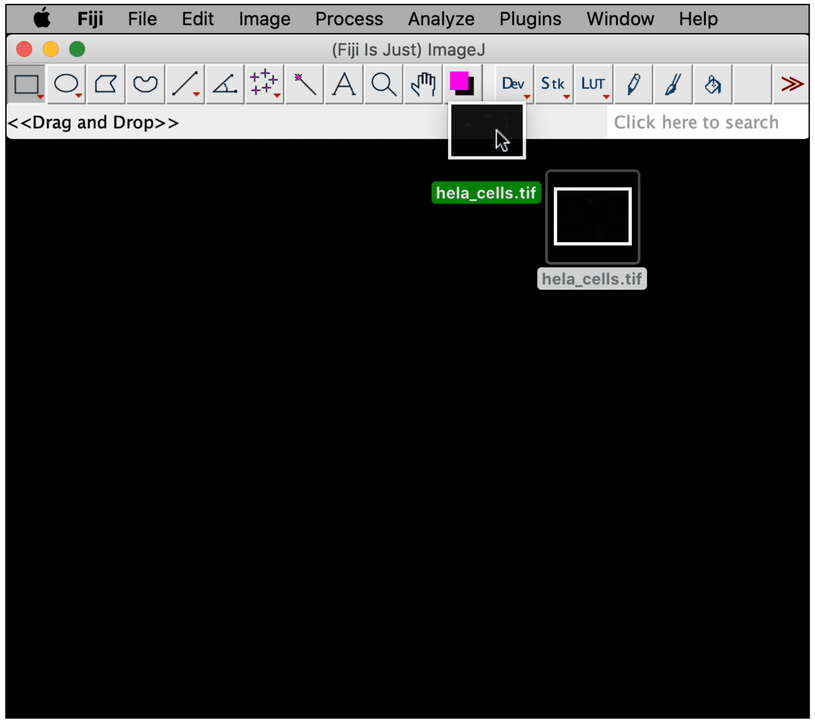
Search Bar
(L key shortcut)

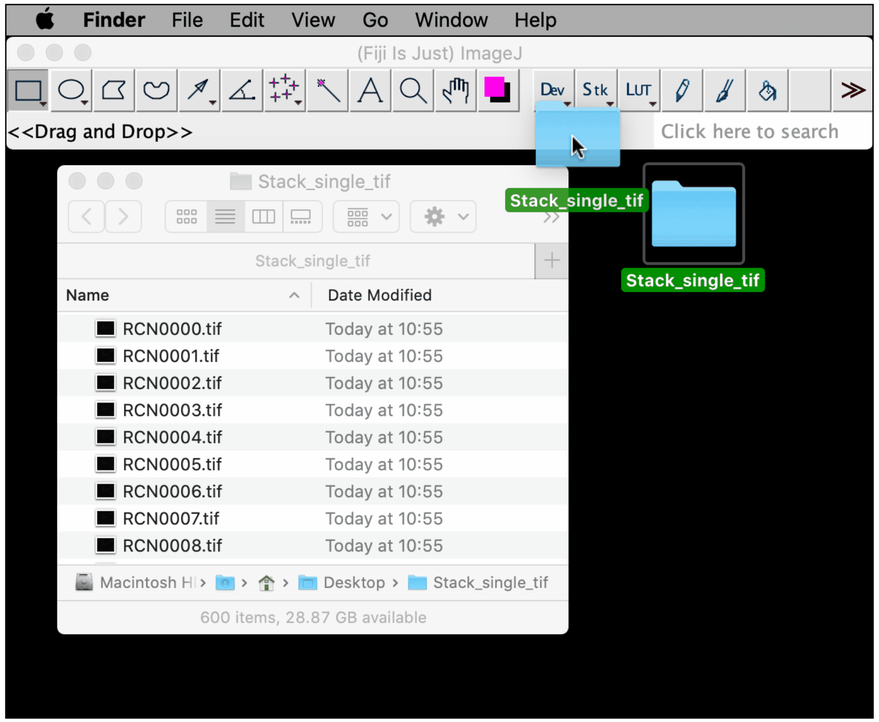
****Plugins > Shortcuts > List Shortcuts - list of the default shortcuts***

*****Plugins > Utilities > Find Commands - search for Fiji Commands***

Open a file in Fiji

Drag and Drop the file you want to open onto the Status Bar.



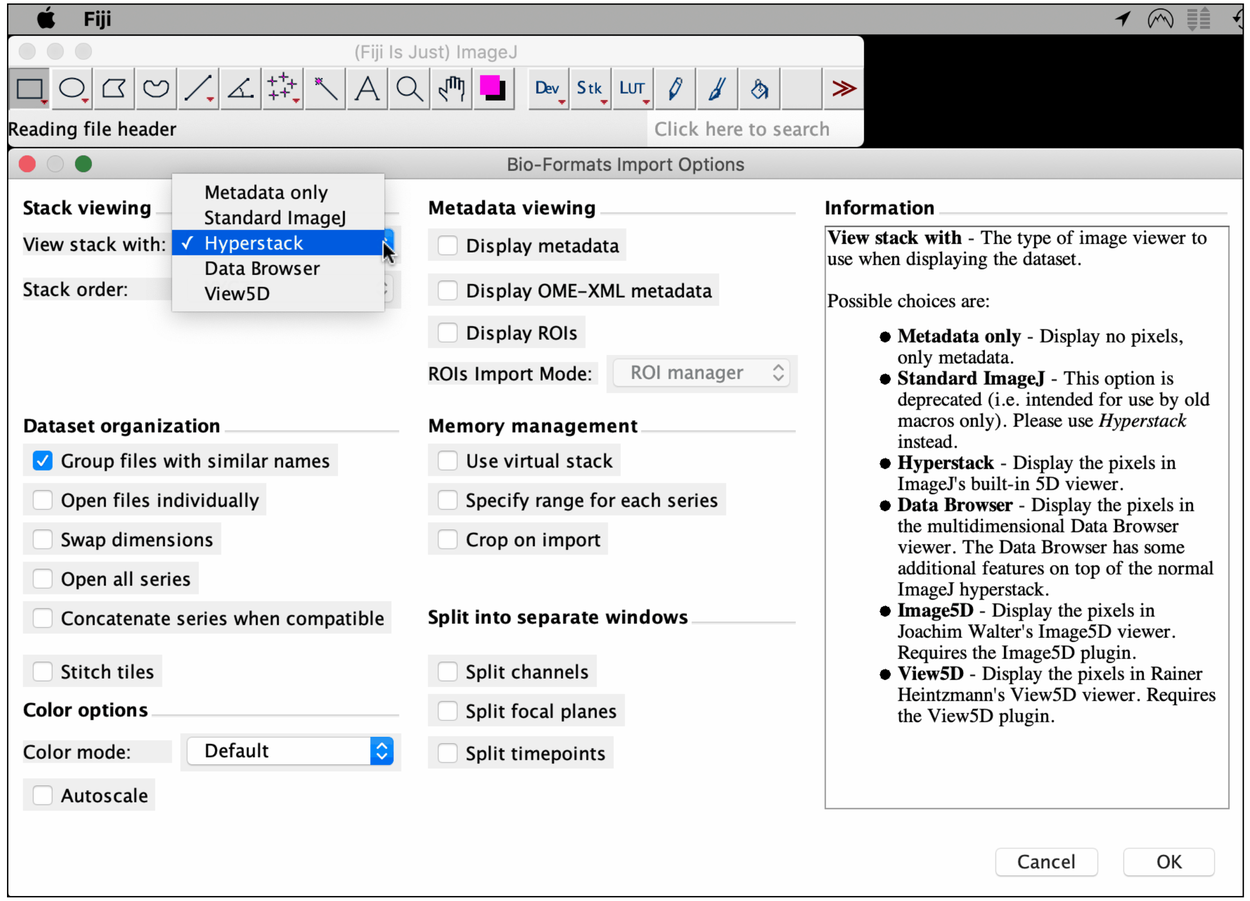


“File” menu
“Plugins” menu

https://imagej.net/Bio-Formats

Bio-Format Plugin

import a file - options



Import data from many life sciences file formats (e.g. @NIC .nd2 format)

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Bio-Format Plugin

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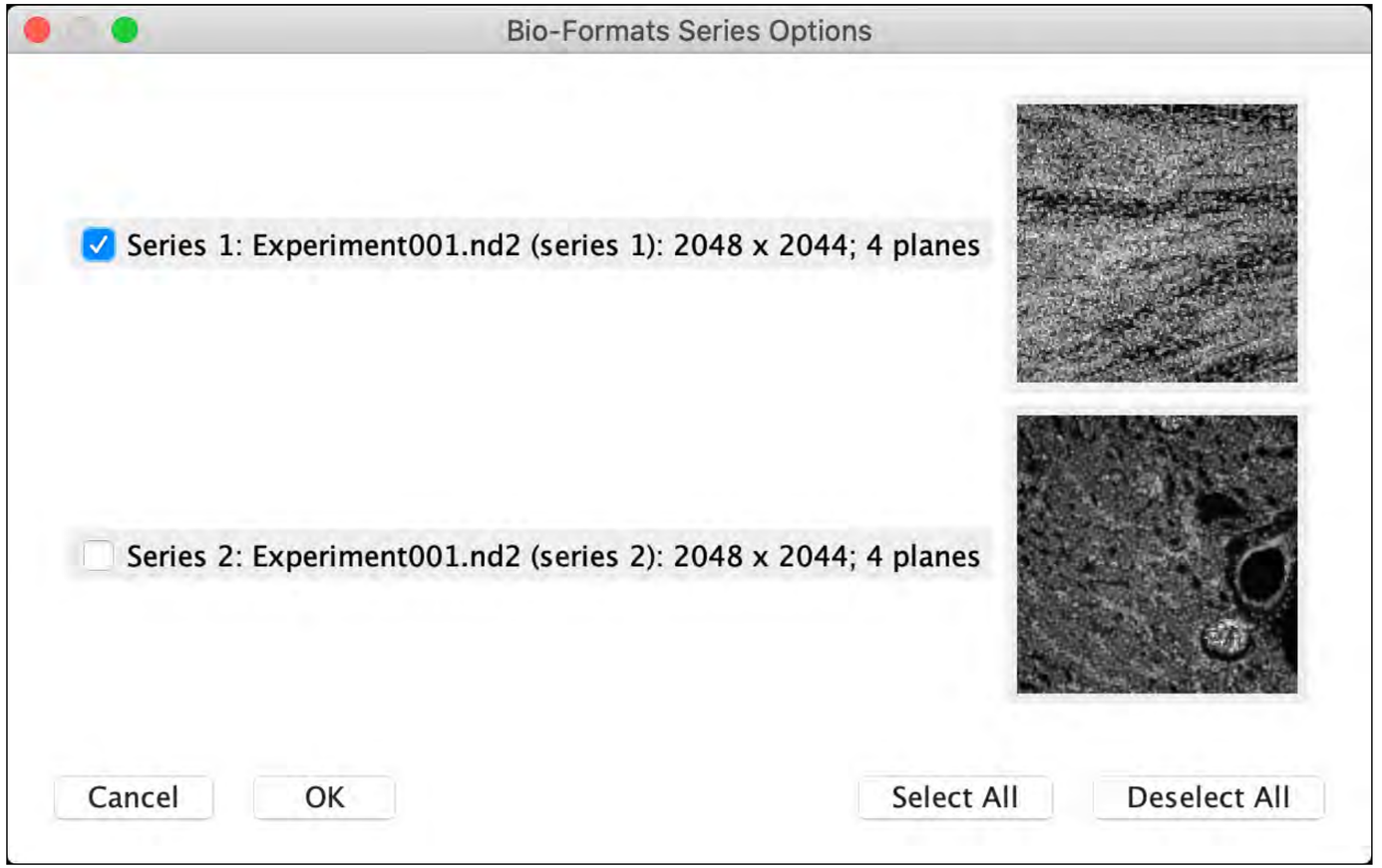

"File" menu
"Plugins" menu

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Bio-Format Plugin

import a file

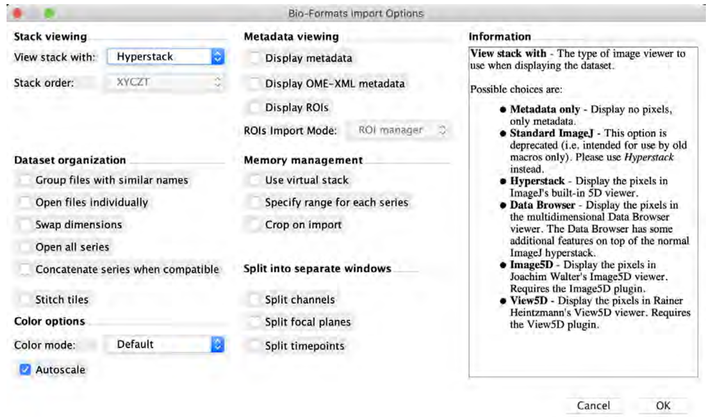
Drag and Drop

If you have a tiff file, "Drag and Drop" does not open Bio-Format Importer.

File > Import > Bio-Formats

or

Plugins > Bio-Formats > Bio-Formats Importer



what is an image?

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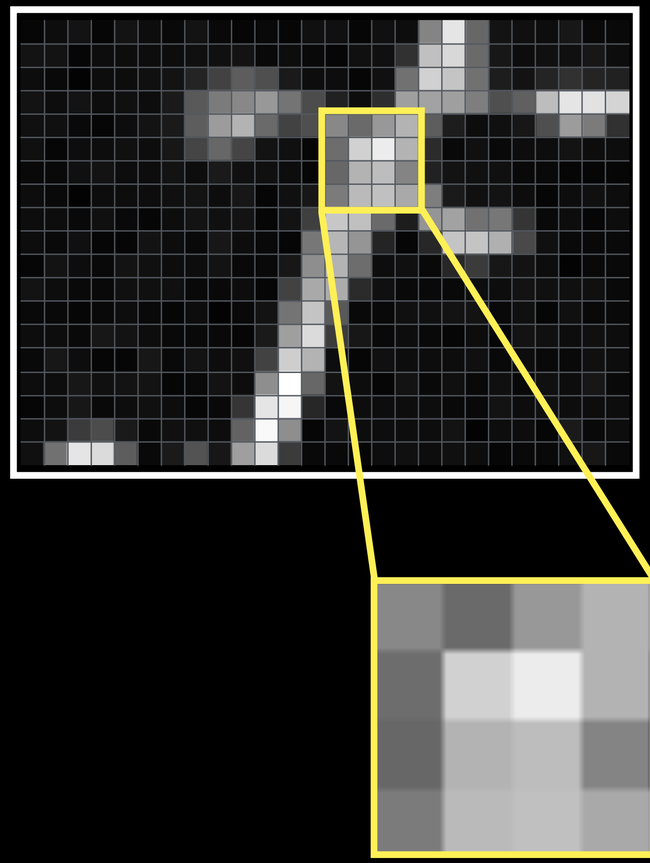
A digital image is a matrix of numbers!



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Pixel = Picture Element

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Images in publications and presentations should be used to ***communicate*** a finding...
not ***be*** the finding

this is your **data**

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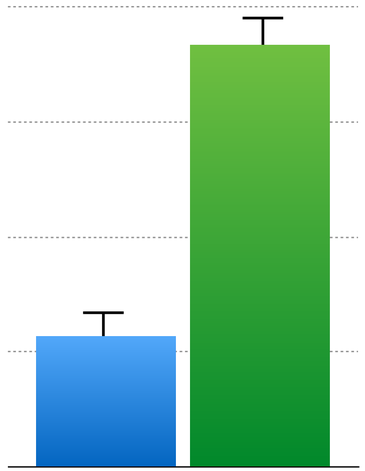
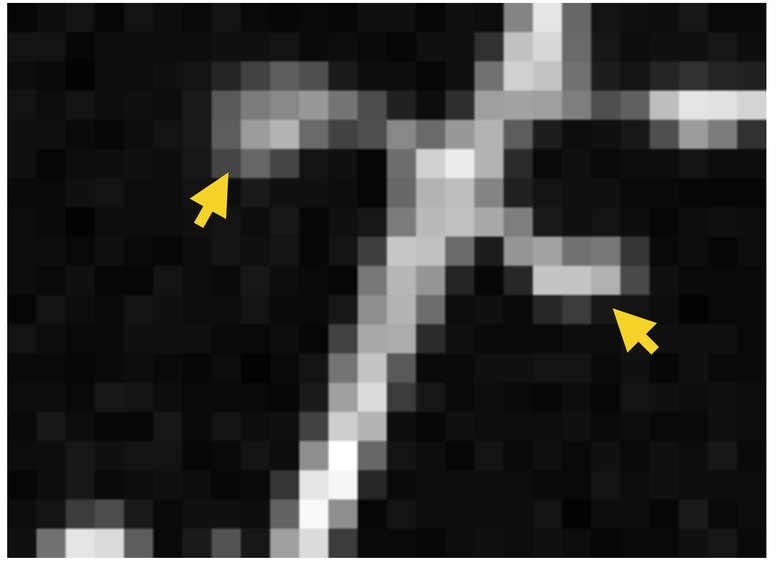
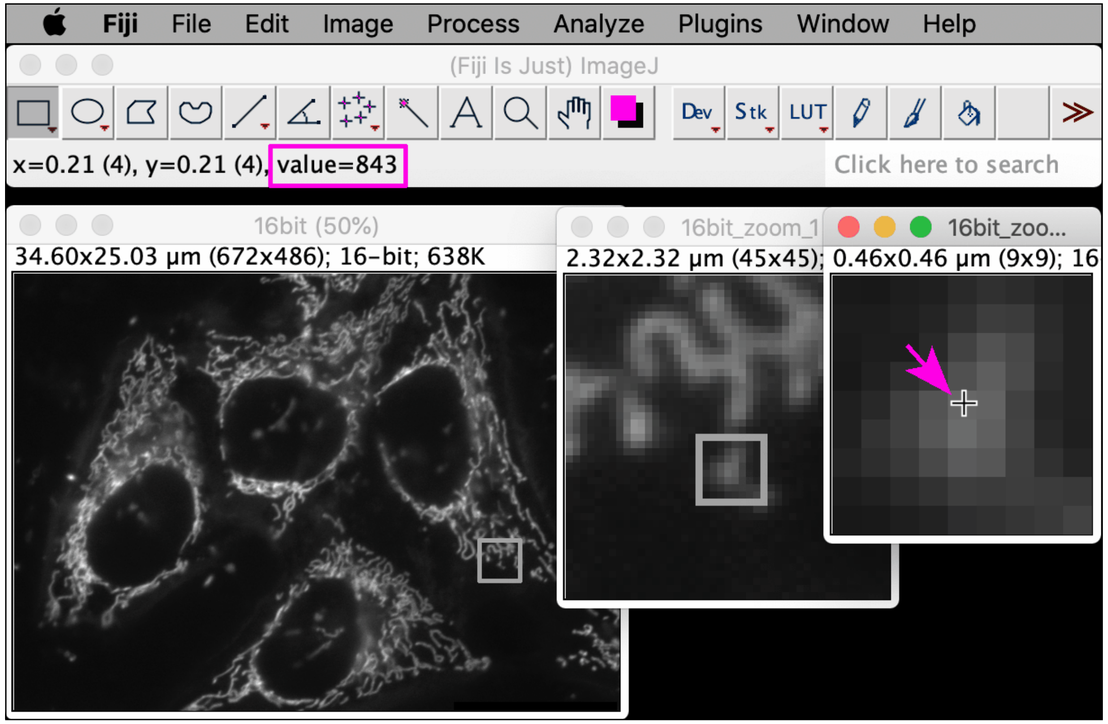
this is your **result**

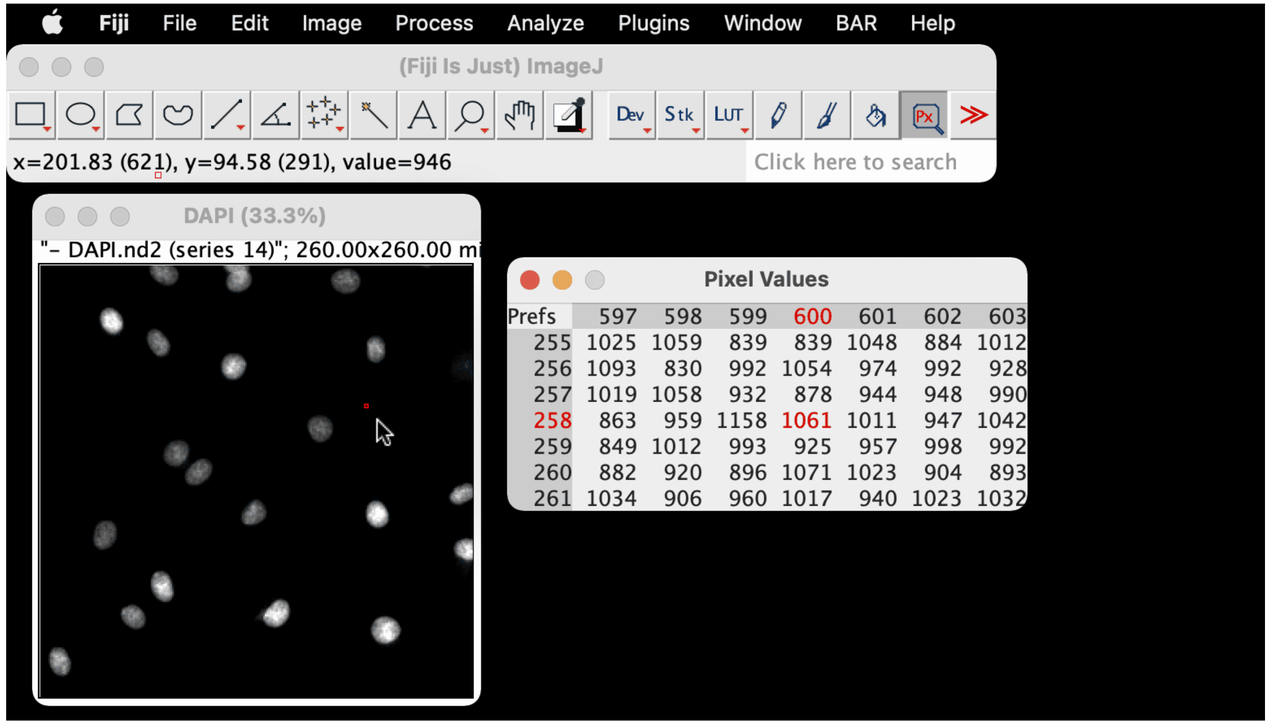


this just helps to
communicate the result



Individual Pixel Values in Fiji





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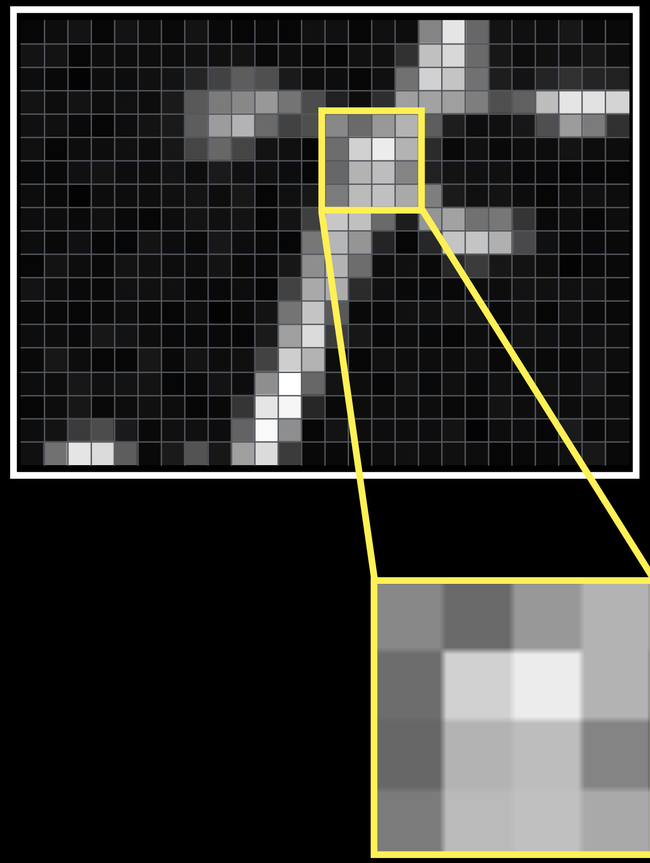

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Where do these number come from?

Bit depth

Detectors in Fluorescence Microscopy

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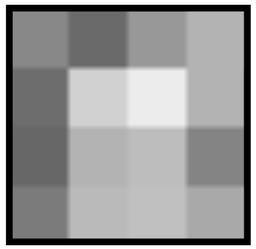
The detectors used in fluorescence microscopy are **monochromatic**.

Cameras or PMTs are not able to distinguish between different wavelengths (they just collect photons), you need fluorescence filters to separate your fluorophores.

The detector converts photons in digital numbers (linear relation).



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Each pixel in the digital image has **one digital value** that **depends on** the **intensity** of the signal emitted by the **sample**.

Digital Values = Pixel Intensity Value

The **range** of possible **digital values** is defined by the **bit depth**.

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Bit Depth

The **bit depth** defines the range of possible **digital values** that each pixel can have, usually **8**, **12** or **16 bit**.

The **bit depth** is expressed in **grey values**.

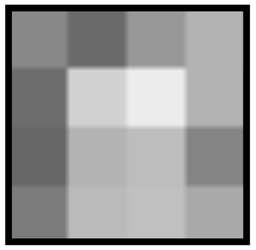
bit depth of the **image** = **bit depth** of the **detector**
(Unless you change that during acquisition)

x bit = a range of 2^x grey values

8 bit image = **each pixel** can have 2^8 **grey values** = 256 grey values = **range 0-255**

12 bit image = **each pixel** can have 2^{12} **grey values** = 4096 grey values = **range 0-4095**

16 bit image = **each pixel** can have 2^{16} **grey values** = 65536 grey values = **range 0-65535**



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Digital Value = Pixel Intensity Value = Grey Value

"Image" menu

x bit image

Image Metadata

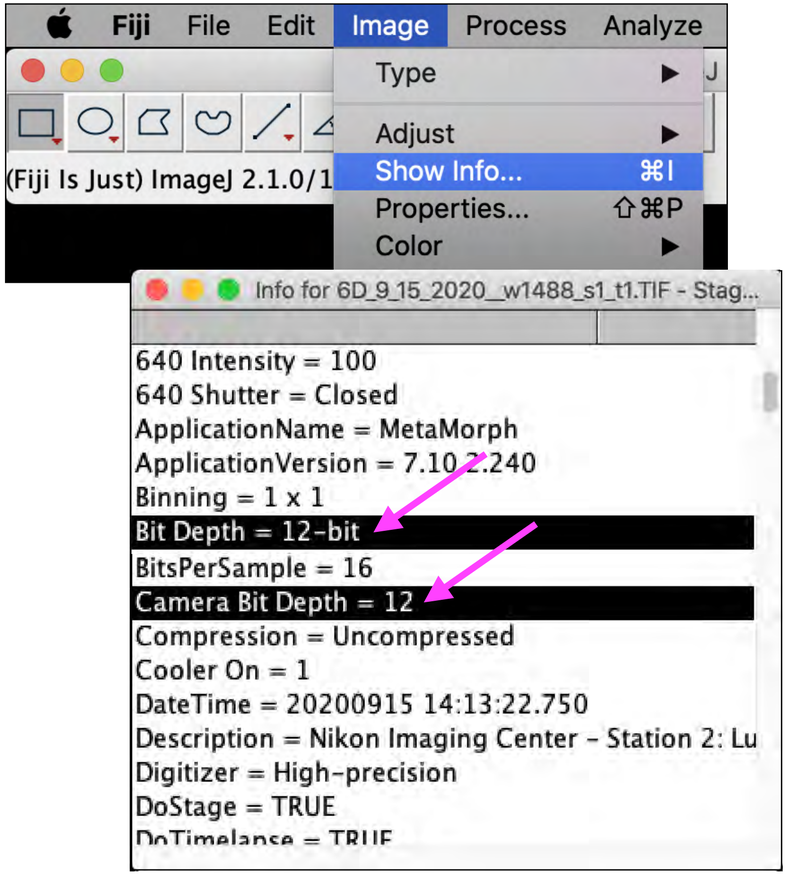
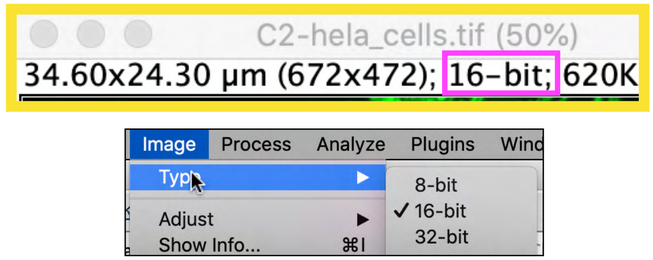


Image > Show Info…

(cmd) + i

Show the Metadata stored with the file

e.g. bit depth, camera bit depth



display your images

Mapping Image Intensity to Monitor Intensity (LookUp Tables)

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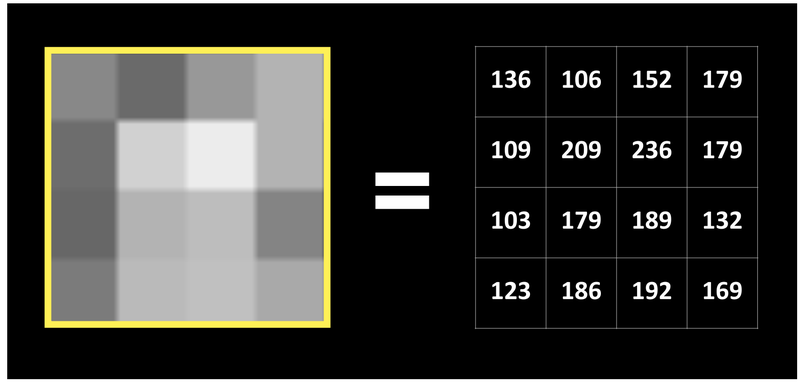
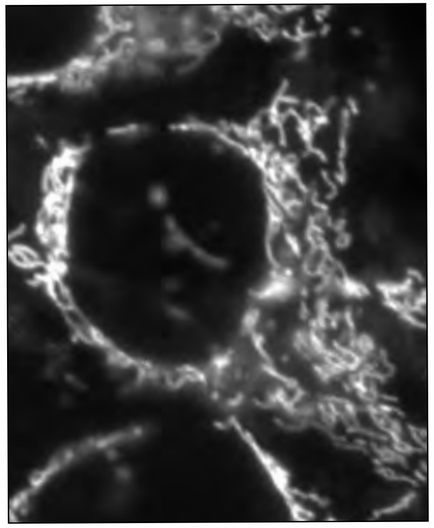
LUT = how the grey values are displayed

LUTs do not change the pixel values





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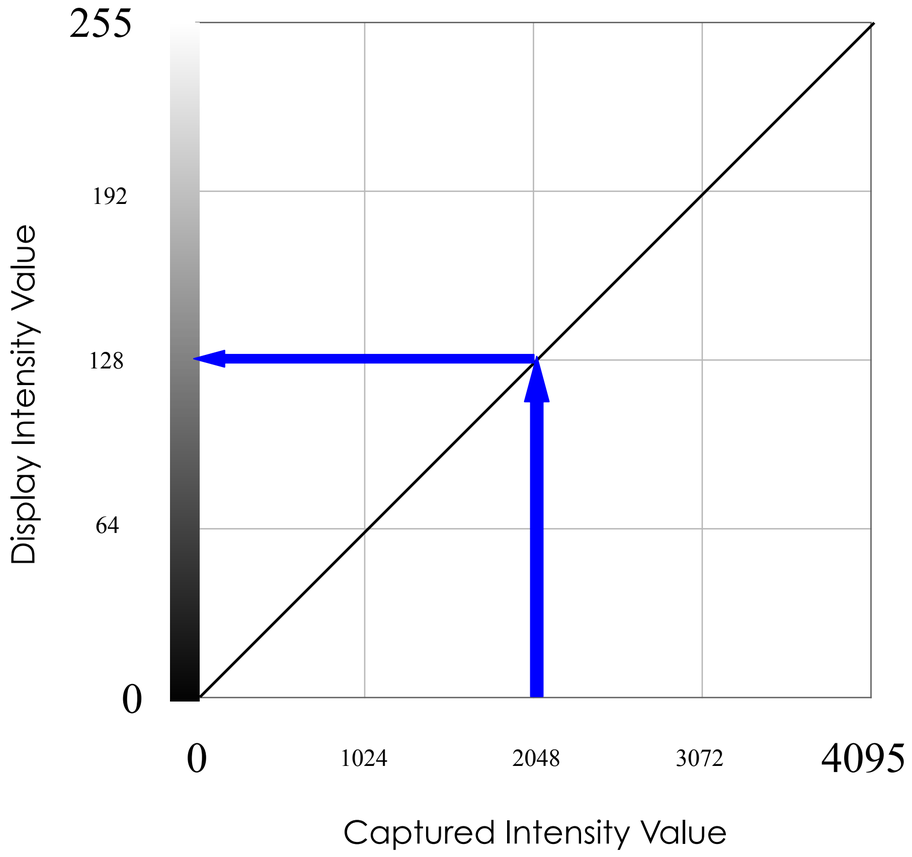


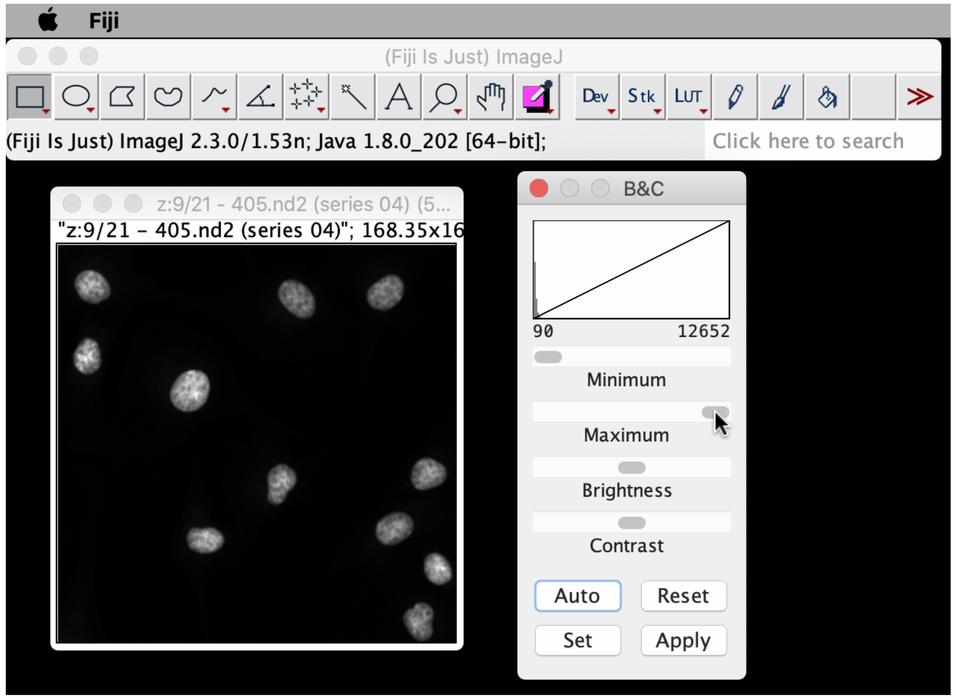
Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

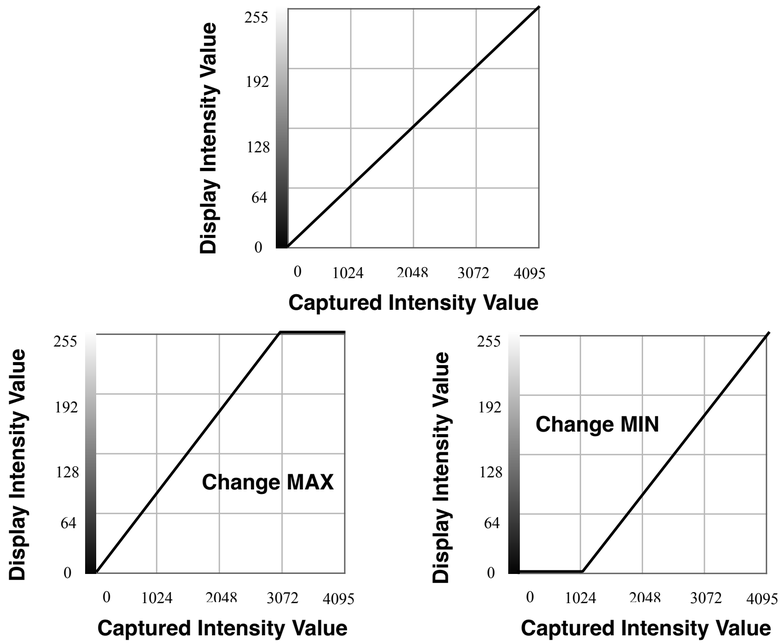
Image > Adjust > Brightness/Contrast

(cmd) + shift + c

Interactively change the displayed brightness and contrast of the active image.

You are NOT changing the pixels values, you are just changing how the image is displayed (unless you click on the “Apply” button).





Histogram

Analyze > Histogram

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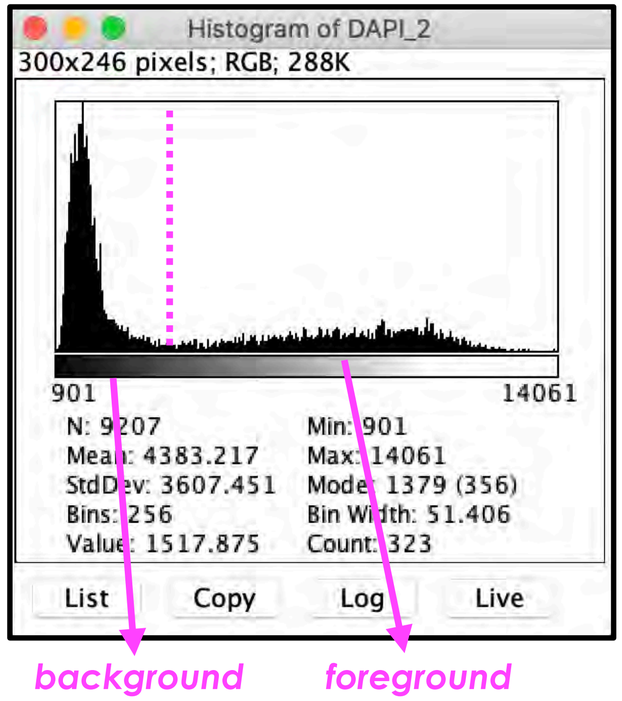
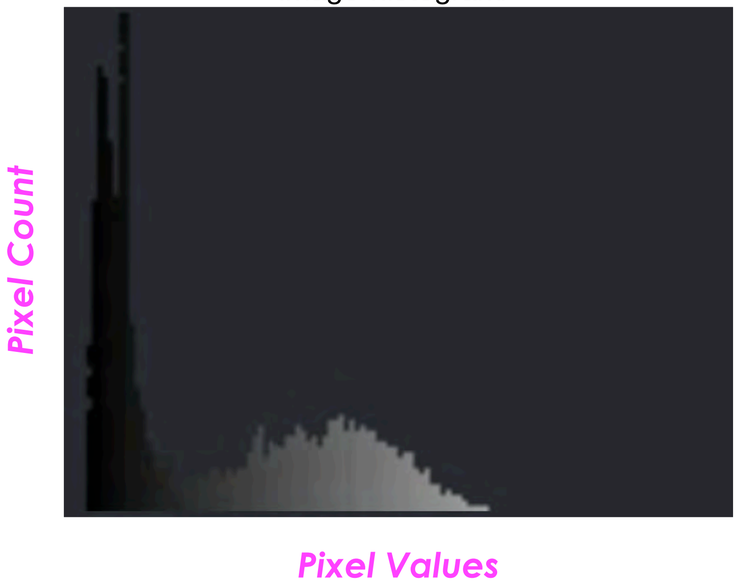


jaehyuk-lee: https://jaehyuk-lee.com/animated-image-histogram/



Histogram

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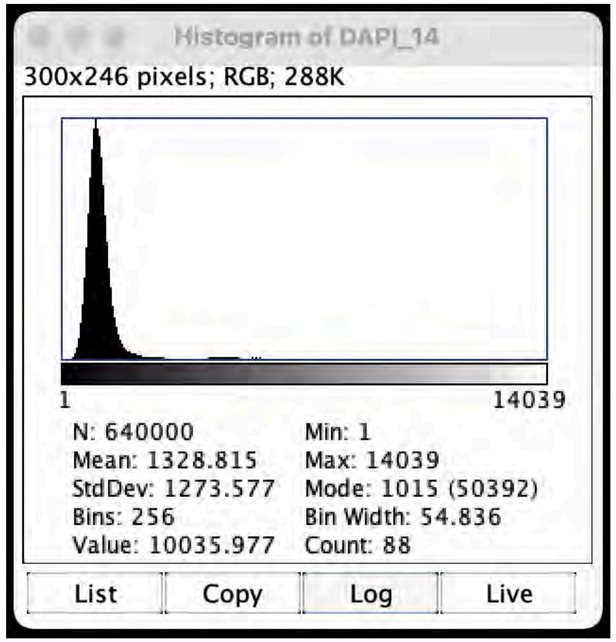
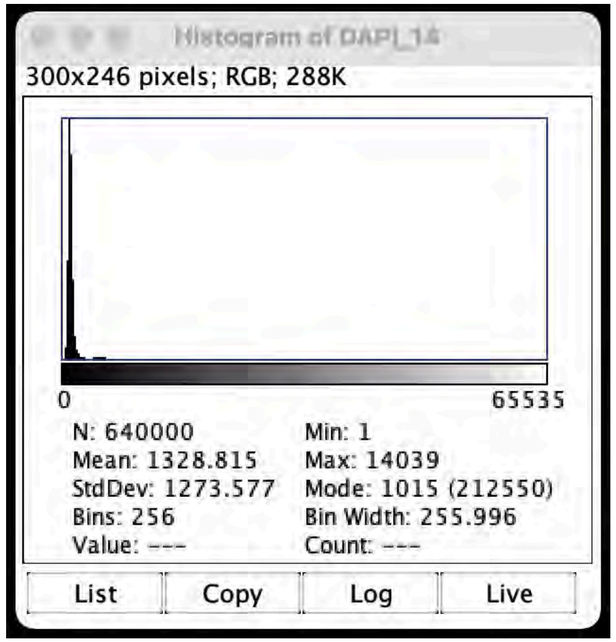




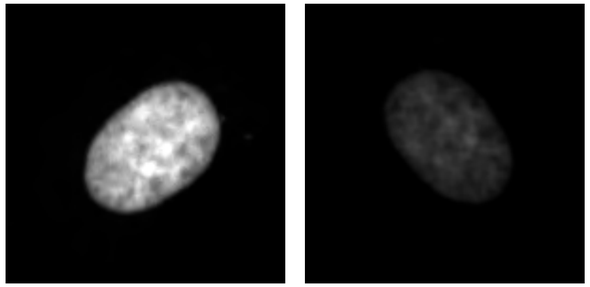
Fiji auto-adjust the range (default option)

Bit depth

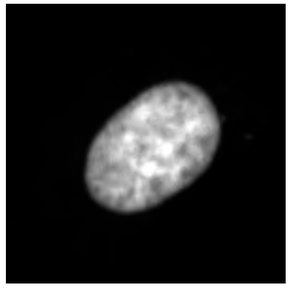
Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

Image Analysis Collaboratory

Which image has more fluorescence?



Mean:	**4803**	**4803**
Display range:	188-**16828**	188-**45514**



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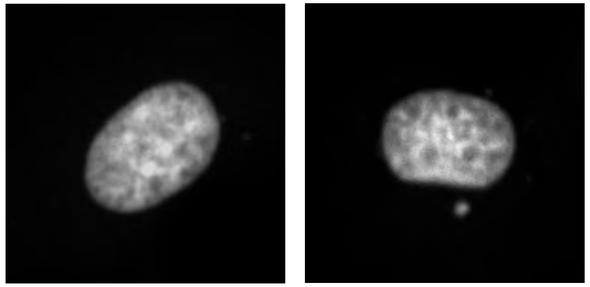
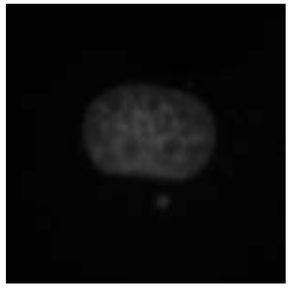


Mean:	**4803**	**2074**
Display range:	188-**19540**	112-**7768**

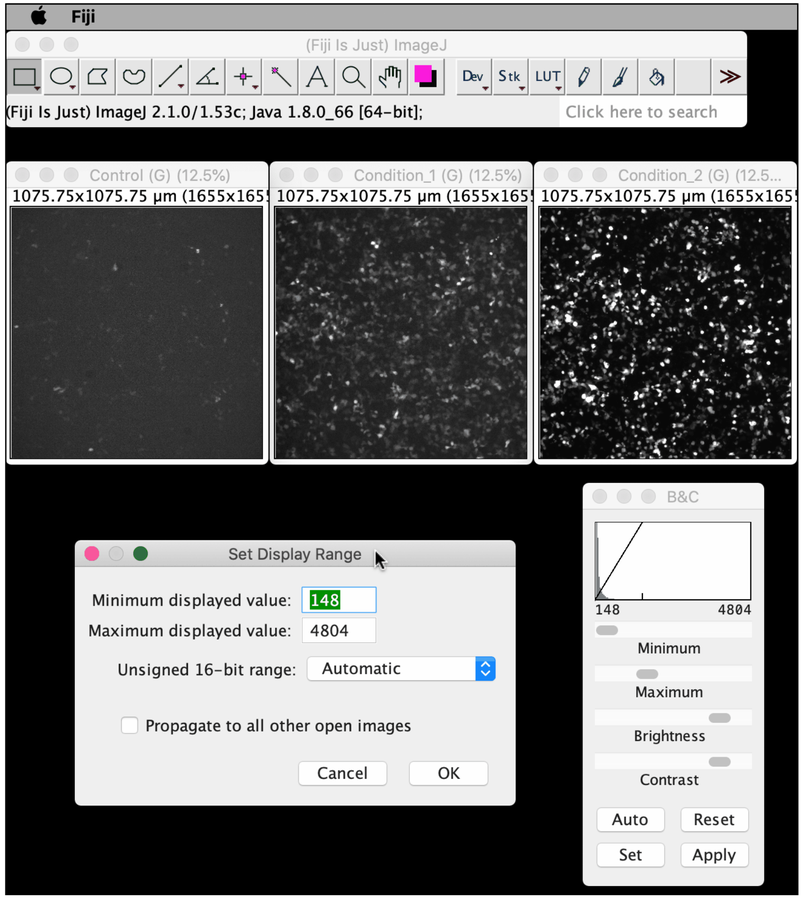


Mean:	**4803**	**2074**
Display range:	188-1**9540**	188-**19540**

Do NOT trust your eyes, rely on numbers!

Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

"Set" button - visually compare images



Use the same acquisition parameters
(per channel) if you want to compare images!!!
(e.g. same exposure time, Illumination intensity,…)

Example	Exposure time Condition1	Exposure time Condition2
Channel 1	100 ms	100 ms
Channel 2	200 ms	200 ms

For a meaningful comparison, you have to extract numbers from your images (analysis). Use the images to support your results.

If you save the images as jpeg/png/tiff, they will maintain the display range you set.

Segmentation with pixel based classifier—exercises

1.3 image inspection

1.4 adjust brightness/contrast of all open images

Images and Colors

Lookup Tables (LUTs)

LUT = how the grey values are displayed

LUTs do not change the pixel values

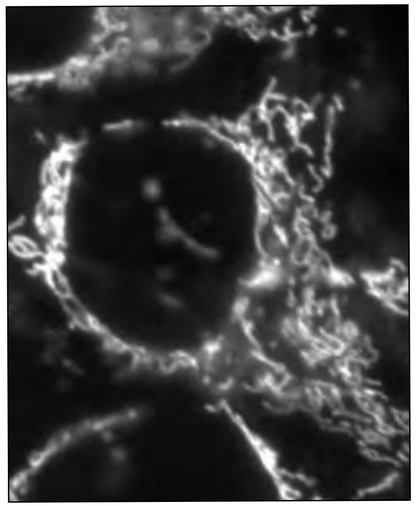
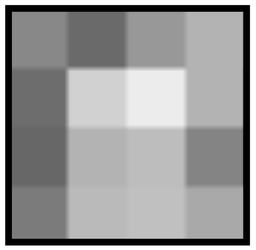


Image (8 bit)	Displayed color
0	grey LUT
1	
…	
100	
…	
255	



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136	106	152	179
109	209	236	179
103	179	189	132
123	186	192	169

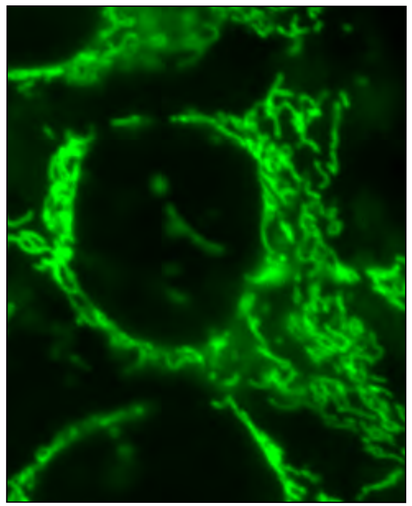
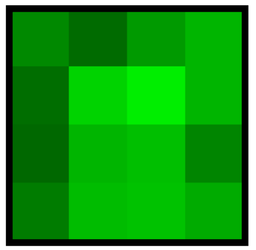


Image (8 bit)	Displayed color
0	green LUT
1	
…	
100	
…	
255	



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Images and Colors

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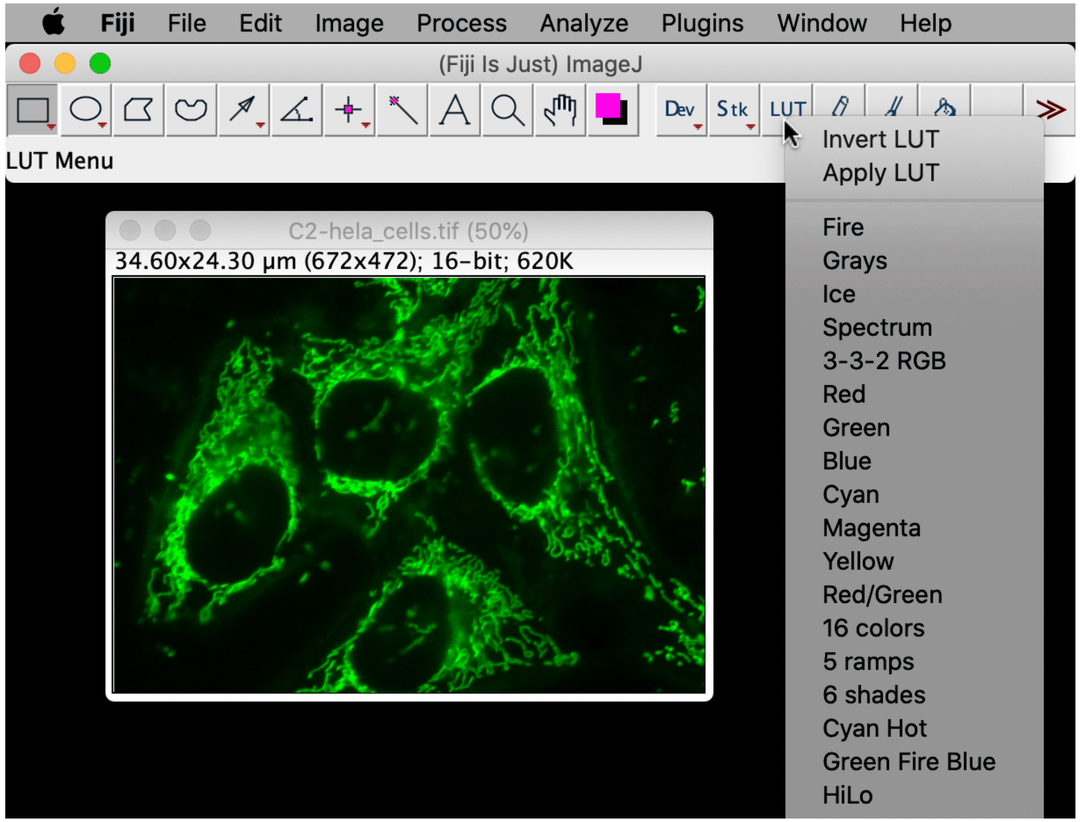

Image > Lookup Tables

or

"LUT" menu in Startup Tools Bar

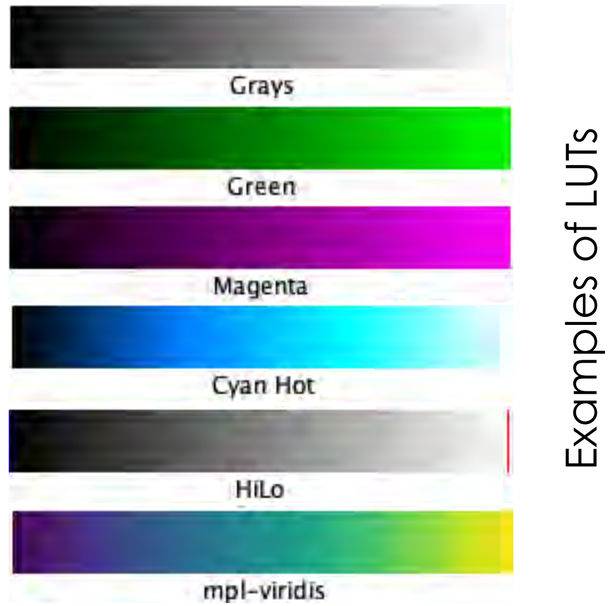

**Image > Color > Display LUTs - to display default LUTs available*

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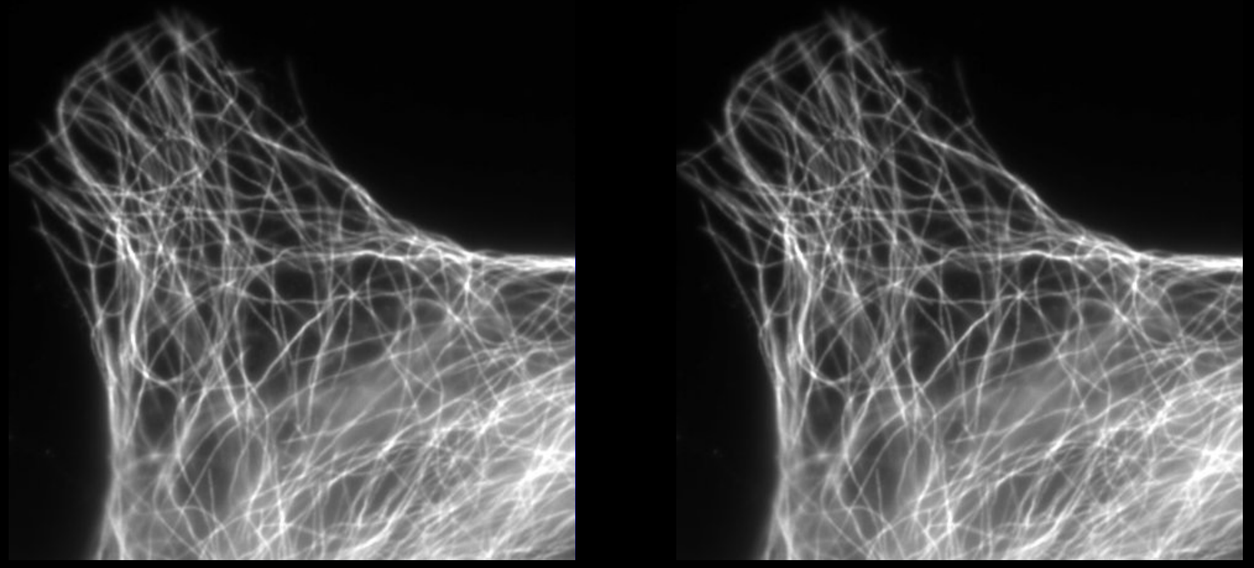
Images and Colors in Fiji

Choose the right LUT

Which is brighter?



The human eye evaluates intensity best in grayscale

If you are imaging for example a blue fluorophore, you are NOT FORCED to display it in blue!

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Images and Colors in Fiji

Choose the right LUT

Color blind people don't distinguish some colors

POINTS OF VIEW

Color blindness

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"If a submitted manuscript happens to go to three male reviewers of Northern European descent, the chance that at least one will be color blind is 22 percent"

Images and Colors in Fiji

Choose the right LUT

Color blind people don’t distinguish some colors

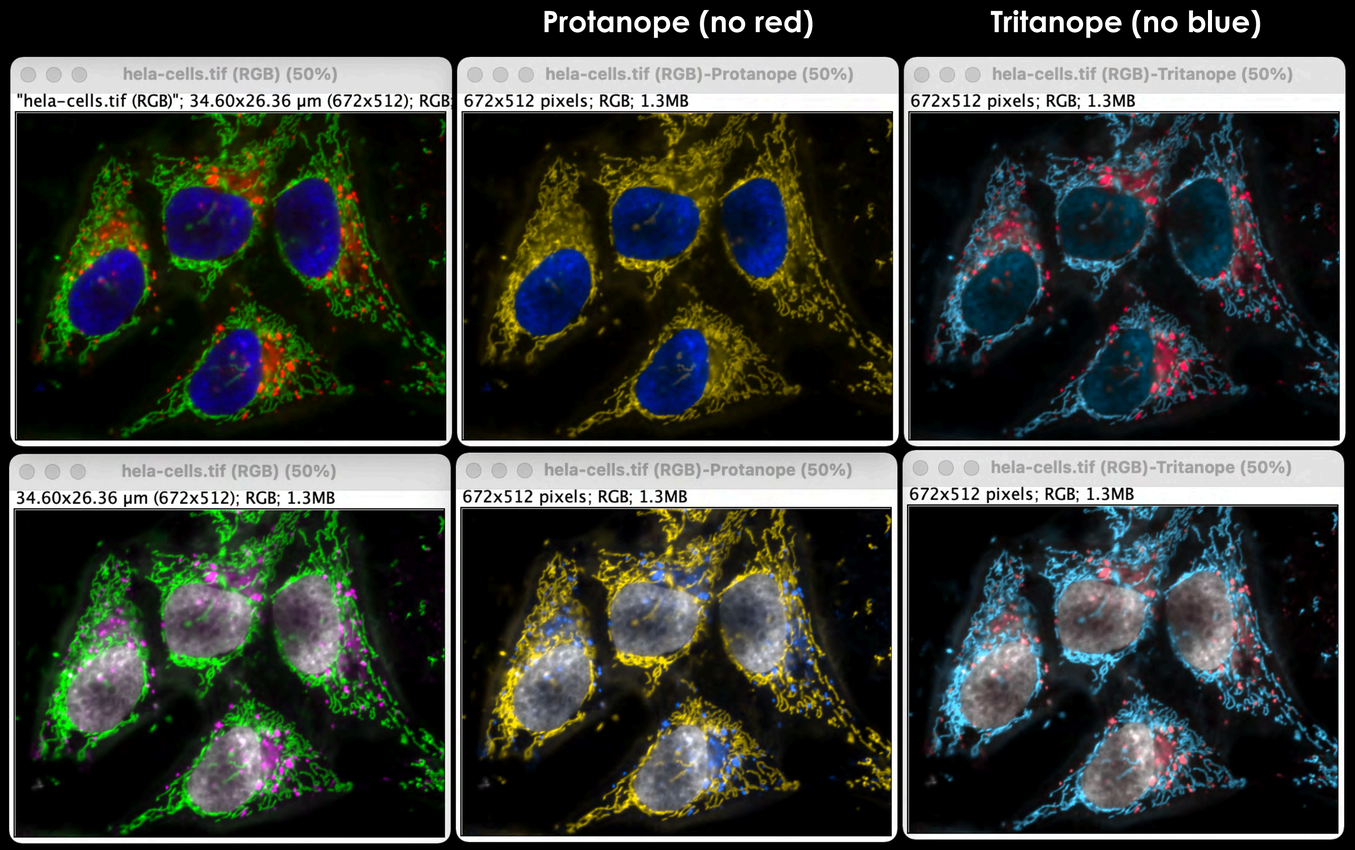
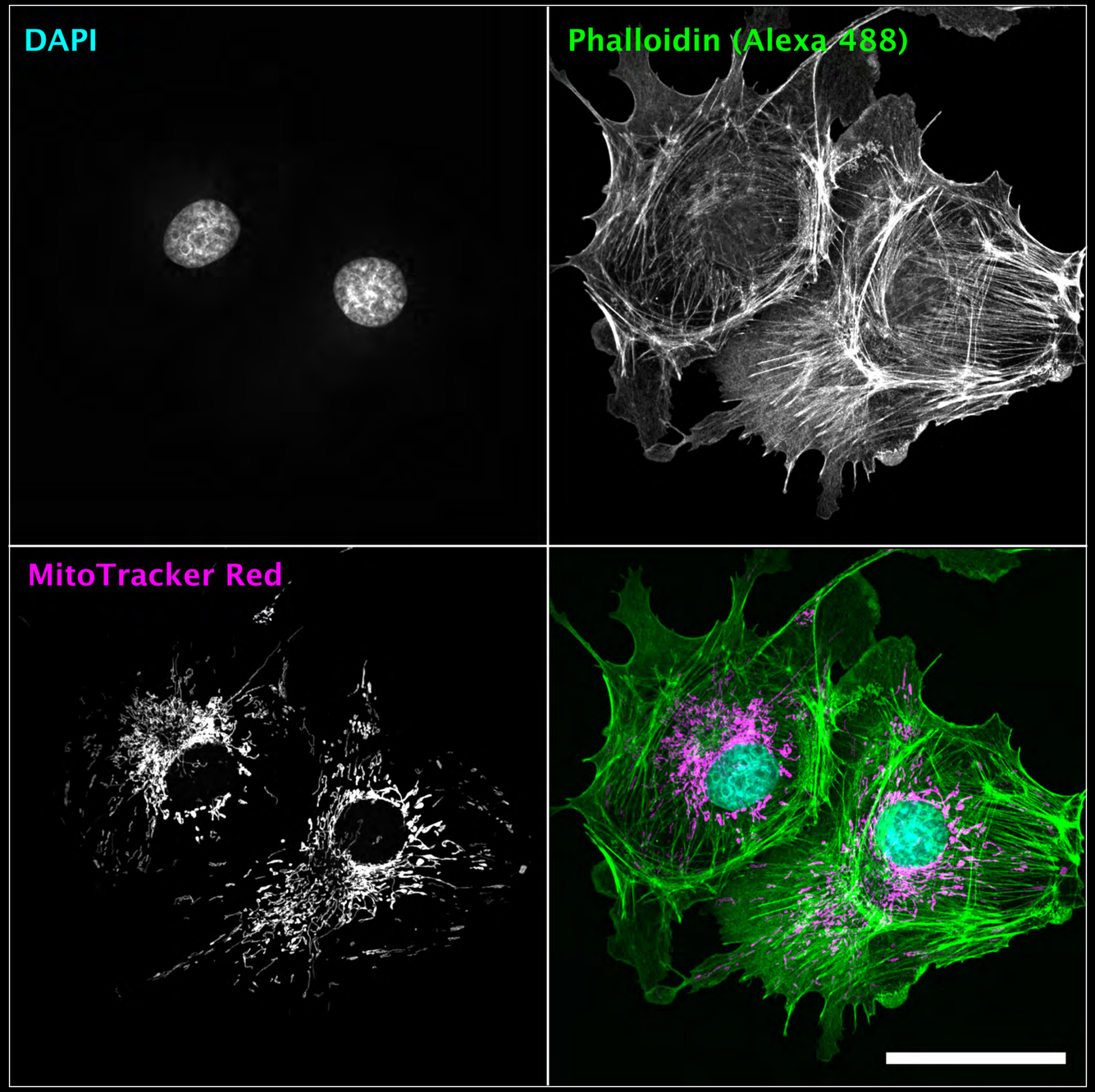
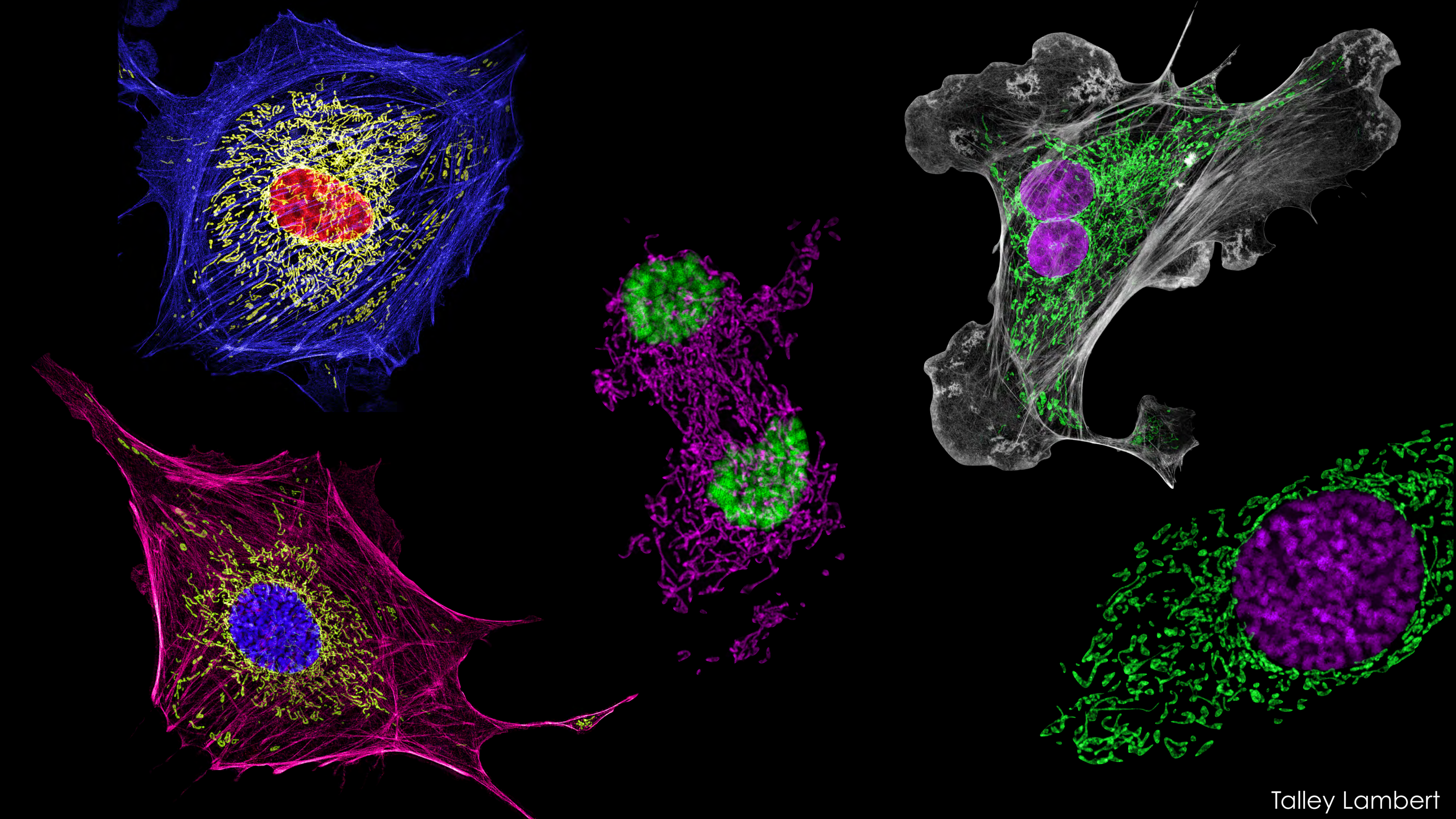


Image > Color > Dichromacy *or* ***Image > Color > Simulate Color Blindness***


DAPI
Phalloidin (Alexa 488)
MitoTracker Red

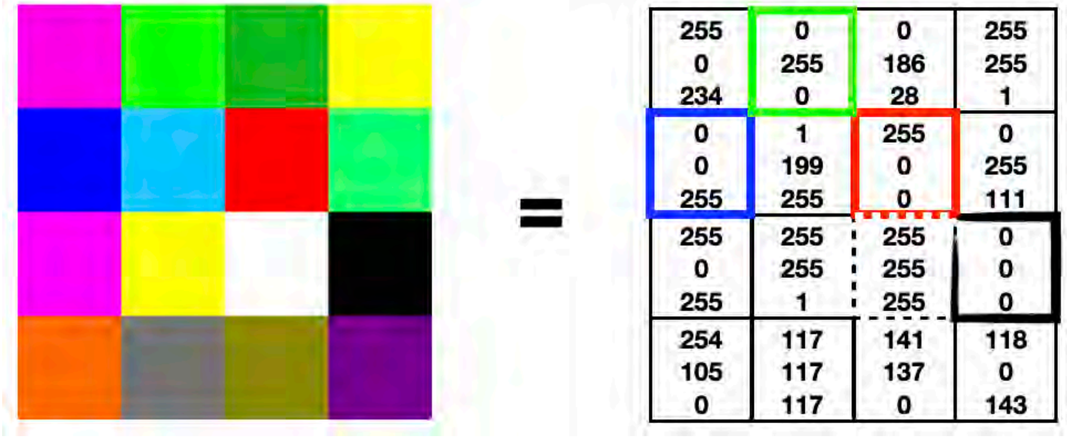


Talley Lambert

RGB Images (still matrix of numbers)

LUTs cannot be applied to RGB Images

RGB image



255 0 234	0 255 0	0 186 28	255 255 1
0 0 255	1 199 255	255 0 0	0 255 111
255 0 255	255 255 1	255 255 255	0 0 0
254 105 0	117 117 117	141 137 0	118 0 143

RGB Color image (e.g. jpeg, png) = Red + Green + Blue

RGB Color image = 8 bit Red, 8 bit Green, 8 bit Blue = R (0-255), G (0-255), B (0-255)

Image > Type > RGB Color or **Save As…png, jpeg**

Images and Colors in Fiji

The Color menu

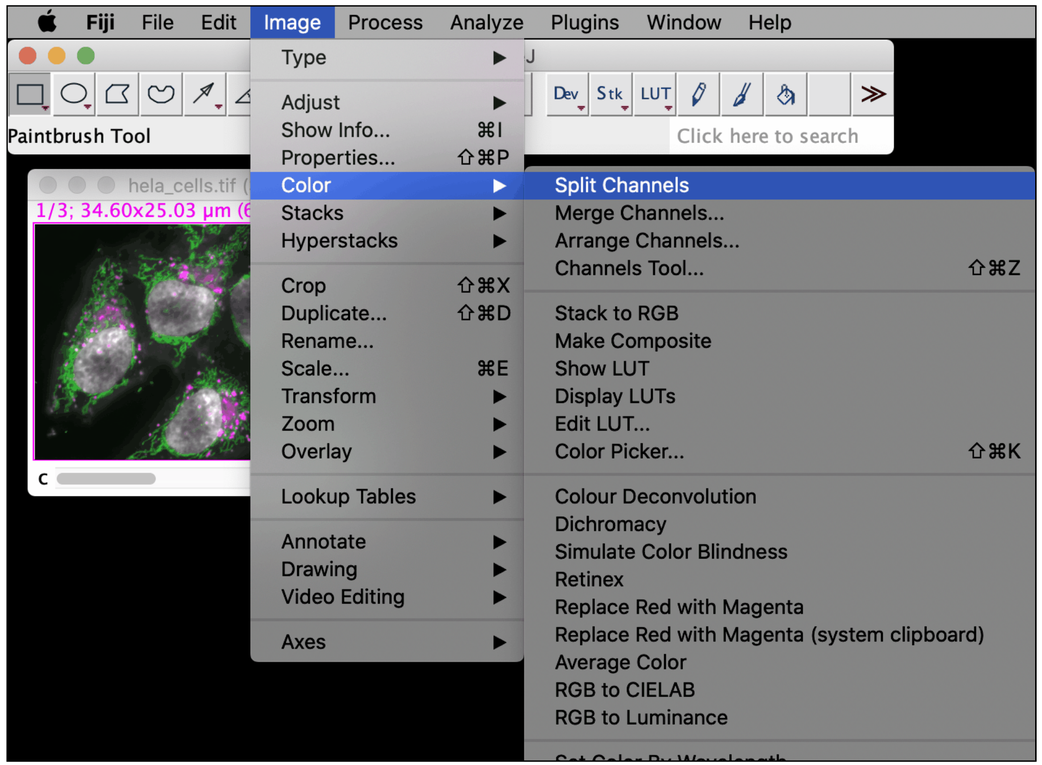


Image > Color > Split Channels

Image > Color > Merge Channels

***Split* or *Merge* the channels of the active image**

Images and Colors in Fiji

The Color menu

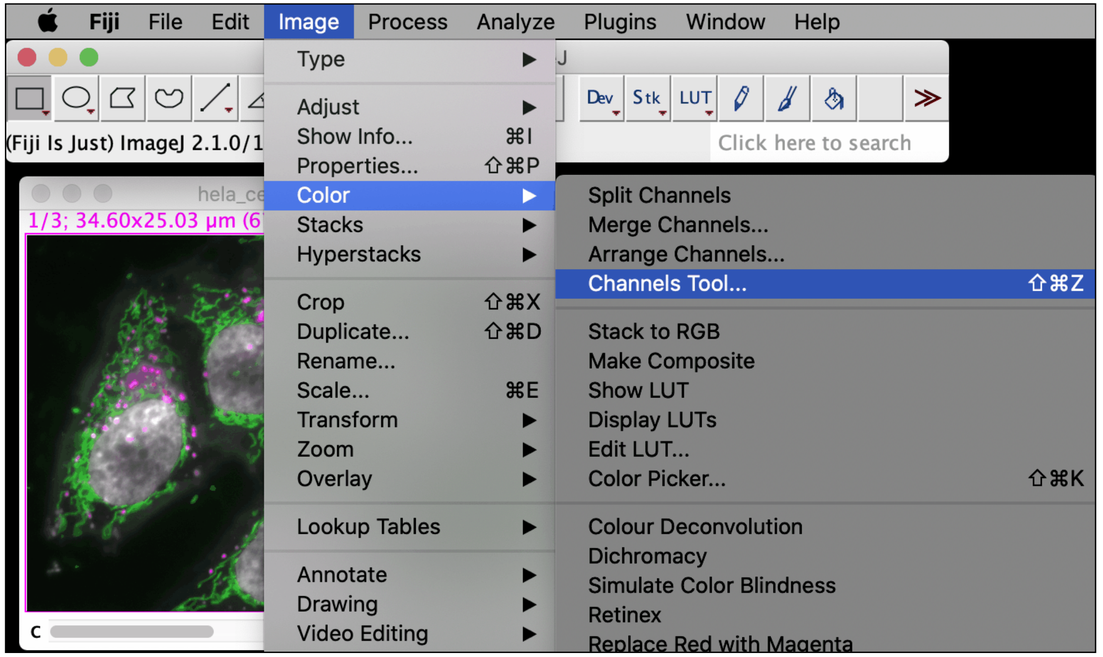


Image > Color > Channels tools

(cmd) + shift + z

Interactive visualization/handling of each image channel.

Choose how to display your multicolour image: “Color” mode (single channel) vs “Composite” mode (overlay)

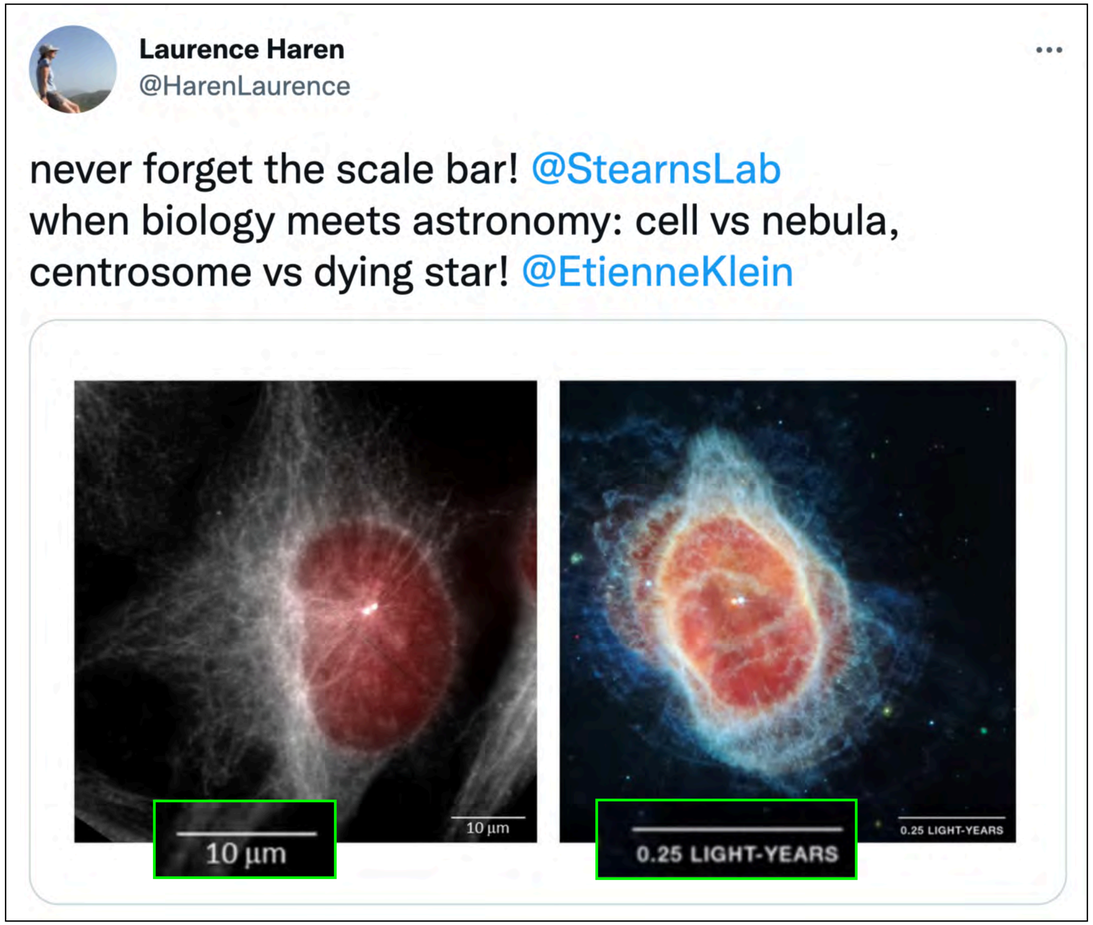
Segmentation with pixel based classifier—exercises

2.2 composite images - splitting and merging

Pixel Size

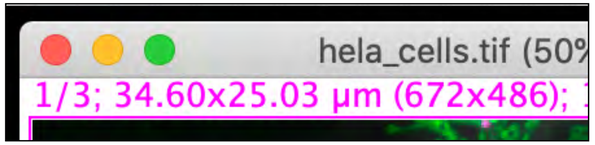
Scale Bar and Pixel Size

Image
Analysis
Collaboratory



Pixel Size and Scale Bar

If you want to make some physical measurements of your sample (length, size, …), you need to know the pixel size of your image.



w/ Metadata

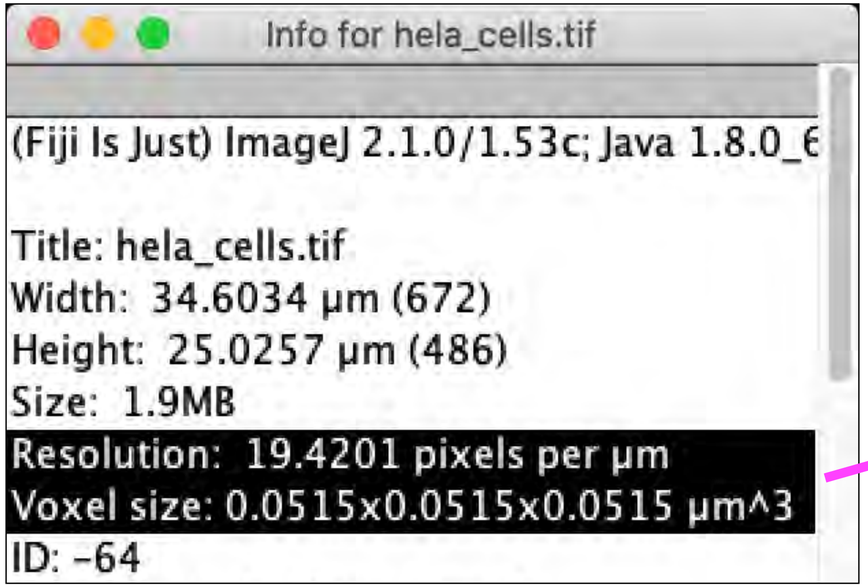


Image > Show Info…

(cmd) + i

Show the Metadata stored with the file.

Pixel width (Pixel x) = 0.0515 µm
Pixel height (Pixel y) = 0.0515 µm
Voxel depth (Pixel z) = 0.0515 µm

1 µm = 19.4201 pixel (xy)
(1 µm / 0.0515 µm)

Pixel Size and Scale Bar

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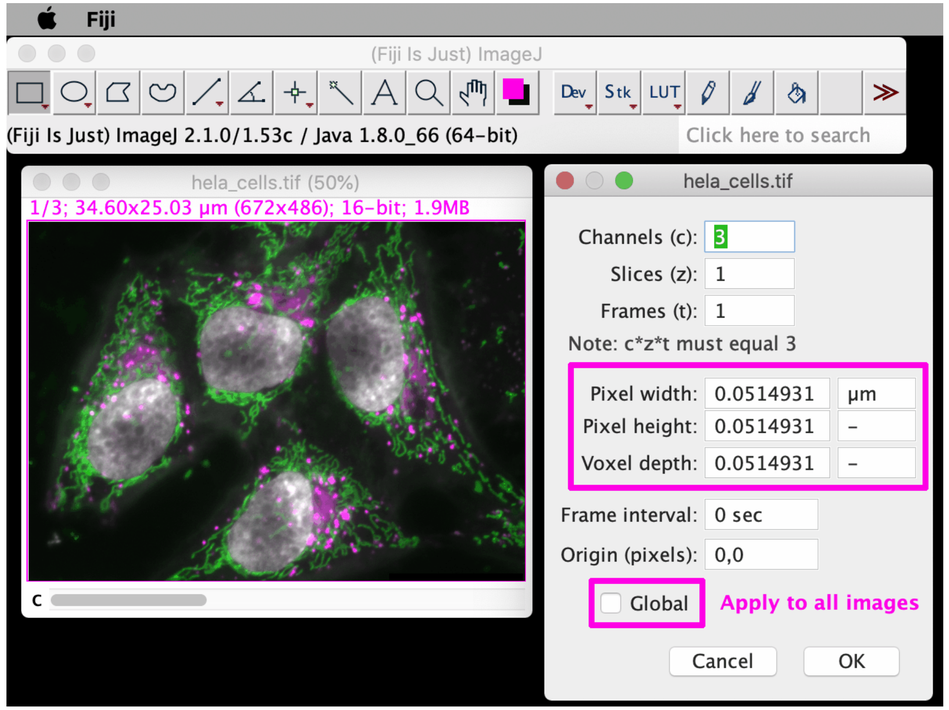


Image > Properties…

(cmd) + shift + p

Open the image properties windows containing pixel size properties (and multi-dimensional properties)

You can set/read the image pixel size in xyz.

Scale Bar and Pixel Size

What if the pixel size is not stored in the metadata?

If you know the magnification and the camera you used for the acquisition, you can estimate the image pixel size.

image pixel size = camera pixel size/magnification

Example

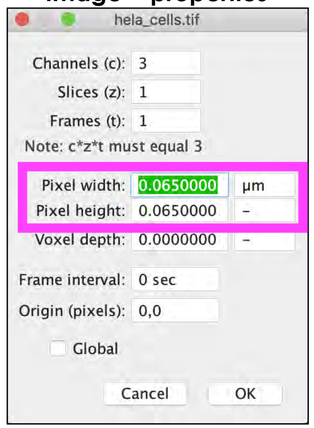
Magnification = 100x Objective

Camera = Hamamatsu Orca Flash 4

Product number	C13440-20CU
Imaging device	sCMOS
Cell (pixel) Size (μm²)	6.5×6.5
Pixel Array (horizontal by vertical)	2048×2048
Effective Area (horizontal by vertical in mm)	13.312×13.312

pixel width and height:
6.5 μm / 100X = 0.065 μm

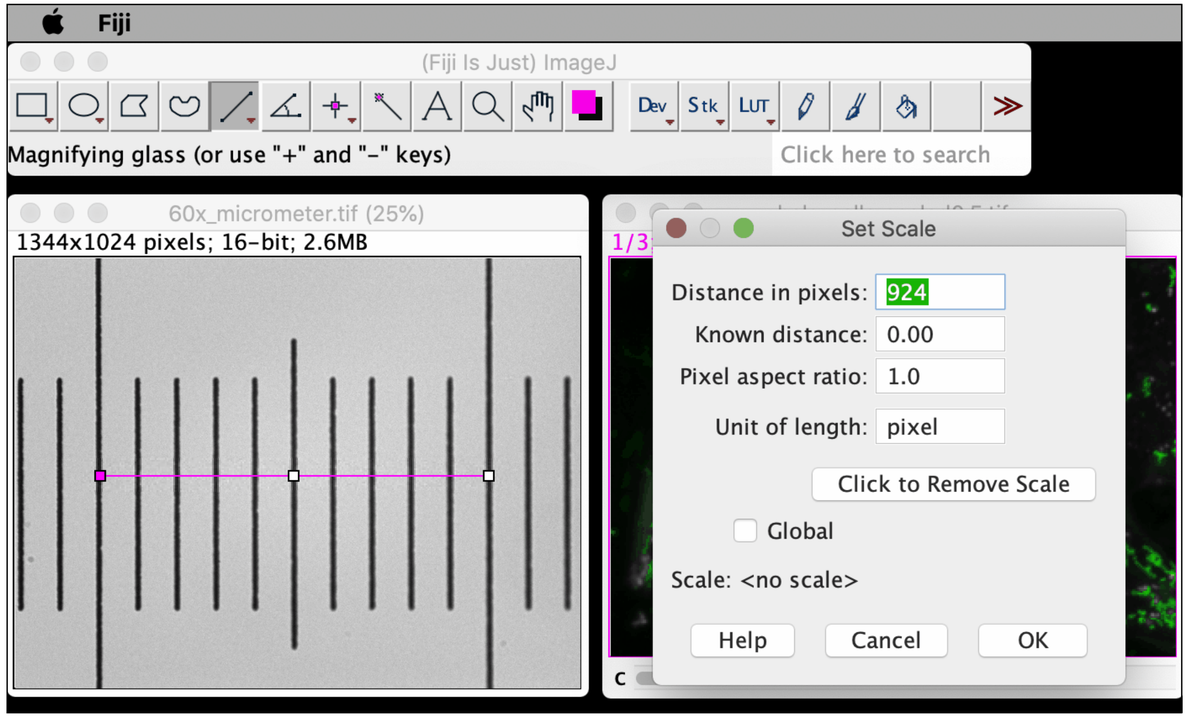
Image > properties



If a z-series was acquired, “Voxel depth” is the z step size choose for the acquisition (cannot estimate).

Scale Bar and Pixel Size

Add pixel information to your images from a reference (same magnification)



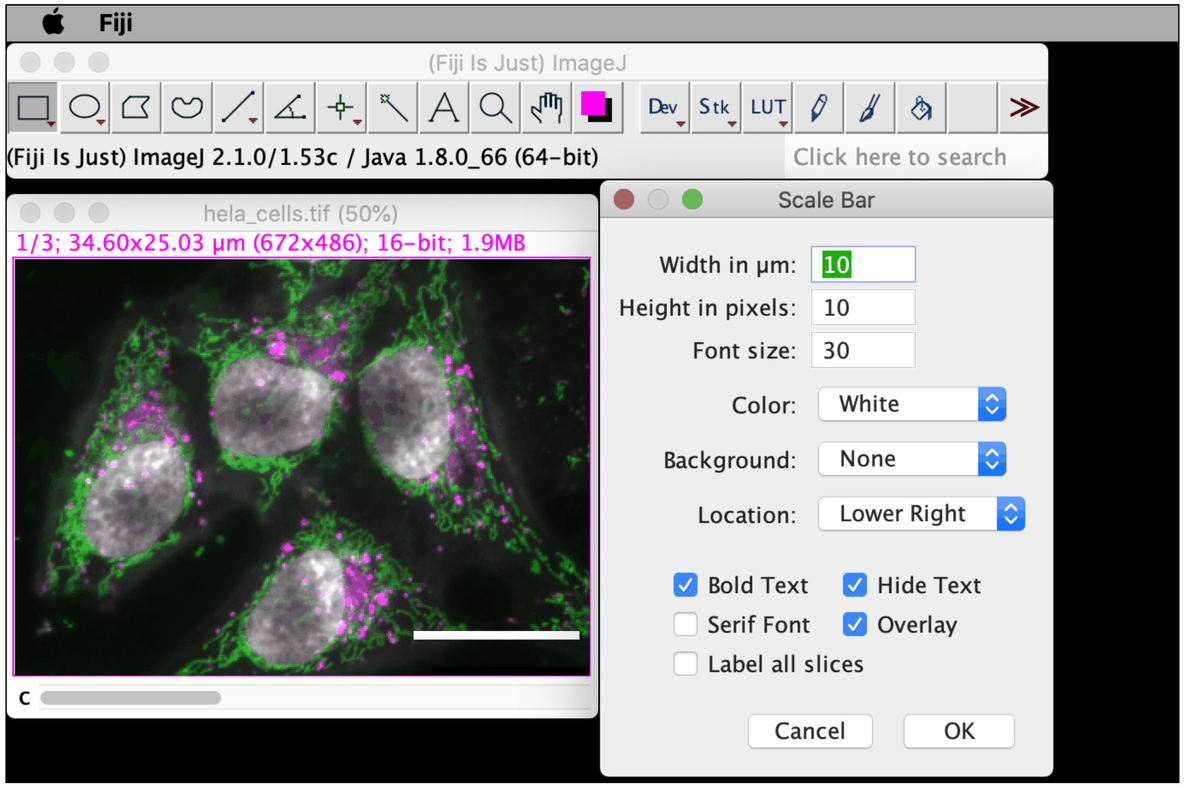
Analyze > Set Scale…

Set the pixel size information starting from an object with a known dimension.

****Perform multiple measures and average them to be more precise***

Scale Bar and Pixel Size

Add scale bar to your images



Analyze > Tools > Scale Bar…

- “Overlay" means that the scale bar is not embedded in your image. You can remove it: “*Image >Overlay > Remove Overlay*”.
- If you save the image as tiff, the scale bar will be saved as an overlay.
- If you save as jpeg/png, the image will have the scale bar embedded.

Segmentation with pixel based classifier—exercises

1.6 file handling and non-invasive editing

1.7 file handling and invasive editing