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//Image processing macro for ImageJ (NIH) to analyze images of paper-based channel invasion
//Definitions:
// 1) Distance markers: wax-printed distance markers on the top and bottom of the
        channel at 3.0, 4.0, 5.5, 8.0 and 9.0 mm (Figure 2A). These markers are fluorescent.
// 2) Orientation marker: wax-printed marker on the right end of the channel. This marker spans the
        width of the channel (Figure 2A) and is fluorescent.
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//This macro will:
// 1) Allow the user to select a root folder with images corresponding to multiple time points of the
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        same channel.
// 2) Open the first image in the root folder (time point = 0 h), and convert it into a 16-bit image if its bit
        depth is greater than 16-bit.
//3) Prompt the user to make an initial line selection. This line should underline the upper distance
        markers running along the length of the channel. The image is then rotated based on the slope
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        of this line.
// 3) Find the channel orientation marker, and use it to build a "bounding box" within the channel,
        spanning from the 3.0 mm distance markers to the 9.0 mm distance markers. The upper y-
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        coordinate border is defined by the user-drawn line (half the vertical distance between the line's
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        endpoints) and spans the width of channel, 1300 pixels down. The x-coordinate of
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        the left border is a constant 5190 pixels less than the orientation marker. The x-coordinate of
        the right border is a constant 1810 pixels less than the orientation marker.
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        (Note: This macro is made for 7392 x 1946 pixel images; constants will need to be adjusted if
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        the image resolution changes.)
// 4) Average all y-pixels, for each x-pixel, across the length of the bounding box, and construct an array
        with these values.
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// 5) Find the maximum value in the array and use 70% of this value to serve as a cutoff to determine
        the location of the bulk cell population. To do this, the array values at the leftmost and
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        rightmost x-pixel are compared to 70% max value, and if these values are smaller, the macro will
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        increment one pixel towards the center of the bounding box until the x-pixel exceeds 70% of the
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        max value.
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        (Note: We chose 70% of the max array value, because cells are seeded in a square-shaped
        distribution with spatial noise across the plateau. To ensure that that we capture the bulk of the
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        seeded cells but do not pick an artificially high cutoff due to noise, we allotted a
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        30% signal variation between max averaged value across the channel and the bulk of seeded
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        cells.)
// 6) Use the left and right 70% cutoff pixels to find the average intensity within the two newly defined
        cutoff boundaries.
// 7) Use the average intensity value found in the seeded region to perform another incremental
        comparison within the original bounding box, comparing the average seeded region intensity to
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        the averaged y-pixels per x-pixel. This will determine the cell front on either side of the seeded
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        region. The comparison will increment towards the center of the bounding box, until the
        average seeded signal is exceeded, establishing two new cutoff coordinates (L-cutoff, and R-
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        cutoff) which will serve as boundaries for building rectangular selections for center of mass
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        measurements.
// 8) Create one rectangular selection using the bounding box's left boundary and the L-cutoff x-
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        coordinates, and another selection using the R-cutoff and bounding box's right boundary x-
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        coordinates. The upper y-pixel boundary is determined by the original line selection, and
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      extends 1300 pixels down, corresponding to the width of the channel.
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       (Note: The pixel difference between boundary x-coordinates and the orientation marker is
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       recorded, and will be used to construct rectangular selections for center of mass measurements
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       in the subsequent images.)
// 9) Measure the center of mass in each rectangular selection, and save these values for an end-
       readout.
// 10) Close the original image, and open the subsequent image in the root folder.
// 11) Prompt the user to create a line selection, rotate the image, and find the orientation marker.
// 12) Create two rectangular selections of the same dimensions as the first image analyzed. The
      location of these selections is determined by the difference in pixels between the first image's
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       rectangular selection boundaries and orientation marker.
// 13) Close the image, and sequentially open the remaining images, repeating steps 10-12 for the
      remaining files.
////Select root file directory
// 1) User defines root folder.
// 2) Acquires list of files to be processed in root folder.
// 3) Opens first file.
//4) Converts file to 16-bit if file is greater than 16-bit.
// 5) Acquires image height and width in pixels.
output = getDirectory("Select root file with images to process...")
fileList = getFileList(output);
open(fileList[0]);
if(bitDepth>16)
       run("16-bit");
imageHeight = getHeight();
imageWidth = getWidth();
////Boundary arrays
//All arrays to be used for boundary creation and end-readout.
BoundaryValue = newArray(fileList.length);
LeftBoundary = newArray(fileList.length);
RightBoundary = newArray(fileList.length);
LeftBoundaryXM = newArray(fileList.length);
LeftBoundaryYM = newArray(fileList.length);
RightBoundaryXM = newArray(fileList.length);
RightBoundaryYM = newArray(fileList.length);
YValues = newArray(1300);
//1300 represents the distance, in pixels, across the width of the channel
XValueAvg = newArray(3380);
//3380 represents the distance, in pixels, across the length of the channel between left- and rightmost
      channel distance markers.
////Orientation Arrays
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// All arrays to be used for finding the orientation marker
OrientationXValue = newArray(fileList.length);
OrientationCheck = newArray(1300);
OrientationCheckXValue = newArray(1000);
OrientationPixel = newArray(fileList.length);
////Rotate image
// 1) Prompts user to draw a line selection under the top channel length markers.
// 2) Uses this line selection to rotate the image.
waitForUser("Draw line selection", "Draw line under top-most channel distance markers to correct for
image rotation:\nOnce done, click 'OK'");
getLine(Lx1, Ly1, Lx2, Ly2, Lw);
if (Ly2 > Ly1) \{ay = Ly2;\}
       else \{ay = Ly1;\};
dLx = Lx2 - Lx1;
dLy = Ly2 - Ly1;
hyp = dLx;
Angle = tan(dLy/dLx);
radAngle = -Angle*(180/3.145);
run("Rotate...", "angle=" + radAngle + " grid=1 interpolation=Bilinear");
////Find rightmost orientation marker
// 1) Calculates the average intensity of 1300 y-pixels per x-pixel of the 1000 rightmost x-pixels.
// 2) Finds the average intensity value of the 100 right most pixels, which serves as a background
       intensity.
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// 3) Compares the background intensity to the average intensities across the 1000 rightmost x-pixels.
       The orientation marker is found when the average intensity is greater than 1.5*background
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       intensity.
// 4) From this orientation marker, a bounding box is made with a left border at orientation marker -
       5190 pixels, and a right border of orientation marker - 1810.
// 5) The upper y-boundary is the equidistant y-pixel between the original line selection's end points.
for(i=0; i<1000; i++) {
       for(j=0; j < 1300; j++){
              if(j==0) {
                      OrientationSum = 0;
              };
              OrientationCheck[j] = getPixel(i+imageWidth-1000, j+Ly1+(dLy/2));
              OrientationSum = OrientationSum + OrientationCheck[j];
              OrientationAvg = OrientationSum/1300;
       OrientationCheckXValue[i] = OrientationAvg;
for(i=999; i>899; i--) {
       if(i==999) {
              OrientationCheckXSum = 0;
       };
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OrientationCheckXSum = OrientationCheckXSum + OrientationCheckXValue[i];
};
AvgReferenceValue = 1.5*OrientationCheckXSum/(100);
Check = 1000;
while(OrientationCheckXValue[Check-1] < AvgReferenceValue) {
       Check--;
};
LeftLimitPixel = imageWidth - (5190+(1000-Check));
RightLimitPixel = imageWidth - (1810+(1000-Check));
makeRectangle(LeftLimitPixel, Ly1+(dLy/2), RightLimitPixel-LeftLimitPixel, 1300);
OrientationXValue[0] = Check;
////Set boundary limitations across channel
// 1) Using the x-pixel boundaries outlined in the previous section, the average intensity across 1300 y-
        pixels are measured per x-pixel, and sorted in an array.
// 2) Starting at the left border, the averaged y-pixels per x-pixel are compared to 70% of the maximum
       value in the newly created array. The x-pixel is incremented one unit until it exceeds 70% of the
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        maximum value.
// 3) This process is repeated for the right boundary.
// 4) The right and left boundaries are saved in an array for the final readout, and the average of the
        averaged y-pixels is found within the 70% cutoff region.
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// 5) This average value is then checked against the averaged y-pixels in one pixel increments from left
       to right and from right to left, establishing the L-cutoff and R-cutoff respectively. These edges
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        are used to define new rectangle selections which enclose the cell front on either side of the
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       seeded cell population.
for(i=0; i<RightLimitPixel-LeftLimitPixel; i++) {</pre>
       for(j=0; j < 1300; j++) {
               if(j==0) {
                       Sum = 0;
               YValues[j] = getPixel(i+LeftLimitPixel,j+Ly1+dLy/2);
               Sum = Sum + YValues[i];
       XValueAvg[i] = Sum/(1300);
};
Array.getStatistics(XValueAvg, min, max, mean, stdDev);
while(XValueAvg[k] < max*0.7) {
        k++;
};
I = RightLimitPixel-LeftLimitPixel;
while(XValueAvg[l-1] < max*0.7) {
       I--;
};
AvgCutOff = 0;
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for( i=k; i<l; i++) {
       AvgCutOff = (AvgCutOff + XValueAvg[i]);
};
AvgCutOff = AvgCutOff/(I-k);
m = 0;
while(XValueAvg[m] < AvgCutOff) {</pre>
       m++;
};
n = RightLimitPixel-LeftLimitPixel;
while(XValueAvg[n-1] < AvgCutOff) {
};
LeftBoundaryPixel = m + LeftLimitPixel;
RightBoundaryPixel = n + LeftLimitPixel;
LeftBoundaryWidth = LeftBoundaryPixel-LeftLimitPixel;
RightBoundaryWidth = RightLimitPixel - RightBoundaryPixel;
OrientationPixel[0] = imageWidth - (1000-Check);
LeftBoundary[0] = LeftBoundaryPixel;
RightBoundary[0] = RightBoundaryPixel;
////Measure center of mass
// 1) To remove the impact of background signal on the center of mass measurement, a rolling ball
       background subtraction is done.
// 2) A selection rectangle is made using the left most bounding box x-pixel, stopping at the L-cutoff. The
       center of mass is then measured.
// 3) Another selection rectangle is made using the right most border x-pixel, stopping at the R-cutoff.
       The center of mass is then measured.
// 4) The center of mass values are saved in an array for post-analysis readout.
run("Subtract Background...", "rolling=100");
makeRectangle(LeftLimitPixel, Ly1+(dLy/2), m, 1300);
run("Measure");
LeftBoundaryXM[0] = getResult("XM", 0); LeftBoundaryYM[0] = getResult("YM", 0);
makeRectangle(RightBoundaryPixel, Ly1+(dLy/2),RightBoundaryWidth, 1300);
run("Measure");
RightBoundaryXM[0] = getResult("XM", 1); RightBoundaryYM[0] = getResult("YM", 1);
close();
//Process remaining images
// 1) Opens second file in the root folder to be processed.
// 2) User will be prompted to draw a line selection to orientate the image for further analysis.
// 3) After analysis, the image will be closed, and the proceeding image will be opened.
for(file=1; file < fileList.length; file++) {
       open(fileList[file]);
       if(bitDepth==24)
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run("16-bit");
////Rotate image
//Same function as in previous section
waitForUser("Draw line selection", "Draw line under top-most channel distance markers to correct for
image rotation:\nOnce done, click 'OK'");
       getLine(Lx1, Ly1, Lx2, Ly2, Lw);
       if (Ly2 > Ly1) \{ay = Ly2;\}
              else \{ay = Ly1;\};
       h = 1100;
       dLx = Lx2 - Lx1;
       dLy = Ly2 - Ly1;
       hyp = dLx;
       Angle = tan(dLy/dLx);
       radAngle = -Angle*(180/3.145);
       run("Rotate...", "angle=" + radAngle + " grid=1 interpolation=Bilinear");
////Orientate image
//Same function as previous orientation section, but uses distances from the orientation marker
       from the first image to reproduce those center of mass bounding boxes.
       Check = 1000:
       for(i=0; i<1000; i++) {
                     for(j=0; j < 1300; j++){
                     if(j==0) {
                            OrientationSum = 0;
                     };
                     OrientationCheck[j] = getPixel(i+imageWidth-1000,j+Ly1+(dLy/2));
                     OrientationSum = OrientationSum + OrientationCheck[j];
                     OrientationAvg = OrientationSum/1300;
              OrientationCheckXValue[i] = OrientationAvg;
       };
       for(i=999; i>899; i--) {
              if(i==999) {
                            OrientationCheckXSum = 0;
                     };
              OrientationCheckXSum = OrientationCheckXSum + OrientationCheckXValue[i];
       };
       AvgReferenceValue = 1.5*OrientationCheckXSum/(100);
       while(OrientationCheckXValue[Check-1] < AvgReferenceValue) {
              Check--;
       };
OrientationPixel[file] = imageWidth - (1000-Check);
LeftLimitPixel = imageWidth - (5190+(1000-Check));
RightLimitPixel = imageWidth - (1860+(1000-Check));
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LeftBoundary[file] = LeftLimitPixel + LeftBoundaryWidth;
RightBoundary[file] = RightLimitPixel - RightBoundaryWidth;
////Measure center of mass
//Same function as previous section
       run("Subtract Background...", "rolling=100");
       makeRectangle(LeftLimitPixel, Ly1+(dLy/2), LeftBoundaryWidth, 1300);
       run("Measure");
       LeftBoundaryXM[file] = getResult("XM", file*2); LeftBoundaryYM[file] = getResult("YM", file*2);
       makeRectangle(RightLimitPixel-RightBoundaryWidth, Ly1+(dLy/2), RightBoundaryWidth, 1300);
       run("Measure");
       RightBoundaryXM[file] = getResult("XM", file*2+1); RightBoundaryYM[file] = getResult("YM",
file*2+1);
close();
};
////Results readout
//Produces a readout of the x-pixels for the orientation marker, left and right cutoff pixels (averaged
       seeding cutoff), and center of mass pixels.
run("Clear Results");
for (i=0; i<fileList.length; i++) {
       setResult("Orientation Pixel", i, OrientationPixel[i]);
       setResult("Left Boundary pixel", i, LeftBoundary[i]);
       setResult("Right Boundary pixel", i, RightBoundary[i]);
       setResult("Left XM", i, LeftBoundaryXM[i]);
       setResult("Left YM",i, LeftBoundaryYM[i]);
       setResult("Right XM", i, RightBoundaryXM[i]);
       setResult("Right YM",i, RightBoundaryYM[i]);
};
updateResults;
////Data analysis
//The final readout provides the x-coordinates for the orientation marker, left and right boundary, and
       left and right center of mass values (Left XM and Right XM, respectively).
//To analyze this data, the x-coordinates must first be corrected for horizontal shifts between images.
       This is done by taking the difference between the orientation marker coordinate at time = 0 h
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       and the other time points.
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       Ex: Shift<sub>24h</sub> = Orientation<sub>0h</sub> – Orientation<sub>24h</sub>
//This shift is then added to the XM values. These corrected XM values are then compared to one
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       another to derive change in center of mass as a function of time.
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