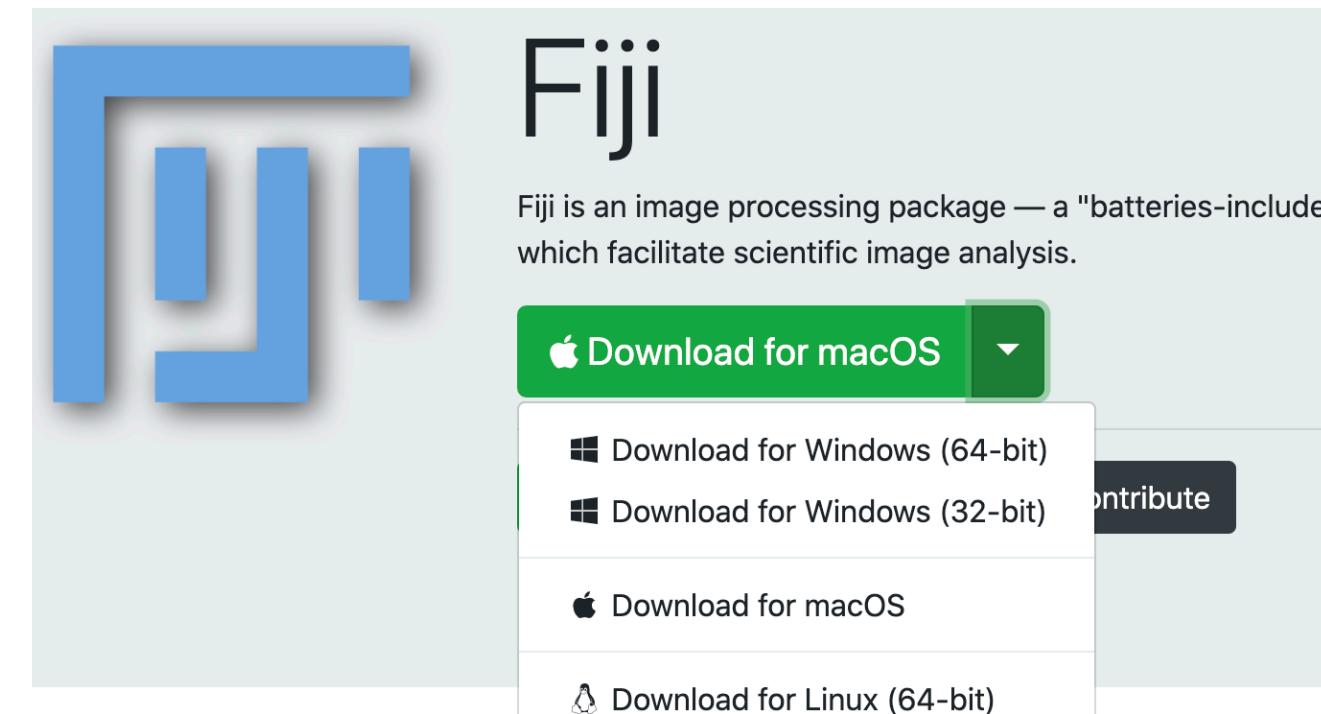


# Install and Update Fiji

# Download Fiji

<https://fiji.sc/>



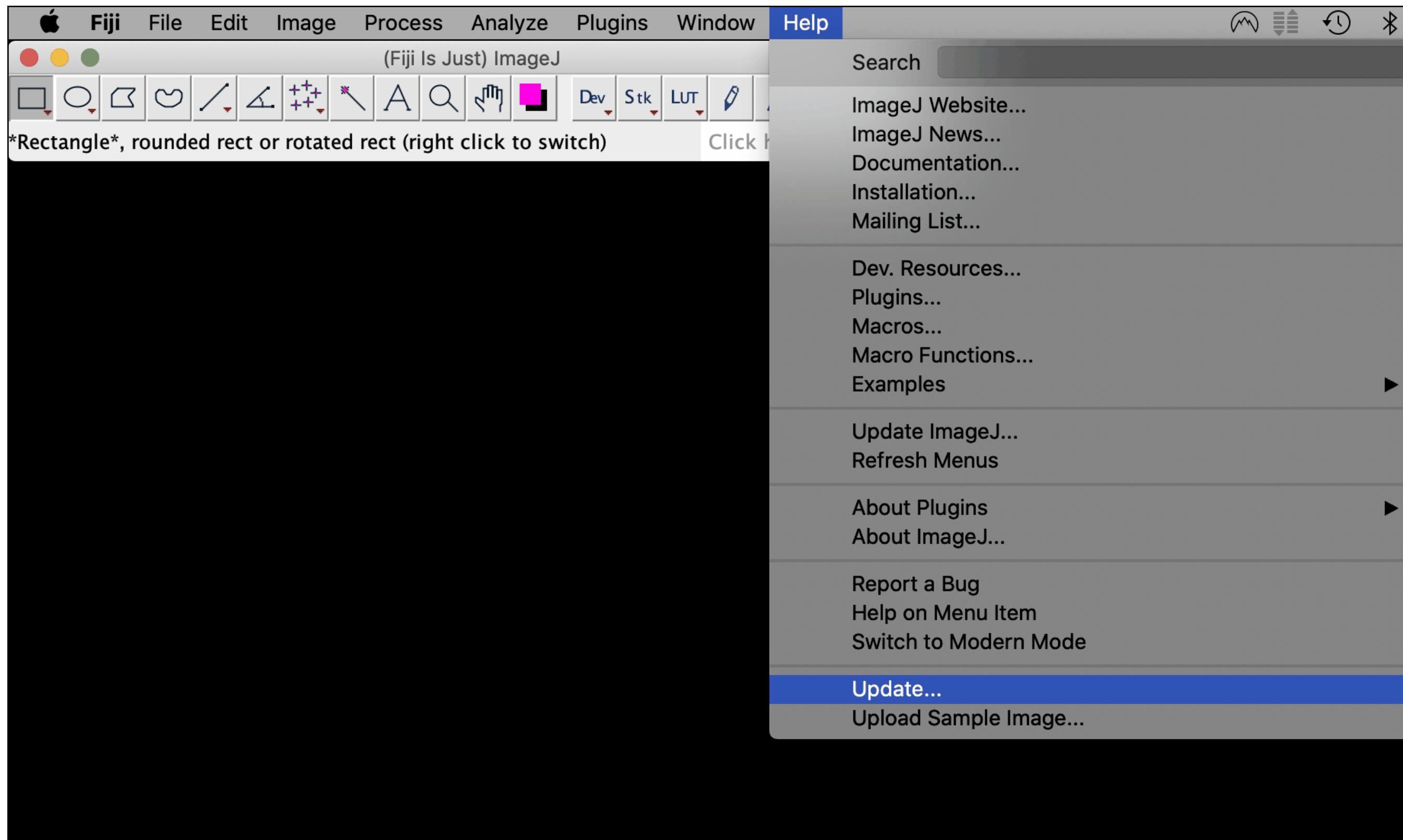
<https://imagej.net/Fiji>



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.

# Update Fiji

(and install/uninstall plugins)

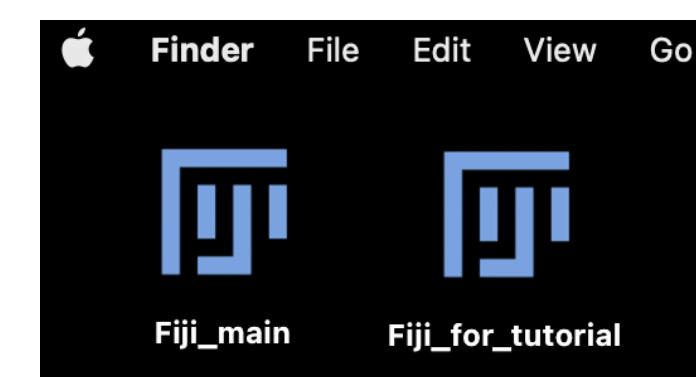


**Help > Update...**

To update Fiji and/or the plugins.

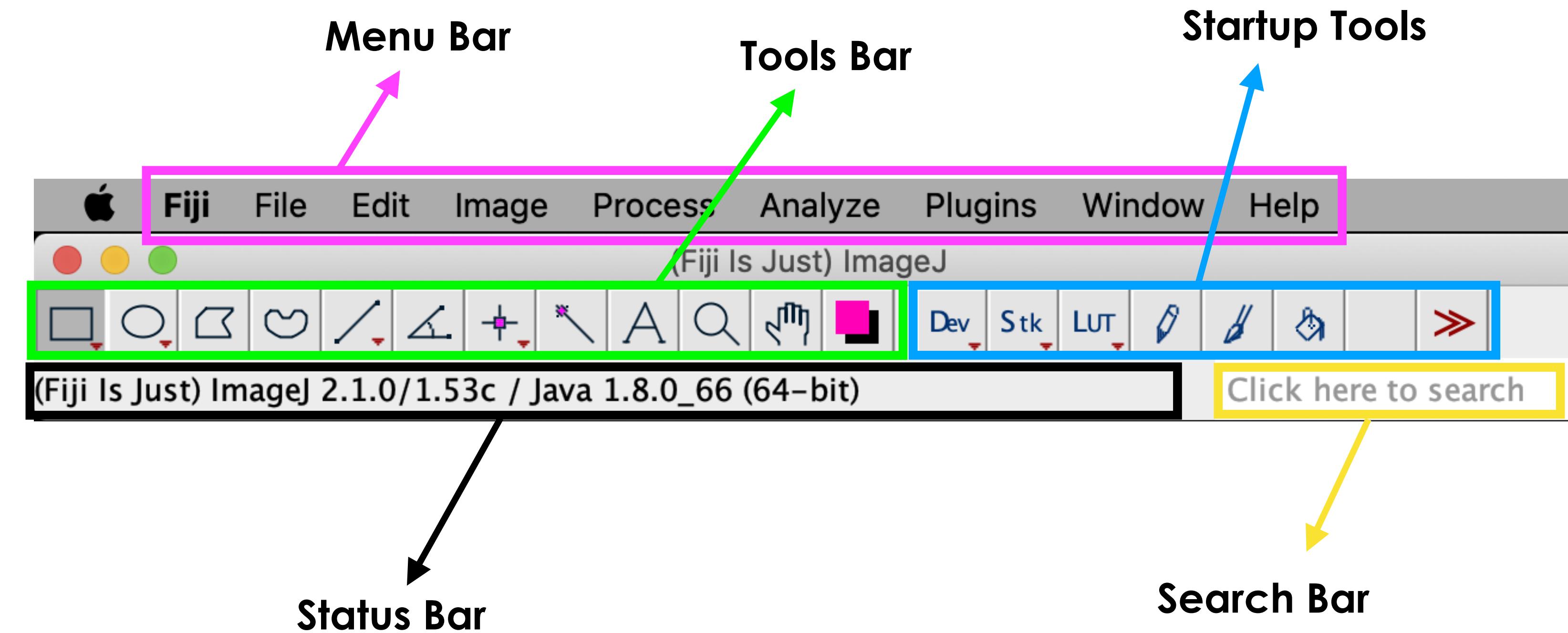
**Apply Changes:** Install/Update the listed plugins

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

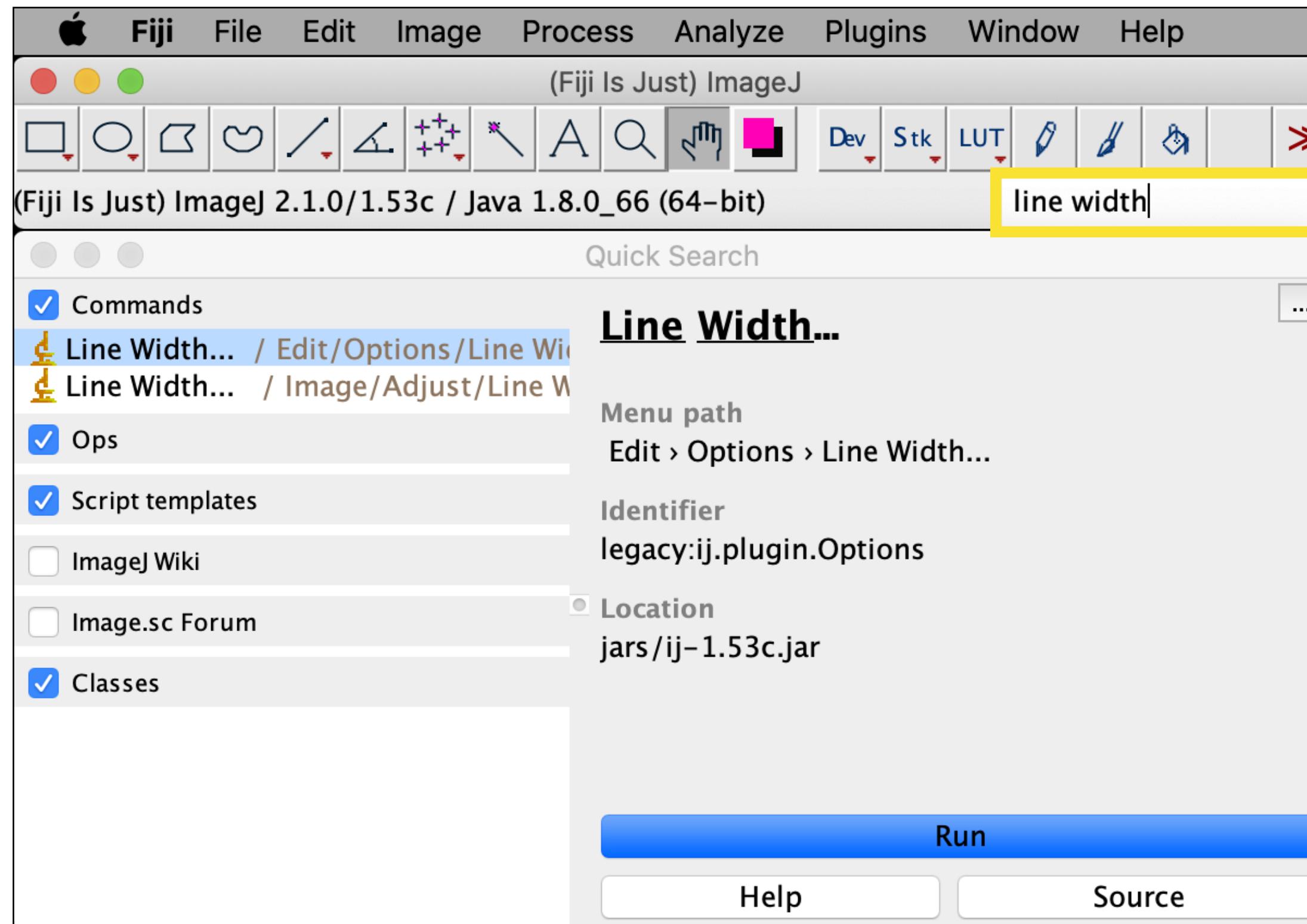


You can have more than one Fiji app!

# Graphic User Interface (GUI)



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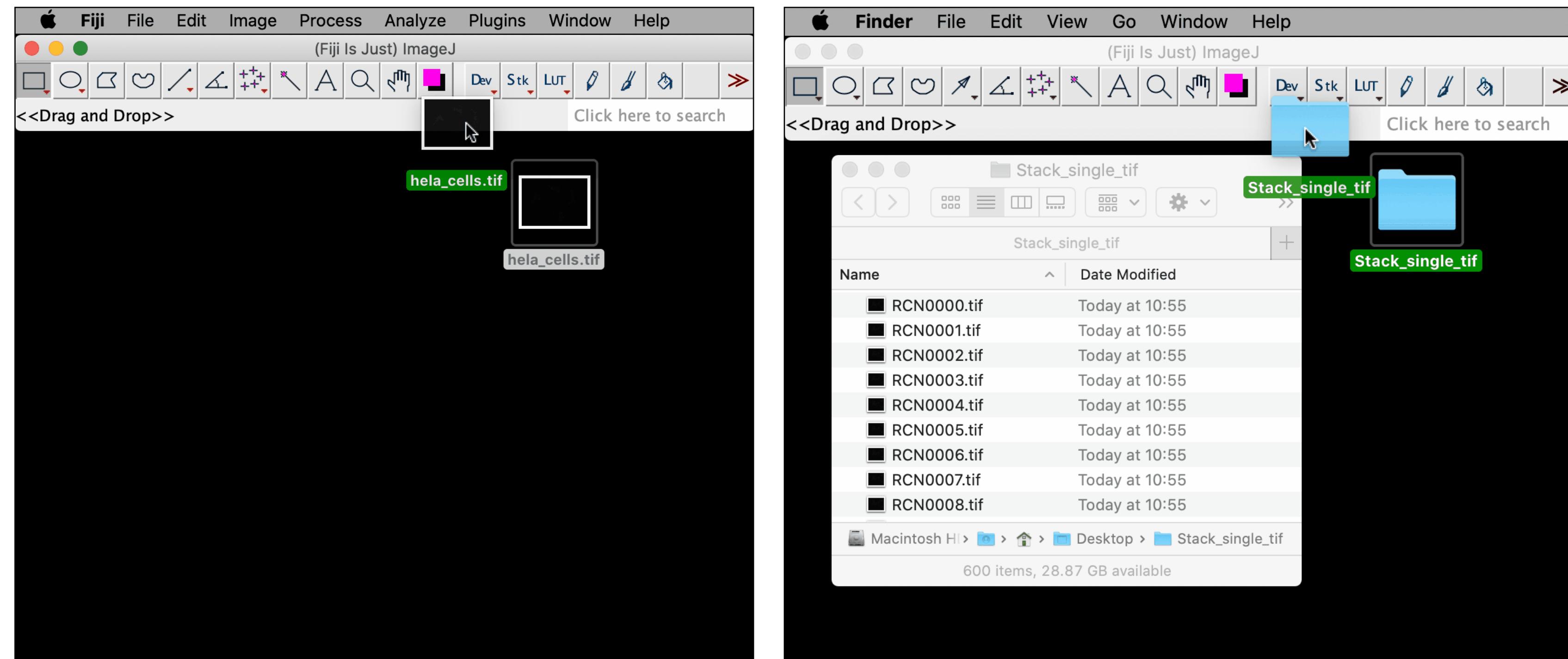
**Search Bar**  
(L key shortcut)

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

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

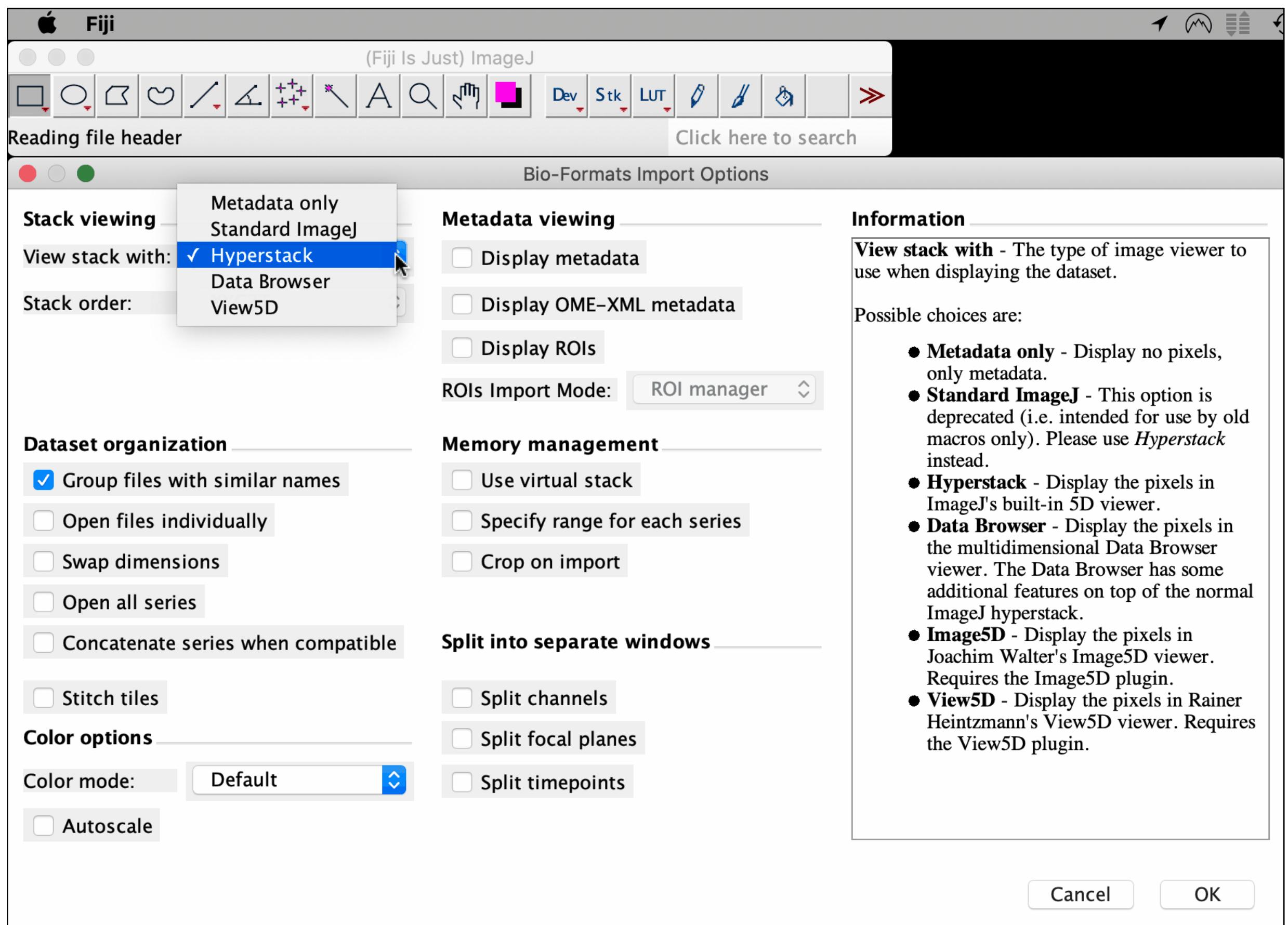
# Open a file in Fiji

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



# Bio-Format Plugin

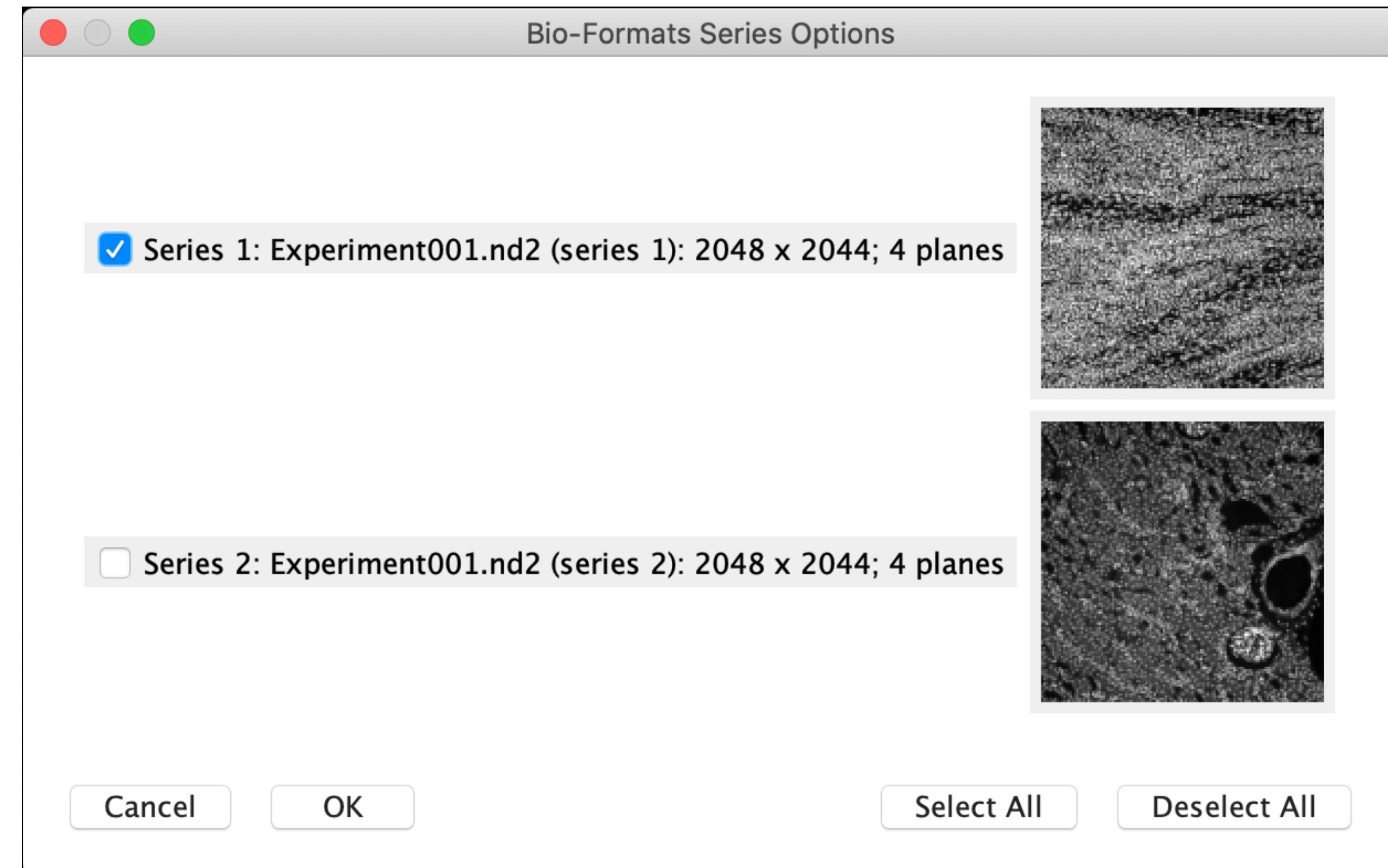
## import a file - options



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

# Bio-Format Plugin

## import a file - options

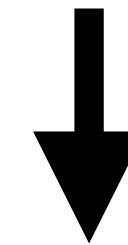


# Bio-Format Plugin

## import a file

Drag and Drop

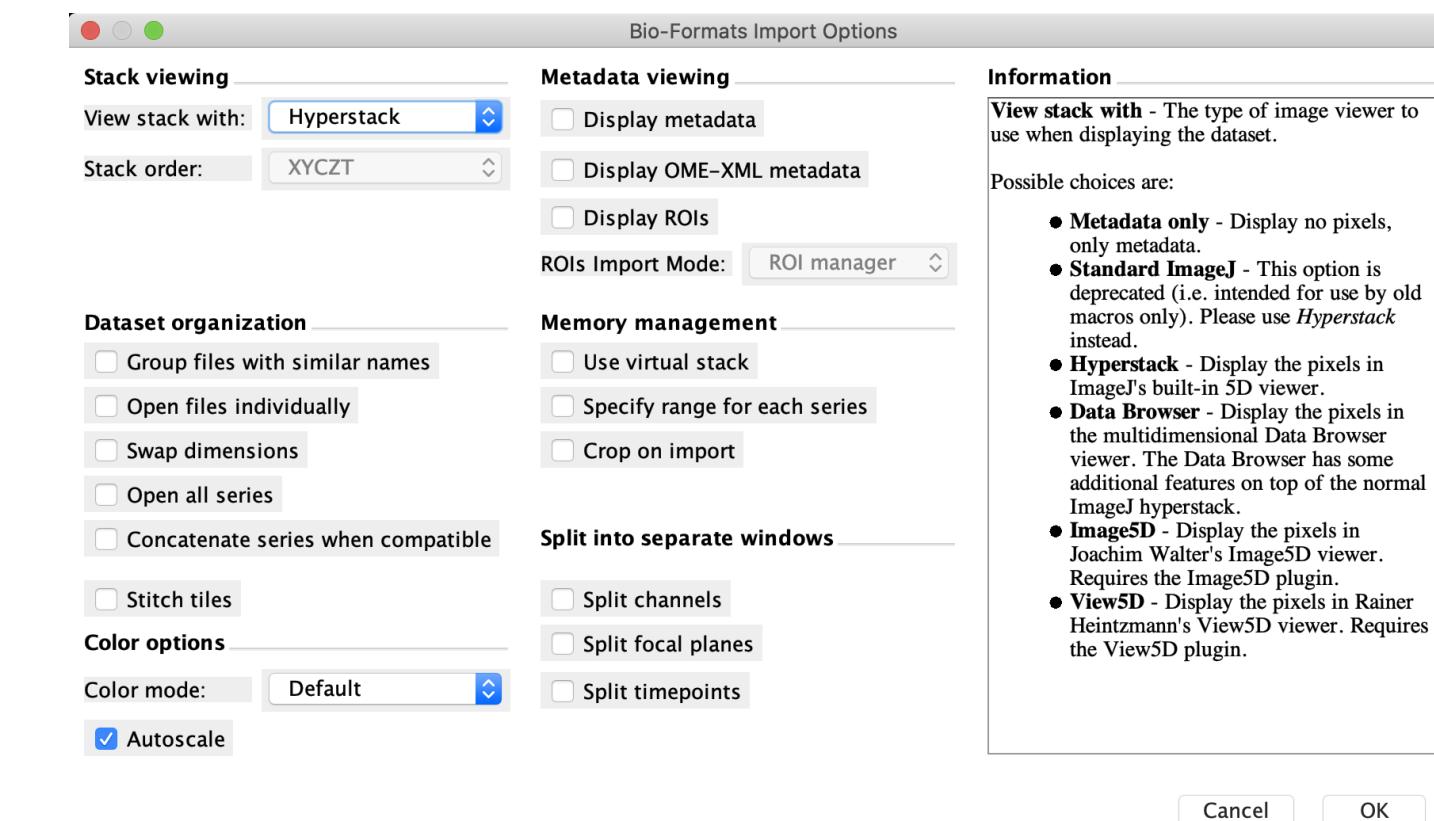
If you have a **tiff** file, “**Drag and Drop**”  
does **not open Bio-Format Importer**.



File > Import > Bio-Formats

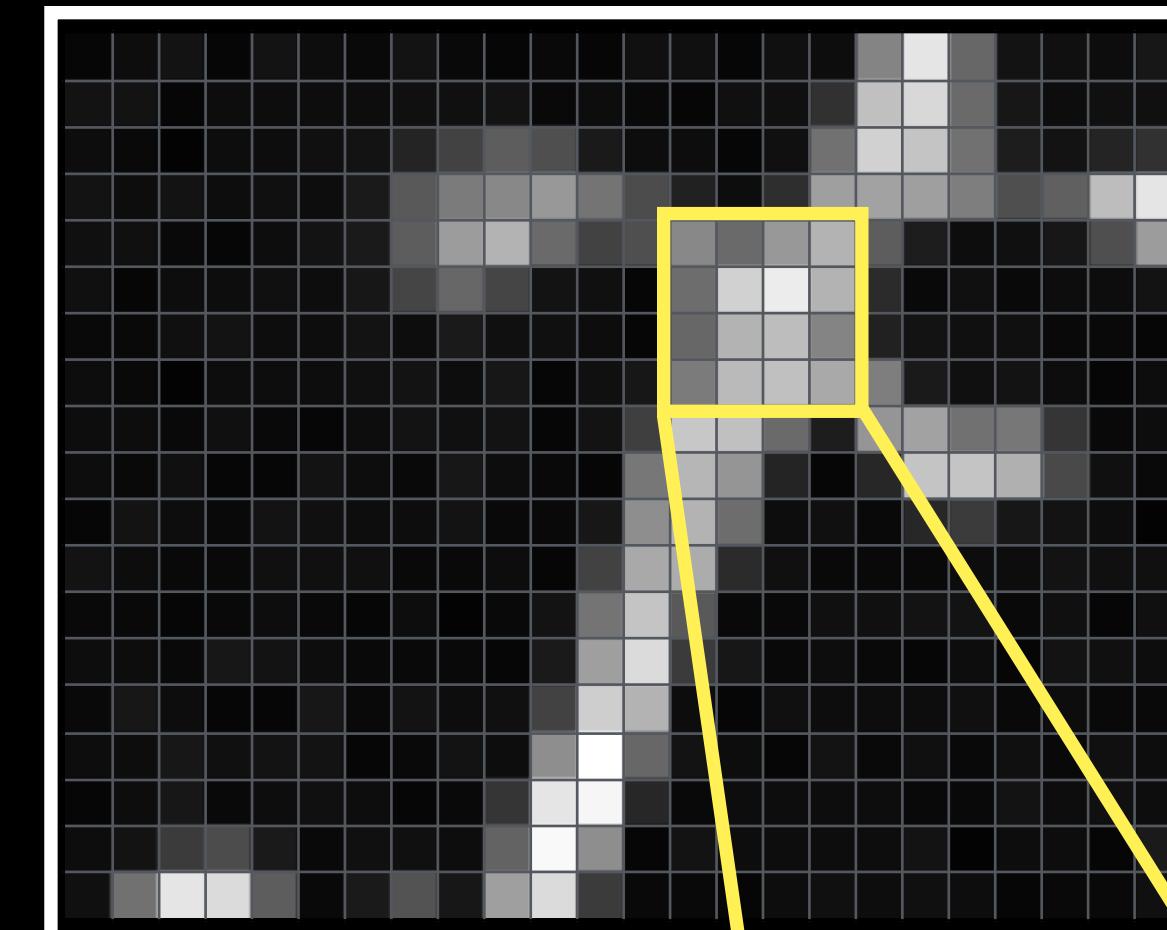
or

Plugins > Bio-Formats > Bio-  
Formats Importer



# what is an image?

# A digital image is a matrix of numbers!



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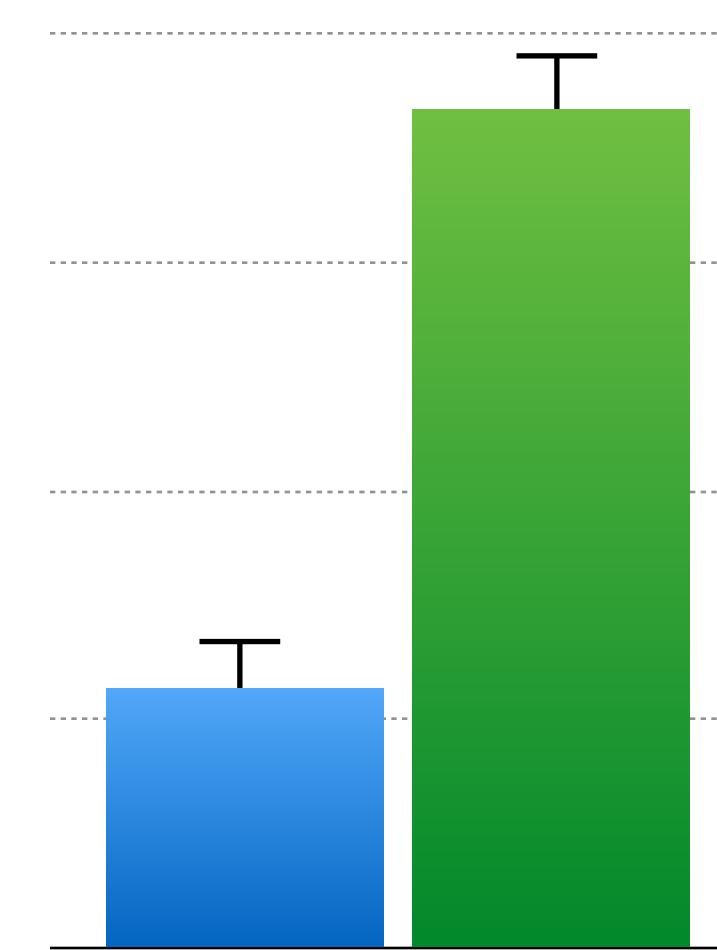
## Pixel = Picture Element

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

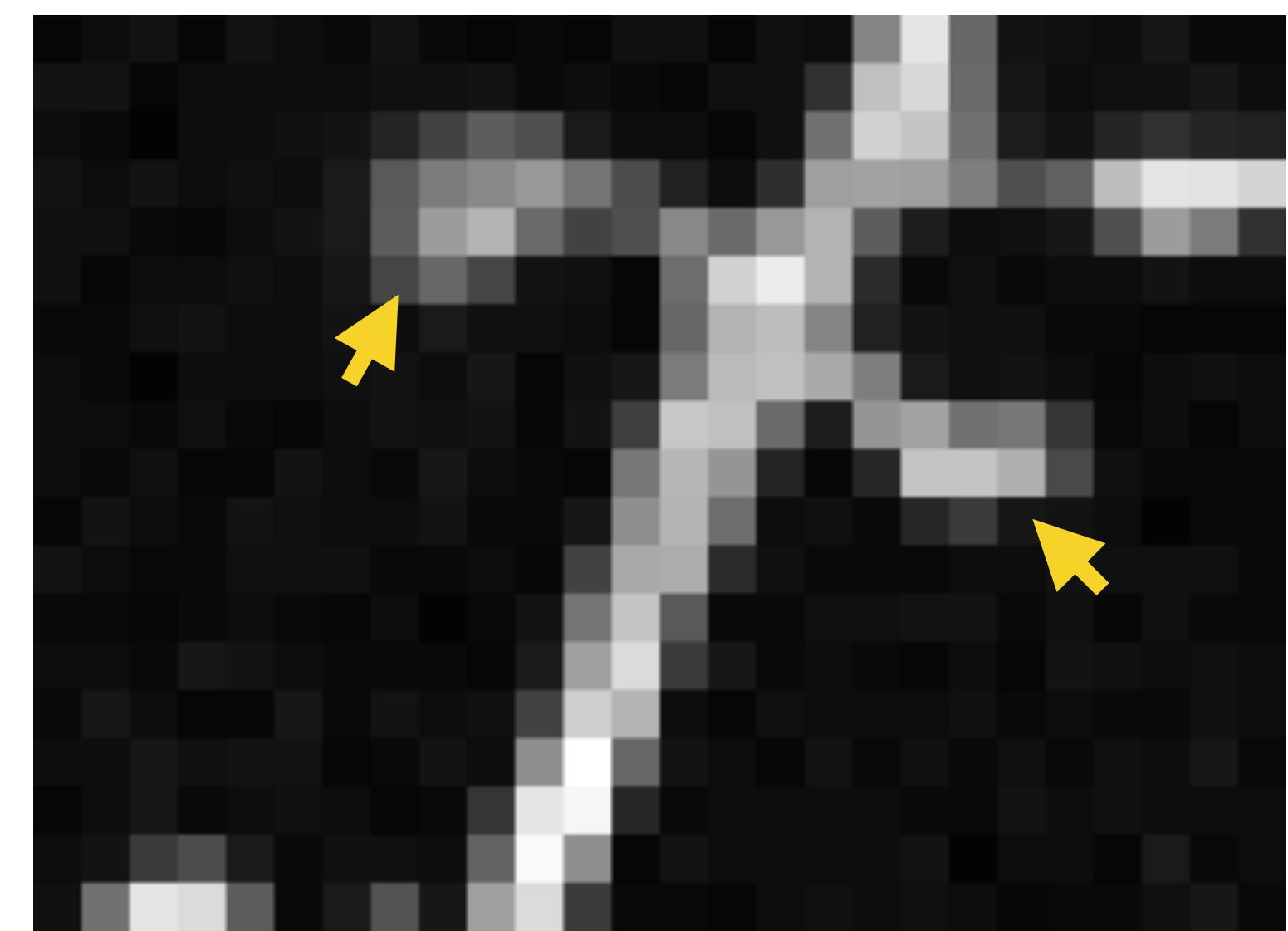
this is your **data**

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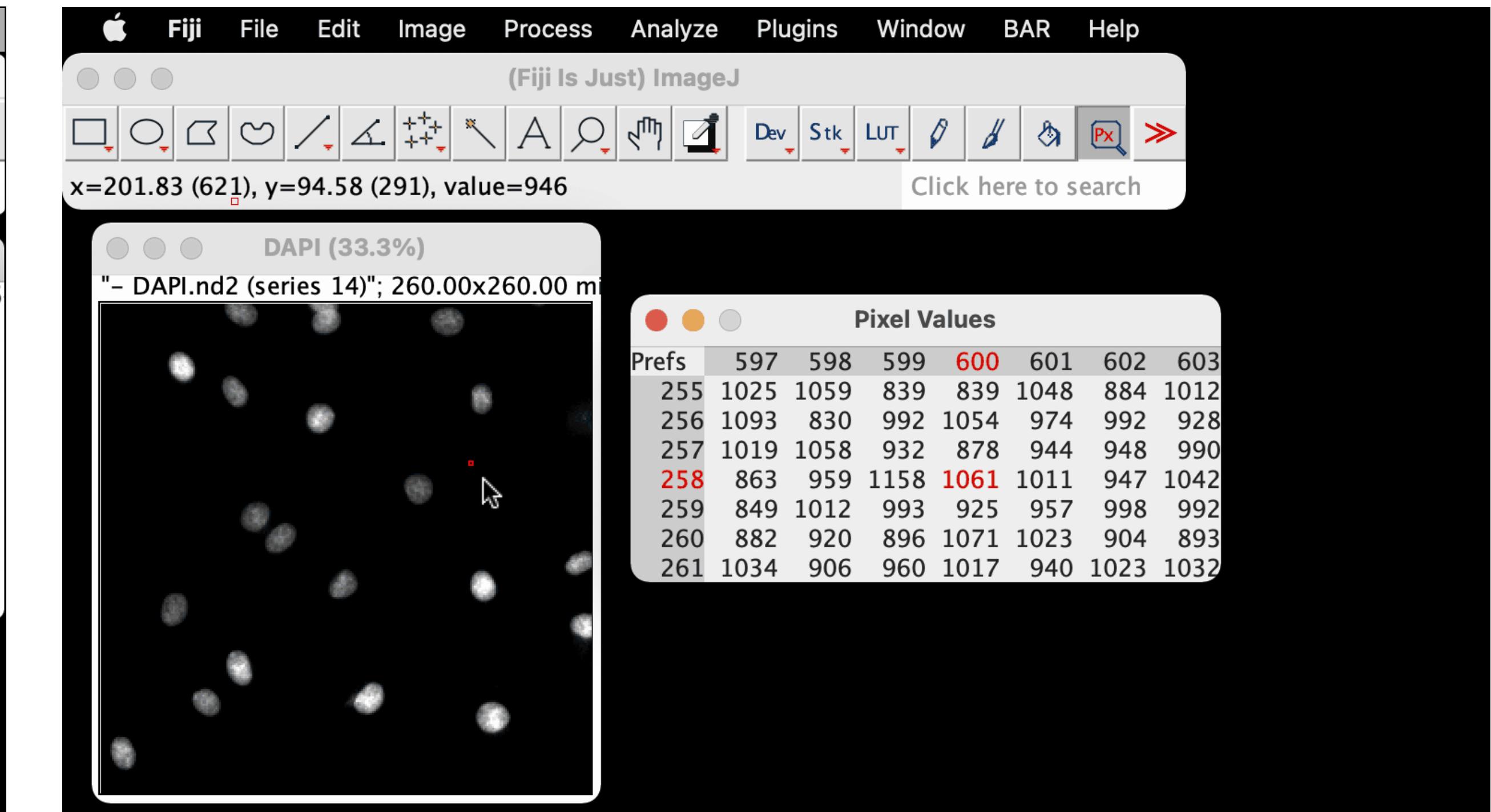
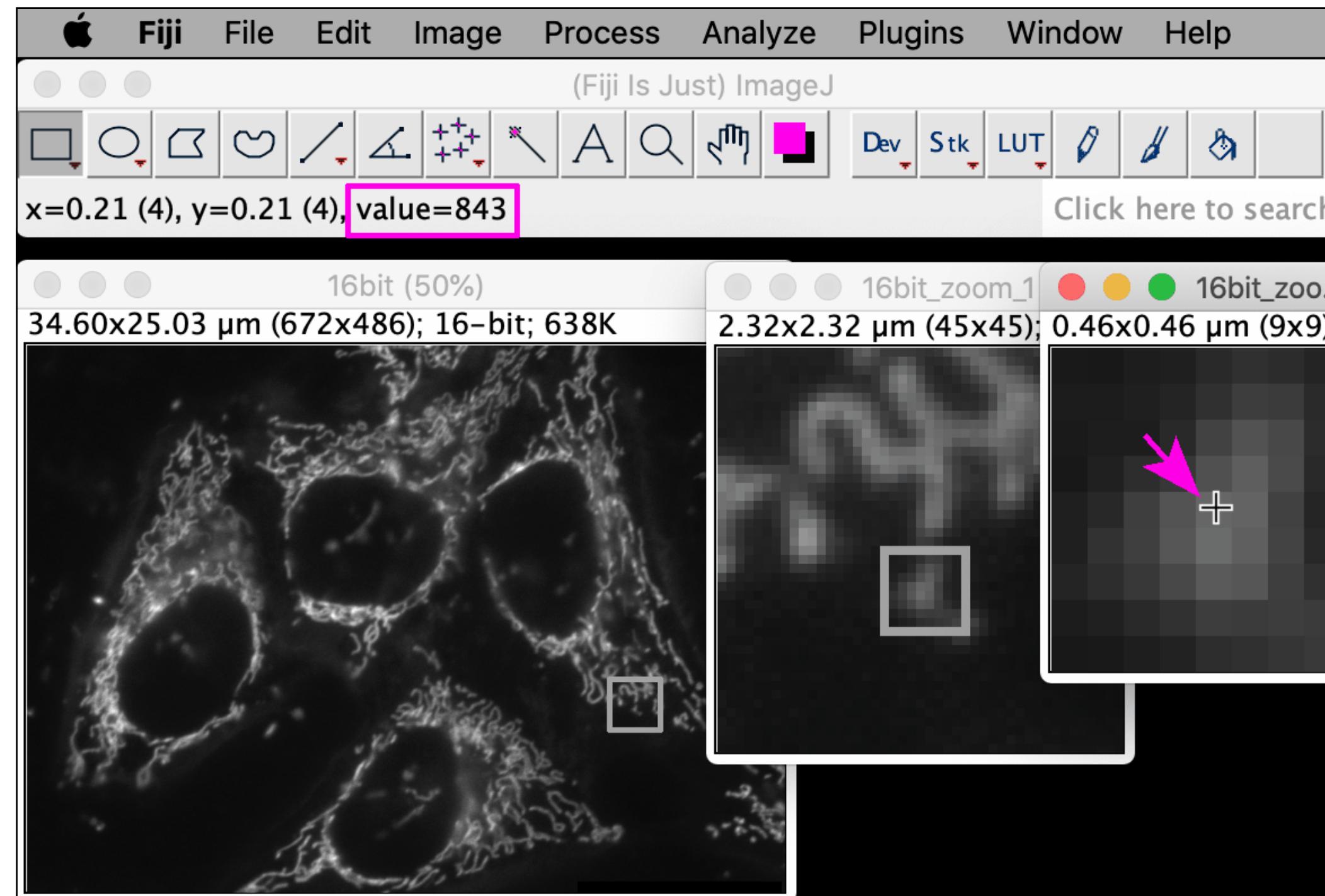
this is your **result**



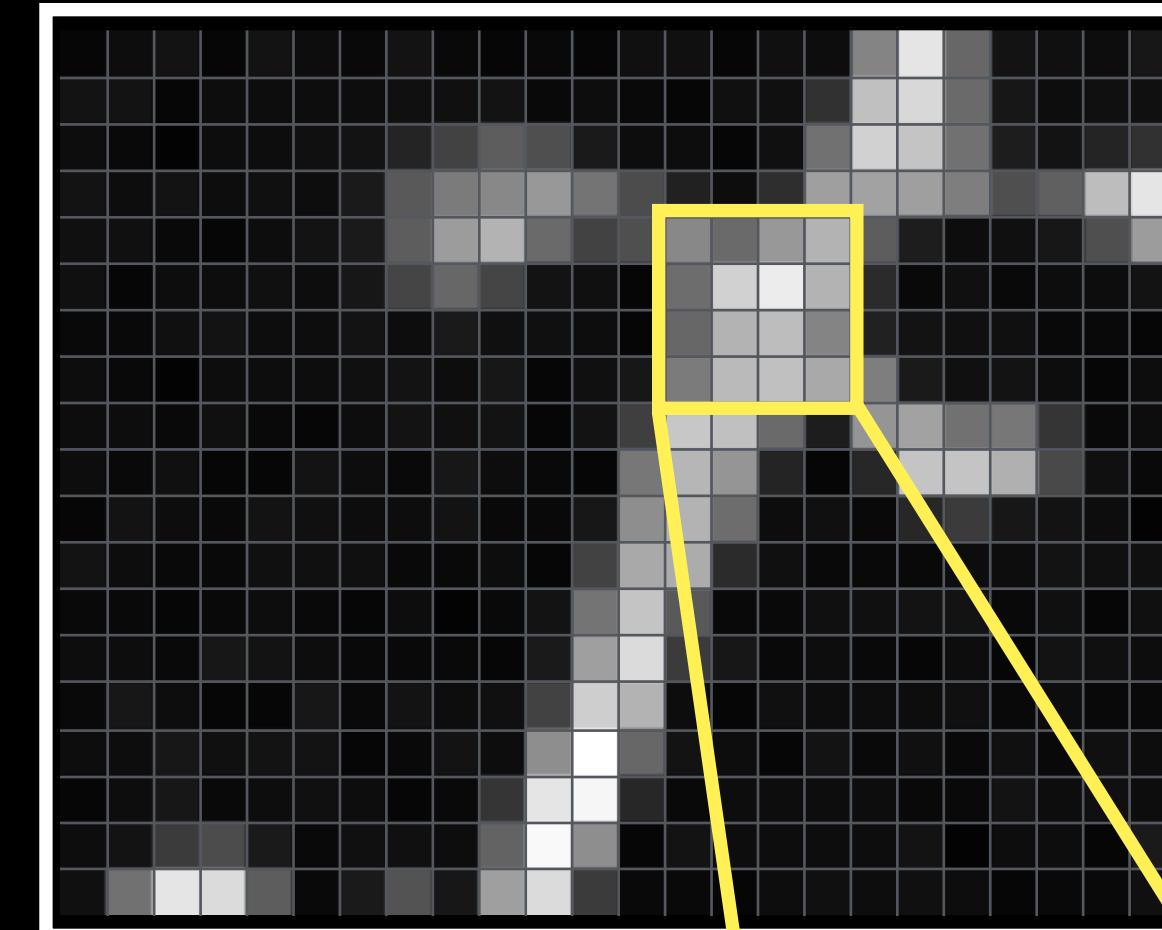
this just helps to  
**communicate** the result



# Individual Pixel Values in Fiji



# A digital image is a matrix of numbers!



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## Where do these numbers come from?

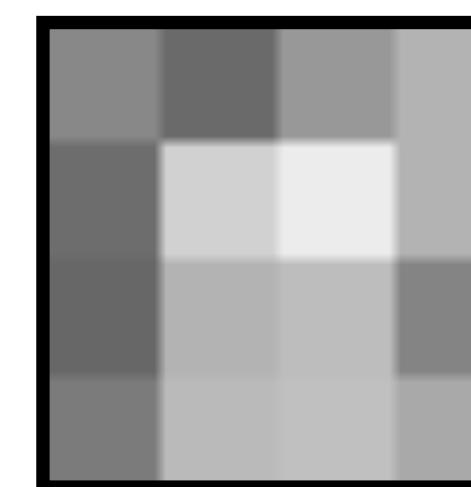
# Bit depth

# Detectors in Fluorescence Microscopy

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**.

# 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**

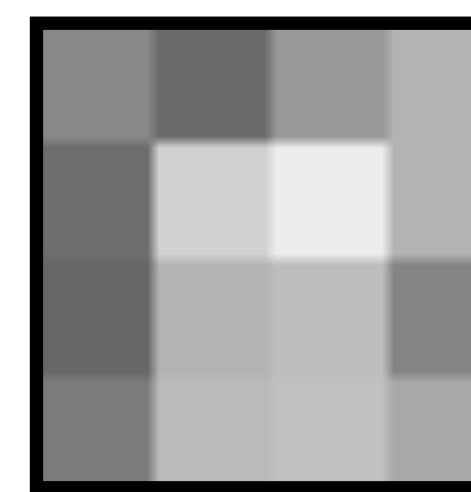
(Unless you change that during acquisition)

**$x$  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**

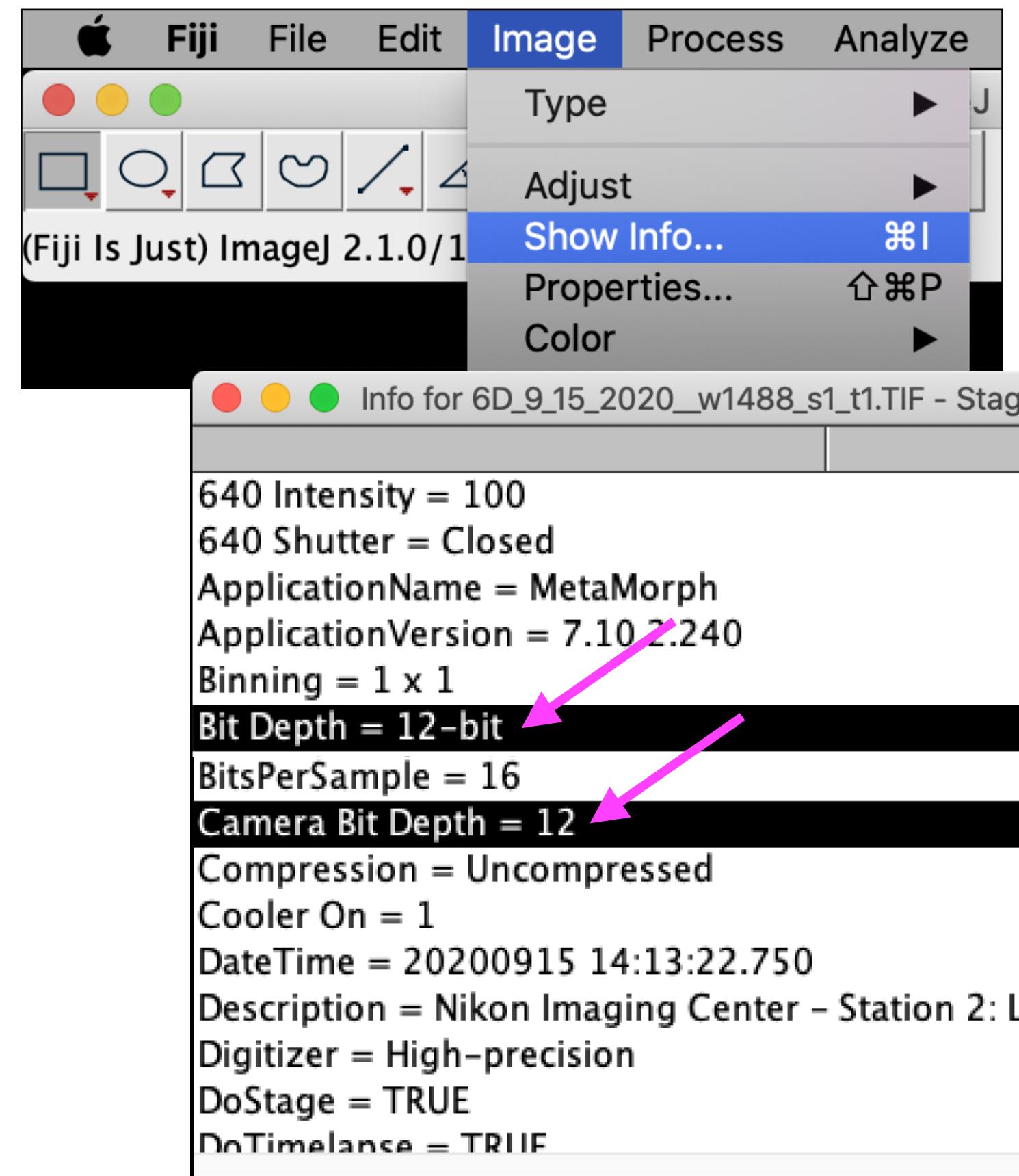


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**Digital Value = Pixel Intensity Value = Grey Value**

# Image Metadata

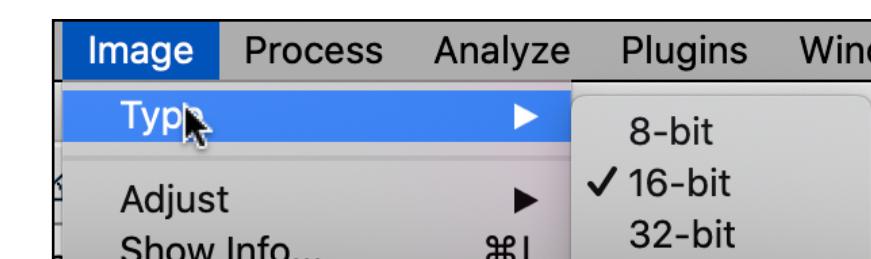
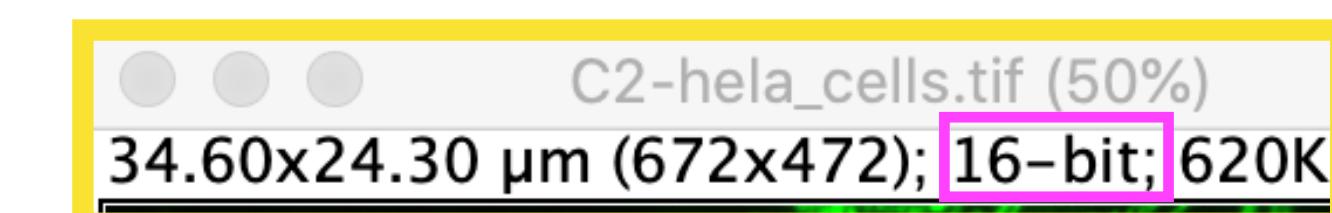


**Image > Show Info...**

**(cmd) + i**

Show the **Metadata stored with the file**

e.g. **bit depth, camera bit depth**

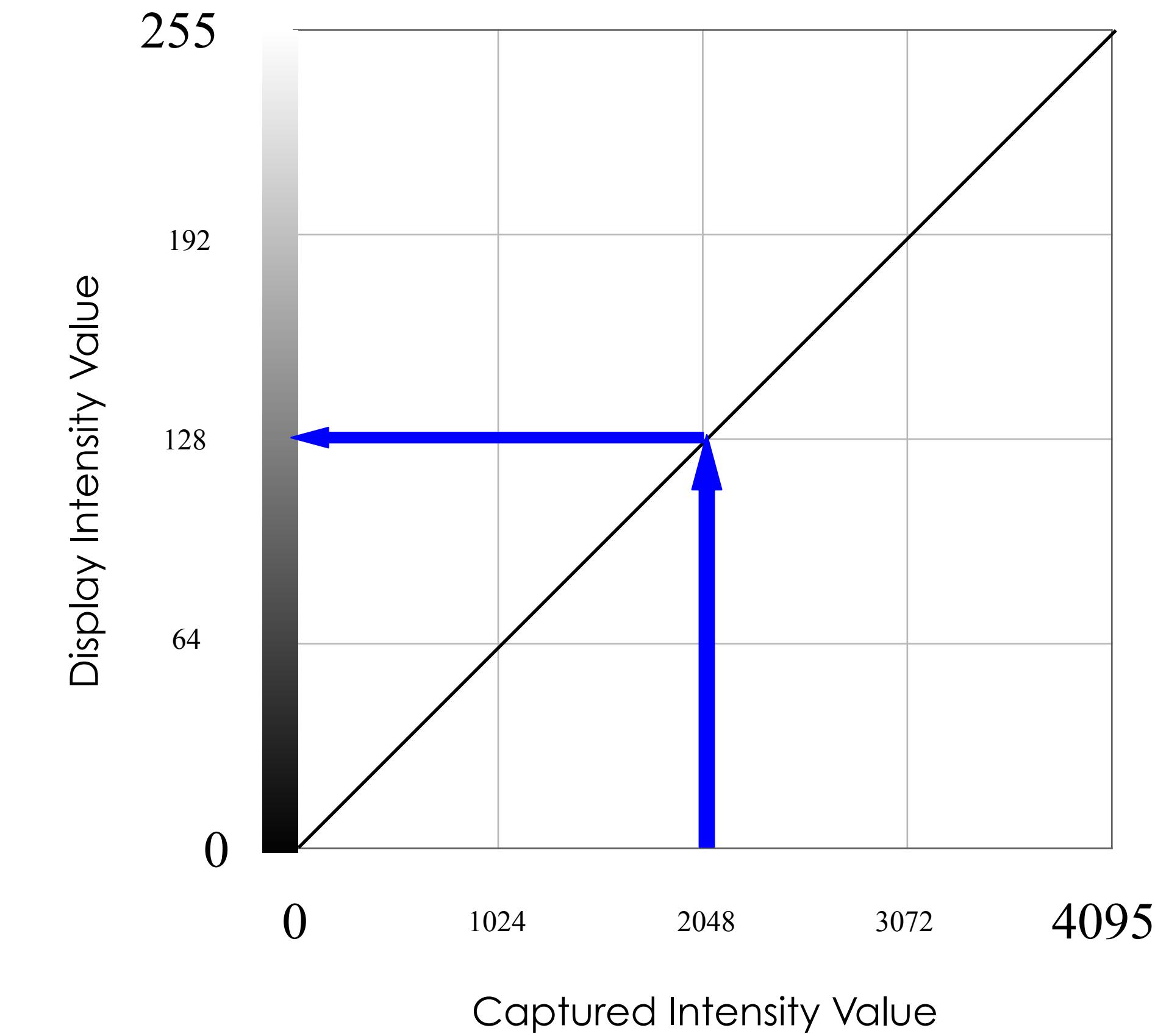
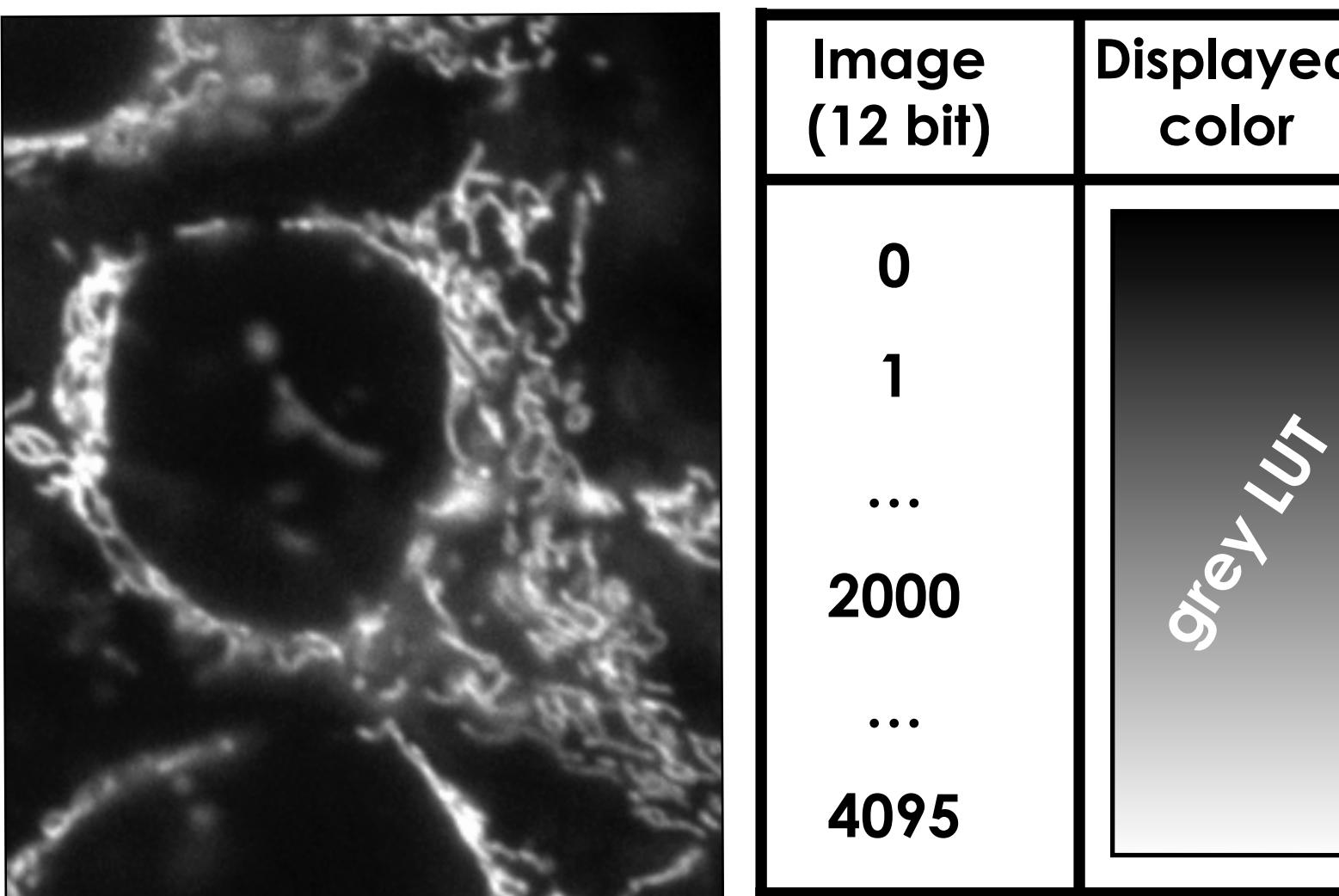
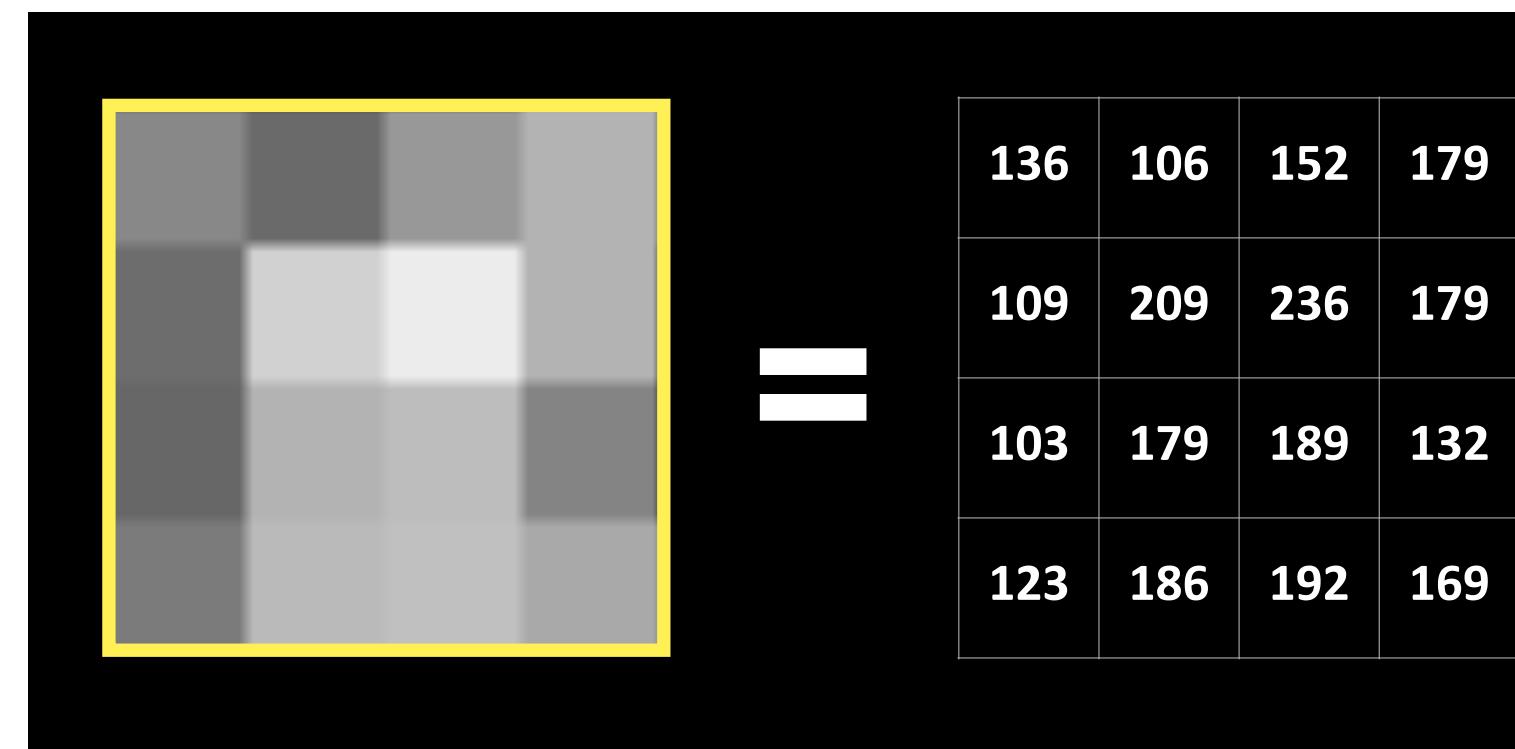


# display your images

# Mapping Image Intensity to Monitor Intensity (LookUp Tables)

**LUT = how the grey values are displayed**

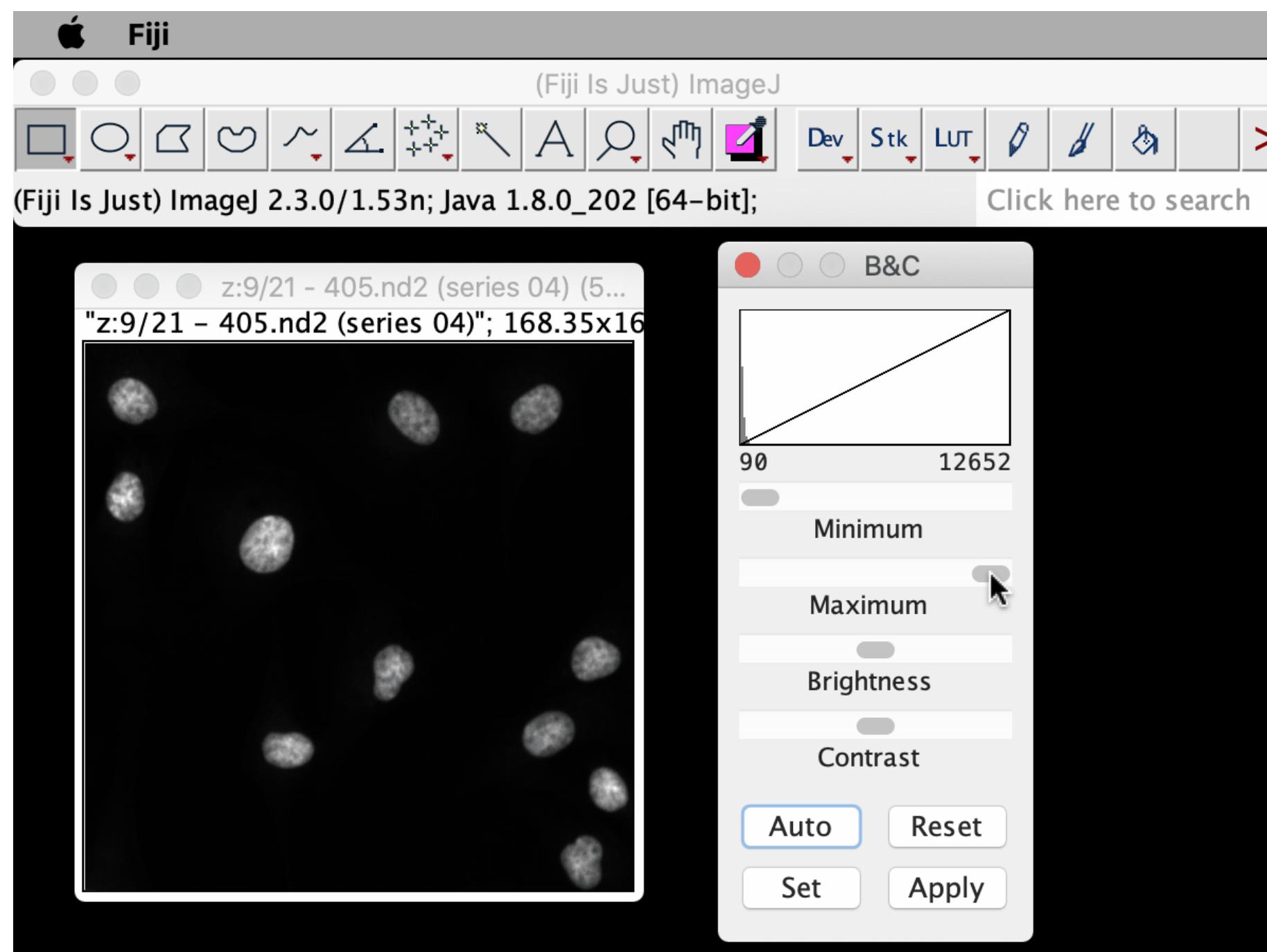
**LUTs do not change the pixel values**



# Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

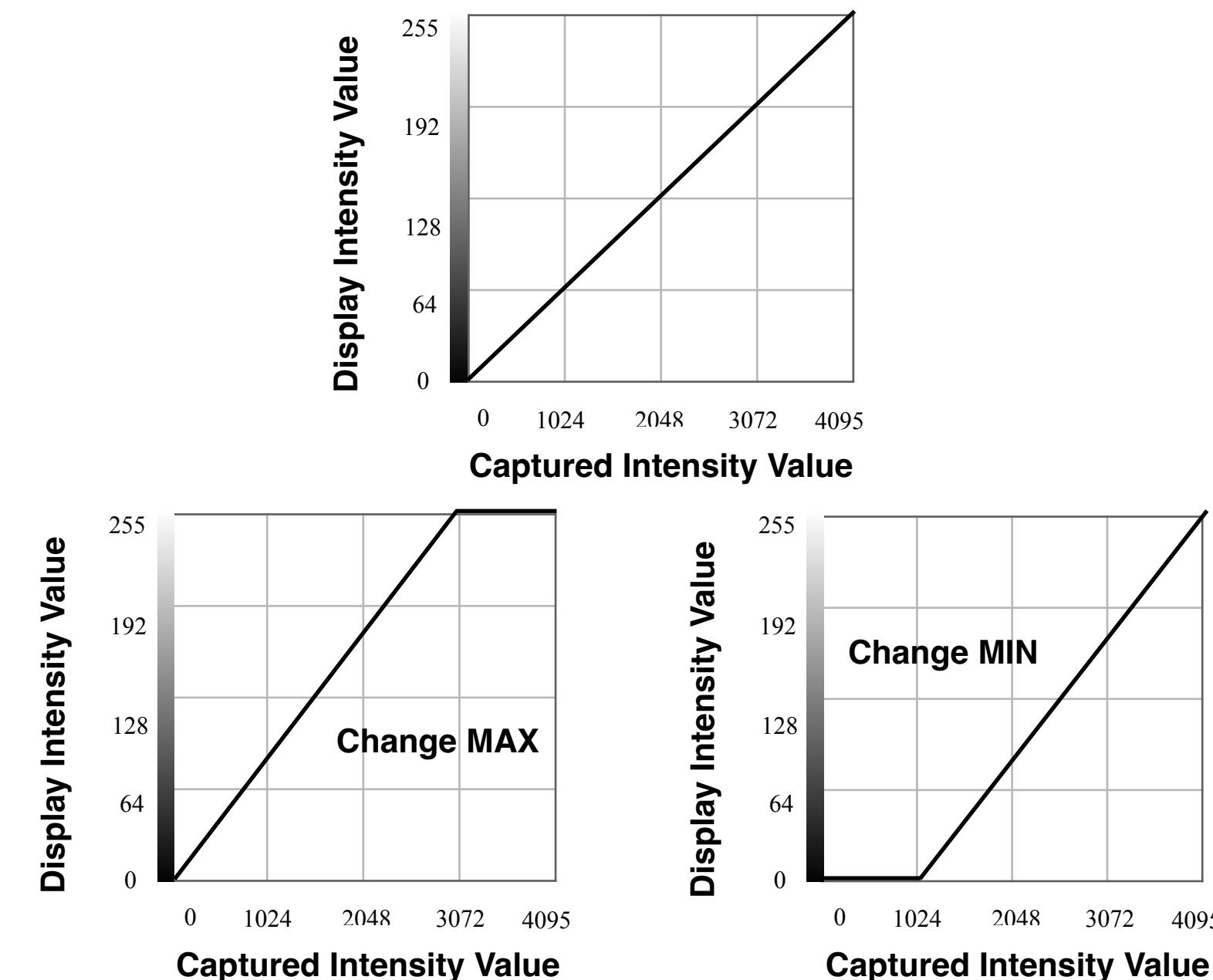
**Image > Adjust > Brightness/Contrast**

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



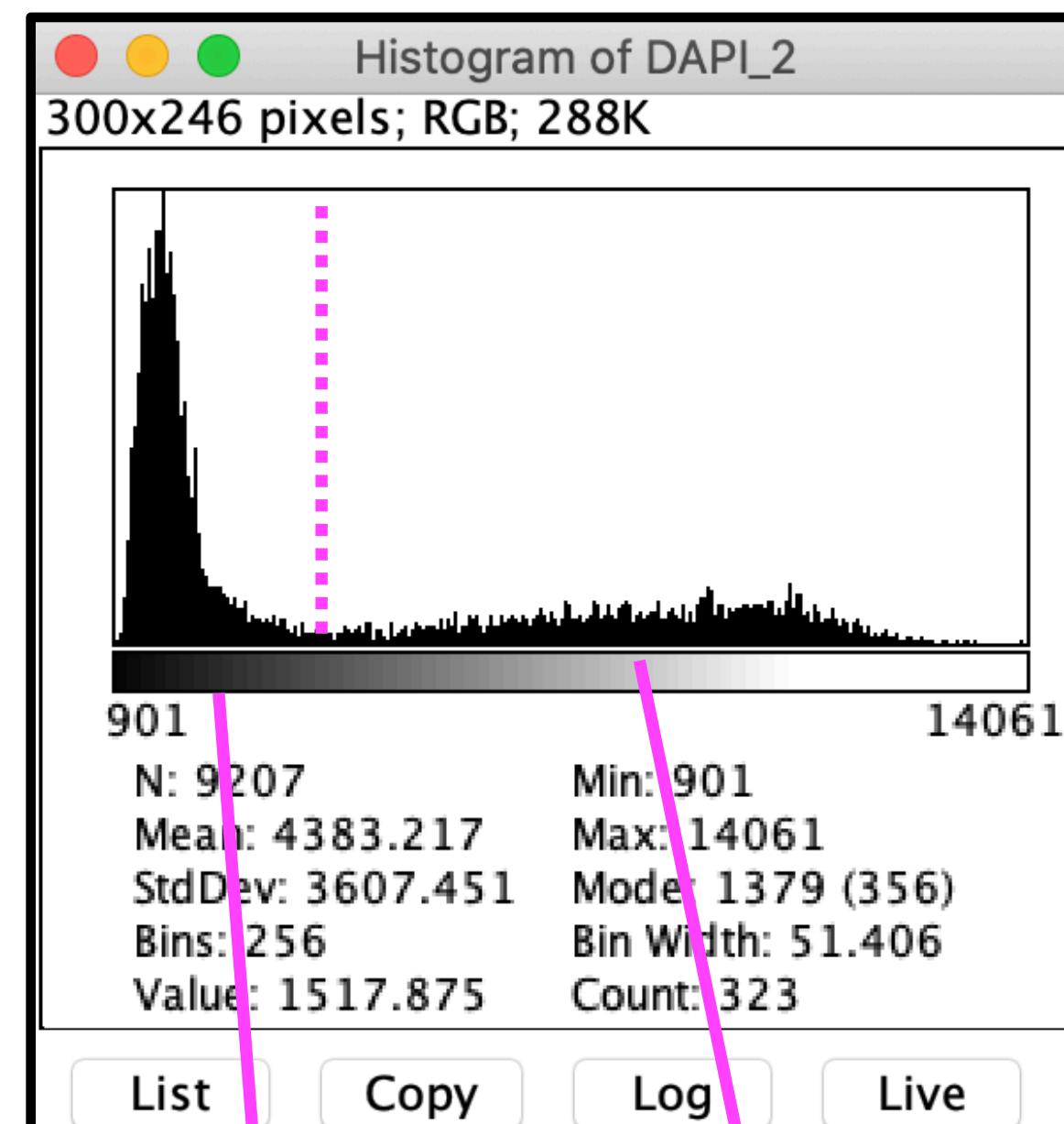
**(cmd) + shift + c**

\*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

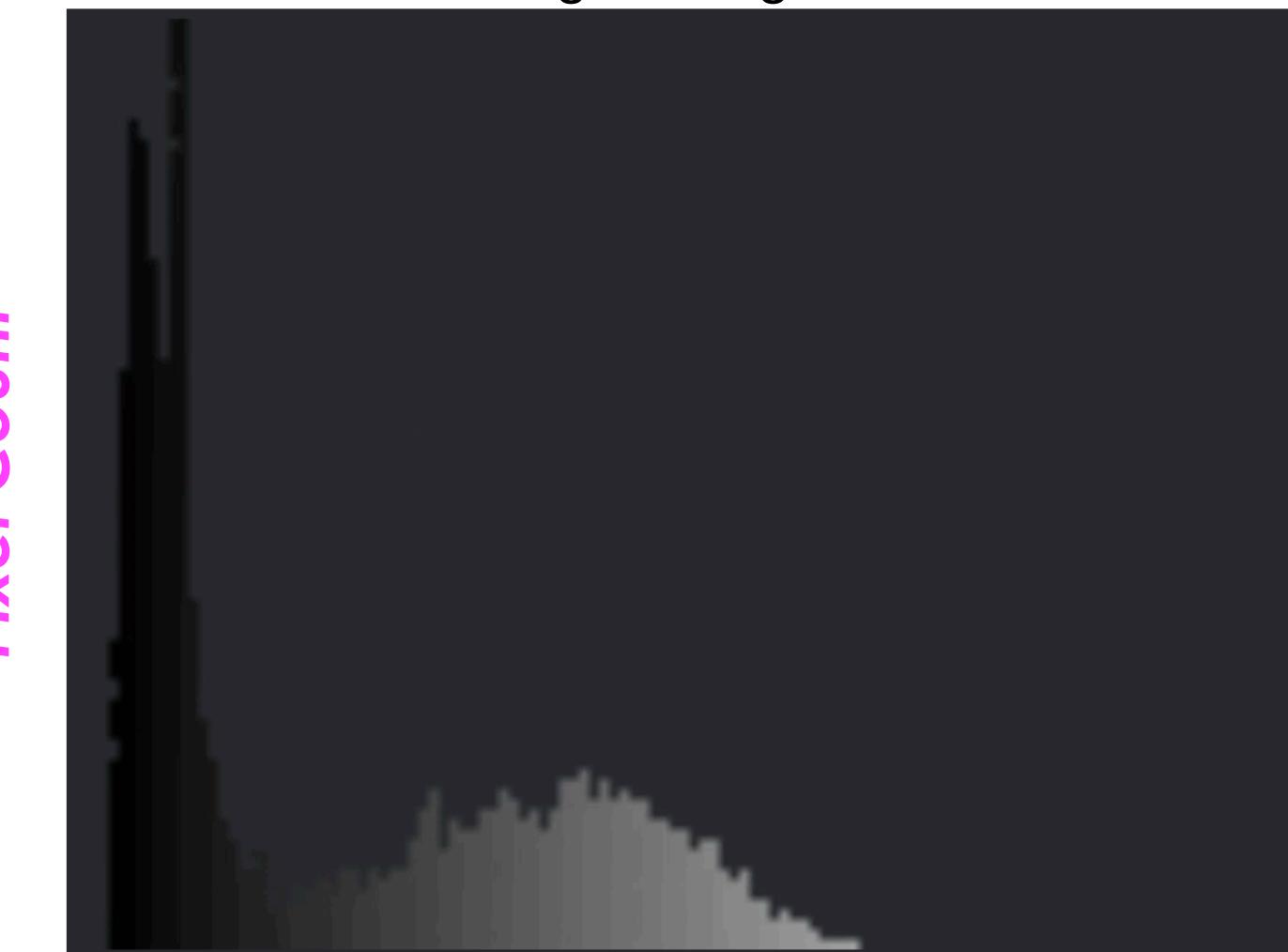


background

foreground

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

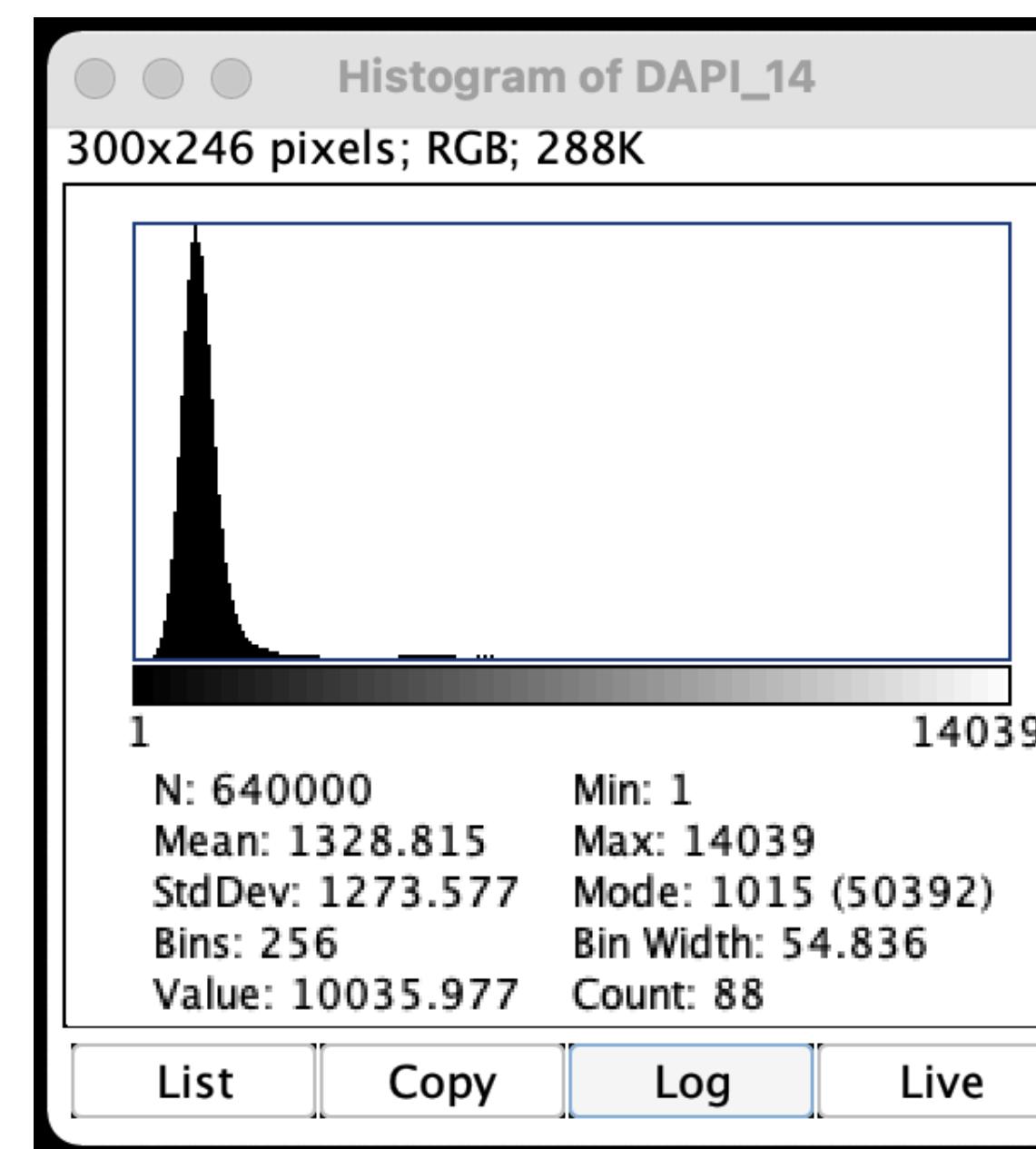


Pixel Values

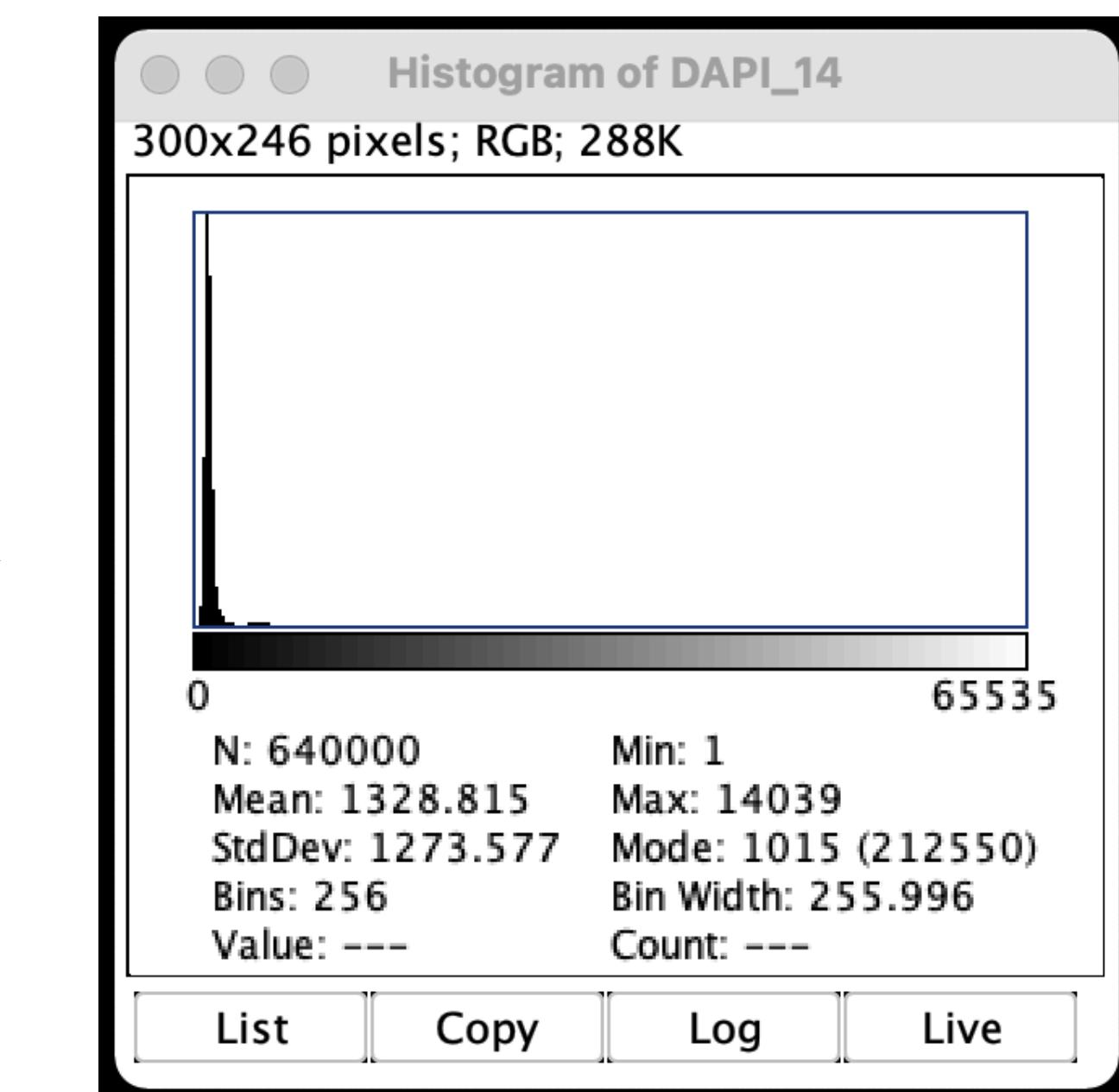
# Histogram

Analyze > Histogram

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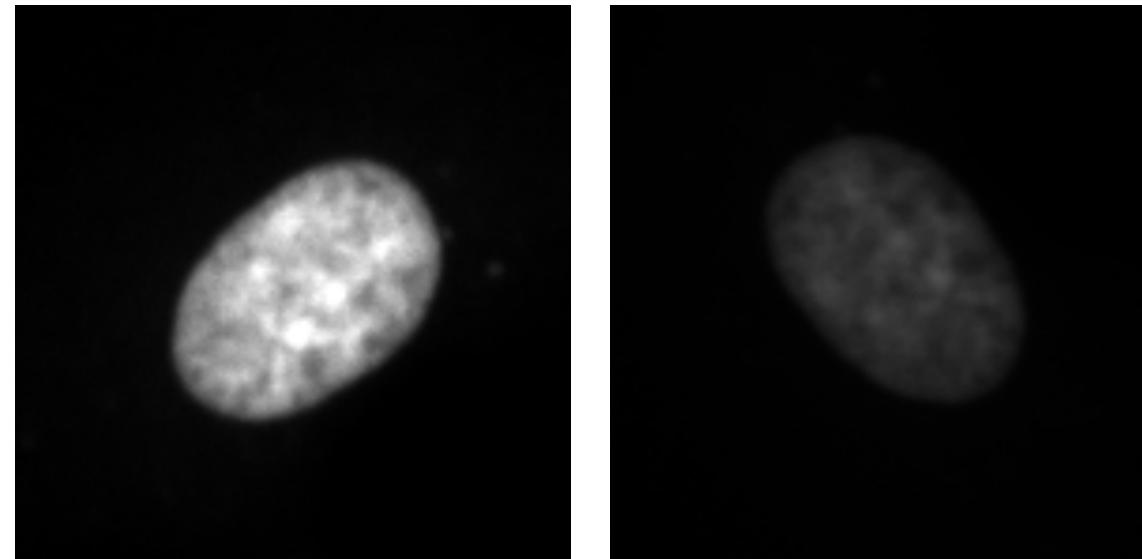
*Fiji auto-adjust the range (default option)*



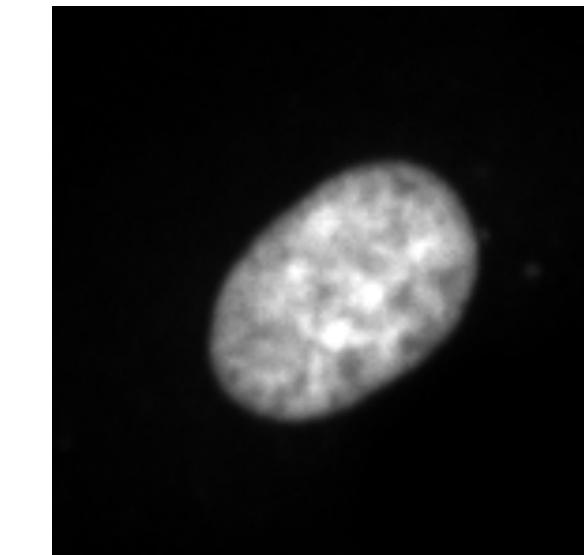
*Bit depth*

# Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

Which image has more fluorescence?



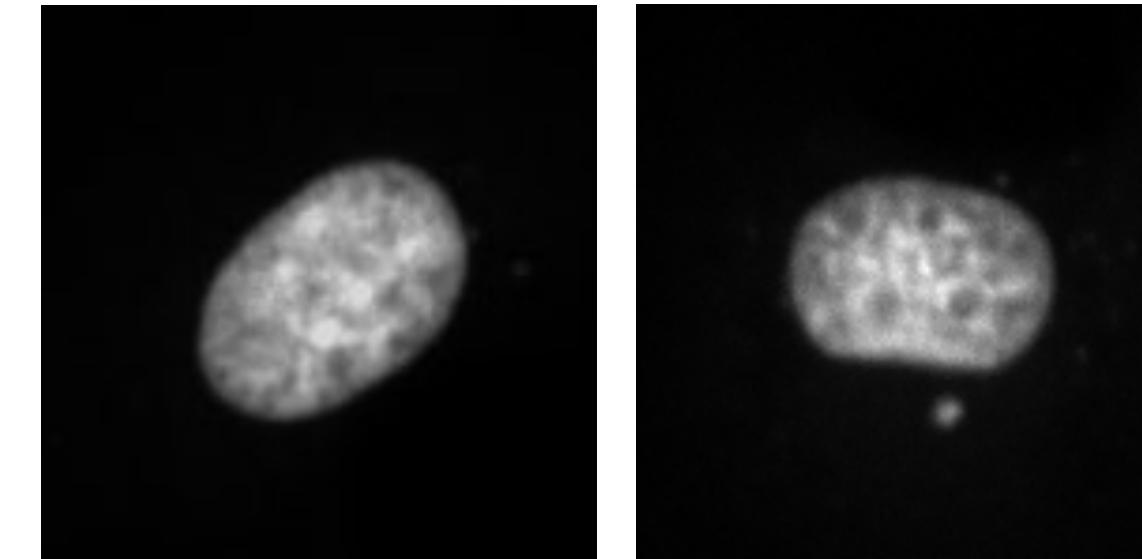
Mean:	<b>4803</b>	<b>4803</b>
Display range:	188- <b>16828</b>	188- <b>45514</b>



Mean:	<b>4803</b>	<b>4803</b>
Display range:	188- <b>16828</b>	188- <b>16828</b>

# Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

Which image has more fluorescence?



Mean:	<b>4803</b>	<b>2074</b>
Display range:	188- <b>19540</b>	112- <b>7768</b>

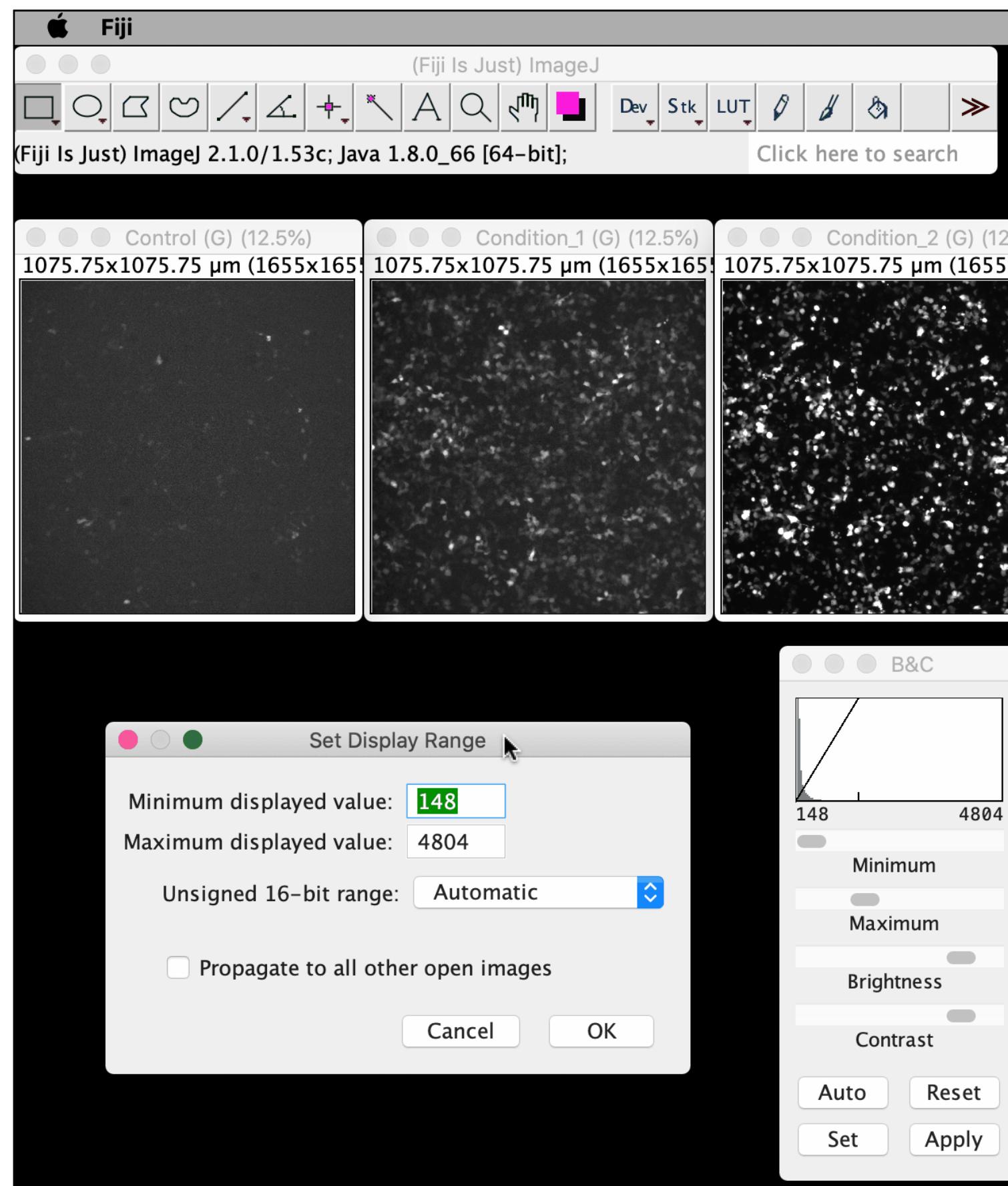
Do NOT trust your eyes,  
rely on numbers!



Mean:	<b>4803</b>	<b>2074</b>
Display range:	188- <b>19540</b>	188- <b>19540</b>

# Display a file: Brightness & Contrast

**“Set” button - visually compare images**

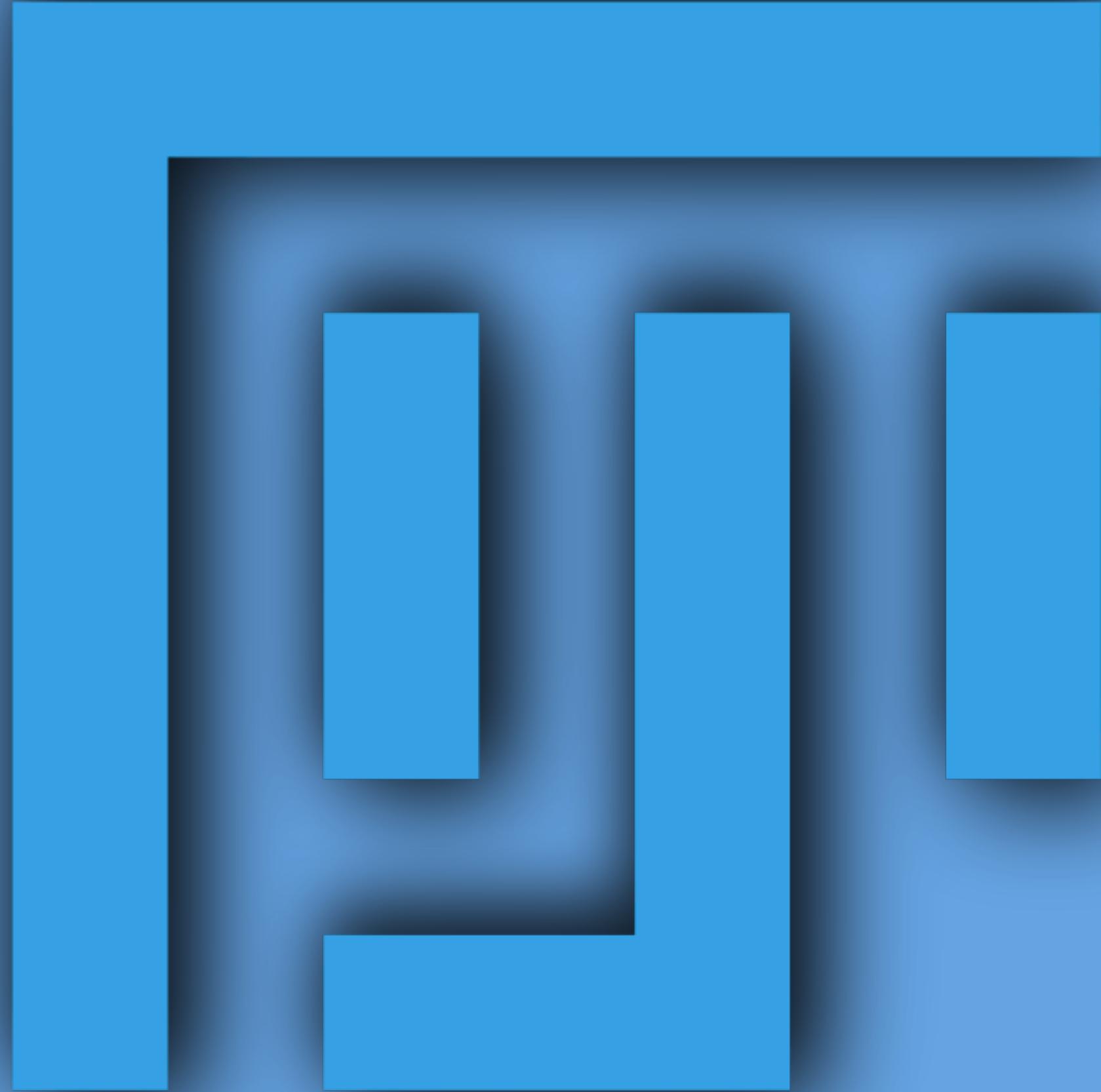


**Use the same acquisition parameters  
(per channel) if you want to compare images!!!  
(e.g. same exposure time, illumination intensity,...)**

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.**



**1.1 image inspection**

**1.2 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**

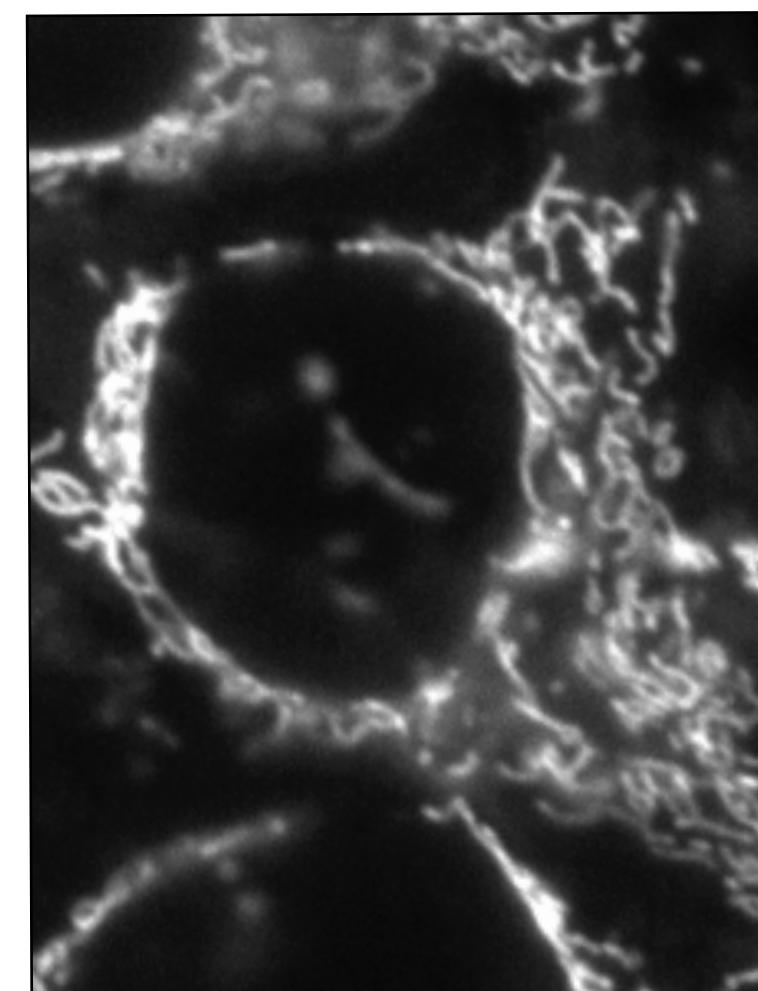


Image (8 bit)	Displayed color
0	
1	
...	
100	
...	
255	

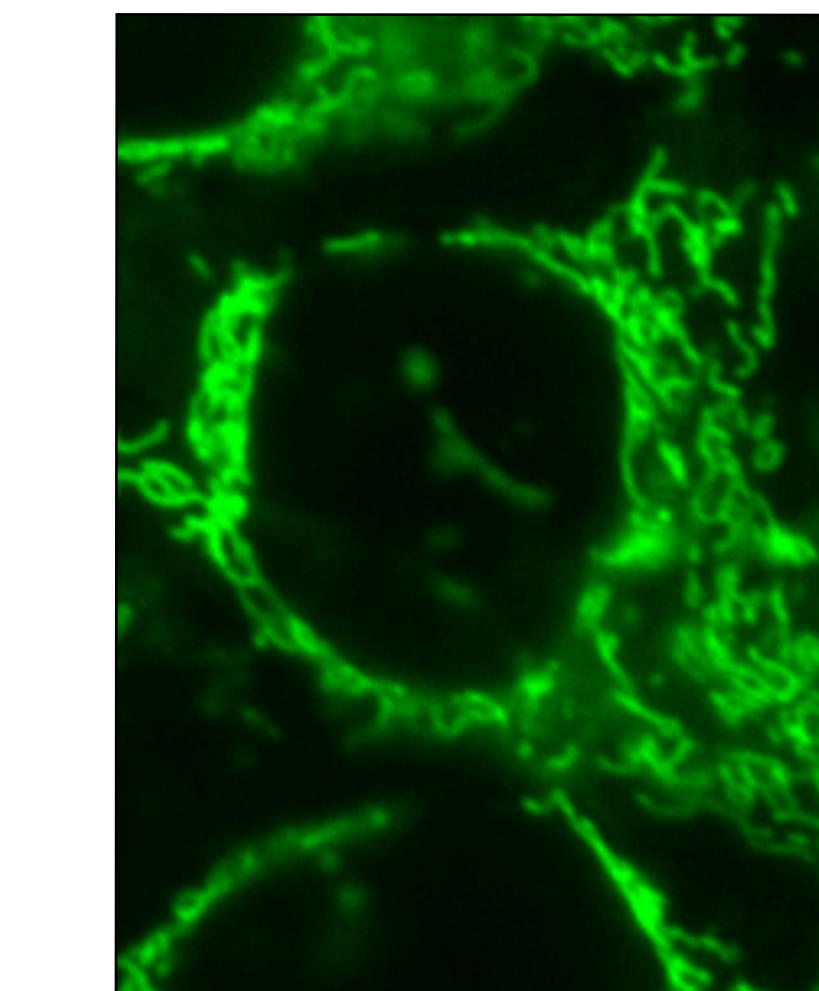
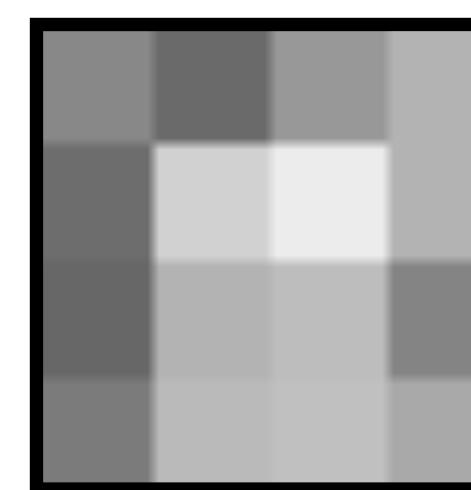
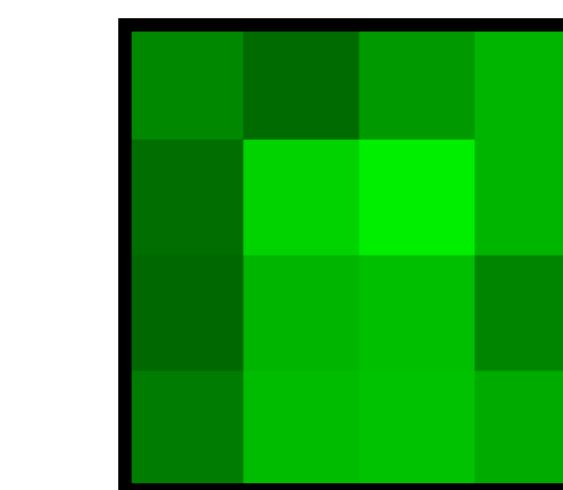


Image (8 bit)	Displayed color
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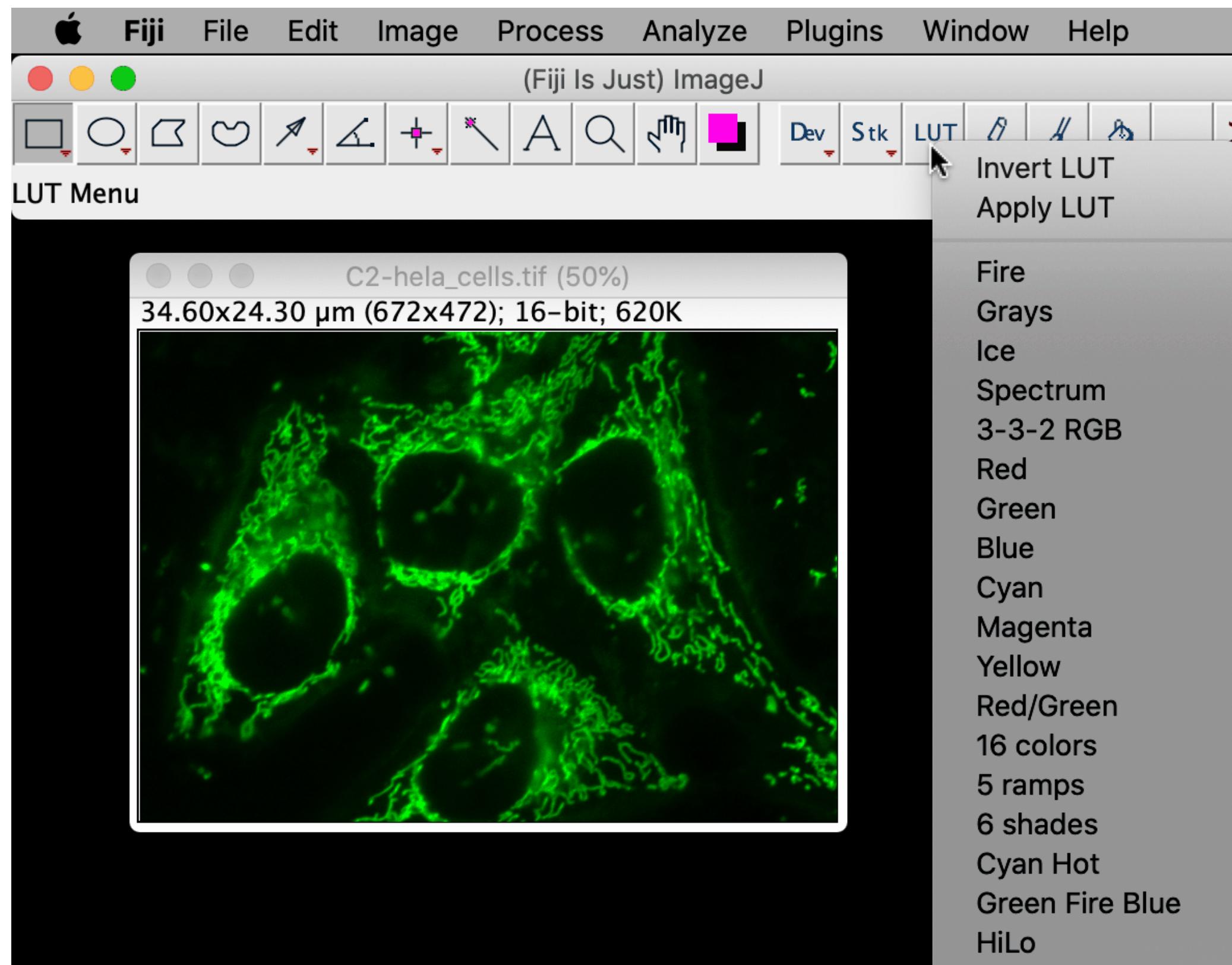


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# Images and Colors

## Lookup Tables (LUTs)



**Image > Lookup Tables**

or

**"LUT" menu in Startup Tools Bar**



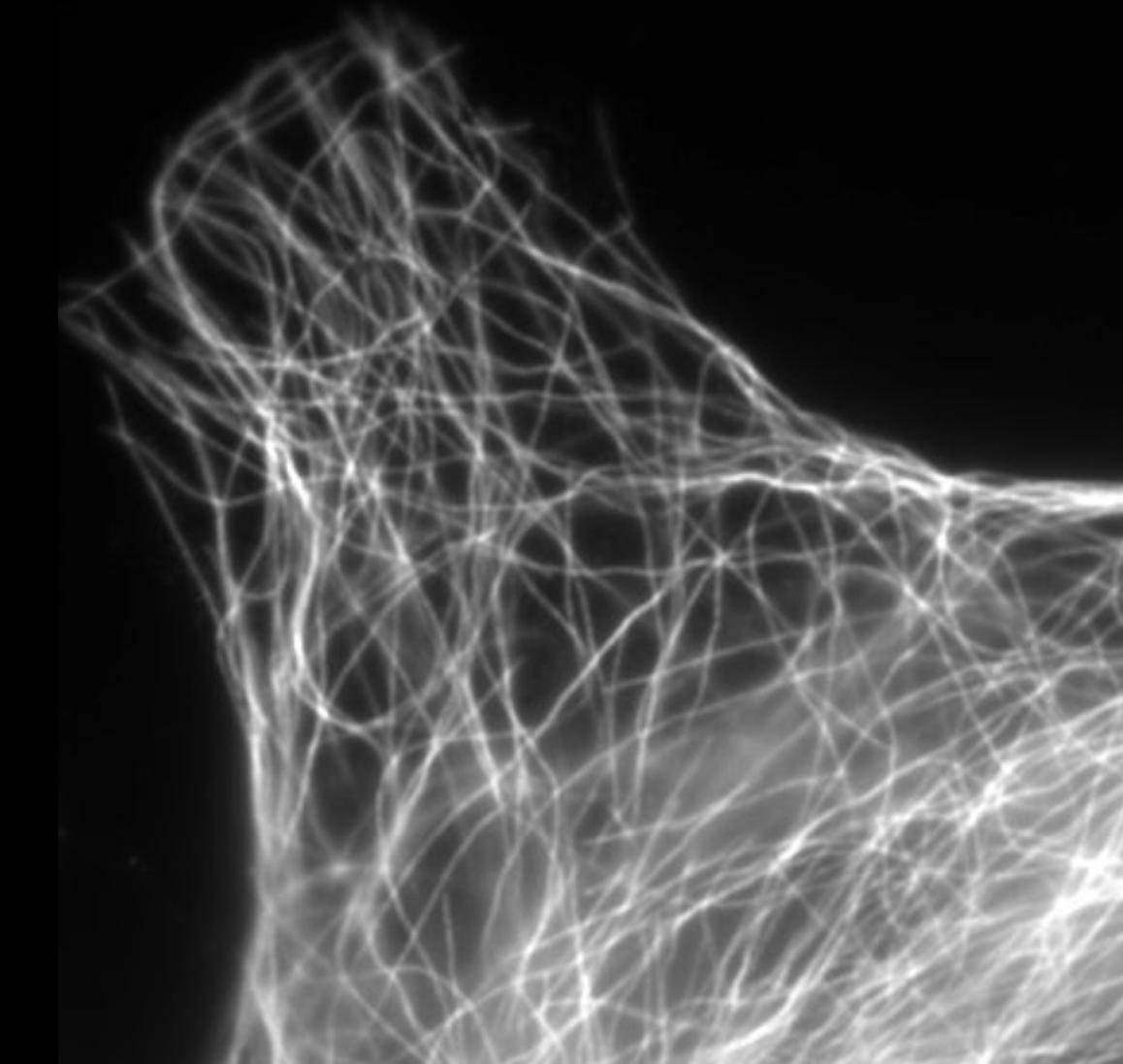
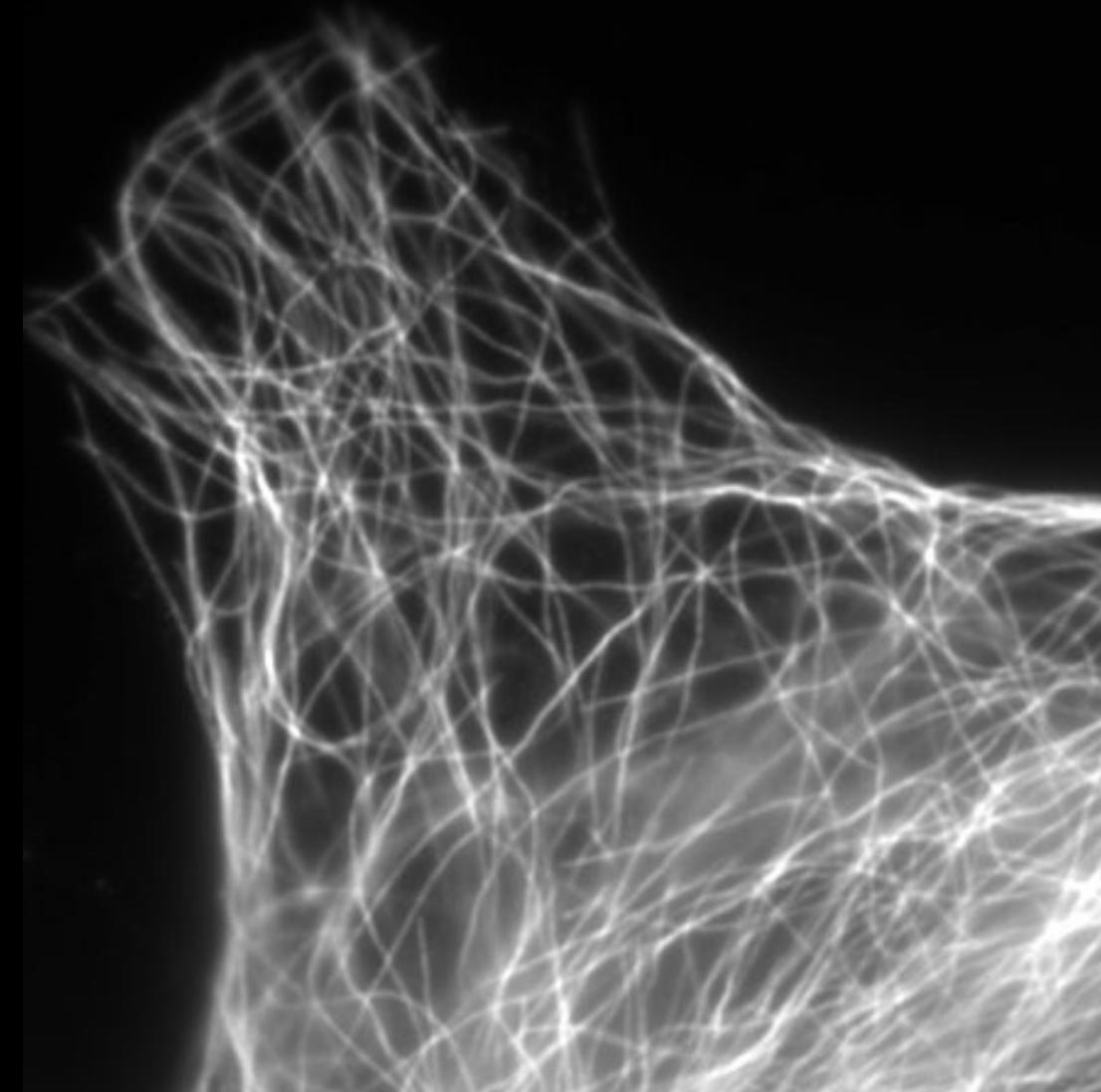
Examples of LUTs

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

# 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!

# Images and Colors in Fiji

*Choose the right LUT*

Color blind people don't distinguish some colors

POINTS OF VIEW

**Color blindness**

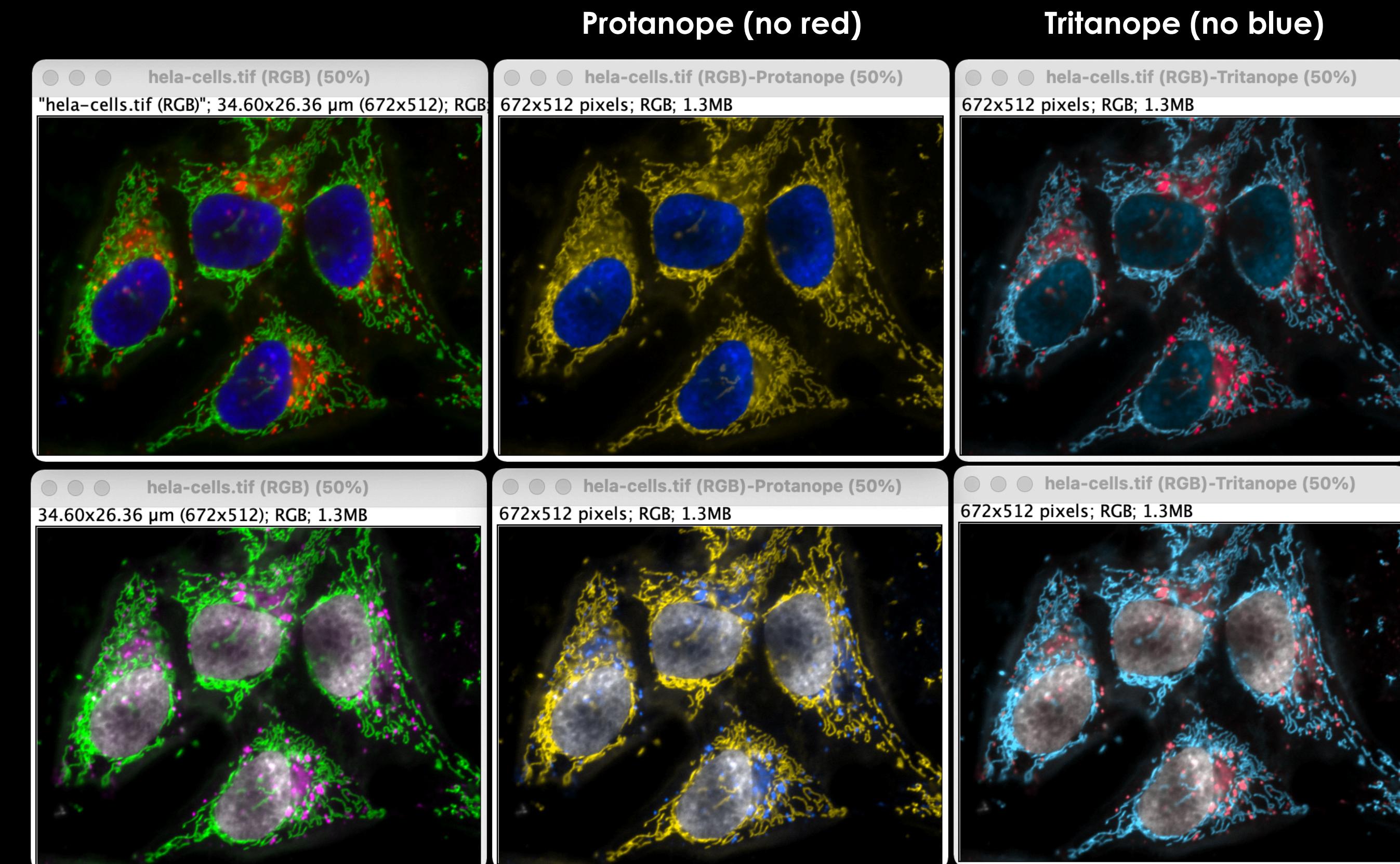
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"If a submitted manuscript happens to go to three male reviewers of Northern European descent, the chance that at least one will be color blind is 22 percent"

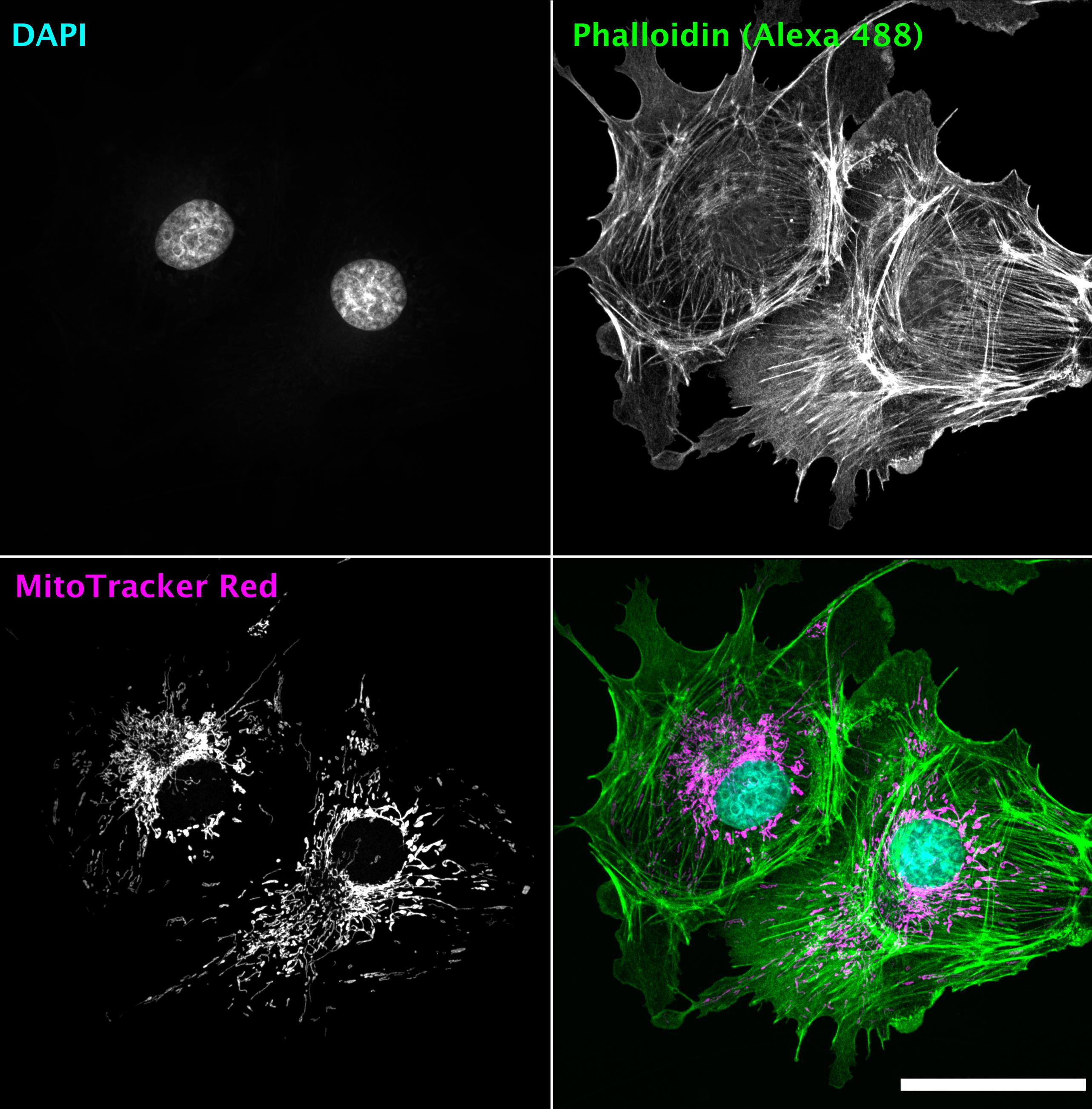
# Images and Colors in Fiji

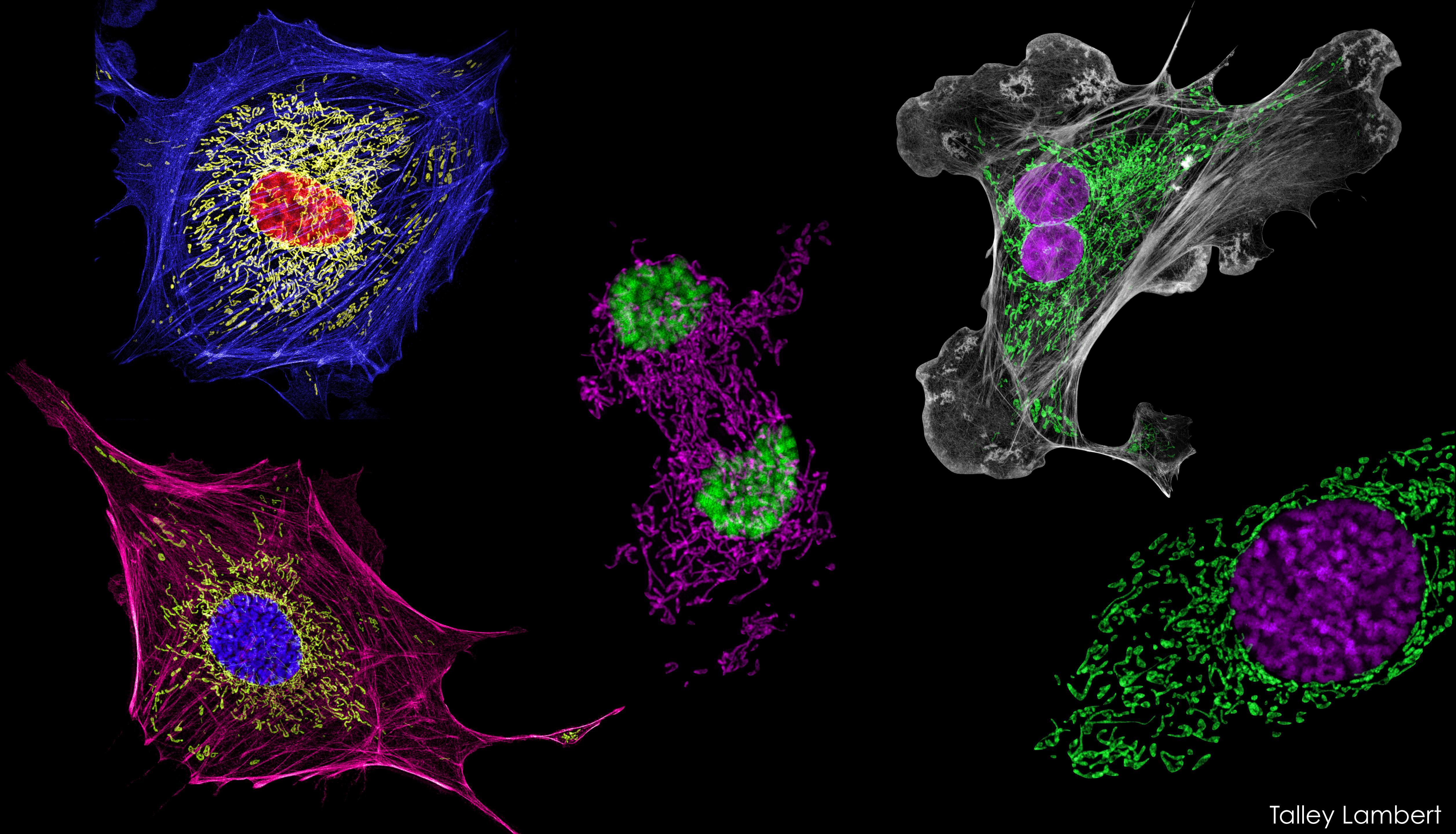
*Choose the right LUT*

Color blind people don't distinguish some colors



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

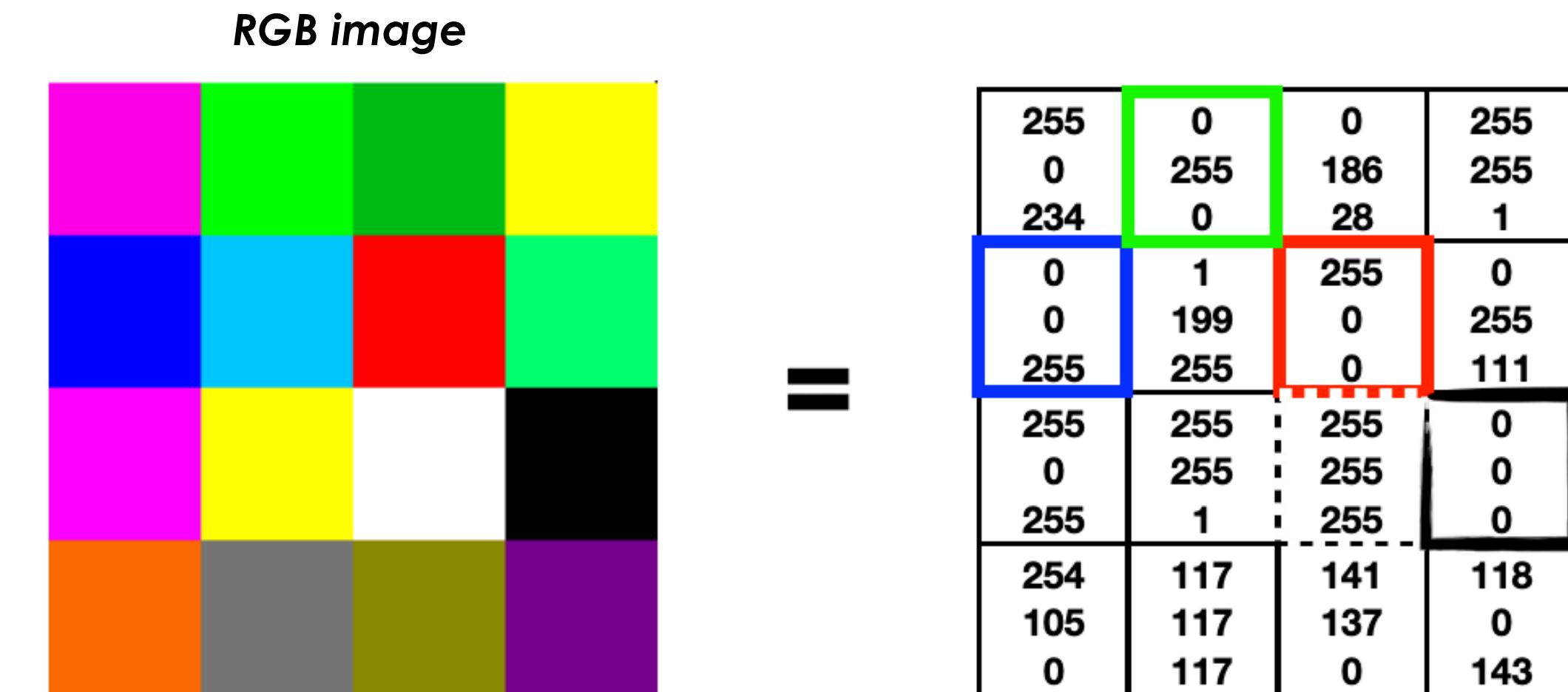




Talley Lambert

# RGB Images (still matrix of numbers)

LUTs **cannot** be applied to RGB Images



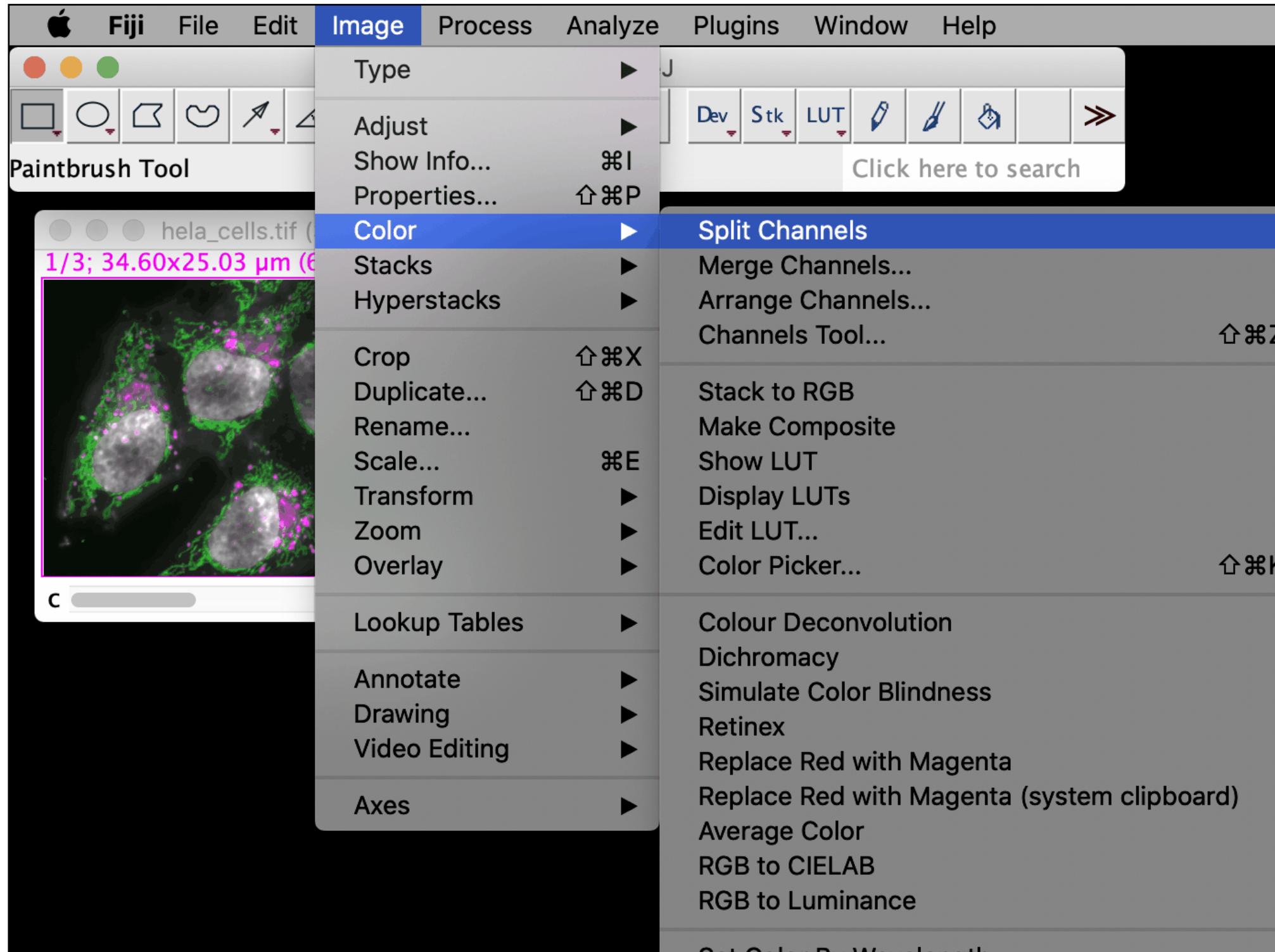
**RGB Color** image (e.g. jpeg, png) = **R**ed + **G**reen + **B**lue

**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



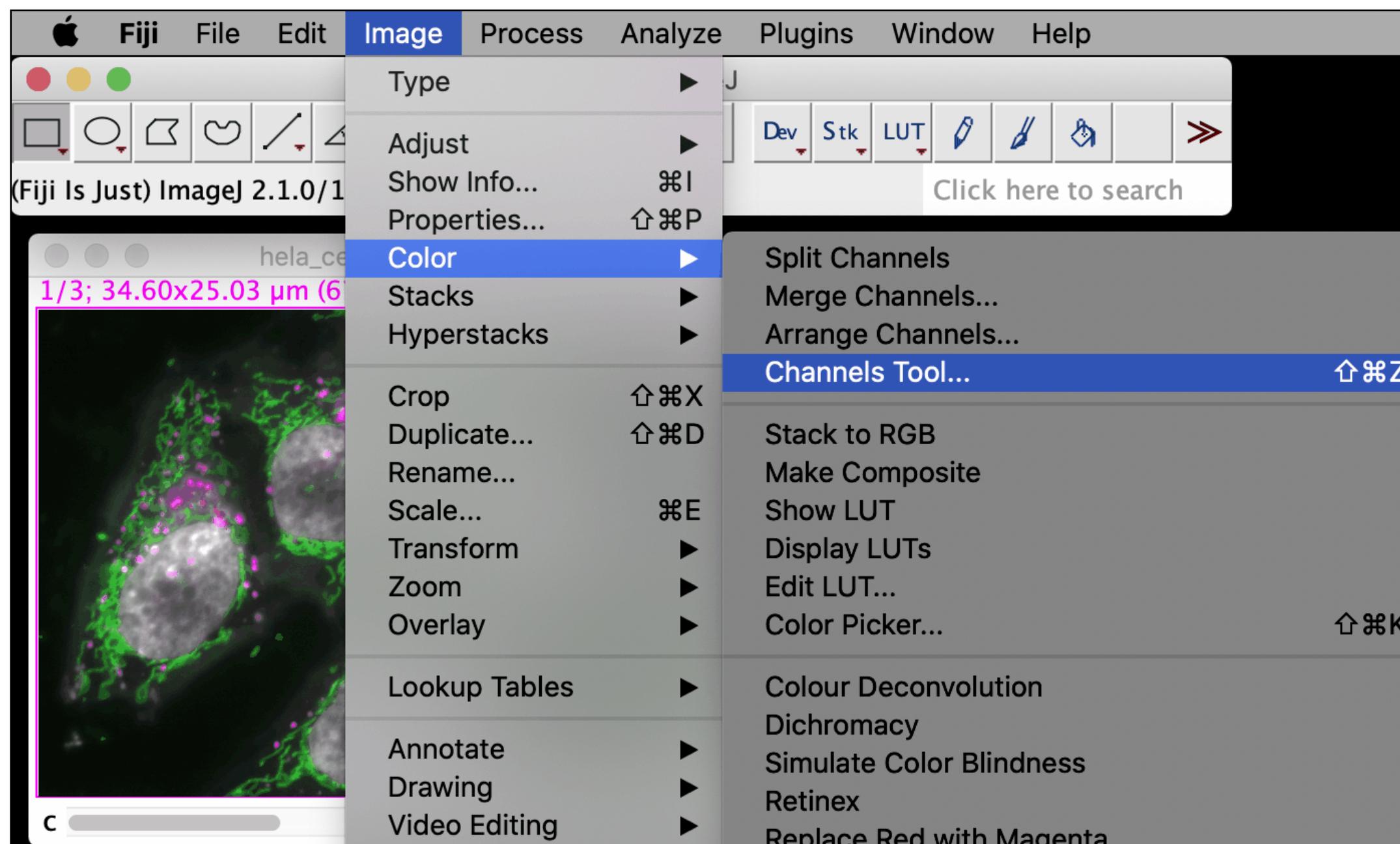
**Image > Color > Split Channels**

**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



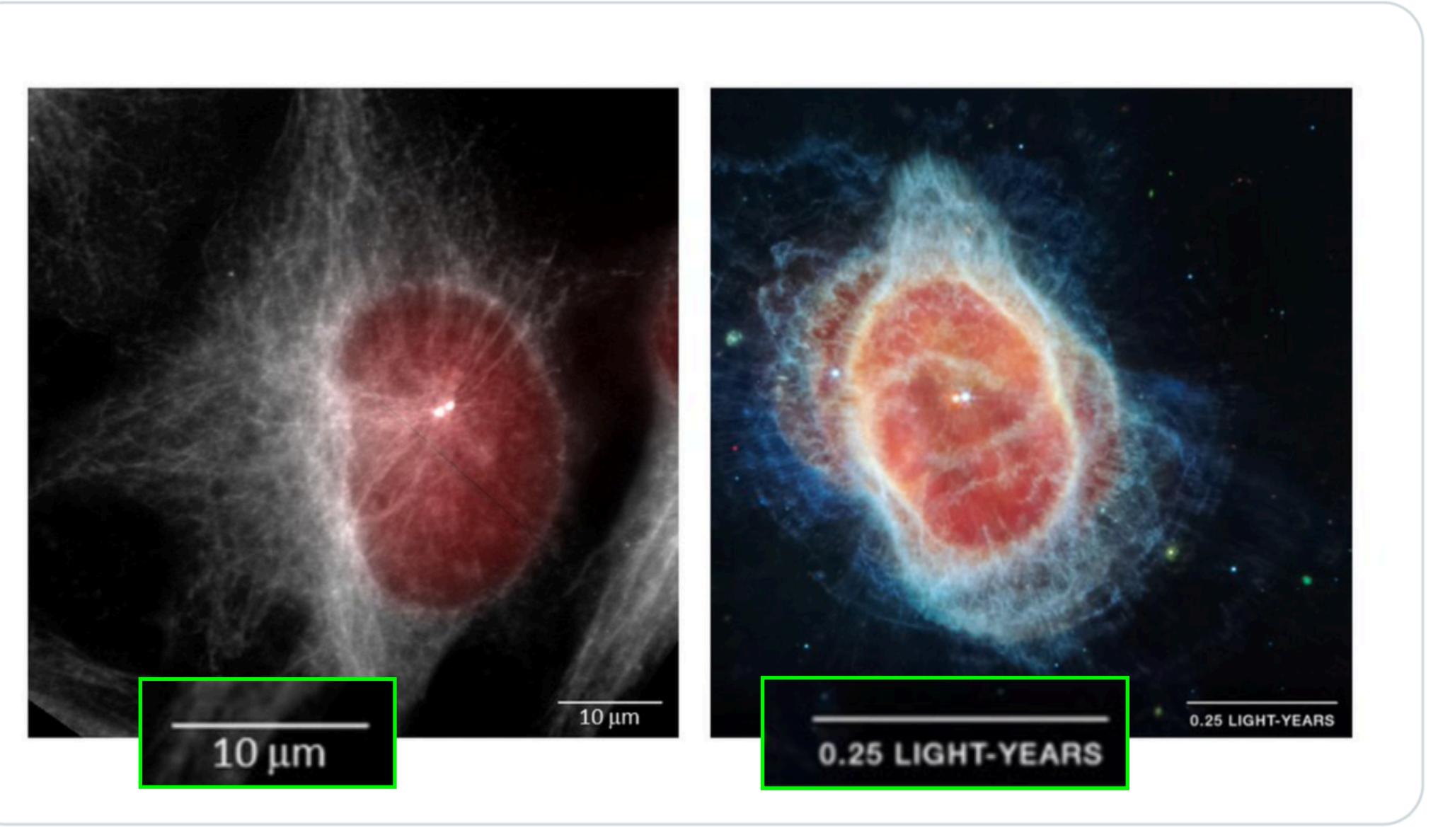
## 2.1 composite images - splitting and merging

# Pixel Size

# Scale Bar and Pixel Size

 Laurence Haren  
@HarenLaurence ...

never forget the scale bar! [@StearnsLab](#)  
when biology meets astronomy: cell vs nebula,  
centrosome vs dying star! [@EtienneKlein](#)



10  $\mu\text{m}$  10  $\mu\text{m}$

0.25 LIGHT-YEARS 0.25 LIGHT-YEARS

# 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**.



Image > Show Info...

(cmd) + i

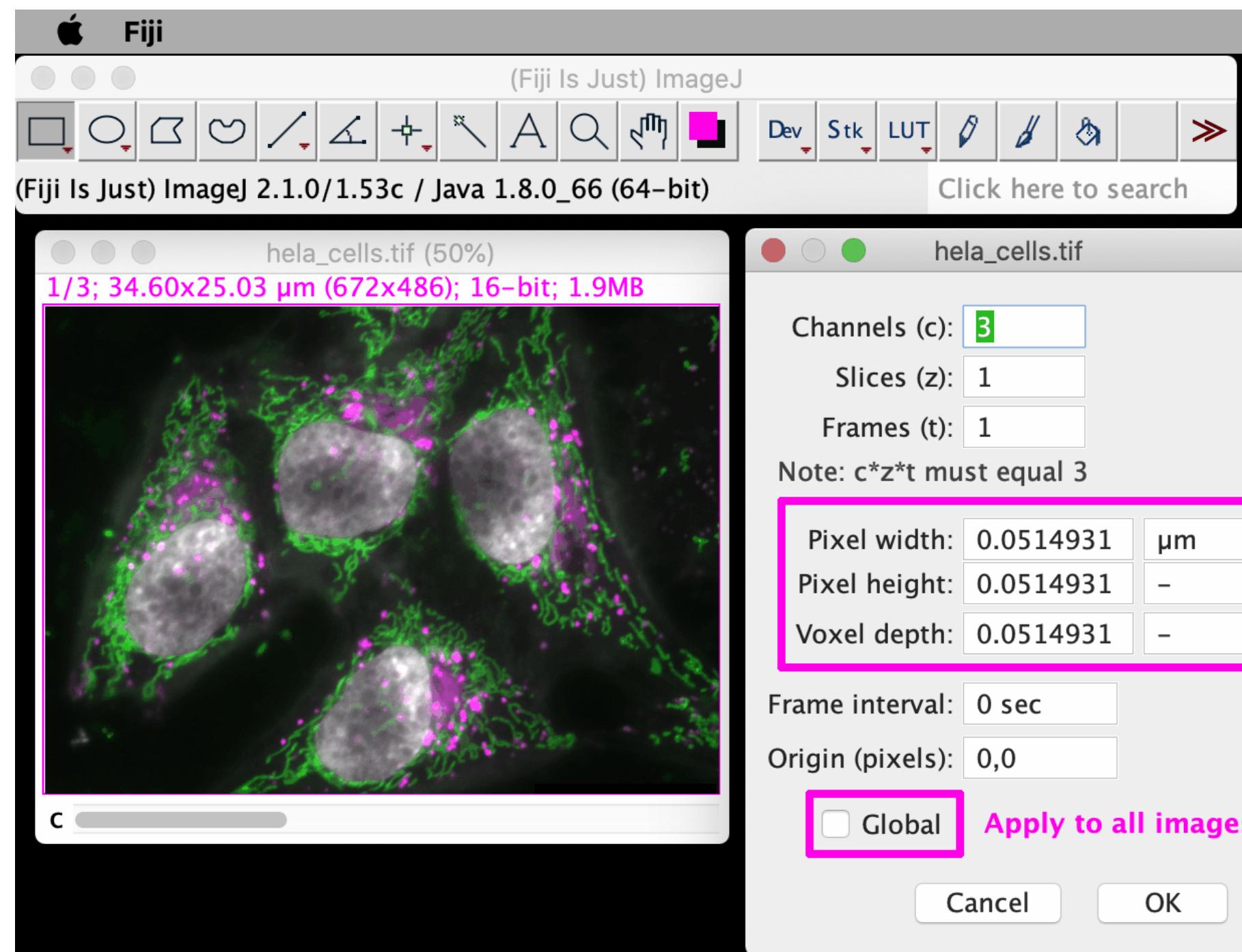
Show the **Metadata stored with the file**.

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

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



**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?

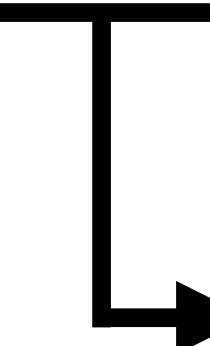
If you know the **magnification** and the **camera** you used for the acquisition, you can estimate the image pixel size.

**image pixel size = camera pixel size/magnification**

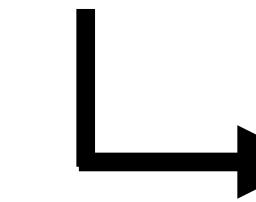
Example

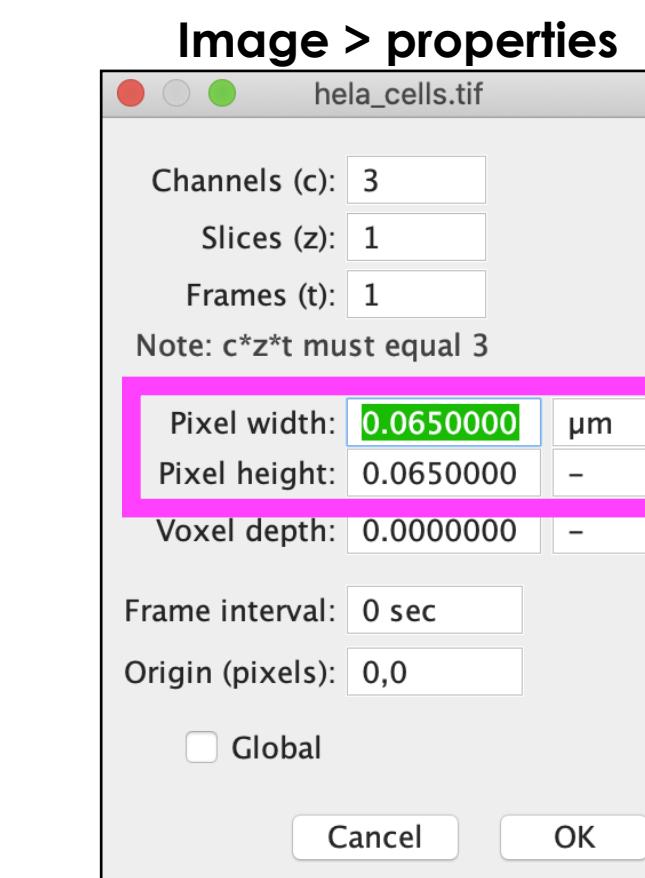
Magnification = 100x Objective

Camera = Hamamatsu Orca Flash 4



Product number	C13440-20CU
Imaging device	sCMOS
Cell (pixel) Size ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	6.5×6.5
Pixel Array (horizontal by vertical)	2048×2048
Effective Area (horizontal by vertical in mm)	13.312×13.312

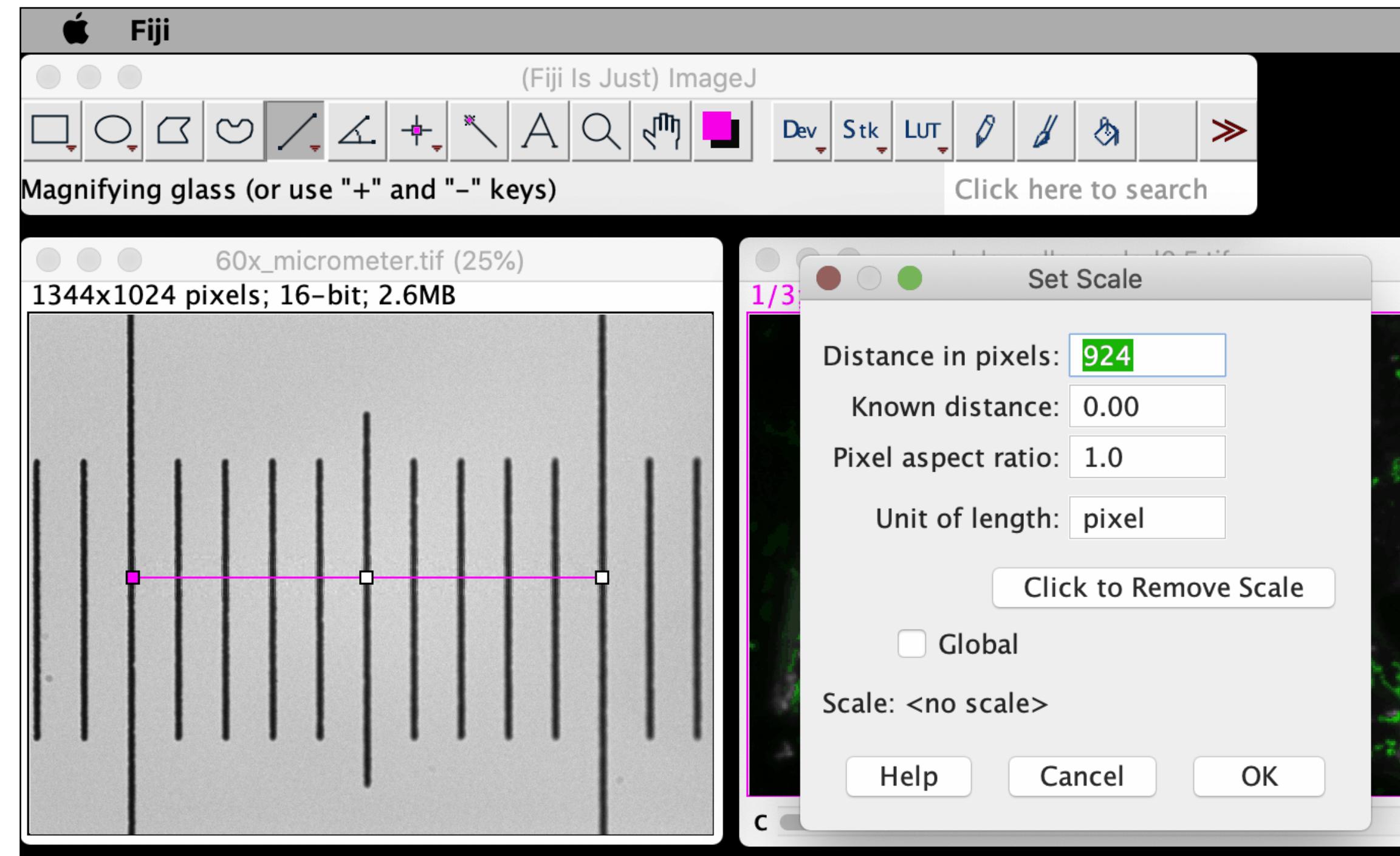

$$\text{pixel width and height: } 6.5 \mu\text{m} / 100X = 0.065 \mu\text{m}$$



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)



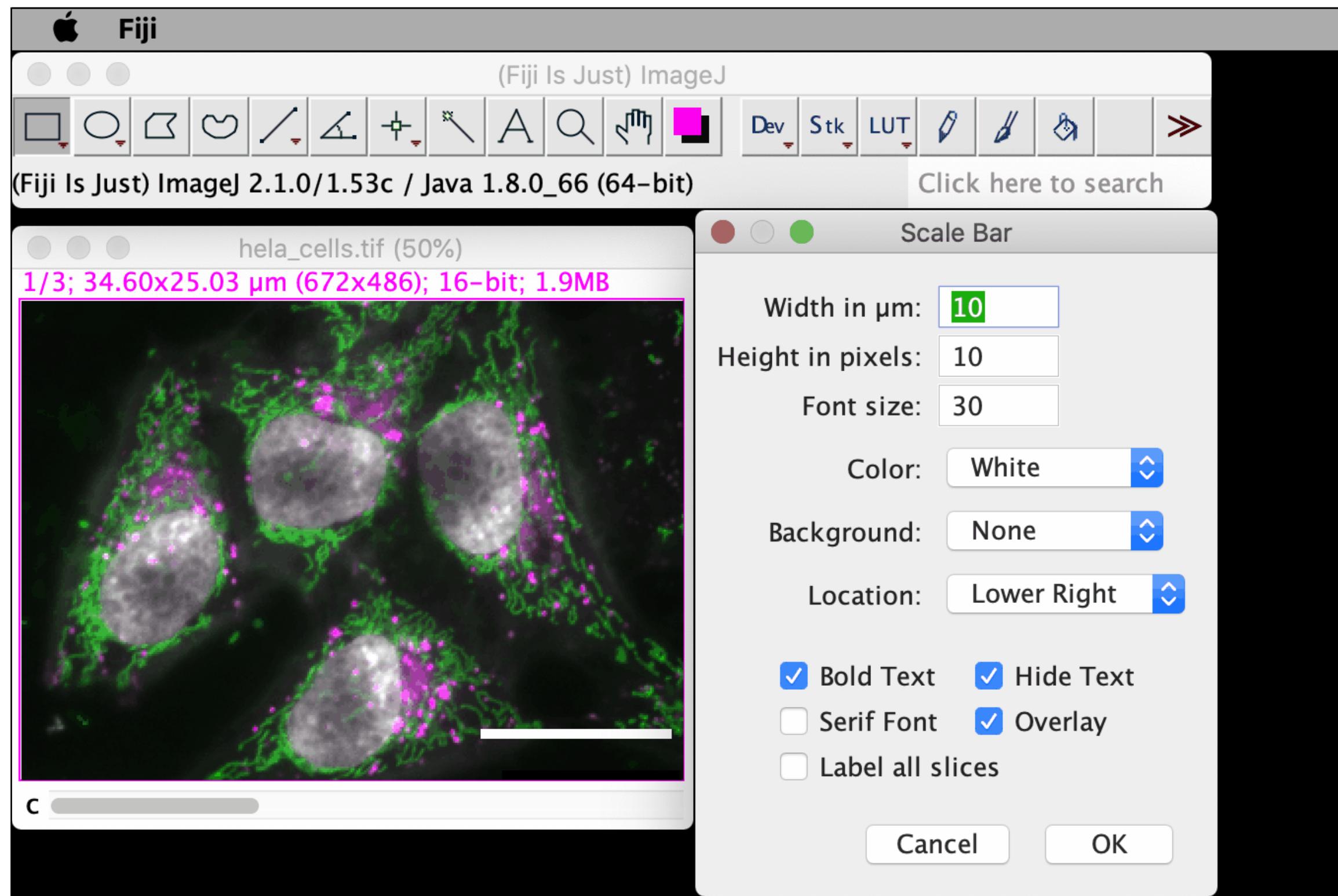
Analyze > Set Scale...

**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



**1.3 file handling and non-invasive editing**

**1.4 file handling and invasive editing**