Test instructions

OpenCASA

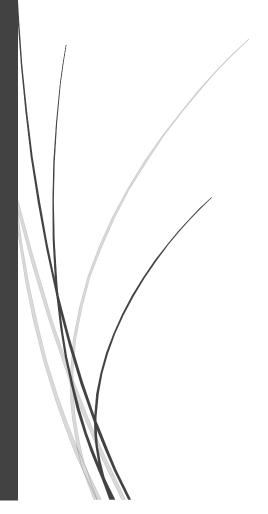


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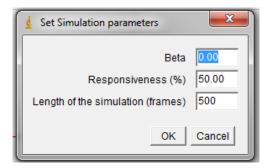
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Introduction

In this document are presented the instructions to test the software. Except for the simulation module, all configuration parameters of OpenCASA that were set to carry out each analysis, are available at the corresponding directory of the test dataset that goes with this document.

Simulation

This module generates a simulation of 100 cells in movement. There are three parameters needed to generate a simulation:

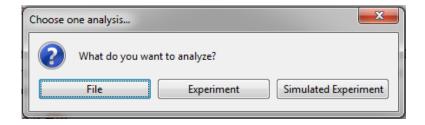


Beta equals 0 means the population will behave without any bias in the directionality of the swimming path. Values greater/lower than 0 will force the cells to move to the right/left respectively. Responsiveness is the percentage of cells that will be forced to some direction when beta is not zero. The length of the simulation is the duration (in frames) of the simulated video. In order to test visually the effect and aspect of the simulations, check the following situations:

Condition	Parameters	Expected response					
Control	Beta=0;	Random swimming					
	Responsiveness = indifferent	paths in all directions					
		The half of the					
Attraction to the	Beta = 2	population will					
right (moderate)	Responsiveness = 50	eventually move to the					
_	-	right side of the screen.					
		All the population will					
Attraction to the	Beta = 2	eventually move to the					
right (High level)	Responsiveness = 100	right side of the screen.					
	Beta = -2	The half of the					
Attraction to the	Responsiveness = 50	population will					
left (moderate)		eventually move to the					
		left side of the screen.					

Chemotaxis

The module allows the user to carry out three types of analysis: analyze a file, an experiment, or simulate an experiment. Each analysis has different purposes: analyze a single file allows to check the distributions of the instantaneous displacements of the whole population, and also to take a look at the relative trajectories; Experiment analysis tries to characterized the bias in the swimming direction of a particular set of sperm populations, comparing it to a control set; and Simulated Experiment helps the user to validate and learn the basis of an Experiment analysis.



Dataset

In order to test the module, various videos are provided. In the chemotaxis folder of the validation data, it is possible to find the "Experiment" folder, with 4 simulations: two about control conditions, and two of biased populations.

Analyze file

Click on *Chemotaxis Module => Analyze File*. After selecting a video, the program will show two pictures: one about the relative trajectories detected by the module, and the other about the distribution of the instantaneous directionality angles of the whole population. In color green is drawn the chemotactic cone, and in color red the chemotaxis direction set by the user.

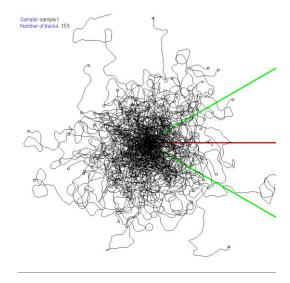


Figure 1 - Relative trajectories detected by the software. Each trajectory is drawn as if it started from the origin of coordinates.

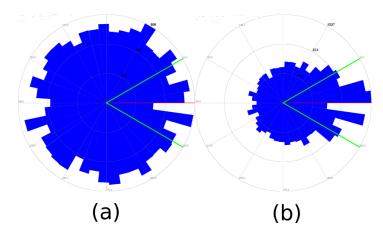


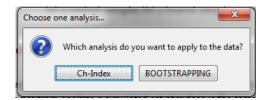
Figure 2- Differences on the distributions of the instantaneous directionality angles.

(a) a control sample; (b) a biased sample

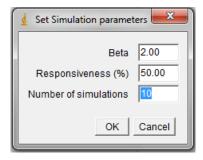
Simulated experiment

This analysis emerge from the need of validate the bootstrapping analysis for a large set of files. The way the program analyze a simulated set of videos is the same that is carried out with a real ones, but the process of creating the simulations is embedded in order to save time to the user. Other way would be to create manually a set of videos using the simulation module, place them in a folder (correctly structured as it is explained in the user's manual), and later carry out an "Experiment analysis".

To simulate an experiment: click on "Chemotaxis --> Simulated Experiment". There will appear two options: Ch-Index or Bootstrapping.



Each option is explained below but for both cases, the user will have to set the parameters of the simulations. As in the Simulation module, Beta equals 0 means the population will behave without any bias in the directionality of the swimming path. Values greater or lower than 0 will force the cells to move to the right or left respectively. Responsiveness is the percentage of cells that will be forced when beta is not zero. The length of all simulations in this module is fixed to 500 frames. The number of simulations means the number of pairs control-biased samples that will be simulated. For example, a value of 10 will create 10 simulations with Beta equals 0, paired up with another 10 simulations created with those parameters set by the user (in total, 20 simulations).



Ch-Index

The Ch-Index analysis gives a measure of the percentage of the instantaneous directionality angles that point to the gradient direction respect to those not pointing to that gradient (an explanation in more detail can be found in the attached research article). In order to validate this analysis, it is necessary to check that, in control conditions (no bias in the directionality), the percentage of the instantaneous displacements pointing to any direction has to be proportional to the area taken into account. For example, if the user defines a chemotactic cone of 60 degrees, if there is no bias in the directionality, statistically the Ch-Index should be $\frac{60^{\circ}}{360^{\circ}} * 100 \approx 16,67\%$. Else, if there exists a bias in the chemotaxis direction, the percentage should be greater. This test can be seen in Figure 3, setting Beta equals 2 and Responsiveness equals 50%.

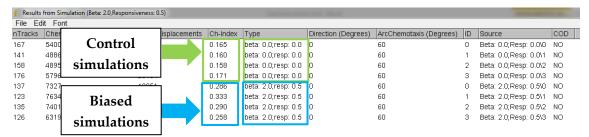
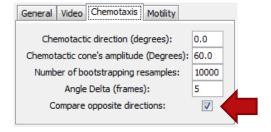
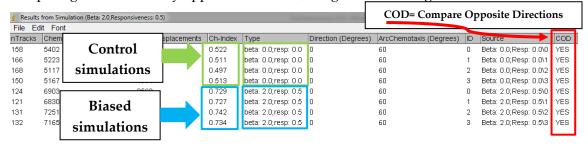


Figure 3 - Ch-Index analysis of 4 pairs of simulations. The biased ones were created with this parameters: Beta=2; Responsiveness=50%. The Ch-Index was calculated taking into account all directions on the instantaneous displacements (option 1, see paper).

However, there is an option to take into account only the displacements in the same and opposite direction of the chemotaxis gradient. In that case, if the user defines a chemotactic cone of 60 degrees, if there is no bias in the directionality, statistically the Ch-Index should be $\frac{60^{\circ}}{60^{\circ}+60^{\circ}}*100=50\%$. This option can be set in the chemotaxis tab of the settings menu:



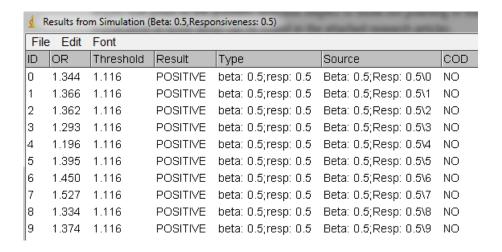
Analysing a set of simulations with the same parameters as the previous example, but comparing in this case only opposite directions, we get the following results:



Bootstrapping

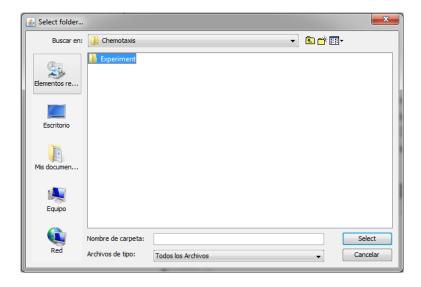
The Bootstrapping analysis act as a binary classifier (positive/negative) looking at the distribution of the instantaneous displacements of two populations: a control condition and a hypothesized biased one. The software will label a sample as positive if, statistically compared to a control condition, exists a bias in the direction of the chemotaxis gradient. By definition, this clasification has a 5% rate of false positives, so obtaining percentage of positives upper this value would indicate a chemotaxis phenomena in our samples. To test this analysis, we can carry out two different analysis. First, we can test if, analysing a set of NON-biased samples, we obtain only a 5% of false positives (take into account that this

percentage in the theoretical one obtained when the sample size is infinite, so a little variance around this value could be expected). To do it, we can simulate for example, 100 samples with Beta equals 0, and count the number of positives that we obtain. It is recommended to do it several times in order to be sure that this number is close to the theoretical 5%. Later, it is necessary to test that this percentage grows up when a bias is introduced. To do that, just simulate again setting the value of Beta above 0 (for example, Beta = 0.5). The value of Responsiveness is also important because is the number of cells that actually respond to the chemotactic effect. For the test below, Responsiveness has been set to 50%.



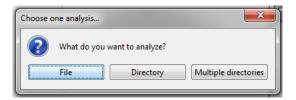
Experiment analysis

In order to test the third analysis, four videos are provided. After clicking on the button "Experiment Analysis" a dialog window is opened. After choosing between Ch-Index or Bootstrapping analysis, select the folder "Experiment" inside the Chemotaxis directory and the analysis will be carried out as in the previous section for simulated data.



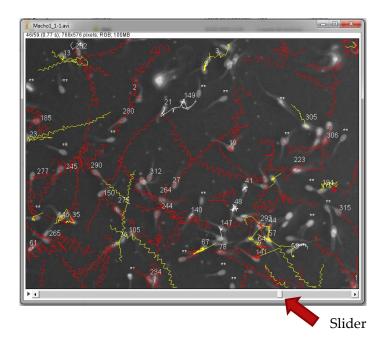
Motility

In order to test the motility module, a set of videos is provided. This module allows the user to analyze files at three levels: one single file, a directory with different videos, or a directory with multiple directorie.

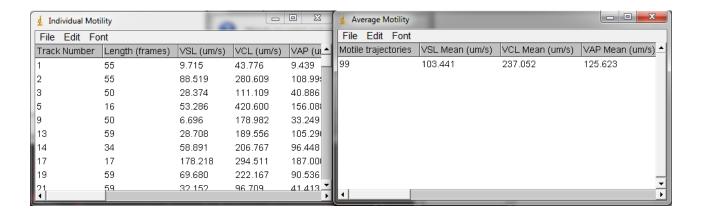


Analyze file

When a single file is analyzed, the original video is shown with the detected trajectories overwriting it. The user can check the correspondences between the trajectories and the cells, using the slider at the bottom of the window:



Also, the analysis return two reports: one for the individual analysis, and other with the average values for the whole sample.

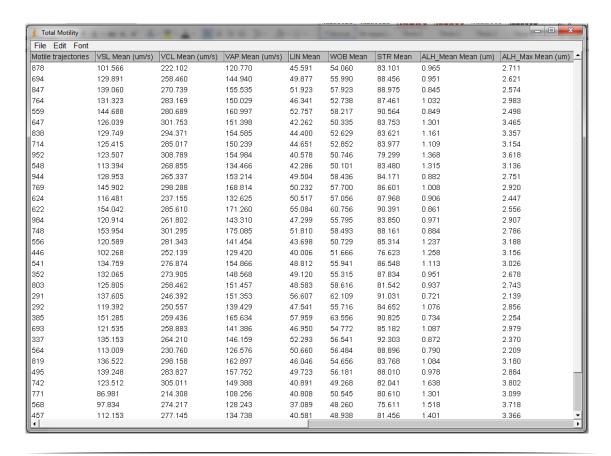


Analyze directory

The directory analysis is just the automation of the file analysis but for multiple files. The only difference is that in this analysis, the trajectories over the videos are not shown.

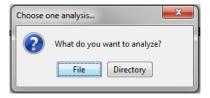
Analyze multiple directories

This analysis is the automation for the previous analysis. Selecting this option, multiple directories are analyzed, but in this case, the report given by the program shows only the average values calculated for each subdirectory, independently of how many samples has each directory. The report shows the average values (one directory for each row):

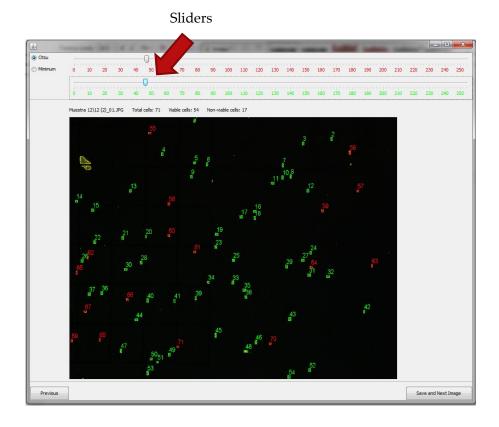


Viability

In order to test the viability module, a set of images is provided. This module allows the user to choose between a single file analysis (only one image), or a directory analysis (all images inside the selected directory). Both analysis are equivalent so here we will explain only how to carry out a directory analysis.



Once the directory has been selected, the program loads the first image and it tries to classify the cells inside the image between viable and non-viable cells. In case that some cells are labeled in a wrong way, the user can modify the thresholds used for red and green channels, just moving the corresponding slider:



Test instructions

Once the user considers that the classification is correct, clicking on bottom-right button "Save and Next Image", the results will be added to the report window. In this window, on the left we will see the results for each analyzed image, and on the right, the absolute and relative number of analyzed cells. This second part is updated each time a new image is analyzed.

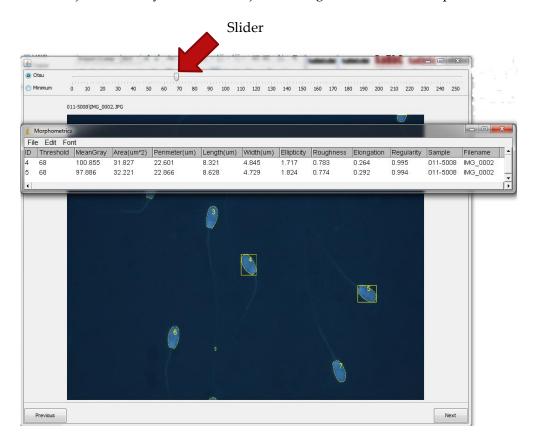


Morphometry

In order to test the morphometry module, a set of images is provided. This module allows the user to choose between a single file analysis (only one image), or a directory analysis (all images inside the directory). Both analysis are equivalent so here we will explain how to carry out a directory analysis.



Once the directory has been selected, the program loads the first image and it tries to determine the optimal threshold to detect the contour of the cell. In this module, the user has to select manually those cells that have been well outlined. When it occurs, the morphometric values of the cell are added to the report window. If a cell has not been well outlined, the user can adjust manually the threshold just moving the slider on the top of the window.



Validation data

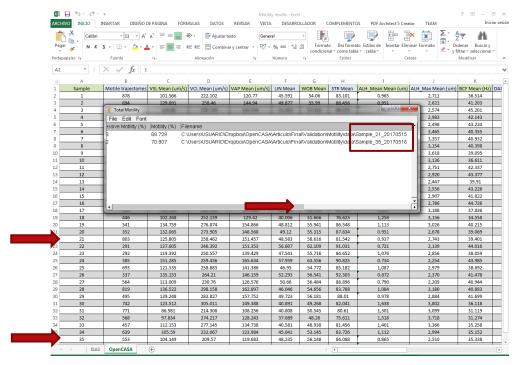
Considering that the simulation module can be tested visually, the chemotaxis module is perfectly validated with these simulations, and the rest of the modules have been validated using real data, the results of that validation are provided in order to allow the user to replicate and confirm the analysis. For that reason, a subset of the validation data is provided together with the results of the whole analysis. Taking into account the type of analysis, and the identification of each sample, the user has to be able to replicate the corresponding results.

Motility

The file "Motility results.xlsx" contains the results of the analysis carried out for each sample (both for the ISAS and OpenCASA software). Also, two samples with 8 videos each sample are provided. The steps that the user has to follow to replicate the results of the analysis of that samples are:

- 1. Set the OpenCASA parameters as said in the file "OpenCASA Parameters Motility.txt" placed in the motility folder.
- 2. Select the module Motility and click on "Multiple directories"
- 3. Select the folder "data" contained in the motility folder

After that, compare that the results obtained in the analysis are the same that those that figure on the excel file. To identify each sample, just move to the end of the report to check the last part of the filename and look for the sample ID on the first column of the spreadsheet:

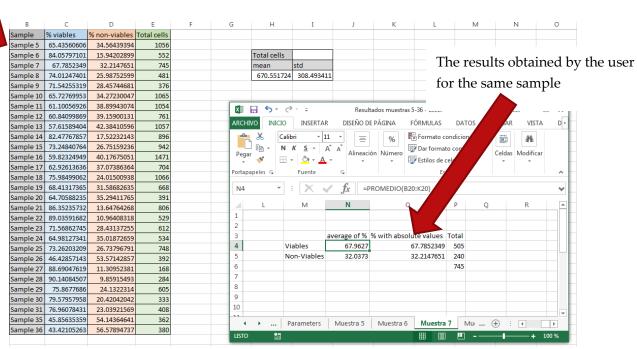


Viability

The file "Viability results.xlsx" contains the results of the analysis carried out for each sample. Also, five samples with 52 images in total are provided. The steps that the user has to follow to replicate the results of the analysis of that samples are:

- 1. Set the OpenCASA parameters as said in the file "OpenCASA Parameters Viability.txt" placed in the viability folder.
- 2. Select the module Viability and click on "analyze directory"
- 3. Select the folder of one sample contained in the data folder.
- 4. Analyze the images of that sample and save the results
- 5. Repeat that process for each sample directory
- 6. After analyzing all samples, compare the values obtained with those of the same samples provided in the Viability results.xlsx file

The validation results



Morphometry

The file "Morphometry results.xlsx" contains the results of the analysis carried out for each sample (both for the ISAS and OpenCASA software). Also, three samples with 100 images in total are provided. The steps that the user has to follow to replicate the results of the analysis of that samples are:

- 1. Set the OpenCASA parameters as said in the file "OpenCASA Parameters Morphometry.txt" placed in the viability folder.
- 2. Select the module Morphometry and click on "analyze directory"
- 3. Select the folder of one sample contained in the data folder.
- 4. Analyze the images of that sample and save the results. Select around 200 cells/sample, equally distributed across all images.
- 5. Repeat that process for each sample directory
- 6. After analyzing all samples, compare the values obtained with those of the same samples provided in the Morphometry results.xlsx file.

The validation results



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