

Python extract_counts protocol

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This script gathers the counted cells per ImageJ Point Tool counter for every brain slice and writes them into one CSV file. This script with the output from the merge_csv.py script, but also works on an Excel file with multiple tabs containing counting cell counts for multiple brain slices.

1. This script (extract_counts.py) works for an Excel file that has multiple sheets with original names, a column indicating which Point Tool counter was used, and a column indicating which indicates the number of cells counted (should be the same per counter), for example:

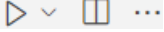
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1			Mean	X	Y	Counter	Count	Contrast	
2	0	1	142	287.167	1762.5	1	33	89	
3	1	2	196	300.833	1776.833	1	33	35	
4	2	3	197	338.833	1743.167	1	33	34	
5	3	4	202	352.5	1764.167	1	33	29	
6	4	5	204	368.5	1765.167	1	33	27	
7	5	6	167	422.5	1715.167	1	33	64	
8	6	7	99	517.5	1691.5	1	33	132	
9	7	8	160	581	1620	1	33	71	
10	8	9	195	610.5	1609	1	33	36	
11	9	10	210	707	1536.5	1	33	21	
12	10	11	199	741.5	1535.5	1	33	32	
13	11	12	191	763.5	1523	1	33	40	

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- a. Only the “Counter” and “Count” columns and name of the sheet are relevant.
2. **Download** extract_counts.py.
 3. **Download** something to visualise code, such as **Visual Studio Code**, which will be used in this protocol.
 4. **Personalize** the script.
 - a. First, make a CSV file for saving the data.
 - b. Copy the path to the CSV file and paste it after “counting_results” (replacing the text that is already there).
 - c. Copy the path to the Excel sheet with all data and paste it after “path”.

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10 path = r"C:\Users\Danie\Documents\Internship\Counting\Merge_data.xlsx"
11 counting_results = r"C:\Users\Danie\Documents\Internship\Counting\Counting_results.csv"
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Since the backward slash “\” is a special character in Python strings, an “r” should be placed before the string. If the path includes forward slashes “/”, the “r” can be removed.
 - d. The script is based on a script for counting the upper and lower blade of the dentate gyrus. Cells in the upper blade were counted with Counter 1 from the ImageJ Point Tool, and the lower blade with Counter 2. You can choose to rename the variables “counted_upper” and “counted_lower” with what applies to your situation (lines 20, 21, 26, 31, 35, 38)
 - e. If different counters were used, the numbers can be adjusted on lines 25, 26, 30 and 31.
 - f. If more than two counters were used, lines 23 up until 26 can be copied, adjusted, and pasted after line 31.

5. **Run** the script (Ctrl+S) after saving the changes.
 - a. In Visual Studio Code this can be done by clicking the play button in the right corner: 
 - b. This can also be ran in the Visual Studio Code terminal, or any other terminal by opening the file location of the script and typing “python extract_counts.py” and pressing enter.

PS C:\Users\Danie\Documents\Internship\Cellcount_and_Analysis_Fiji-ImageJ> python extract_counts.py

6. **Check** the CSV, it should look something like this:

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Filename	Counted upper	Counted lower	
2	0	138_10x_hyp_amy015	33	2	
3	1	138_10x_hyp_amy016	31	2	
4	2	138_10x_hyp_amy017	24	5	
5	3	138_10x_hyp_amy019	14	0	
6	4	138_10x_hyp_amy021	24	2	
7	5	138_10x_hyp_amy022	30	0	
8	6	139_10x_hyp_amy001	6	13	
9	7	139_10x_hyp_amy002	9	22	
10	8	139_10x_hyp_amy003	19	13	
11	9	139_10x_hyp_amy004	13	7	
12	10	139_10x_hyp_amy006	21	5	
13	11	139_10x_hyp_amy007	4	2	
14	12	139_10x_hyp_amy008	21	3	
15	13	139_10x_hyp_amy009	19	3	
16	14	139_10x_hyp_amy010	6	1	
17	15	139_10x_hyp_amy011	6	0	
18	16	139_10x_hyp_amy013	6	3	