Dear RSpec User,

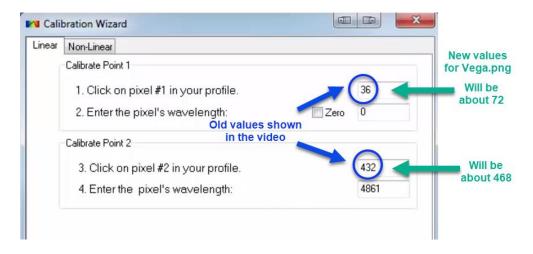
I'm glad you've downloaded these materials and will be watching the video of the AAVSO workshop.

If you follow along with the video using the sample data we provide, you'll learn a lot about how to use RSpec.

Note that rather than the *Vega.bmp* file to which I refer in the YouTube video, the file is now named *Vega.png* in the zip file.

The new Vega.png image has two minor differences from the original Vega.bmp used in the video:

- 1. The new image needs less rotation than you'll see in the video.
- 2. The specific pixel values when calibrating are different in the new image:



So, when you're following along in the tutorial, you should expect to see values like the green ones above. Of course you should use whatever values you actually see when you follow the steps in RSpec itself, <u>not</u> the values in the video.

Similarly, the pixel values at the end of the video for *supernova* calibration will also differ from what you'll find in the sample data. As described above, you should of course again use the values that you get from the sample data rather than just copying those shown in the video.

If you encounter any problems when working through the video, PLEASE reach out to me at www.rspec-astro.com/contact or via email.

I love answering questions and will do everything I can do to help you succeed.

Let me know how the video tutorial works for you. How can I make it better?

You may also find our "Getting Started" manual helpful: http://www.rspec-astro.com/getting-started-pdf.

Thank you for choosing RSpec.

Regards,

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