Manual of Nematode Segmentation Tools

1. Start of the program

double click "main.exe", it may last a few seconds for file decompression

2. Tools

At the top of the main interface, several tools are available. Click the buttons or use shortcuts to get corresponding tool activated.

2.1. "Open" and "Save" buttons

"Open" button will start a dialog, through which you can find and open the image to be annotated.

By clicking "Save", added annotations will be saved into a ".hdf5" file with the same name under the same directory as the currently opened image.

Similarly, when opening an image, the image directory will be searched. If a .hdf5 file with the same name is founded, the annotations will be loaded.

2.2 "Zoom in" and "Zoom out" button

Shortcuts: Ctrl + A for zoom in; Ctrl + S for zoom out

2.3. "Browse" button

Enter "Browser" mode. In this mode, you can draw nothing but browse all existing annotations

2.4. "Poly" button

In this mode, polygons of any shape can be draw:

- Single left click to start the polygon drawing from the current mouse position
- Move the mouse along the boundary of the polygon you want to draw
- Single/double left click to finish

2.5. "Ellipse" button

In this mode, ellipses annotations can be created:

- Single click to give an end point of the main axis of the ellipse
- Move the mouse to the other end point of the main axis
- Press A/S key to enlarge/shrink the side axis
- Single click to finish

2.6. "Dot" button

In this mode, you can make dot annotations by just clicking.

2.7. "BBX" button

In this mode, bounding boxes can be created:

- Single click to give a corner of the box
- Move the mouse to the diagonal corner of the box
- Single click to finish

(the drawing can be cancelled by pressing **ESC_Key** before the drawing is finished)

3. Other operations

3.1 slide the window

Use scrollbar or mouse wheel

3.2. select

At any mode and any moment except during the drawing, double click will select an annotation

3.3. delete

Click "Delete" button in the tool bar or press **Delete_Key** will delete the annotation

3.4. give labels

With an annotation selected, double click a label in the label list (at the righ side of the GUI)