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# Synapse Quantification with Puncta Analyzer



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#### **Abstract**

Protocol for installing Puncta Analyzer and using it to analyze synapse images.



### Install Puncta Analyzer

- 1 Go to <a href="https://github.com/toddstavish/puncta-analyzer">https://github.com/toddstavish/puncta-analyzer</a> and follow the following instructions for installing Puncta Analyzer
- 2 Install JDK
- 3 Install maven
- 4 Fork the puncta analyzer repo
- 5 Execute 'mvn compile' in project directory (where the pom.xml is located)
- 6 Create a 'PunctaAnalyzer' directory in the your ImageJ plugins directory
- 7 Copy all of the class files (bytecode) in target/classes to plugins/PunctaAnalyzer

### Running Puncta Analzyer

- 8 Z-project images if necessary
- 9 Open an image in FIJI and use Ctrl+A to select all or select a specific region of interest
- 10 Run Puncta Analyzer using Analyze>Puncta Analyzer
- 11 Select Red channel and Green channel boxes to analyze those channels. Also select background subtraction for the red and green channels. Click set results file and save results and select a folder to save to.



- Click OK with the default 50 pixel rolling ball radius for subtract background 12
- 13 Threshold the red channel using the slider
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- 15 Threshold the red channel using the slider
- Enter any desired restrictions on the analyze particles function such as a minimum pixel size. 16
- Click yes to save result to file 17
- 18 Close all windows and proceed to the next image