## Examples of Image Analysis Using ImageJ

## Area Measurements of a Complex Object

Problem: Determine the photosynthetic (i.e., green) portion of a variegated leaf.

|  | - Convert scanned color image of leaf to grayscale: <br> Image $\rightarrow$ Type $\rightarrow 8$-bit <br> - Set measurement scale: <br> Draw a line over a 50 mm section of the ruler then Analyze $\rightarrow$ Set Scale In Set Scale window enter 50 into the 'Known Distance' box and change the 'Unit of Measurement' box to mm , check 'Global' <br> - Draw a new line and confirm that the measurement scale is correct. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - Threshold the leaf image using the automated routine: Process $\rightarrow$ Binary $\rightarrow$ Threshold <br> The automated threshold includes only the dark green areas. |
| $\xi^{5}$ | - Calculate area of green portion: <br> Enclose the leaf with the rectangular selection tool <br> Analyze $\rightarrow$ Analyze Particles <br> Enter 500 as the minimum particle size, toggle 'Show Outlines' and click 'OK' Outline of analyzed area is automatically drawn. Data window gives an area of $2001.3 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. |
| (See bottom of page for an alternative method for measuring areas.) |  |
|  | - Threshold new image of leaf using manual settings: <br> Image $\rightarrow$ Adjust $\rightarrow$ Threshold and play with sliders to include all of leaf or <br> Image $\rightarrow$ Adjust $\rightarrow$ Brightness/Contrast, click 'Auto', click 'Threshold', play with the slider until all of leaf is include, click 'Apply' <br> The manual threshold setting includes all of the leaf area. |
| S | - Calculate area of entire leaf: <br> Enclose the leaf with the rectangular selection tool <br> Analyze $\rightarrow$ Analyze Particles <br> Enter 500 as the minimum particle size and click 'OK' Outline of entire leaf is automatically drawn. Data window gives an area of $2447.8 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. |

This analysis suggests that about $82 \%$ of leaf surface is dark green. These values should be manually confirmed before beginning a 'production run' of measurements.

An alternative procedure for measuring areas:
Analyze $\rightarrow$ Set Measurements, check 'Limit to Threshold'
Analyze $\rightarrow$ Measure
This procedure is simpler but does not draw an outline of the measured area.

## (more on reverse side)

## Examples of Image Analysis Using ImageJ (continued)

## Particle Counting and Analysis.

Problem: Count and determine the size distribution of a collection of echinoderm embryos.
$\left.\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|}\hline\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Separately photograph a stage micrometer and the embryos at } \\ \text { the same magnification. Set the measurement scale: } \\ \text { Draw line over a know distance on the micrometer then Analyze } \rightarrow \text { Set Scale } \\ \text { In Set Scale window enter the distance value into the 'Known Distance' box } \\ \text { and Change the 'Unit of Measurement' box to mm, check 'Global' } \\ \text { Confirm that the measurement scale is correct. } \\ \text { This image was improved by simplifying a cluttered background: } \\ \text { (Process } \rightarrow \text { Subtract Background) }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{l}\text { Open the color image of the embryos. } \\ \text { Convert the image to grayscale: } \\ \text { Image } \rightarrow \text { Type } \rightarrow \text { 8-bit }\end{array}\right]$

As mentioned in the previous example, this technique should be manually validated before collecting experimental data.

