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A practical method of digital stain separation for deep learning
automatic cell profile counts

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Quantifying cells in a defined region of biological tissue is critical for many clinical and preclinical studies. Deep learning based approaches show comparable accuracy to manual counts of histologically stained cells at their maximum profile of focus in extended depth of field (EDF) images. However, a majority of the automated counts are designed for single immunostained tissue sections. To expand the automatic counting methods to more complex staining protocols, we developed a practical method to digitally separate stain color channels on images. The proposed method overcomes the limitations of the state-of-the-art stain separation methods, like requirement of pure stain color basis as a prerequisite or stain color basis learning on each image in advance.

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