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**Image Analysis  
& Processing Toolbox**



# Cell Image Analysis with Galaxy

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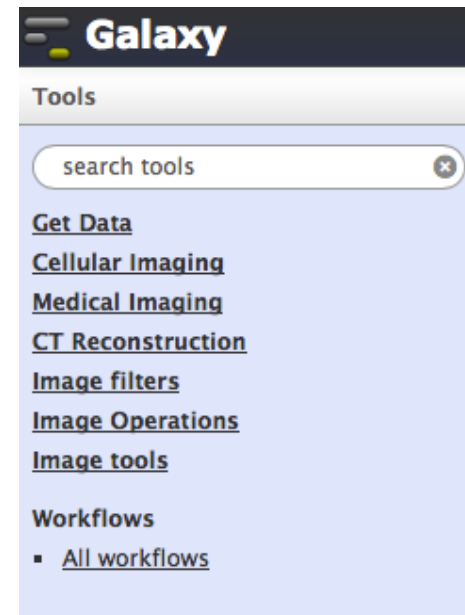
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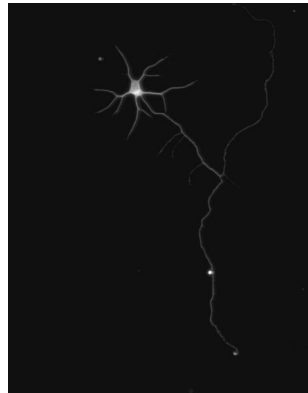
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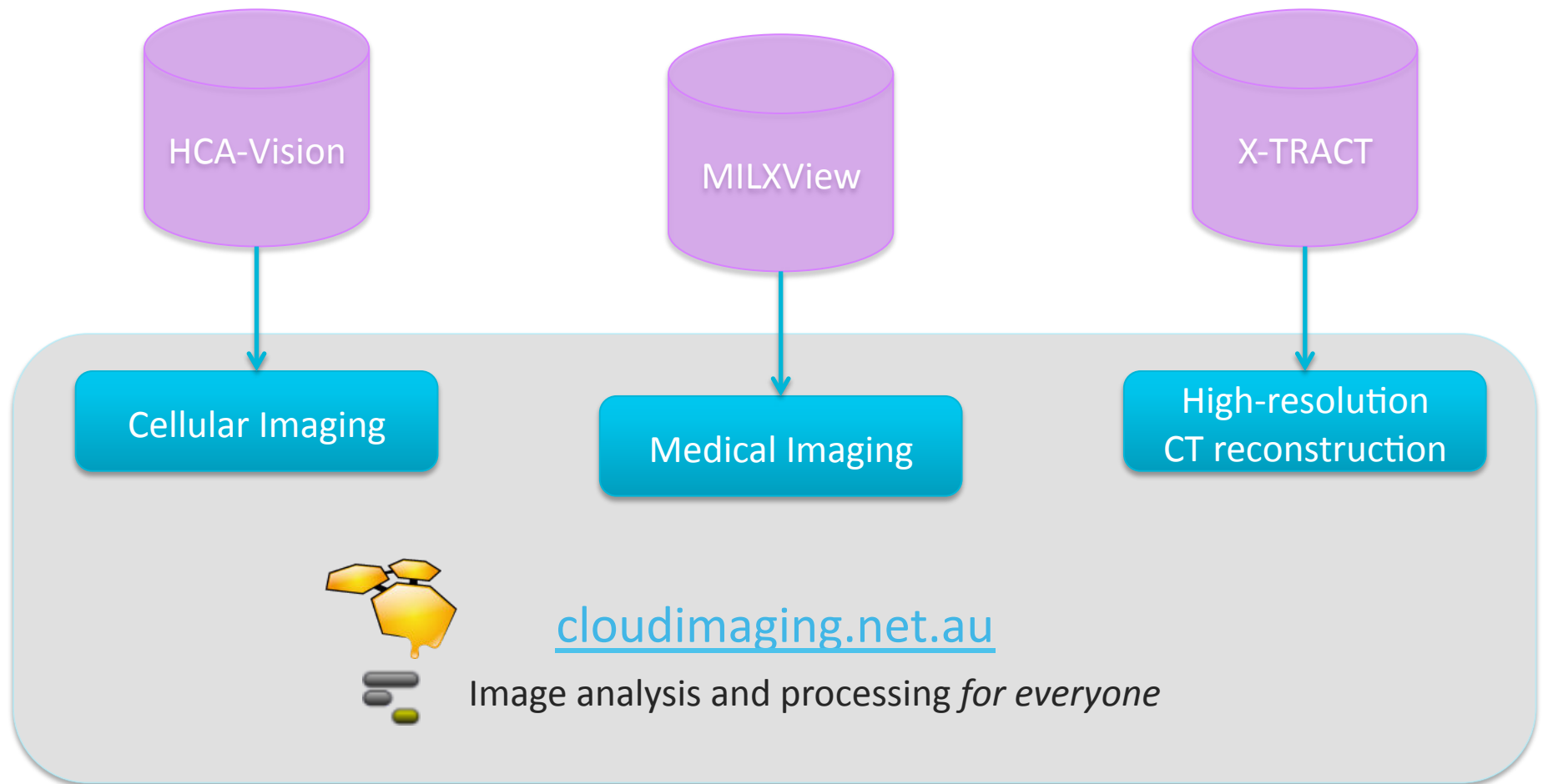
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quantify complexity  
of neurites



# Cloud-based image analysis and processing





# CloudBased Image Analysis & Processing Toolbox

Image Analysis and Processing for *for everyone*.

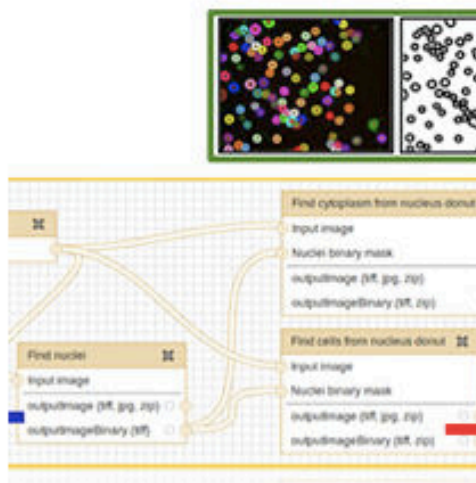
The Cloud-based Image Analysis and Processing Toolbox project provides access to existing biomedical image processing and analysis tools via remote user-interface using the NeCTAR cloud.

Use Toolbox



Use project's free server

Demo



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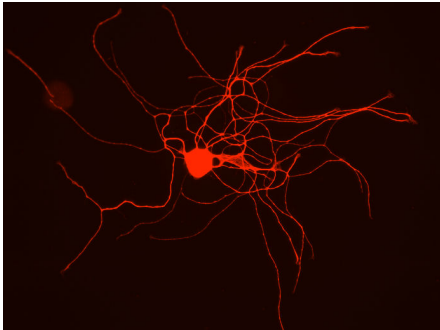
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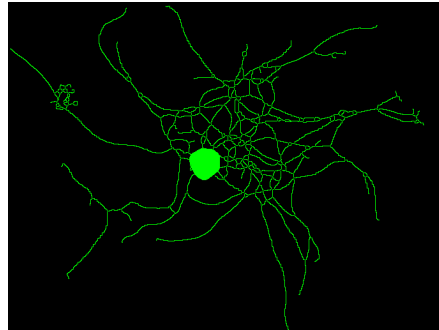
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# Cell image analysis needs

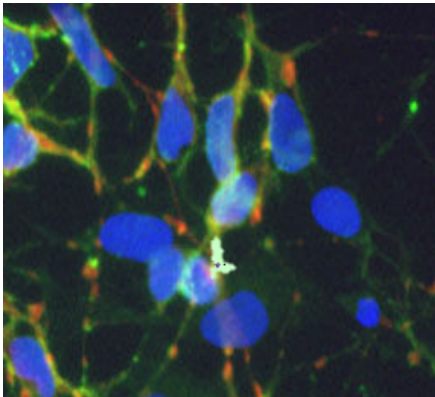
*Rat brain neurite outgrowth image*



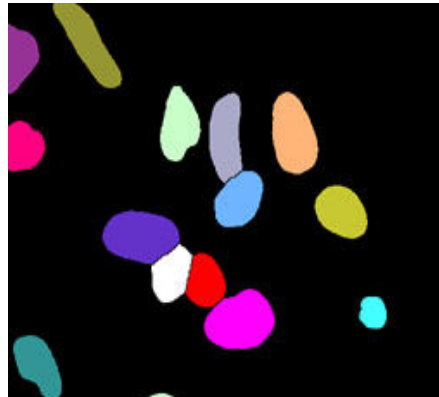
*Neurites segmented*



*Fluorescence microscopy image*



*Nuclei segmented*



*Cell statistics*

CellNo	Area	Perimeter	TotalNeuriteLength	MaxNeuriteLength	MaxBranchLayer
1	48	28	7.02	7.02	1
2	90	40	333.77	125.89	5
3	64	32	113.79	78.38	2
4	527	124	25.55	25.55	1
5	92	38	0	0	0
6	115	47	26.85	26.85	1
7	157	58	6.33	6.33	1
8	77	38	30.28	23.26	2
9	158	58	141.39	81.66	2
10	130	49	0	0	0
11	79	40	0	0	0
12	374	90	111.33	57.41	2
13	629	153	0	0	0
14	76	32	5.54	5.54	1

# Industrial cell screening systems use our software modules

- **ImageXpress®** by Molecular Devices
- **Pathway HT™** by BD Biosciences
- **Opera®** by Perkin Elmer





# Cellular Imaging toolbox

## 1. Most of HCA-Vision cell analysis functions

- Detect neurons/cells
- Detect nuclei
- Detect neurites
- Detect dots
- Statistics for objects, lines and dots

## 2. Convenience functions

- Arithmetic and logic operations with images
- Filter objects by morphology attributes (area, elongation, etc)
- Label objects
- Overlay image with labelled mask



Analyze Data

Workflow

Shared Data

Visualization

Help

User

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Tools

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Get Data

- Upload a bag of files multiple files to one dataset.
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Cellular Imaging

- Find cytoplasm from nucleus donut Identify cytoplasm as a donut-like region around a nucleus
- Detect dots Detect dot-like structures in a 2D image
- Create donut around a nucleus Create a donut-like region around a cell nucleus
- Objects statistics Compute statistics of objects in a binary or labeled image
- Detect nuclei from cytoplasm holes Detect nuclei from absence of stain of cytoplasm
- Detect lines Detect linear features in an image
- Arithmetic operations with two images Add, subtract, multiply, and divide two images
- Detect nuclei Detect nuclei in a 2D microscope image
- Detect cells Detect cells with or without using a nucleus image as a mask

Detect nuclei (version 1.1.0)

Input image:

1: dendrits-small.tif

Original RGB or grayscale image.

Smoothing element size:

1.5

Smoothing is useful to suppress noise in images. This parameter controls the size of the kernel for Gaussian smoothing, in pixels.

Thresholding sensitivity:

0.34

Select a threshold value such that segmented regions correspond best to nucleus bodies. This parameter derives a threshold based on both intensity and gradient.

Nucleoli radius:

5

Objects with size below this radius, in pixels, will be removed.

Largest nuclei radius:

300

Objects with size above this radius, in pixels, will be removed.

Radius of holes:

0

Maximum radius of holes, in pixels, to fill in in segmented nuclei.

Split objects:

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Whether to split touching objects.

Select nuclei channel:

Red channel

The best image channel (red, green or blue) for detecting nuclei. For grayscale images select red channel.

Execute

History

Unnamed history

11.6 MB

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3.9 MB

format: tiff, database: ?

uploaded tiff file

Image in tiff format



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Input image:

5: Neuron bodies binary mask for dendrits-small.tif

An input image could be binary or labelled. In a binary image each object is labelled 1 and a background is labelled 0. In a labeled image each object gets a label from 1 to N and the background is labelled 0.

Execute

Compute statistics for each object in an input image. It returns a table with 12 columns and *Number\_of\_objects* rows:

- object number,
- area – object area
- perimeter – object perimeter
- rowcentre – Y-coordinate of an object centroid
- columncentre – X-coordinate of an object centroid
- minellipse – object width
- majorellipse – object length
- angleellipse – object orientation (an angle with a horizontal axis, measured in degrees)
- MERTop – Y-coordinate of the left top corner of Minimum Enclosing Rectangle (also called a *bounding box*)
- MERbottom – Y-coordinate of the right bottom top corner of Minimum Enclosing Rectangle
- MERleft – X-coordinate of the left top corner of Minimum Enclosing Rectangle
- MERright – X-coordinate of the right bottom top corner of Minimum Enclosing Rectangle

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6: Overlay for dendrits-small.tif

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4: Nuclei binary mask for dendrits-small.tif

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- Overlay image with labelled mask Create a colourful overlay image from an original image and a labelled mask

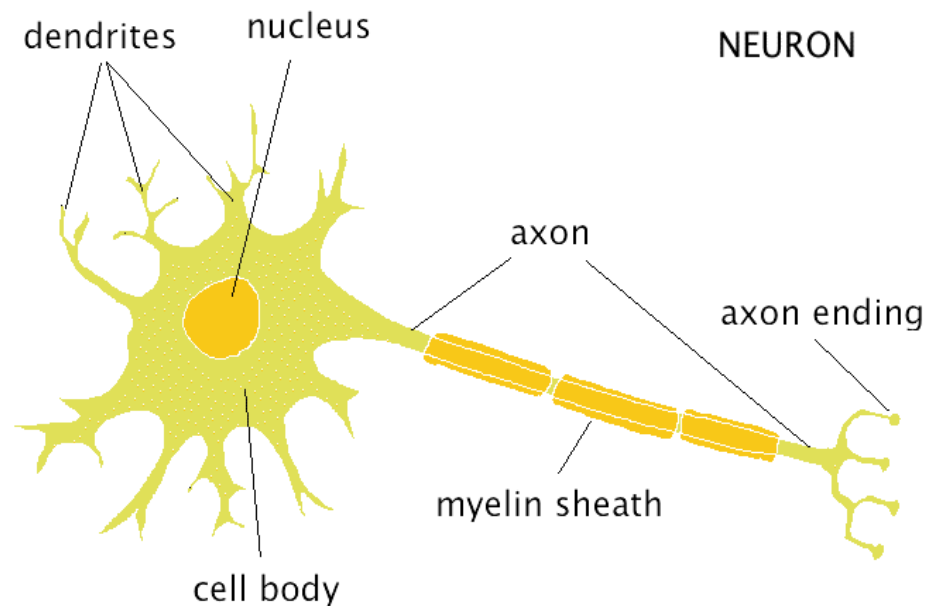
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2	449	107	7.49443	345.541	18.0306	33.767	-3.89746	1	17	328	366
3	2405	256	27.4183	368.834	46.2345	69.832	-43.2021	1	62	336	402
4	539	124	7.42115	793.032	15.6475	46.8322	9.99764	1	18	768	812
5	638	126	11.4828	892.182	22.3224	38.8694	-33.9003	1	28	878	914
6	1676	237	35.0024	935.458	41.7682	55.7147	-82.3959	1	61	914	960
7	6053	382	70.7272	265.492	84.5831	91.8653	26.5839	29	113	217	315
8	1538	191	75.6417	169.127	43.1737	45.9412	84.2586	53	101	147	195
9	1960	238	88.6827	727.794	37.2721	69.1666	24.1668	63	115	696	763
10	1568	196	87.4503	992.256	38.5781	53.1005	-37.6794	65	110	966	1018
11	1925	214	98.7823	132.435	44.7846	55.6886	54.08	74	126	105	161
12	1330	178	107.259	190.055	35.3172	48.6098	-60.2497	80	128	170	209
13	2002	235	111.215	1043.57	44.5569	59.1568	13.1276	84	137	1013	1073
14	1834	236	114.432	937.11	38.8714	65.4018	-3.05326	90	134	906	970
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20	2795	248	159.813	351.989	58.6932	60.9443	-81.7497	127	192	323	381
21	3675	294	166.353	443.78	66.8442	71.0862	26.5248	132	203	410	481
22	2325	236	162.843	773.672	48.0579	63.339	-22.4377	134	187	742	803
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25	2514	248	194.377	265.574	48.7257	66.6336	-60.7394	164	226	236	293
26	2774	262	196.2	831.35	56.3521	63.6368	-30.8749	164	229	799	862
27	1520	212	200.634	84.4467	30.295	66.2711	51.5178	171	230	60	107
28	1930	206	207.075	618.906	41.6111	59.7872	-61.8117	179	233	593	642
29	1827	208	209.744	177.574	39.484	59.5171	13.5822	188	230	149	208
30	2227	226	232.758	315.546	48.2655	59.2174	58.4577	204	263	290	344
31	2129	246	236.886	555.19	43.8577	65.1904	-45.5434	204	264	521	581
32	2788	308	239.576	750.853	55.4547	70.8689	-69.4013	207	286	718	784
33	1585	200	252.38	226.977	29.8167	69.3156	-73.3237	220	282	207	245
34	2227	224	265.116	435.236	50.1688	57.2798	71.9878	236	295	409	461
35	3257	272	281.958	875.001	58.3221	72.9602	51.856	248	315	837	906
36	2213	214	278.79	568.968	49.207	57.8204	-19.8598	251	303	541	596

A black and white fluorescence microscopy image showing several neurons. The neurons have bright, glowing cell bodies (soma) and a complex network of branching processes (dendrites and axons) extending across the field of view. The background is dark, making the glowing structures stand out.

# Application: neuronal complexity

# Background Biology

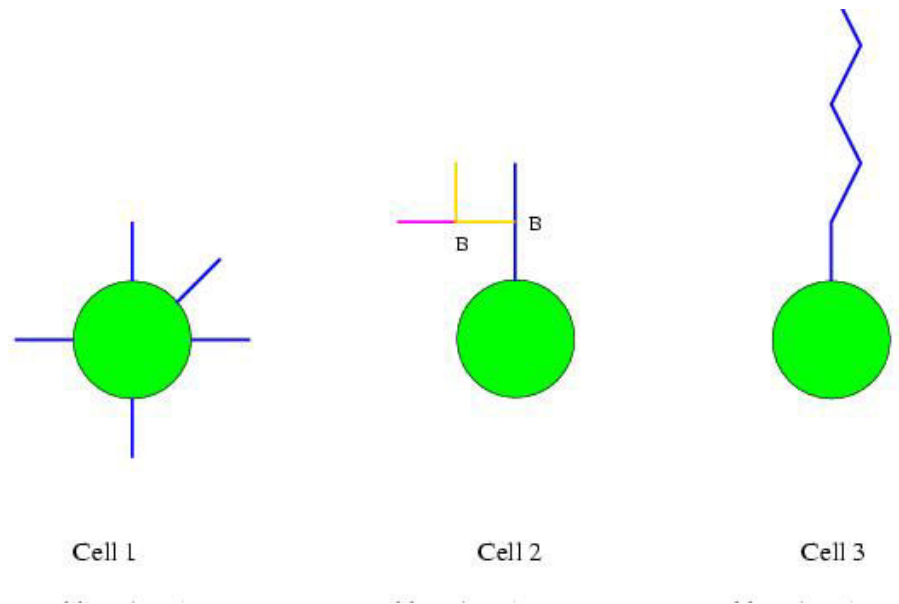
- Neurons are cells which transmit information through electrical or chemical signals
- They are core components of the nervous system (brain and spine)
- Neurons are made up of:
  - A cell body (sometimes called a soma or neuron body)
  - Dendrites (“receivers”)
  - An axon (“a transmitter”)
  - NB. Collectively, dendrites and axons are called neurites





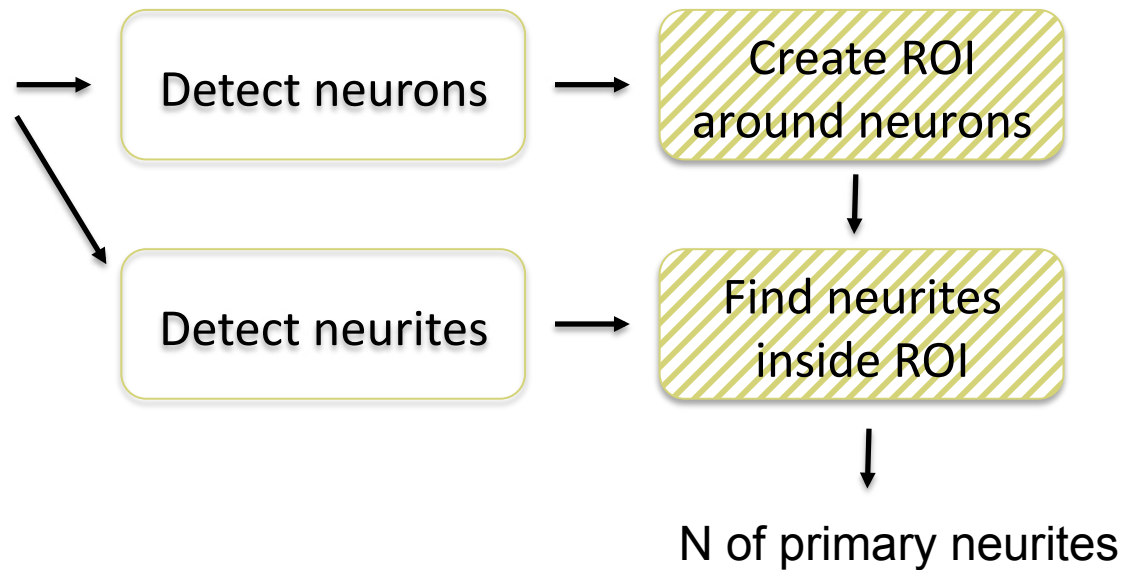
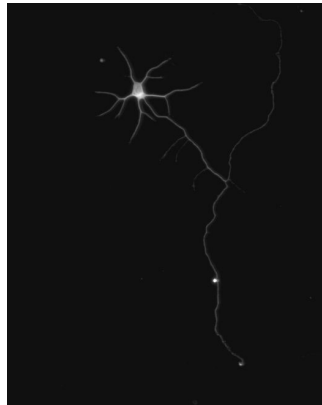
# Neuronal Complexity

- The impact of a drug on a neurites ability to transmit information is of interest for neuropathological conditions such as Alzheimer's disease
- One way to measure this is to quantify the complexity of neurites
  - Length of neurites
  - Number of intersection points
  - Number of primary neurites



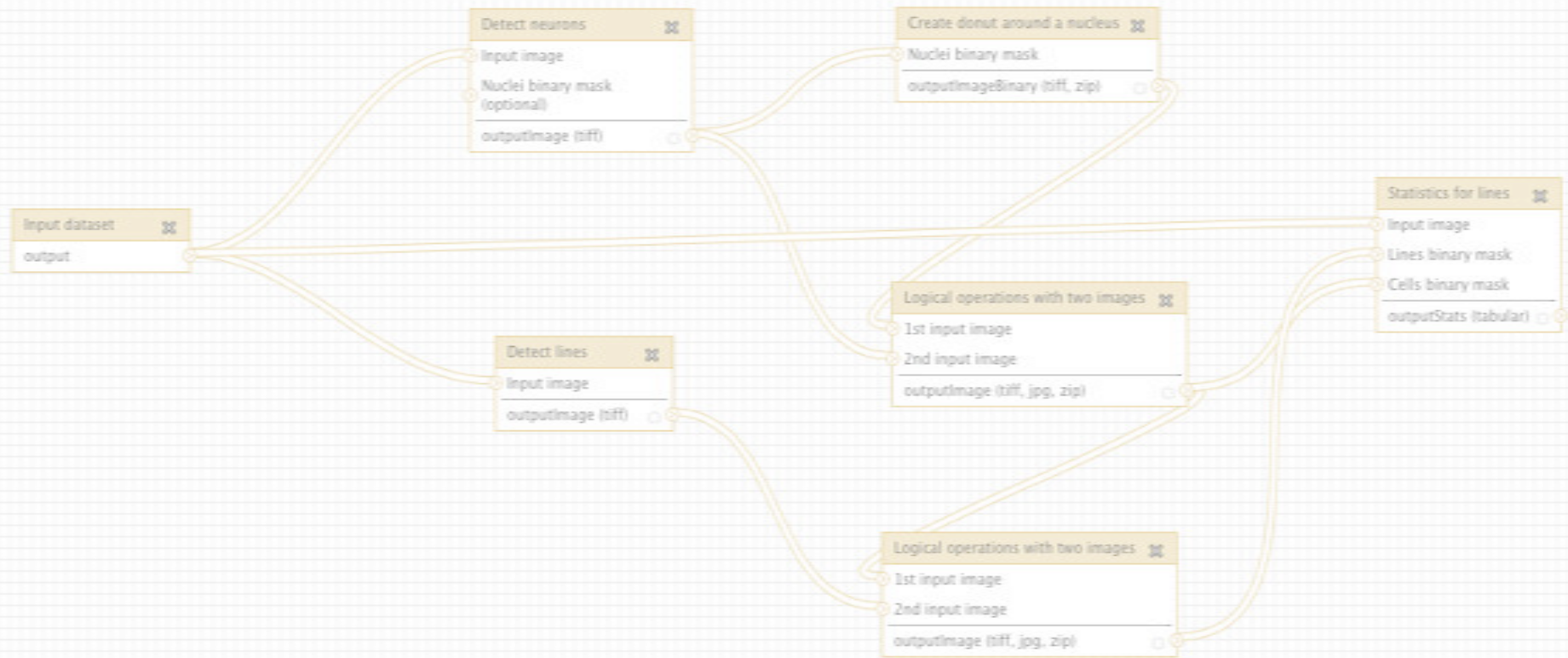
# Find primary neurites: an algorithm

Image of neural cells





# Demo on cloudimaging.net.au



# Thank you

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