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## *Major Research Area Paper Presentation*

*A practical method of digital stain separation for deep learning-based  
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 maximal 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 dual-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. Our findings show that automatic counts by a deep learning method (originally designed for single-immunostained images) on dual-stain images after stain separation achieve comparable accuracy to manual count. Thus, stain-separated images can function as input for automatic deep learning-based quantification methods designed for single-stained tissue sections.

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