

Image acquisition, managing and processing software

## **TCapture**

### **Instruction Manual**

- Key to the Instruction Manual
  - TC is shortened name used for TCapture.
- Help
  - Refer to [Help] >> [About TCapture] menu for software information and technical support.
  - Provide the following information when it is required to obtain the technical support:
    - ① Camera model and S/N (serial number);
    - ② Software version number;
    - ③ Description of the problem. Screenshots of the problem would be useful.

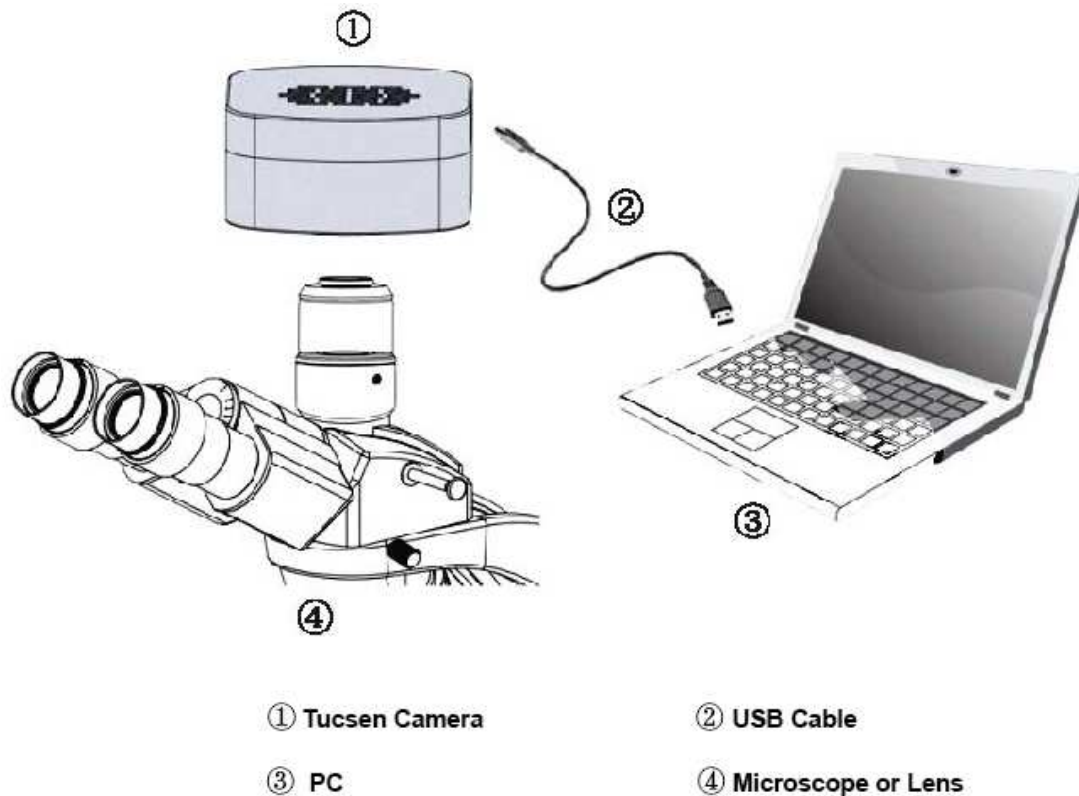
### **System requirements**

<b>OS</b>	Windows XP/ Vista/ 7/ 8 (32 & 64bit)
<b>CPU</b>	Intel processor (Core2 Duo or higher is recommended)
<b>Memory</b>	2GB or More is recommended
<b>USB ports</b>	USB2.0 Hi-Speed port

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# Chapter1: Quick Start

## Camera Installation



## Software and Driver Installation

### Driver Installation

1. Connect the camera to the PC. Insert the CD comes with the camera, copy the driver "Camera Driver (H Series) Setup.exe" to the computer. Double click on it to start the installation. Follow the [Next] button to finish the installation.

2. Go to the Device Manager and check whether the driver is installed properly. If there is **NO YELLOW FLAG** with the camera under **Imaging Device in Device Manager**, the driver is installed successfully (see Figure 1).

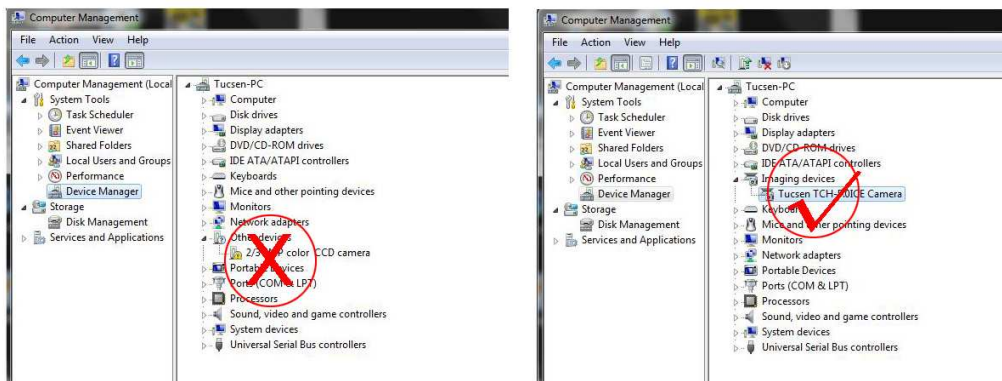
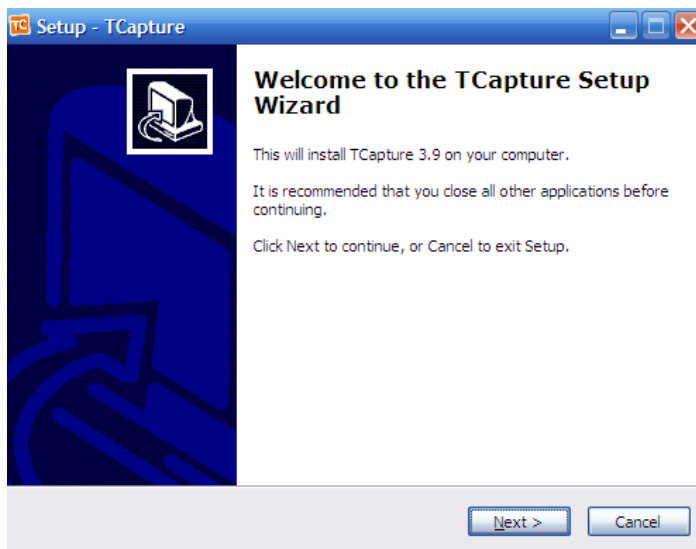



Figure 1

## Software Installation




1. Copy the software TCapture installer to the PC. Double-click on it to start the installation. Follow the [Next] button to finish the installation.

2. After finish the installation, a software shortcut  will be created on the desktop.

Note: If previous version TCapture was installed in your PC, the installer will automatically detect it and ask to remove it first before install the new one. If the previous installed TCapture is still running, it will ask to close the software and then start the installation.

## Start TCapture

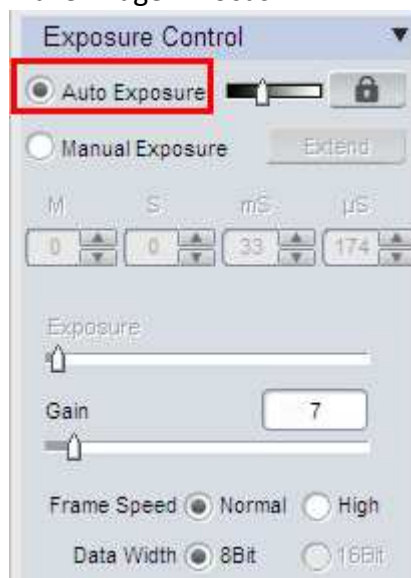
1. Connect the camera to the PC. Be sure the driver is already installed properly.
2. Double-click the TCapture shortcut  to start the software.
3. Software will automatically detect the device and start the preview.



If get the “No Camera” or “Initialization Failed” error, it could be the camera is not detected by the PC or the driver is not installed properly. Please go to Device Manager to check the camera driver installation status.

## TCapture Parameter Settings

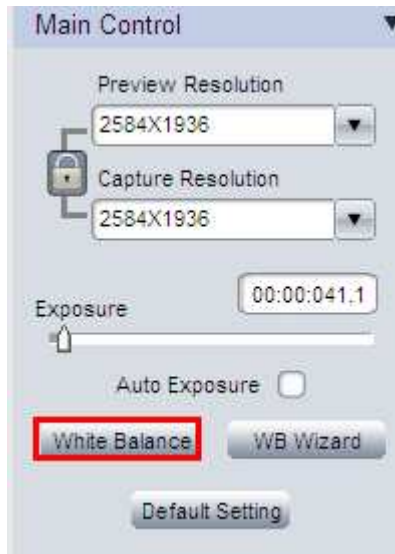
1. Set [Auto Exposure](#). Observe the preview and adjust the microscope (or lens) to make image in focus.



Normally Auto Exposure function can get proper brightness preview. If preview is still dark, manually set [Gain](#) to the middle of the slider.

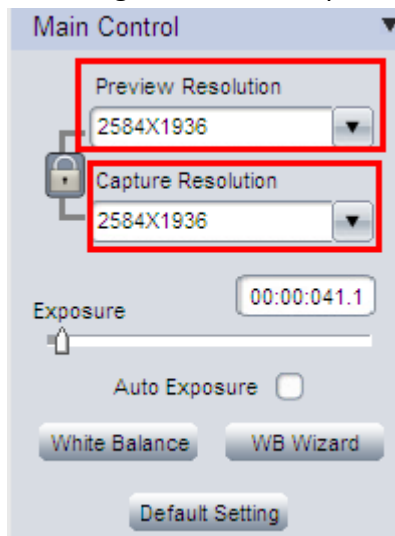
When get preview in focus, set [Gain](#) back to the initial value, change to [Manual Exposure](#) mode and extend the exposure time manually until get proper brightness images.


2. Click [White Balance](#) button to correct image color.



To get better white balance result, please move the sample to the blank area and then hit [White Balance](#) button, then move back the sample. Or also can click [WB Wizard](#) and follow the steps to finish the white balance.

3. Change resolution to preview and capture different resolution images.



Click the Lock tag  to lock/unlock the preview and capture resolution. Unlocking it allows to set different preview and capture resolution (Usually use for low resolution preview, high resolution for capture).

4. Go to [File Save](#) tab to set image save format, directory and file name.
  - a. Select [Use File Save Config](#) to pre-set the capture image format, save directory and file name.



- b. Select [Use File Save Dialog](#) to use pop up dialog to set capture image file name, save directory and format.

File save directory

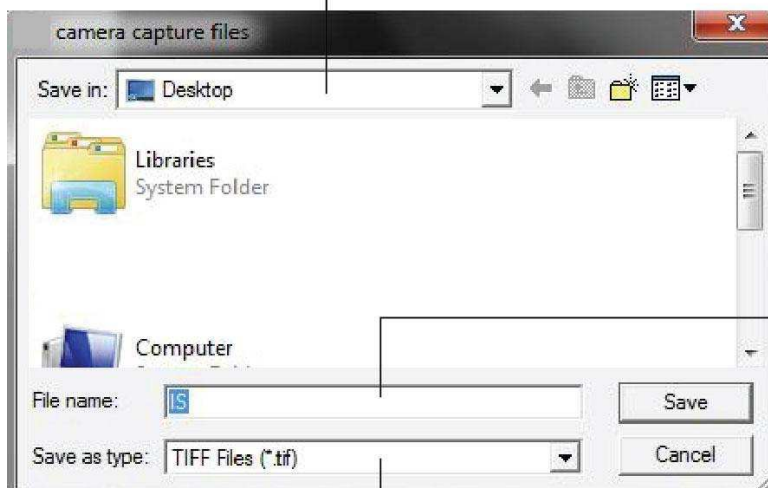


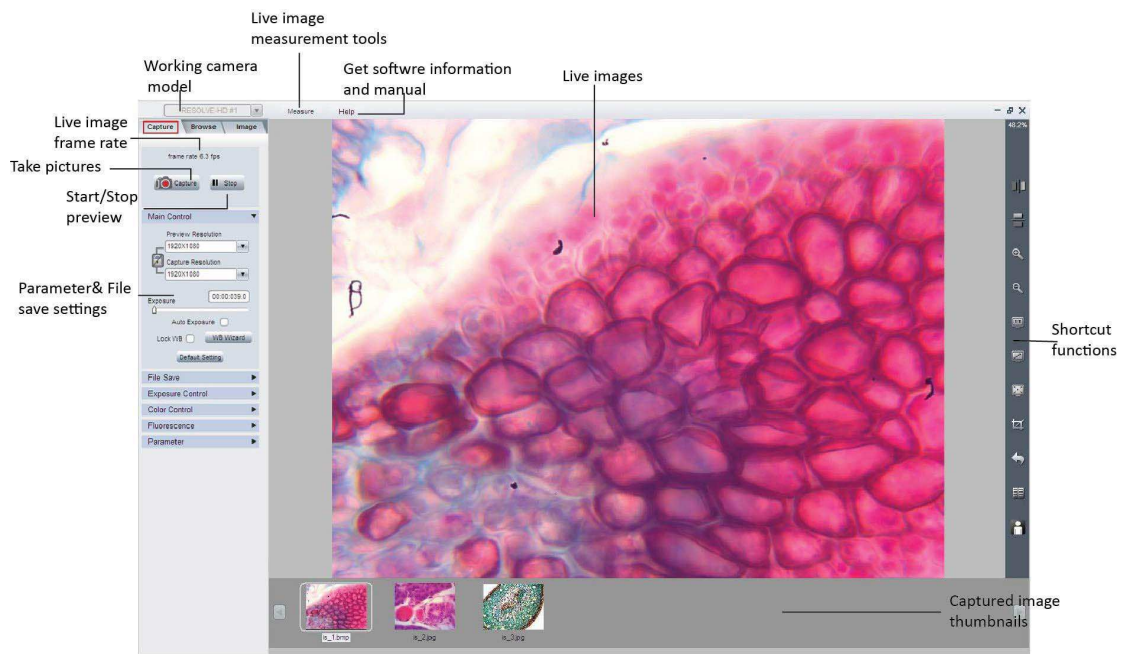
Image file name

Image format options

Every time click Capture button , the file save dialog will pop up every time to ask to set file name, save directory and image format.

## Chapter2: Image Acquisition

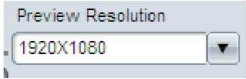
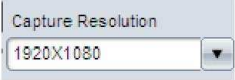
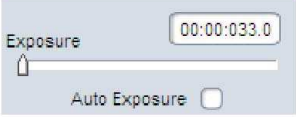
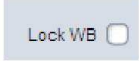

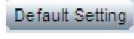
Adjust camera parameter settings to get proper live image; live image measurement and save still pictures and videos.




### Basic Control



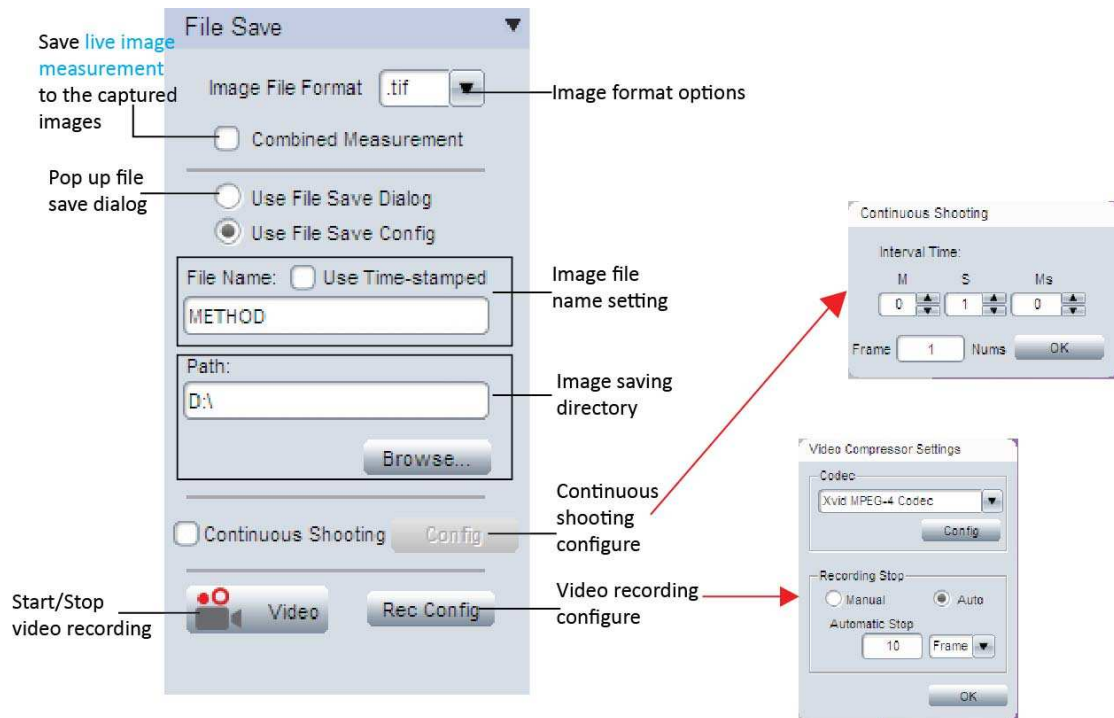


	Live image resolution	Select resolution for live image
	Captured image resolution	Select resolution for capturing
	Exposure Time	Change Exposure time to adjust image brightness. Auto Exposure mode will adjust proper brightness image automatically.
	Lock White Balance	Unchecked: Auto White Balance mode. Apply white balance calculation for every frame image. Checked: Lock the White Balance calculation result.
	White Balance Wizard	Wizard for getting better White Balance result.
	Default settings	Restore all the parameters to default value


 After setting the brightness live image, it is recommended to apply White Balance to correct the live image color. To get better white balance effects, please follow the following steps:

1. Move the sample to the blank area;
2. Uncheck [Lock WB];
3. When see image in correct color, check [Lock WB] check box;
4. Move the sample back.

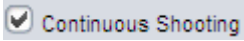
## Taking Still Images and Videos

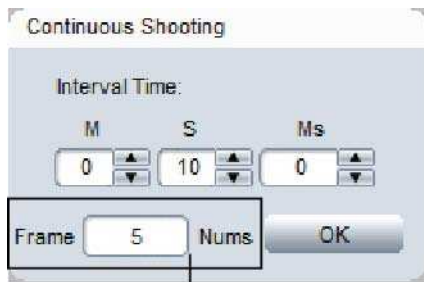


- In the [File format] dropdown menu , 4 file formats are available:  
**JPEG, BMP, TIFF and RAW.**

 Raw image file contains minimally processed data from the camera. It needs to be read in some special software for example Photoshop, ImagJ etc. If it is the color camera raw file, color information only can be seen after decoding the Bayer matrix

## Continuous Shooting

- Click [Continuous Shooting] checkbox  , the software will automatically save a set of images after a single [Capture] is executed.
- Click [Config] to set continuous capturing image numbers and the interval time .

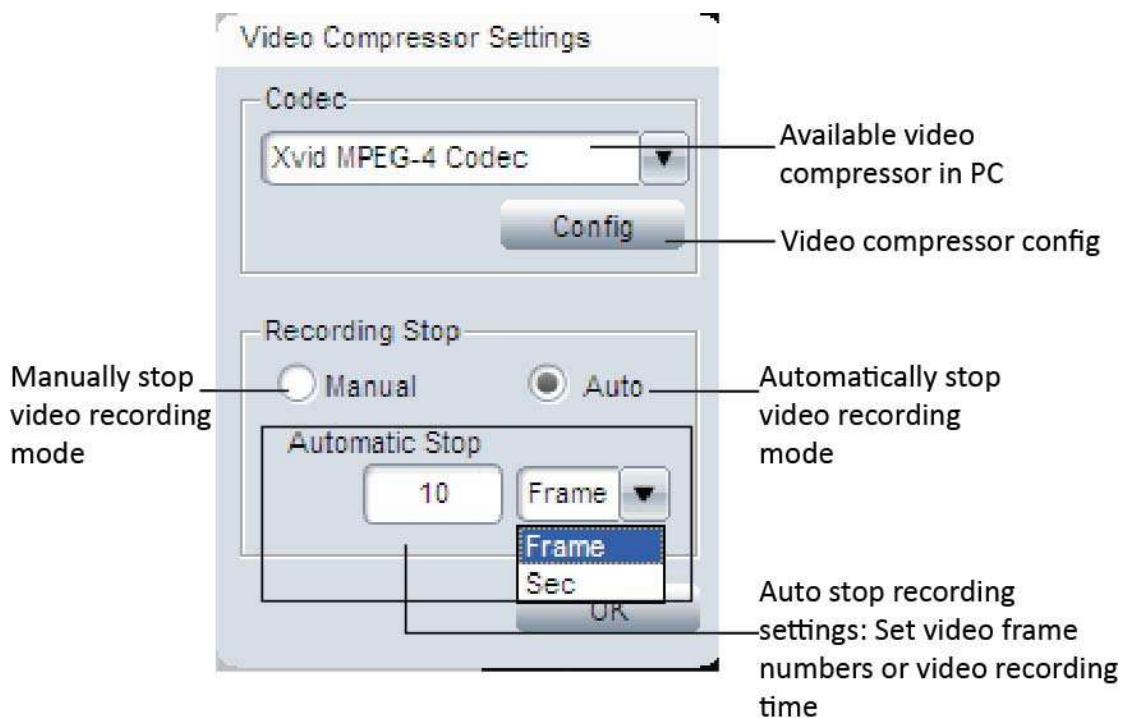


Number of frames for continuous shooting

## Video recording

Click [Video]  / , start/ stop video recording.

Click [Rec Config] to get video recording configure window.



It provides [\[Manual\]](#) and [\[Auto\]](#) modes to stop the recording.

- [\[Manual\]](#) mode, [Video] button is pushed to start and stop the recording.
- [\[Auto\]](#) mode, pre-set the number of frames or the time for videos

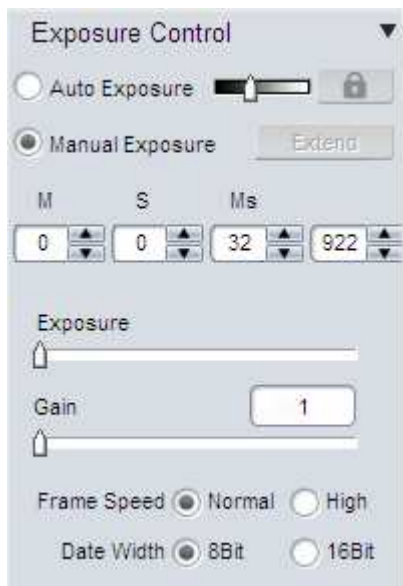
and [Video] is pushed, TC will stop the recording automatically after save pre-set number of frames or pre-set time is up.

- [Rec Config]>>[Codec] will also list all the available video compressors on the PC.



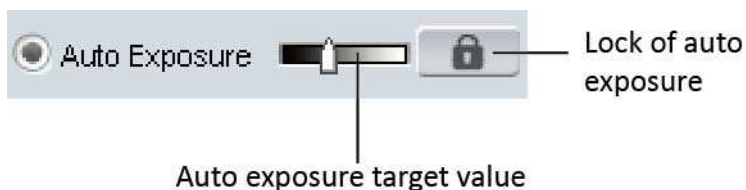
The video taken without any compression will be very large size. TC Will automatically search the [installed video compressors](#) installed on the PC.

## Exposure Control



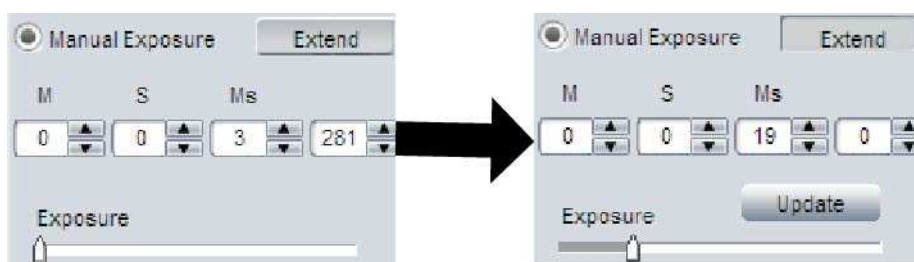
Change the Exposure time, Gain to adjust the image brightness. Select frame speed to get different live image frame rate. Set 8-bit or 16-bit data width for captured images.

## Auto Exposure



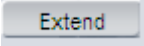
- Check [Auto Exposure] checkbox, software start to adjust the exposure time automatically to get proper brightness of live image.
- **Auto exposure target value**: Set the reference exposure time for auto exposure adjustment.
- Lock: will **stop the auto exposure calculation**.

## Manual Exposure

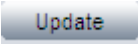


Adjust the exposure time manually.



[Extend]  is used to get longer exposure time. This function is **ONLY** available for **CCD** cameras. For other cameras especially the CMOS camera, the maximum exposure time is shorter than 1 second, then [Extend] will be gray out.

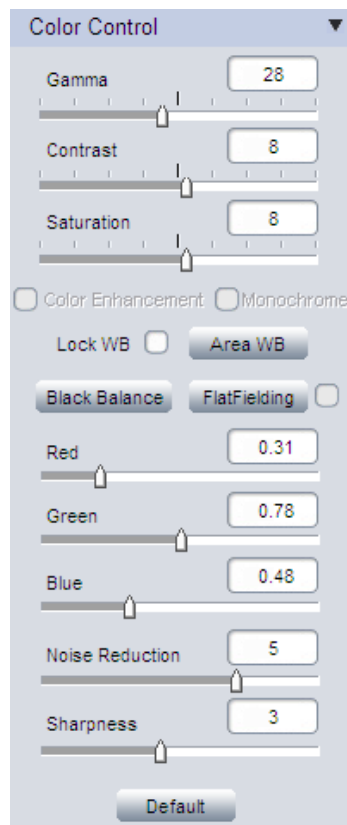


[Update]  appears after [Extend] is selected. Click on it to stop the previous exposure time and **restart the new one immediately**. For long exposure applications, we strongly recommend that [Update] is used to start a new setting. This will help to get the new exposed image earlier. If the exposure time is less than 2-3 seconds, it is not necessary to use it.

## Gain, Frame Speed & Data Width



Gain		Increase the power of the image data. Higher gain gives brighter images, but also makes the noise signal more obvious.
Frame Speed	High Speed	Corresponding to high pixel clock. Gives faster frame rate.
	Normal Speed	Offer lower frame rate than High Speed, but gives longer maximum exposure time.
Data Width	8-bit	8-bit images use $2^8 = 256$ gray levels to represent image details.
	16-bit	16-bit images use $2^{16}$ gray levels to represent image details. ONLY available for CCD & Discovery series cameras in .Tiff and .Raw formats.

## Color Control



### Flat Fielding Function

Flat fielding function is used to correct the uneven background brightness.

- Click on [FlatFielding]  to start the flat fielding parameter calculation and apply it to the live images.
- When the check box  is unchecked, the calculated flat fielding parameter is **NOT applied** to the live images.



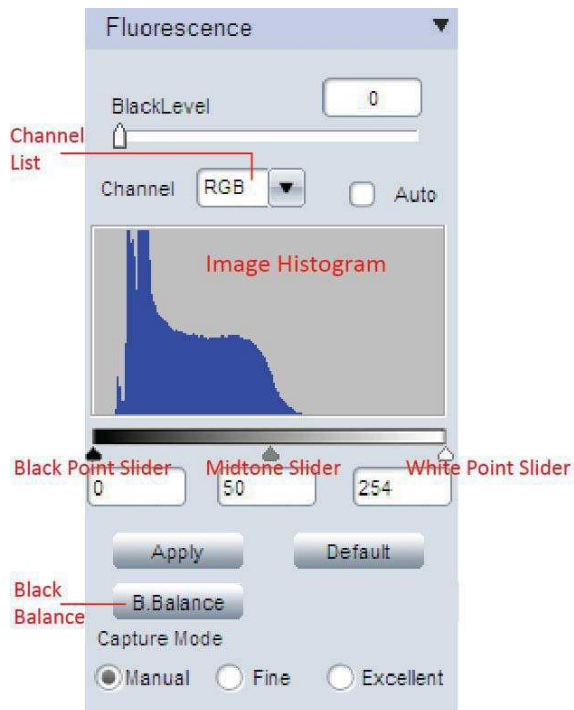
To get better flat fielding result, Move the sample to a blank area first, apply the flat fielding, then move the sample back.



When the lighting is changed, **re-do the [FlatFielding]** to correct the uneven brightness.

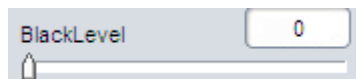
Gamma	Gamma is used to obtain correct reproduction of intensity. Default value (Gamma = 0) is recommended in most of cases.
Contrast	Contrast is the difference between the brightness brights and the darkest darks in an image. Higher contrast will make the shadows become darker and the highlights brighter. High contrast will lost more image details. Default value (Contrast = 0) is recommended.
Saturation	Adjust image saturation. Saturation is the intensity of color in the image.
Color Enhancement	Used to make the image color more vivid. Before doing White Balance, it recommends to uncheck this function, then apply WB. <b>Not Available for TrueChrome II</b>
Monochrome	Check the checkbox to get a grayscale image.
Lock WB	Lock White balance. When get good color preview, check the checkbox to lock the good white balance parameters for the coming images.
Area WB	Manually select the white color area in the image as the white balance reference
Black Balance	Black Balance. Correct black color. Usually use in fluorescence application. <b>Not Available for TrueChrome II</b>
FlatFielding	Correct image uneven brightness. Uncheck the check box: cancel background brightness correction.
Red	Adjust the intensity of red in the image. [Red] = 1 means the original intensity of red in the image.
Green	Adjust the intensity of green in the image. [Green] = 1 means the original intensity of green in the image.
Blue	Adjust the intensity of Blue in the image. [Blue] = 1 means the original intensity of blue in the image.
<b>Denoise</b>	<b>Reduce image noise, improve image quality. ONLY Available for TrueChrome II</b>
<b>Sharpness</b>	<b>Used to get sharper images. ONLY Available for TrueChrome II</b>
Default	Restore the parameter settings to the initial value and apply white balance.

## Fluorescence Settings



Included in our software are useful parameter settings for fluorescence or low light imaging. It helps to get better images easier and faster.

### Black Level



Black level function defines the brightness level at the darkest part of the image. In low light imaging, it helps to see more details in the dark area.

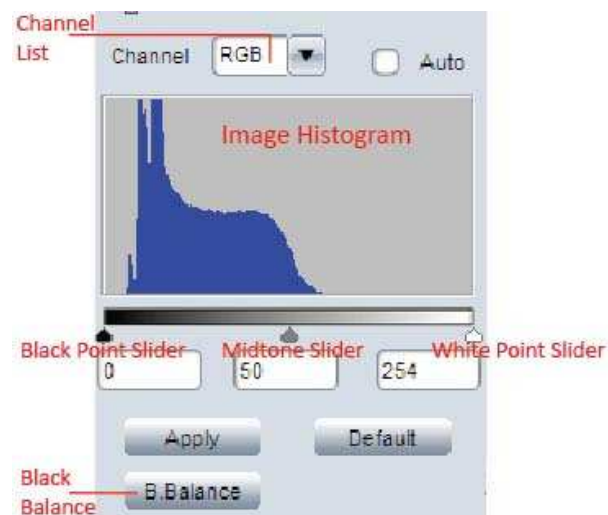


In low light application, it usually needs quite a long exposure time to get proper images. If you set a long exposure time at the beginning, you might need quite a long time to find your target and get a proper image (wait for finishing a long exposure to get a new frame image, adjust, wait...). When searching for the imaging target at the beginning, we recommend to [set a shorter exposure time, but make larger Gain and](#)



**Black level first.** After you find the target, then reduce the Gain and Black level, and increase the exposure time. This will aid in a better image acquisition.

## Levels



The levels tool can move and stretch brightness levels in a histogram using three main components: a black point, white point and midtone slider.

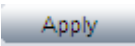
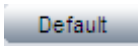
**Channel List:** This allows to choose whether to edit RGB channel or one of the three, individual, color channels (Red, Green and Blue).

**[Auto] checkbox:** Adjust the live image levels [automatically](#).

### Manual adjustments of image levels.



Move the [White Point Slider towards left](#), it is able to reveal some information in dark area. If move [Black Point Slider towards right](#), it will reveal bright area information.

After adjusting the levels, click  to [confirm](#) the setting. If you need to go back to the original image, click  to [restore](#) the image.

**[Black Balance]:** Gives camera a reference to “true black”. ONLY needed in dark field imaging.

## Capture Mode



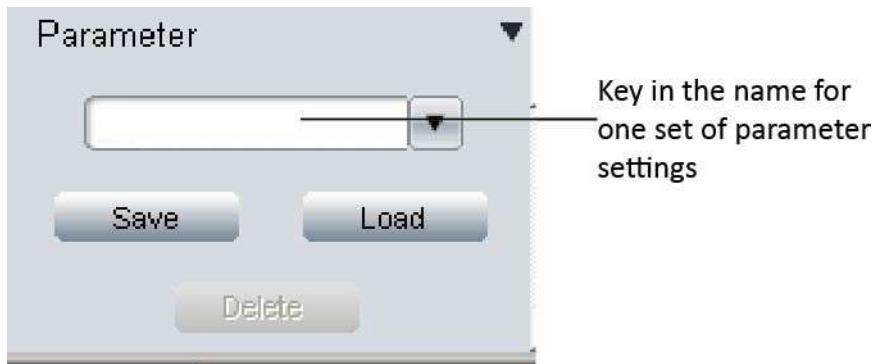
Three capture modes are specially developed for fluorescence imaging.

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<input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual	Capture the image with current parameter settings
<input type="radio"/> Fine	Automatically <a href="#">reduce the gain</a> and <a href="#">extend the exposure</a> to get the same brightness image. ( <a href="#">Lower gain will give lower noise level images</a> )
<input type="radio"/> Excellent	Automatically save 10 images with current settings and then get an average image. ( <a href="#">It needs to take a while to capture an image in this mode.</a> )

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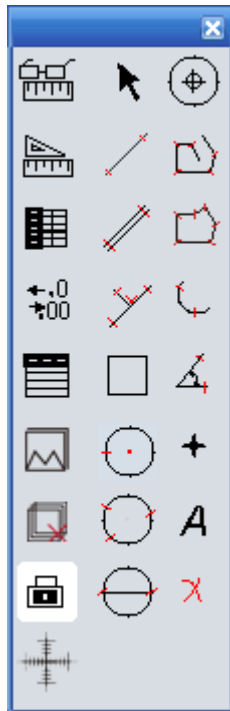
## Parameter Group



Save parameter sets for different applications. The saved parameters include exposure time, gain, frame speed, data width, gamma, contrast, saturation, color enhancement status, monochrome, RGB gain and black level. It allows users to save [20 set parameters](#).

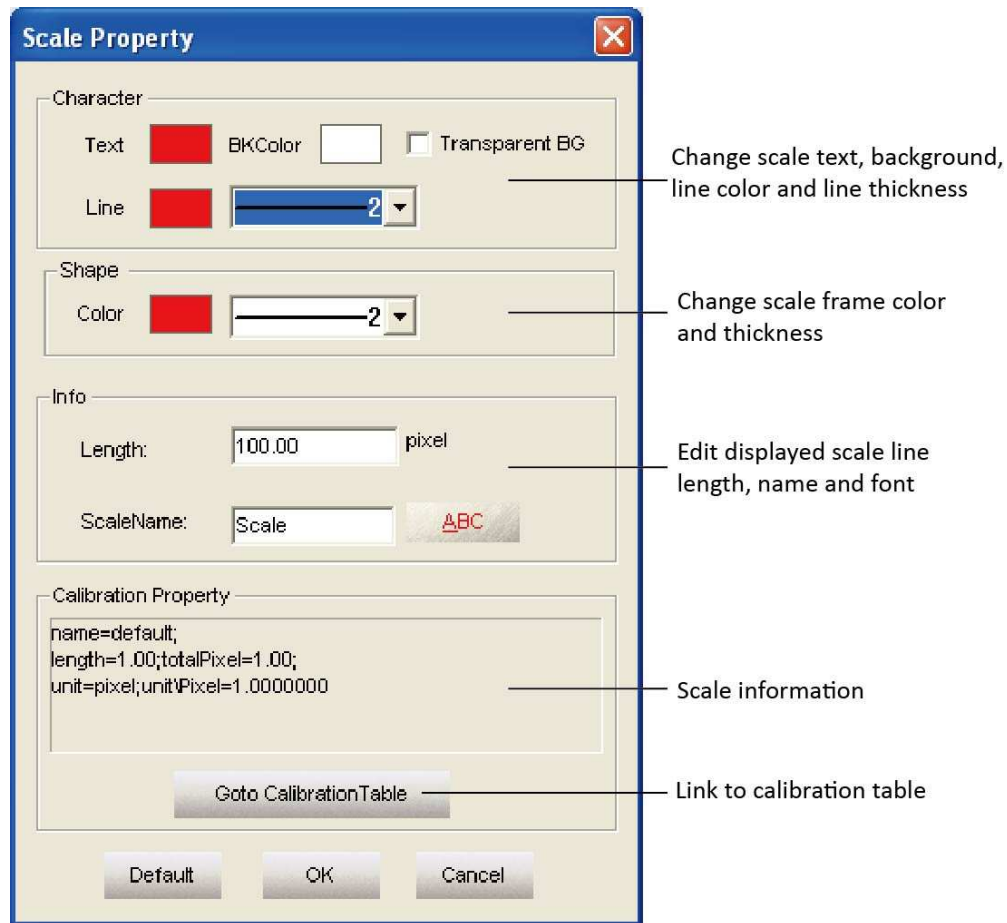
## Chapter 3: Live & Still Image Measurement

Click on [Measure] at the top of the TC to get the measurement tools



	<b>Show Scale Line</b>	On/off the scale line on the picture
	<b>Calibrate</b>	Create Calibration file
	<b>Calibrate Table</b>	Available calibration file list. Allow to add, edit and delete calibration file.
	<b>Decimal</b>	Set measurement precision. Allowed decimal range is from 0 to 7
	<b>Measurement List</b>	List all the measurement data
	<b>Layer</b>	Create multiple layers to apply measurements and save layer information
	<b>Delete All</b>	Delete all the measurements and layers
	<b>UnLock/Lock</b>	Unlock/lock the measurement operation. Allow to do same measurement continually when LOCKED. It is locked by DEFAULT.
	<b>Select</b>	Select to change measurement or the measurement data position
	<b>Line</b>	Measure the length
	<b>Parallel</b>	Measure the distance of parallel. Allow to do multiple parallels' distance measurement. Double clicking to end parallel measurement.
	<b>Perpendicular</b>	Measure the perpendicular length. Allow to do multiple perpendiculars' length measurement. Double clicking to end perpendicular measurement.
	<b>Rectangle</b>	Measure rectangle height, width, area and perimeter.
	<b>2-points Circle</b>	Use center point and point on the circle to draw a circle. Give the radius, area and perimeter of circle
	<b>3-points Circle</b>	Use 3 points on the circle to draw a circle. Give the radius, area and perimeter of circle
	<b>Diameter Circle</b>	Draw a circle according to the diameter. Give the radius, area and perimeter of circle
	<b>Concentric Circle</b>	Use center point and radius to draw concentric circles. Give concentric circles' radius, area and perimeter. Allow to do multiple concentric circles measurement. Double clicking to end concentric circles measurement
	<b>Polyline</b>	Measure polyline length.
	<b>Polygon</b>	Measure polygon area and perimeter.
	<b>Arc</b>	Measure a curve angle, radius and length.
	<b>Angle</b>	Measure the angle
	<b>Count</b>	Counter. Manually count the quantity.
	<b>Annotate</b>	Add remarks on the images.
	<b>Delete</b>	Delete previous measurement. Select it then click on the measurement to delete the measurement.
	<b>Cross-ruler</b>	On or off cross-ruler on the images. The unit of the ruler depends on the applied calibration file.

## Edit Scale Line



Double click on the scale to get its properties and make changes to it.

## Create Calibration File

To measure the samples real size, the corresponding calibration file needs to be created first. Please check Appendix 1 to get more details about calibration.

## Calibration Table

Selected calibration file is highlighted in BLUE


Delete the selected calibration file


Name	Length	TotalPixel	Unit	Unit/Pixel
default	1.00	1.00	pixel	1.0000
10X	1000.00	234.00	um	4.2735

Apply to Image      Close

add   edit   del

Make selected calibration file take effect on image      Close calibration table      Create a new calibration file      Edit the selected calibration file

- Click  [Calibrate Table] to open the calibration table.
- Select the correct calibration file for current image measurement.

 Using the **WRONG** calibration file will make the measurement result **inaccurate**. Please make sure the calibration file is correctly corresponding to the current image. Hence, it is useful to name the calibration file with the capturing settings or objective name.

## Measurement List

Name	Length_um	Width_um	Height_um	Area_umsq	Perimeter_um	Radius_um	Angle
L1	612.73						
Parallel1	734.60						
Perpendicular1	462.92						
R1		449.58	359.67	161700.66	1618.50		
C1				420057.97	2297.52	365.66	
P1				225746.95	2283.12		
Arc1					440.31	175.46	143.79
A1							28.92
Remark 1							

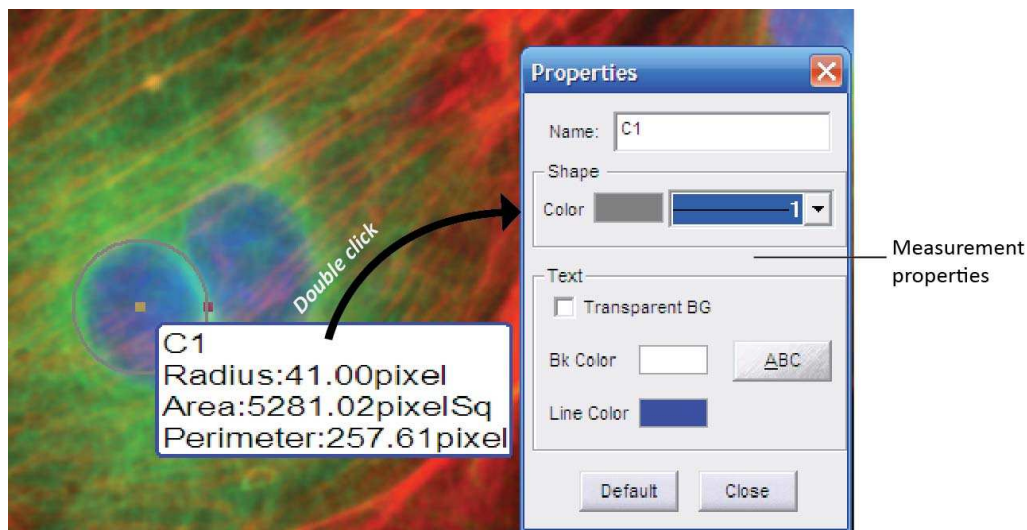
Save to TXT      Save to Excel      Copy      OK

Export the measurement data to .txt file      Export the measurement data to Excel file      Copy all the measurement data to a file: txt, word or excel.

All the measurement data is listed in the [Measurement List]. The software allows you to export the measurement data to [TXT](#) or [Excel file](#).

## Measurement

TC allows you to do line, parallel, perpendicular, rectangle, circle, polygon, arc and angle measurement. The [Count] function allows you to manually count the objects. And the [Annotate] function offers to add comments on the images.



Double click on the measure data to get the measurement configure window. It allows you to change the measured data name, color, thickness, background color and the character font.

## Annotate

Select [Annotate] and click on the image area which you prefer to add a remark.

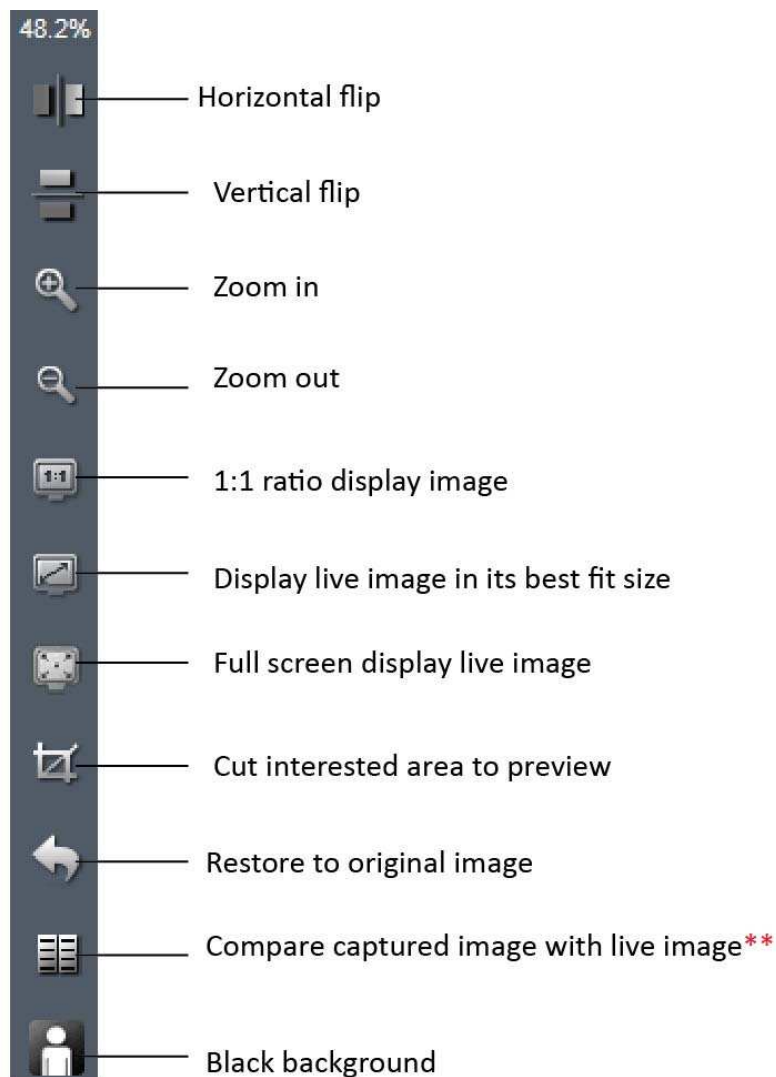




different measurement which will make adding a large number of measurements on the processed image review simple and easy. Go to Appendix 2 to get more details.

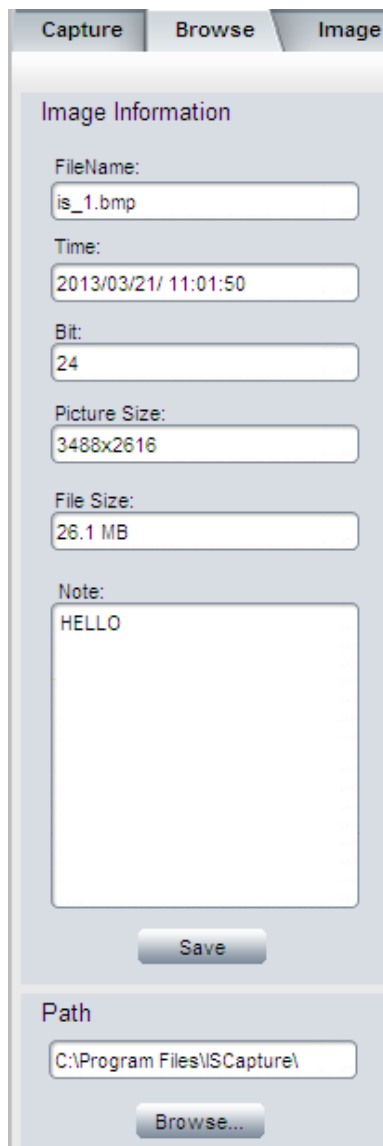
## Live image shortcut

On the right hand side of the live image window, some shortcuts are provided to process the live image quickly.



\*\* Compare function: Live image will be displayed on the left side. Click on the taken image thumbnail to select it to compare with live images ([Chosen compared image will be enhanced in gray-white frame](#)).

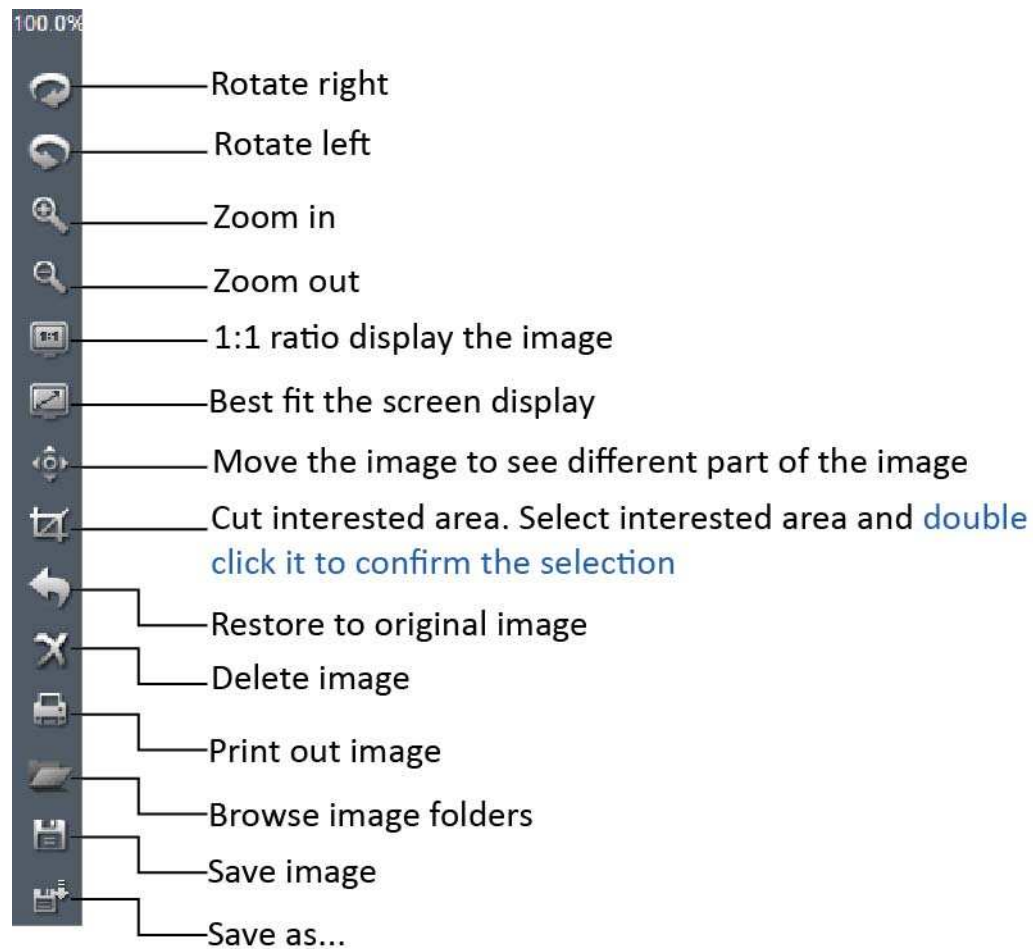
## Chapter4: Image management



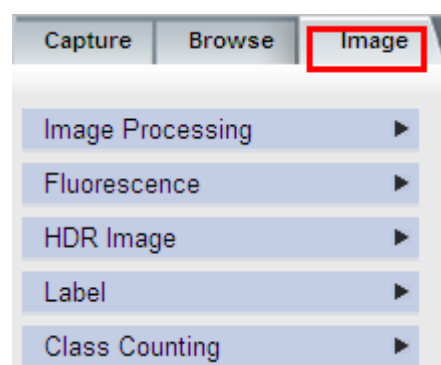
The screenshot shows a software interface with three tabs: 'Capture', 'Browse', and 'Image'. The 'Image' tab is active. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Image Information' containing several input fields: 'FileName:' with the value 'is\_1.bmp', 'Time:' with '2013/03/21/ 11:01:50', 'Bit:' with '24', 'Picture Size:' with '3488x2616', and 'File Size:' with '26.1 MB'. Below these fields is a 'Note:' section with a text area containing 'HELLO'. A 'Save' button is located below the note. At the bottom of the panel is a 'Path' section with a text field containing 'C:\Program Files\ISCapture\' and a 'Browse...' button.

View images in [Browse] panel, it displays the image File name, capturing time, color depth (bit), picture resolution and image size. It also allows you to [add comments to any individual image](#). When you view this image next time in the TC, it will show the image comment.

TC provides some quick functions on the right hand side of the software in **Browse** or **Image** mode.

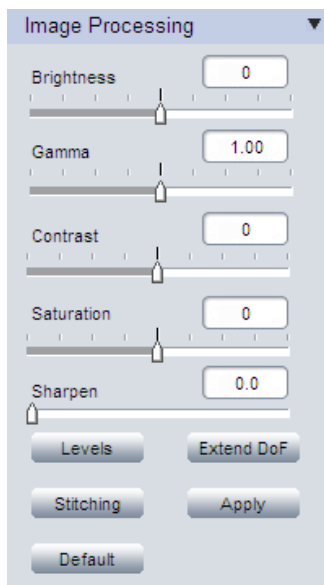


## Chapter4: Image Processing



In this section, TC provides advanced image processing functions and also allows you to do the measurement on the still images.

## Image Processing



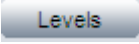
Provide basic captured image processing functions and allows additional advanced functions such as [extended Depth of Focus](#) and [image stitching](#).

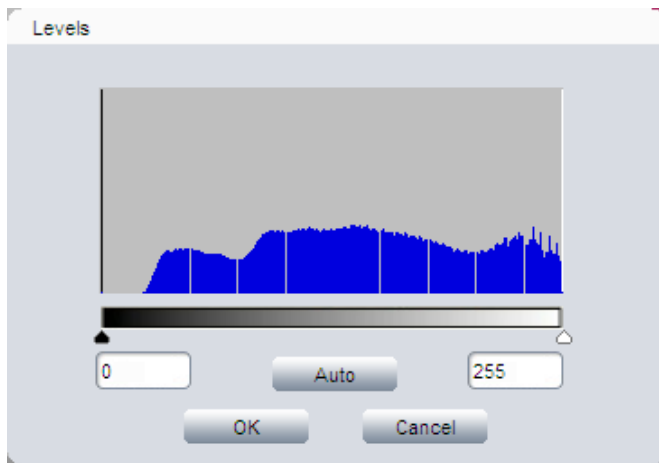
Brightness	Adjust captured image brightness. Default brightness = 0
Gamma	Adjust captured image gamma. Default gamma = 1.00
Contrast	Adjust contrast. Increase the contrast, the shadows become darker and the highlights brighter. Decrease the contrast, the highlights grow dim and the dark areas lighten up
Saturation	Adjust the color saturation. Fully-saturated colors are very bright, while low saturation are grayish.
Sharpen	Adjust the image sharpness. Sharpness is the contrast on the edges. Sharpening increases the bright and dark lines on edges.
Levels	Adjust image levels. Get more details in <a href="#">[Fluorescence]&gt;&gt;[Levels]</a>
Extend DoF	Extend the <a href="#">Depth of Focus (DoF)</a>
Stitching	<a href="#">Image stitching</a> . Combine multiple images with overlapping fields of view to produce a segmented panorama or high-resolution image.
Default	Restore Brightness, Gamma, Saturation, Sharpen and levels back to the default value
Apply	Confirm to apply all the settings to the image.



After clicking [Apply], all the settings are applied to the image. NOTE: Once you choose this you can **NOT** revert to the original image.

## Level

Push [Levels]  to get the image histogram. It allows you to adjust the image levels. The level adjustment is the same as live image level adjustment. Get more detail in [Capture]-->> [Fluorescence].

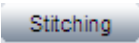


## Extend depth of focus

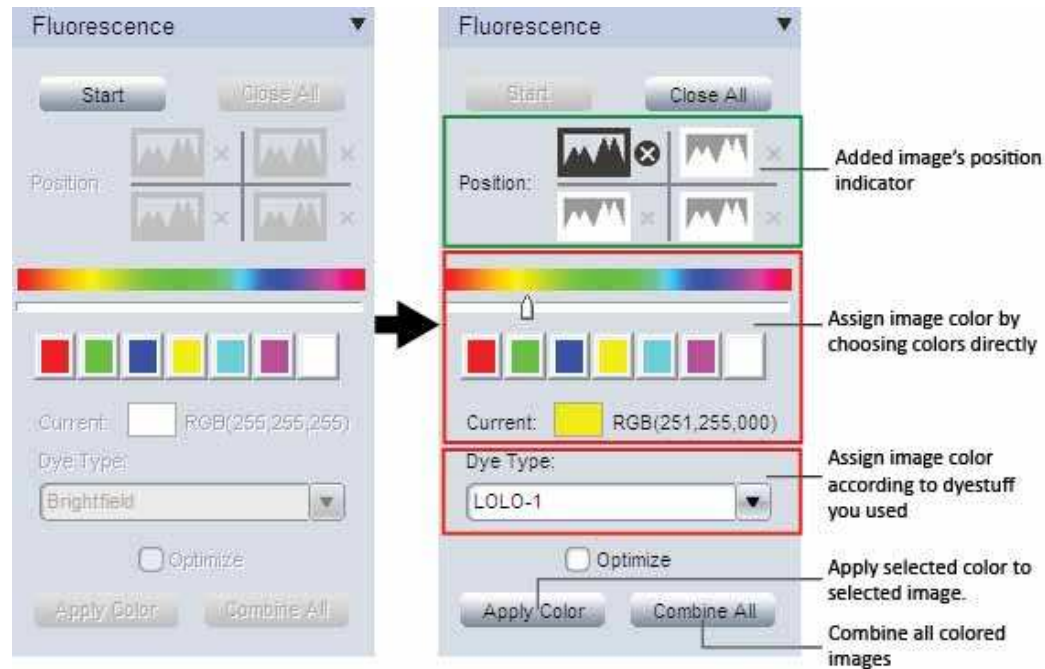
Extend depth of focus functions combines multiple images to create one focused image. It is used to extend a picture's apparent

depth of field. Go to [Appendix 3: Advanced Functions](#) to get more details.

## Image stitching

Click on  to get the image stitching configuration. It combines multiple images with overlapping fields of view to produce a large panorama or high-resolution image. Go to [Appendix 3: Advanced Functions](#) to get more details.

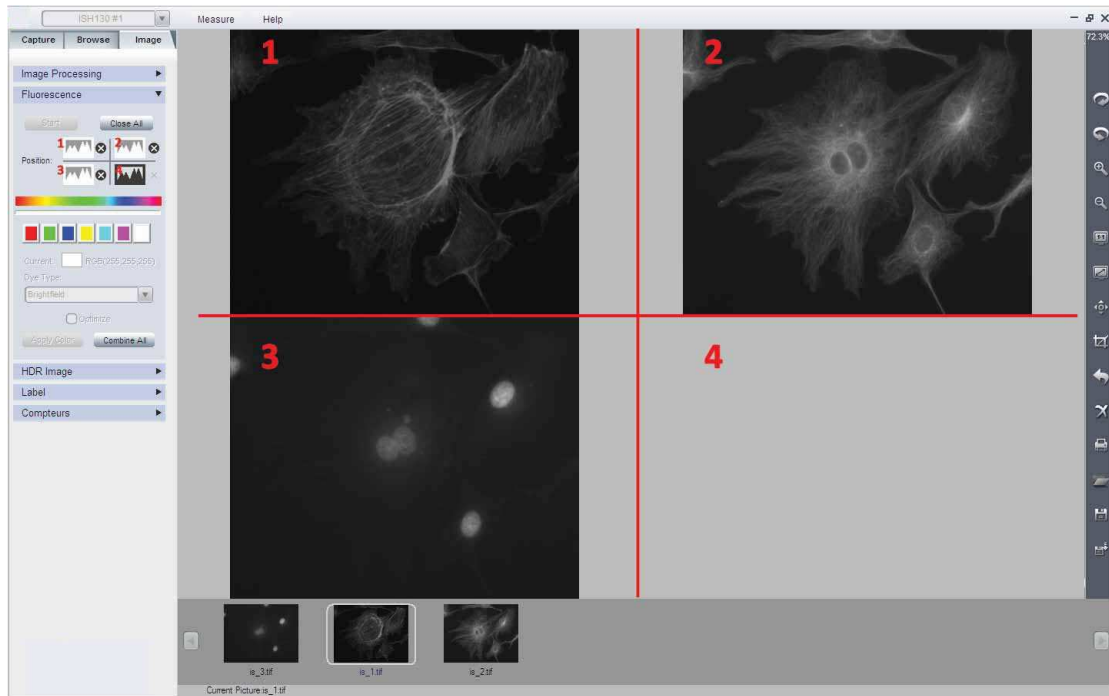
## Fluorescence



This function is used to assign Black & White fluorescence images with different colors and combine them together into one image.

**Step 1:** Open the images which are used for combination in TC , then click on [Start] to start the fluorescence combination.

**Step 2:** Click on image thumbnails to add corresponding images. The image position indicator shows the added images' position. Maximum 4 frame images are allowed to add for fluorescence combination.



**Step 3:** Click on one added image indicator to start applying color for it.

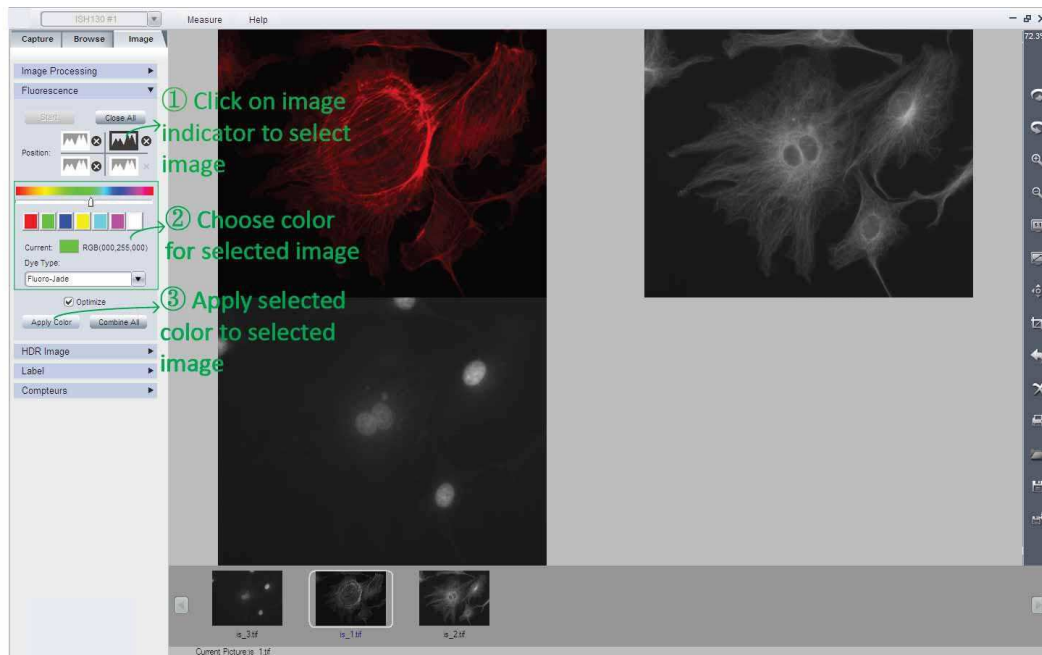
① Click on one image indicator to select it (The selected one will be in dark color, unselected ones will be gray white).

② Assign color for selected image.

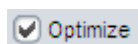
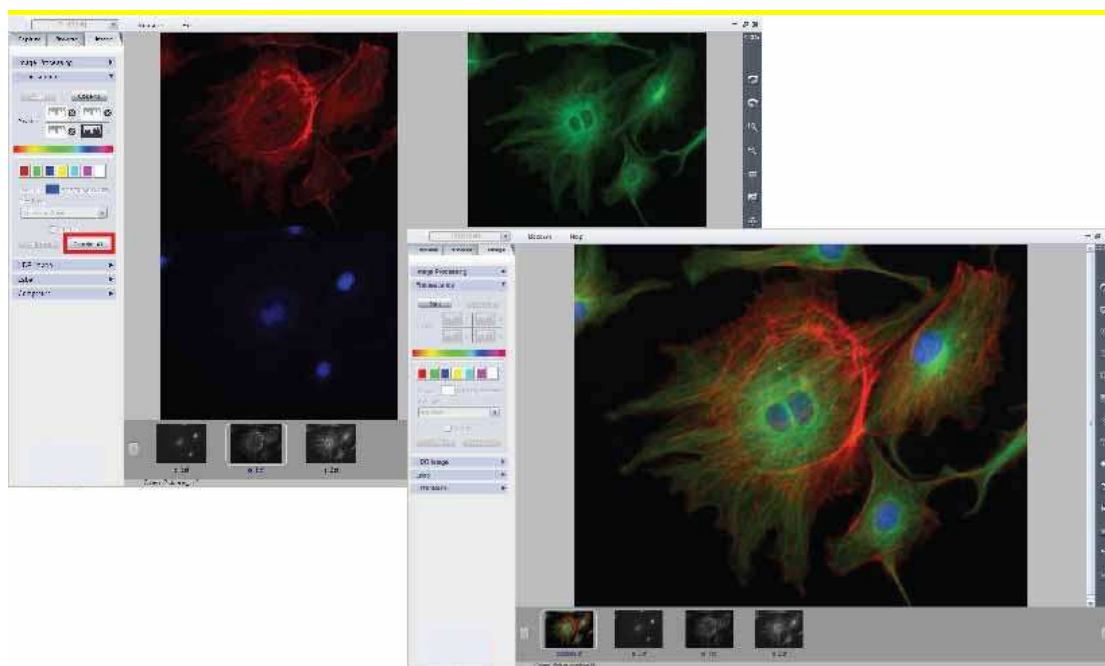
Two ways provided for color assignment:

- a. Click on the preferred color or slider to choose it.
- b. Assign the color according to the fluorescence dye in the drop-down menu [Dye Type].

③ Click on [Apply Color] button to add selected color on the image.



**Step 4:** Click on [Combine All] to combine all the colored images.



Optimize checkbox is recommended to select during the combination. It will optimize image background to get a better image. If the optimize function is not selected, the created image will keep all the original information. No extra processing is applied to the image data.






After combining the fluorescence image,



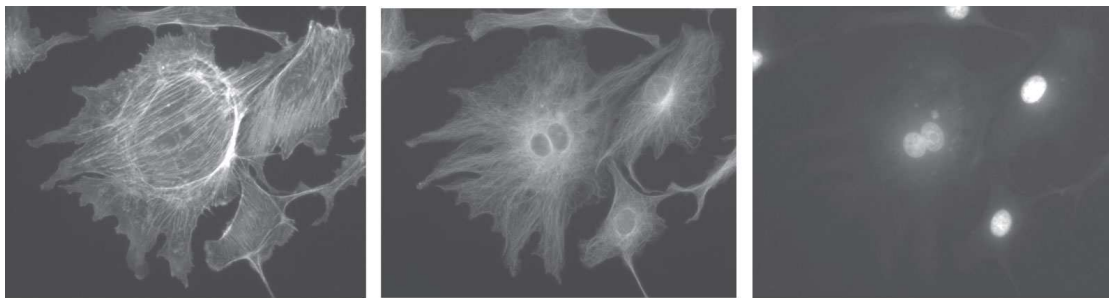
[\[Sharp\] function](#) in [Image Processing] can help

to get [sharper images](#) and see more image details.



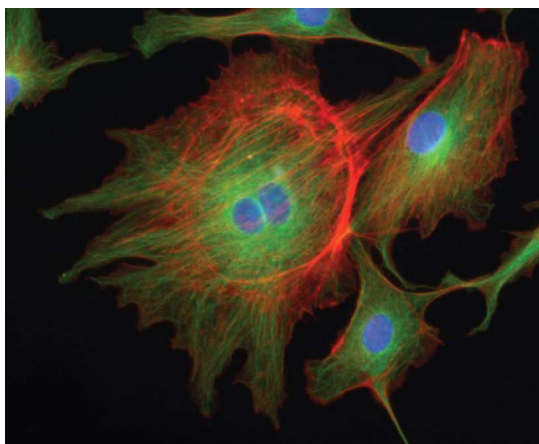
If you add the wrong image or wrong color to selected image, just click on the tiny cross  beside each indicator to delete it. If you want to cancel the current combination, just click on [Close All] to cancel the combination.

Original images:

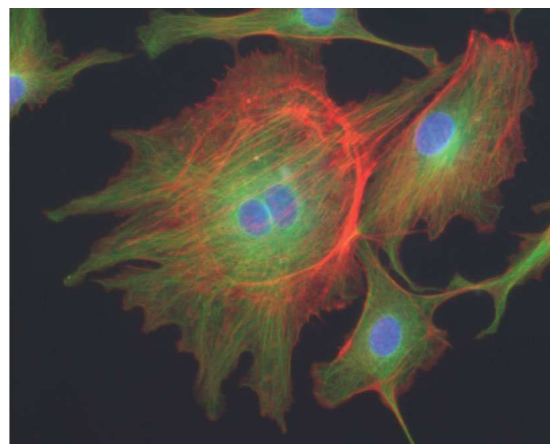


Original images

Combined image:

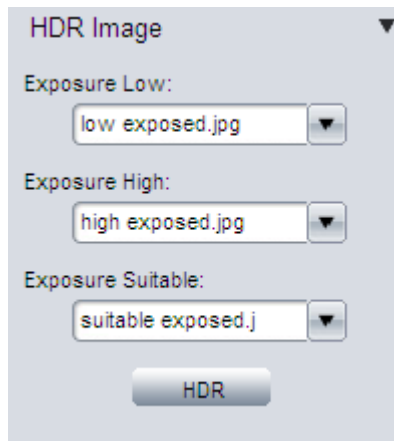


Combined image **with** optimization



Combined image **without** optimization


## HDR Image



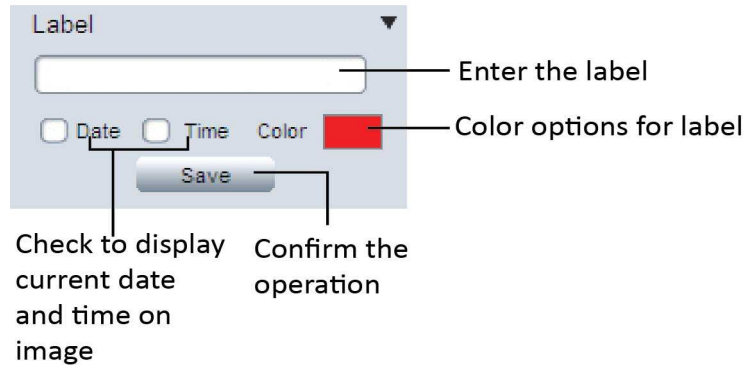
High Dynamic Range (HDR) image is used to get greater dynamic range of an image.

- Take pictures for **one same scene** with different exposure time and load them in the software.
- In the drop-down menu, select corresponding images for [Exposure Low], [Exposure High] and [Exposure Suitable].
- Push [HDR] button to combine different exposed images into one. The generated HDR image will be named as “hdr\_image”.



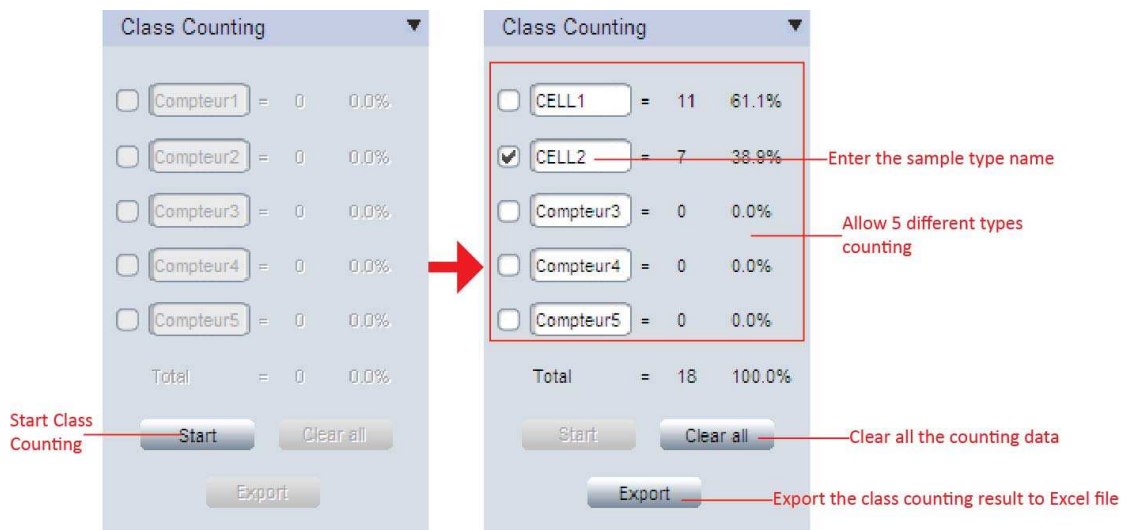
If the different exposed images are not loaded in the T-Capture yet, the shortcut  on the right hand side of the T-Capture allows you to browse any image simply.

## Label

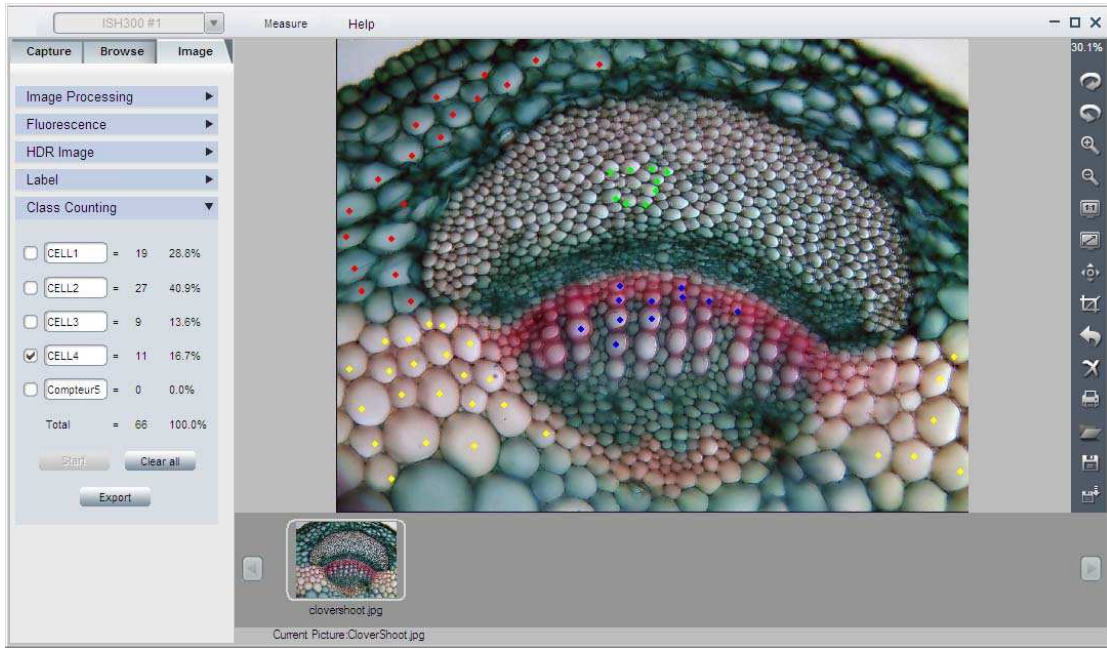


Add **label text** and the **date and time** on the the image. Click [Save] to save the labels.

## Class Counting



Class counting function allows to do 5 different types samples counting manually. Each type will be assigned with different color dots.



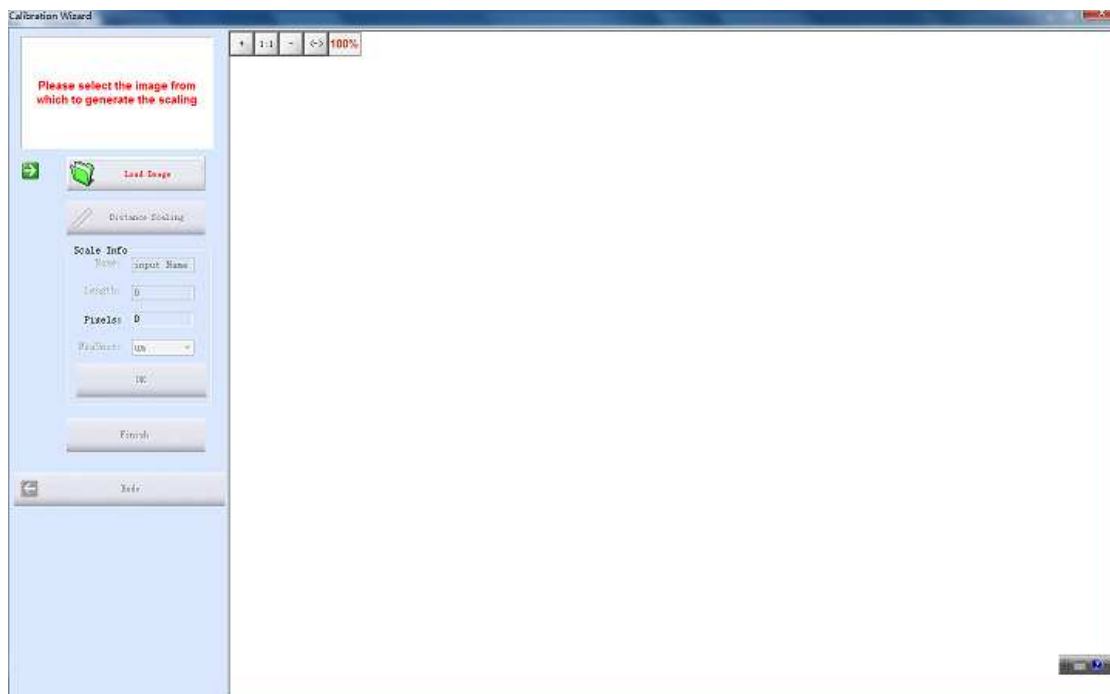
# Appendix 1:How to create calibration file

1. Take pictures of the calibration slide in all the required working objectives and resolution (if a reducing lens is also used in your application, it also requires you to take the calibration slide picture with the reduce lens attached).

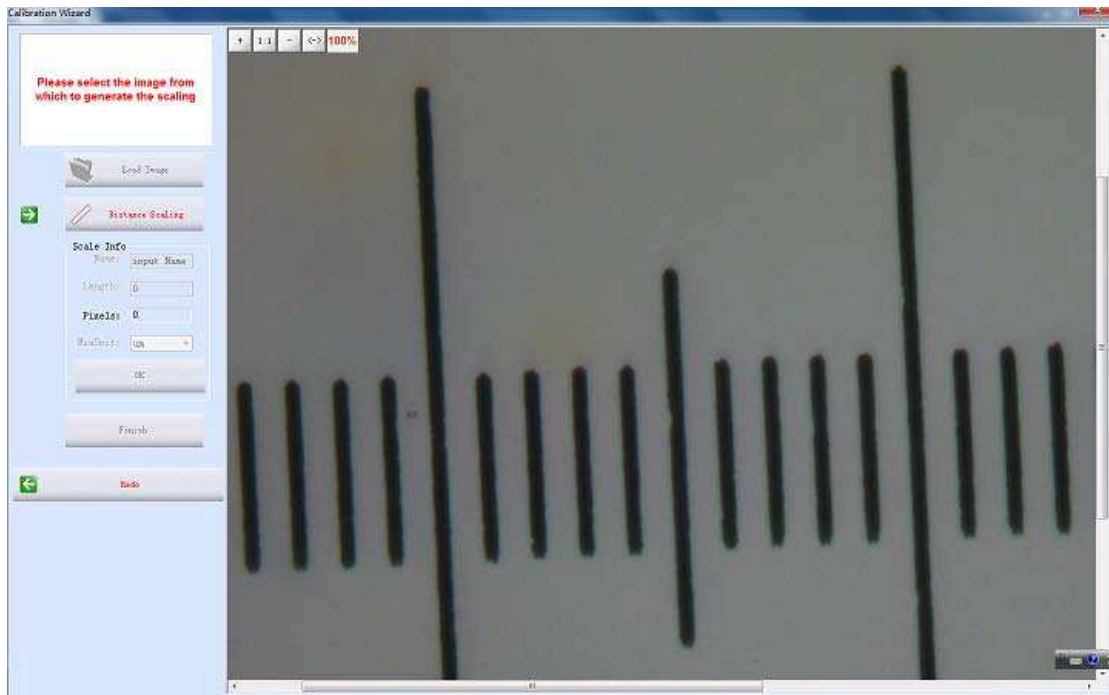


If **ONLY ONE** objective and **ONE** resolution is used in the application, one calibration slide picture is enough. The calibration slide picture **MUST** be taken with exactly the same lens or microscope settings as the target image taken.

2. Click  to start to create calibration file.



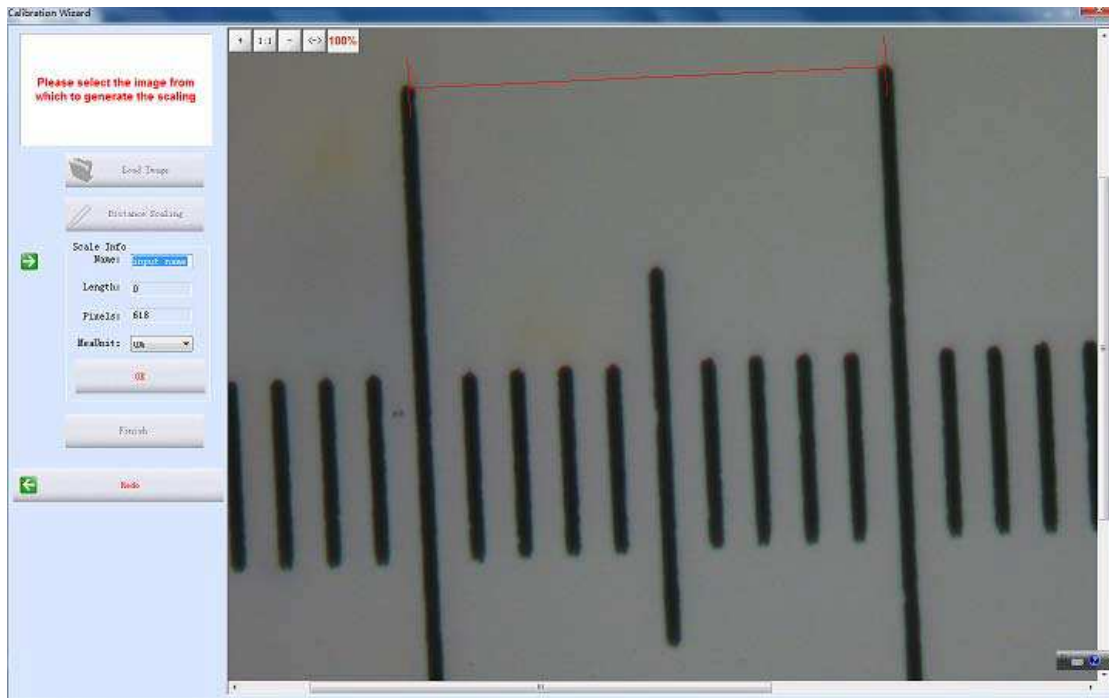
3. Click [Load Image] to load the calibration slide picture taken in Step1.



4. Click [Distance scaling] and move the cursor to the slide image, draw a line to get the reference length.



Using **longer** length as the reference length will give more accurate measurement results. For example, using 10 scale units as reference length will give more accurate result than using 1 scale unit.



5. Enter the name for the calibration file and the length of the line you draw.



If you need more than one calibration file, using **objective+reducing lens(if it is used)+resolution** as the name of the calibration file is recommended. This can help to prevent using the wrong file to do the calibration.



When keying in the length, please pay more attention to the calibration **scale unit** and the **Measure Unit** used here. For example, the calibration scale unit is 0.1mm; the Measure Unit is selected as  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and the reference length is 10 scale units, so the length should be  $10 \times 0.1\text{mm} \times 1000 = 1000 \mu\text{m}$ .

Scale Info

Name:

Length:

Pixels:

MeaUnit:  ▼

OK

6. Click [OK] to confirm the calibration. The new calibration file named “10X” is created in the [Calibrate Table].

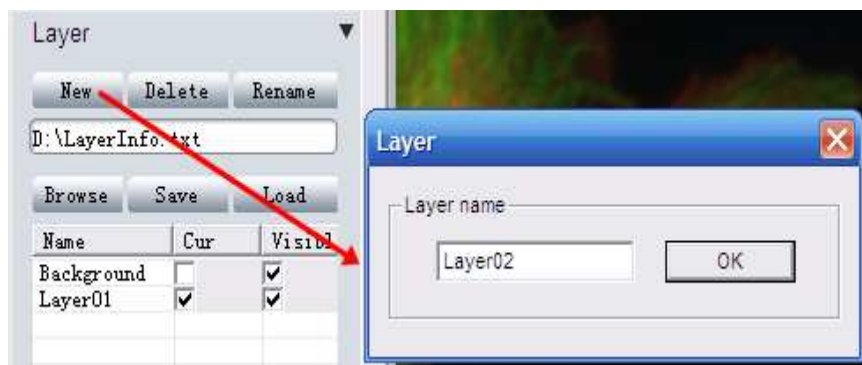


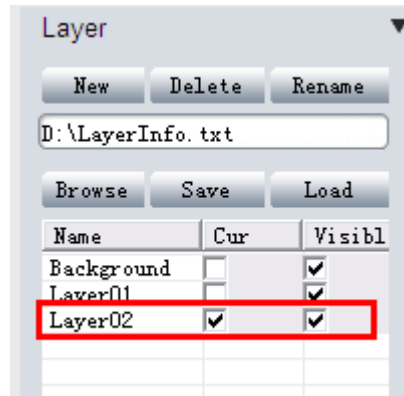
## Appendix 2: Use Layer function for mass measurement

When need to apply mass measurement on the images, some different measurements would be overlaid which make the measurement much difficult. The layer function allows to create multiple layers to do different measurement which will make adding a large number of measurements on the processed image review simple and easy.

If you have already applied some measurements on the image, the **[Measure]**-->**[Layer]** function automatically creates “Background” and “Layer01” for the current image.

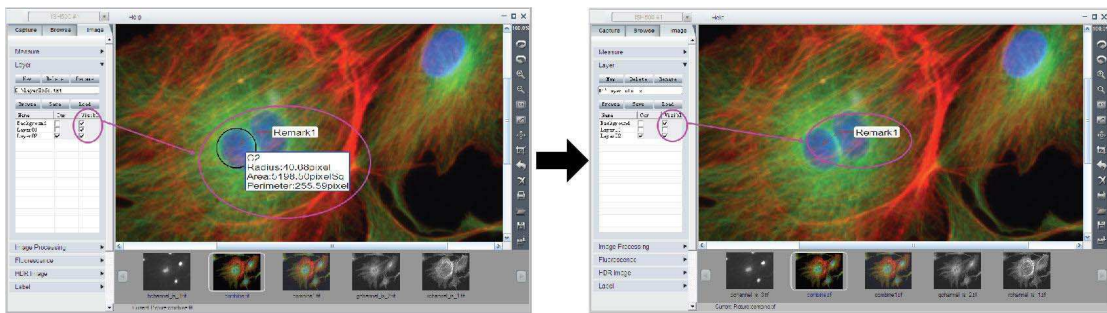
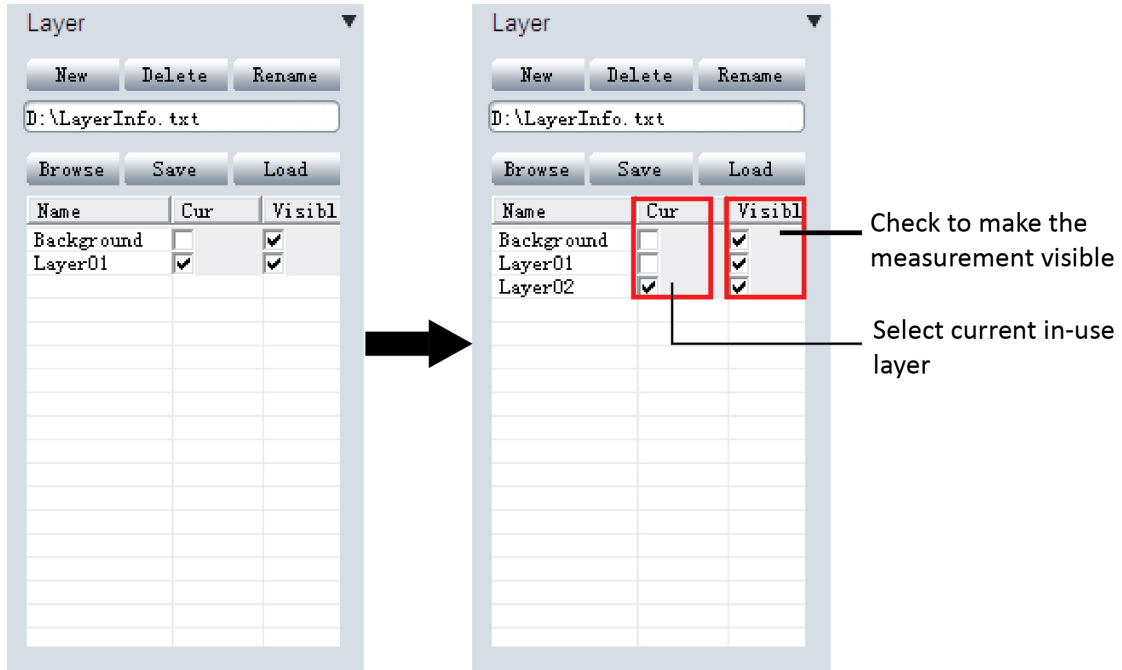
Click **[New]** to create a new layer. Allow to key in the preferred name for the new layer. It uses “Layer02”, “Layer03”... etc as the layer name by default.





Now loads of measurements can be applied on different layers. It allows you to choose any layers to view.

Checked [Cur] means the corresponding layer is displayed currently. Select different [Cur] to switch between different layers. In the [Visible] column, the selected check box means all the measurements in the corresponding layers also display on the current layer. Uncheck the check box, and the corresponding measurement will be invisible in the current layer



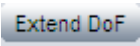
**The layer information is saved in a text file.**

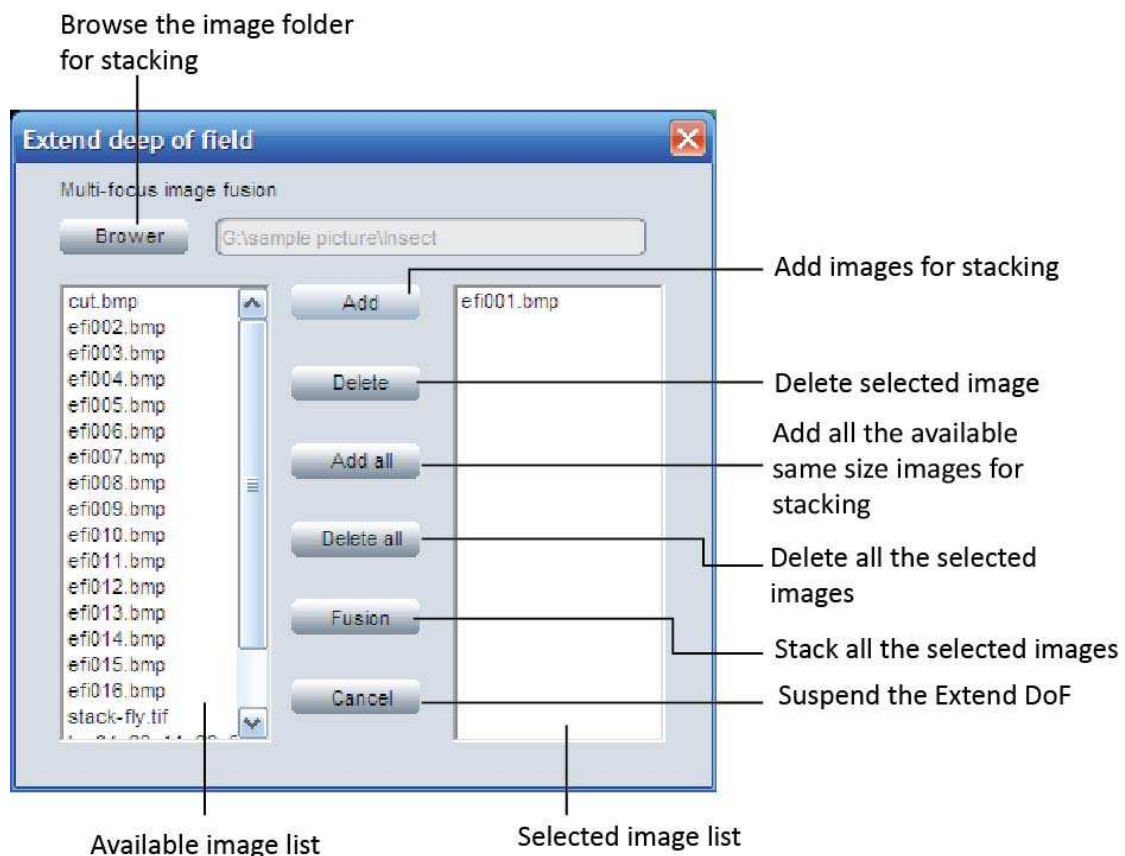
- Click [Browse] to choose the text file saving directory and enter file name. Then click [Save] to save the current layer information in the text file. The layer information will be saved as "LayerInfo.txt" in Disk D by default
- Click [Browse] to find the existed layer information text file. Click [Load] to load the layer information to the current image.

# Appendix 3: Advanced functions

## Extend depth of focus

Extend depth of focus functions combines multiple images to create one focused image. It is used to extend a picture's apparent depth of field.

Push [Extend DoF]  to get below dialog box. Select the corresponding images and apply the function. This function combines multiple images to create one focused image.



- Browse the image folder which you are going to do the stacking.
- All the images in the folder will be listed on the left hand side. Click

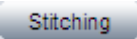
on one image, the image will be highlighted in BLUE.

- Click [Add] to add the highlighted image to the right hand side (the selected source images for stacking).
- [Add all] button allows to add all **the same size** images in the left hand side to the right as stacking source images by just **one click**.
- Click [Fusion] to stack all the selected source images and get an image with an extended depth of field.

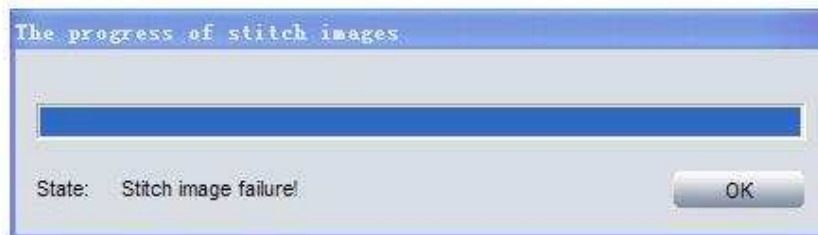
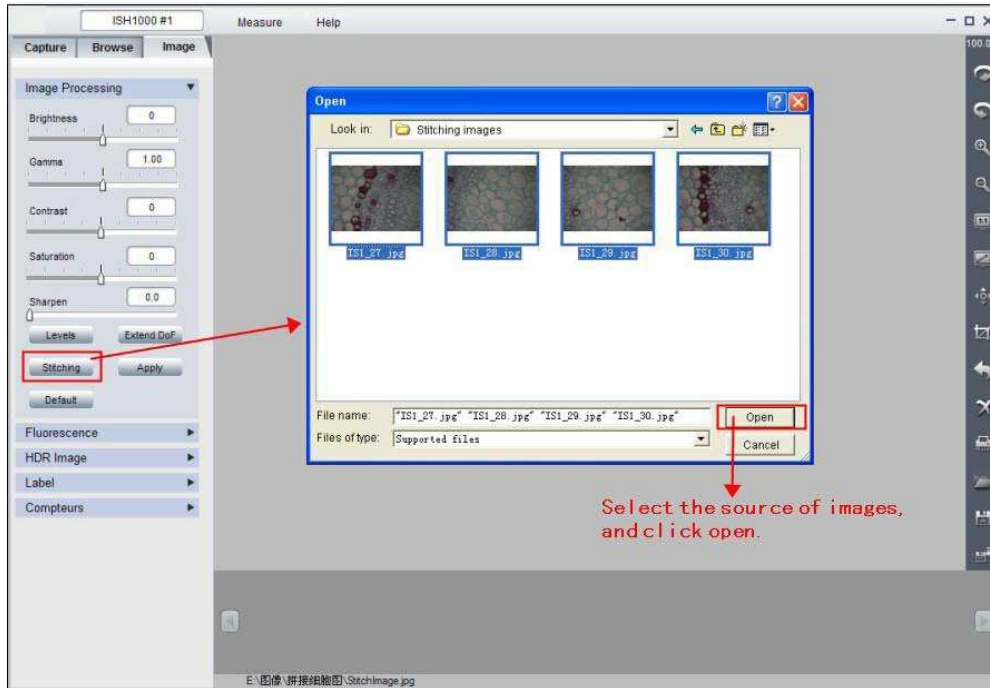


When selecting a wrong image as stacking source, just click on it and then click [Delete] to remove it. [Delete all] will remove all the selected images.

## Image stitching

Click on  to get the image stitching configuration. It combines multiple images with overlapping fields of view to produce a large panorama or high-resolution image.

- 1) Click [Open] browse the stitching source images. **Select all** the source images and open them.
- 2) Click [Stitching] to start stitching all the source images.
- 3) Click [Save] to save the stitched image in the **same directory** as the source images with **the name of date and time stamped**.



If the source image did not meet the requirements, you will be prompted image stitching failure!