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Introduction
Image post processing with Matlab and ImageJ: microtubules dynamics, endoreduplicated nuclei size
- Microtubules dynamics measurements: growth rate, shrinkage. Time series images in confocal microscopy, post processing imaging with Matlab PlusTipTracker
- Endoreduplication: size of the nuclei which double DNA content without dividing. Z series images in confocal microscopy, post processing imaging with three compared methods: Our designed plugin in ImageJ, 3D Object counter in ImageJ, TrackMate in ImageJ.

T Axis

Microtubules dynamics can be evaluated analyzing time-series images of fluorescently labeled microtubules plus end binding proteins.

Anne Strauss (2011) How to measure microtubules dynamics?

Z Axis

ImageJ
- Designed detection macro
- 3D Object counter
- Track mate

Swapping from T to Z axis we detected and associated all sections from each nucleus


Endoreduplication of root nuclei

Double DNA content without dividing


Results

T Axis
Automatic detection and tracking methods are computational tool useful to follow thousand of particles in each cell: we can compare mean velocities of cellular regions: we divide the ROI in two SUB-ROI: boundary region and inside region to test differences in mean velocities

Z Axis
All volume estimation methods converged on the same conclusion:
- Nuclear size increased in mycorrhizal roots
- Compatible with predicted changes related to different ploidy levels
Full support to flow cytometry and gene expression analyses, with the advantage of localizing endoreduplicated nuclei in the root sections, showing that endoreduplication occurs in the colonized area