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Resource Information

URL: <https://github.com/BodenmillerGroup/imctools>

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Description: Software Python package that implements preprocessing pipeline for imaging mass cytometry data. Can convert IMC raw files to tiff files that are used as inputs into CellProfiler, Ilastik, Fiji etc.

Abbreviations: IMCtools

Synonyms: imaging mass spectrometry tools

Resource Type: software resource, software application, data processing software

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Alternate URLs: <https://bodenmillergroup.github.io/imctools/build/html/index.html>

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Ratings and Alerts

- Used for image processing operation by the Human Islet Research Network community. Contact(s): [Bernd Bodenmiller](#) - Human Islets Research Network <https://hirnetwork.org/>

No alerts have been found for imctools.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 22 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [ASWG](#) .

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