Imaging Facilities at University of Southampton and the University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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Microscope	Best resolution	Use	Types of specimen	Imaging method	Useful websites	Images
Olympus SZX9 dissecting microscope	~50 µm	General overview of specimens; tissue dissection	Live/ dead bulk specimens (>0.25 mm)	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Olympus</u> <u>website</u>	
Nikon 80i bright field/ DIC microscope	~200 nm	Stained/ unstained tissue on slides	Sections; small specimens (cells, tissues, small organisms)	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Nikon website</u>	
Nikon E600 polarising light microscope	~200 nm	Stained/ polarising tissue on slides	Sections; small specimens; crystals; anisotropic materials	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Nikon website</u>	
Leica DMRB fluorescence microscope	~200 nm	Fluorescently stained tissue on slides	Fluorescent sections; small specimens (cells, tissues, small organisms)	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Leica website</u>	

Olympus DotSlide virtual slide scanning microscope (x3)	~200 nm	Digital automated slide scanning	Tissue on slides; tissue microarrays (cells, tissues, small organisms)	Light	<u>BIU website</u> YouTube video	
Olympus VS110 high throughput virtual slide scanning microscope	~200 nm	Digital automated slide scanning (up to 100 per run; brightfield and/or fluorescence)	Tissue on slides; tissue microarrays (cells, tissues, small organisms)	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Olympus</u> <u>website</u>	
Olympus IX81 microscope for live cell imaging	~500 nm	Inverted microscope system with brightfield, phase contrast and fluorescence imaging within an incubator for live cell imaging	Live cell/ tissue cultures	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Olympus</u> <u>website</u>	
LaVision light sheet microscope		3D imaging of fluorescently labelled tissue	Tissues/ cells/ whole specimens up to 10 mm cubed; fixed & living	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>LaVision</u>	
Leica SP5 confocal microscope	~200 nm	Generation of sharply focussed fluorescent and/ or reflected light images	Tissues/ cell cultures/ whole specimens up to ~150 µm thick; fixed/ live specimens; high speed imaging for dynamic processes	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Leica website</u>	

Leica SP8 confocal microscope	~200 nm	Generation of sharply focussed fluorescent and/ or reflected light images	Tissues/ cell cultures/ whole specimens up to ~150 µm thick; fixed/ live specimens; high speed imaging for dynamic processes	Light	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Leica website</u>	
MILabs X-ray U- CTXHR-OI Integrated X-ray and optical tomography system for whole animal <i>in</i> <i>vivo</i> imaging	~13 µm (x-ray) ~2 mm (light)	Combined system for 3D imaging of small (anaesthetised) animals; x-ray imaging uncontrasted and/or fluorescent imaging using injected fluorophores	Living whole animals (mice, rats, small rabbits)	X-rays Light	<u>Explanation</u>	
Nikon Med-X micro- CT	~ 5 µm	Non-destructive 3D imaging of whole specimens with low contrast	Preserved biological tissue, organs; histological wax blocks	X-rays	<u>BIU website</u> μ-VIS website Explanation	
Nikon Med-X 2 micro-CT	~ 5 µm	Non-destructive 3D imaging of whole specimens with low contrast	Preserved biological tissue, organs; histological wax blocks	X-rays	Due for delivery August 2019 <u>BIU website</u> <u>µ-VIS website</u> <u>Explanation</u>	

FEI Quanta 200 scanning electron microscope	5 nm	Topographical imaging of whole specimens	Whole dried specimens for surface examination; Tissues/ cells/ whole specimens up to 40 mm	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>FEI website</u>	
FEI Quanta 250 scanning electron microscope	2.1 nm	Topographical imaging of whole specimens	Whole dried specimens for surface examination; Tissues/ cells/ whole specimens up to 40 mm	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> Explanation FEI website	
FEI Tecnai 12 transmission electron microscope	0.3 nm	High resolution imaging of cellular & subcellular detail	Preserved, resin embedded and sectioned material (tissues, cells, organelles) small whole specimens (viruses, nanoparticles)	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>FEI website</u>	
Hitachi HT7700 transmission electron microscope	0.3 nm	High resolution imaging of cellular & subcellular detail	Preserved, resin embedded and sectioned material (tissues, cells, organelles) small whole specimens (viruses, nanoparticles)	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Hitachi website</u>	
EDAX & Oxford Instruments x-ray microanalysis mounted on the FEI Quanta 200 & the FEI Tecnai 12	20 nm (SEM) 5 nm (TEM)	Elemental content of specimens	Bulk specimens on the SEM; sectioned material/ small whole specimens on the TEM	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u> <u>Oxford</u> <u>Instruments</u> <u>website</u>	Cr/Co K

Gatan 3View mounted on FEI Quanta 250	10nm	3D electron microscope of cells & subcellular detail	Preserved, resin embedded blocks of tissue (tissues, cells, organelles)	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Gatan website</u>	
Electron tomography on the Hitachi HT7700	1 nm	High resolution 3D electron microscopy of sub-cellular detail	Preserved, resin embedded and sectioned material (cell organelles)	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> <u>Explanation</u>	
Electron diffraction on the Hitachi HT7700	0.3 nm	Creation of lattice pattern identify the composition of crystal structure	Thin crystals, foils	Electrons	<u>BIU website</u> Explanation	
Image processing & analysis		Processing of data sets for analysis, presentation, publication	2d & 3D data sets acquired from any microscope platform		<u>BIU website</u>	

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