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We do not evaluate a biological hypothesis in this paper. Therefore, statistical methods of estimating sample size required to test a hypothesis are not applicable.

However, we report supervised deep learning models that are trained with the statistical optimization method of stochastic gradient descent. Our models translate label-free images into fluorescence images.

Accurate and generalizable models require large enough sample size that captures dynamic range of density, anisotropy, and myelination as well as morphological diversity of these measurements. We imaged whole brain tissue slice during a given acquisition. We kept pooling data from different tissue slices until the model yielded Pearson correlation coefficients and structural similarity index (SSIM) of ~0.8 between the target myelination and predicted myelination in the test set. The test set consisted of fields of view from both developmental time points and was not used for training or validation of the model. We employed the same approach to select sample size for various U-Net models of F-actin and nuclei for kidney tissue.

The metrics of accuracy are shown in Tables. The sample sizes used for training, validation, and test are described in “Image acquisition and registration” and “Model training and inference” in Methods.

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Number of biological human brain slice replicates are described in the section titled “Predicting myelination in sections of developing human brain”. For training models, human brain images were curated to exclude images with staining artifacts (as described in Results and Methods).

Each field of view of the acquisition represents an independent measure of the random noise associated with protocols, equipment, and stochastic learning. Thus, number of technical replicates is equal to number of fields of view used for training, validation, and test, which are 168 + 35 for GW24; 210 + 76 for GW20. The human brain dataset has 4 biological replicates, 2 for GW20 and 2 for GW24.

Since the kidney tissue data was acquired to develop various neural network architectures, rather than analyze specific structure, we did not acquire and analyze a biological replicate of Kidney tissue. The number of technical replicates is 160, from which few fields of view were excluded to avoid staining artifacts.

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We describe metrics, Pearson correlation and structural similarity index (SSIM), for quantifying predicted image quality in “Model evaluation” in Methods. We don’t propose a biological hypothesis and hence other statistical analysis is not applicable to the paper.

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Images (samples) were randomly split into training, validation, and test sets as described in “Model training and inference” in Methods.

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Python software for image reconstruction and raw microscope images of examples shown in Fig. 2 are available for download at [https://github.com/mehta-lab/reconstruct-order](about:blank).

The raw image data is hosted on google drive and can be fetched using the functions in the above repository.

Python software for training the neural networks and inference is available at: [https://github.com/czbiohub/microDL](about:blank).

The datasets that enable trainining of image translation models are hosted on BioImage Archive:

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