**OTBiolab 2023 - Alpha Release Instruction**

First and foremost we want to thank you all for joining the alpha version of the new OTBiolab software. We really appreciate your interest and effort in helping us developing this new application and make it an essential tool. This stage of the development is where we can define important ideas, add useful and missing elements, redefine things and so on. Your feedbacks will have a key role in the software structure and you can leave a mark on this project! Thanks to your real usage we can shape different aspects to best match the ideal experience.

There are a couple of points we want to concentrate on:

* **Bugs**: of course. Stabilization is key, making it work properly on different computers, with different specifications, aspect ratios, screen sizes, etc is a must. Not only, there could be bugs on processing, setup creation and others.
* **Misplacement**: are features correctly in place? Are things accessible in a correct way? We want to simplify visualization and avoid confusion. If something is not where you think it should be we can move it somewhere else.
* **New cool features**: everythings that comes to your mind that would be great to be added. New features will be considered when the software will be more stable but it would be great to start adding new stuff and start thinking about them.

We expect this release to have bugs, missing features (buttons that do nothing) and misplacement of course. We’d like to highlight them all and this is why you will find three dedicated space in the tables document (*“OTBiolab 2023 Alpha Table.doc”*).

You should expect an user manual but we decided not to do that right now because we want the software to “speak for itself”. A manual will be added in the first release of course but we’d like to know how it is to navigate a brand new software without any knowledge of it. To help you in first place you can follow this simple list of step:

1. Create your first Setup
2. Run your first Acquisition, Record and Save a file
3. Open a file and Visualize data

We know that new features are what interest us the most but at this moment we have to stabilize and be sure that (almost) all the tools that were present on the old OTBiolab+ are present and working in the new one.

You can share the installer and these documents with other persons if you want and let them participate. We’ll close this first set of feedbacks at **October 20th**, after that we will internally discuss and analyze collected documents. If you agree, we’d like to add your name under the “beta tester” tab, somewhere in the software About Box.

The installer we share with you is for x64 architecture computer. Let us know if you have any problem during the installation, if you have unexpected crash due to missing components or if you need the installer for x86 computer.

We thank you one more time.

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