The MATLAB (The MathWorks, USA) code presented here is for extraction the chlorophyll *a* fluorescence signal from red-green-blue images. The chlorophyll *a* fluorescence signal is given as intensity of the red channel based on red-green-blue images. Process is described in Friedrichs, A, J.A. Busch, H.J. van der Woerd and O. Zielinski, SmartFluo: A Method and Affordable Adapter to Measure Chlorophyll a Fluorescence with Smartphones, Sensors, 2017, 17, 678; doi:10.3390/s17040678.

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Short instructions for code use:

- 1. Unzip "RGB2Chl.zip" to retrieve the MATLAB script including needed sub-functions at the end of the script, folders "Blank" and "Samples" including example data, and this README.
- 2. Create one folder containing references images and sample images in the same folder where the script is. Name them as wanted.
- 3. Put reference images in "Blank" and sample images in "Samples".
- 4. Read the instructions in script "RGB2Chl", make the appropriate changes if required in section "PARAMETERS", and execute the script.
- 5. Check the results in variable called "AveragedIntensityPerSubImage".

Execute RGB2Chl without any changes will determine intensity for RGB-images given in folder "Samples" with base-line correction with RGB-image given in folder "Blank".

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