

# 1 Super Resolution Microscopy and 2 Deep Learning Identify Zika Virus 3 Reorganization of the Endoplasmic 4 Reticulum

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14 **Abstract** The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is a complex subcellular organelle composed of  
15 diverse structures such as tubules, sheets and tubular matrices. Flaviviruses such as Zika virus  
16 (ZIKV) induce reorganization of endoplasmic reticulum (ER) membranes to facilitate viral  
17 replication. Here, using 3D super resolution microscopy, ZIKV infection is shown to induce the  
18 formation of dense tubular matrices associated with viral replication in the central ER. Viral  
19 non-structural proteins NS4B and NS2B associate with replication complexes within the  
20 ZIKV-induced tubular matrix and exhibit distinct ER distributions outside this central ER region.  
21 Deep neural networks trained to identify ZIKV-infected versus mock-infected cells successfully  
22 identified ZIKV-induced central ER tubular matrices as a determinant of viral infection. Super  
23 resolution microscopy and deep learning are therefore able to identify and localize  
24 morphological features of the ER and may be of use to screen for inhibitors of infection by  
25 ER-reorganizing viruses.

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## 27 Introduction

28 The endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is a highly dynamic network composed of 30-100 nm ribosome-  
29 studded rough ER sheets and convoluted networks of smooth ER tubules (1, 2). ER shaping proteins  
30 such as the luminal sheet spacer protein cytoskeleton-linking membrane protein 63 (CLIMP-63),  
31 membrane curvature stabilizing reticulons (RTN) and junction stabilizing atlastin (ATL) are responsi-  
32 ble for the generation of the morphologically distinct domains that comprise the ER (2-4). Recently,  
33 2D Stimulated Emission Depletion microscopy (STED) super-resolution microscopy combined with  
34 high-speed live cell or rapid fixation approaches showed that RTN and CLIMP-63 regulate not only  
35 the ER macrostructure of rough ER sheets vs smooth ER tubules but also the nanodomain orga-  
36 nization of sheets and tubules imaged in the cell periphery (5, 6). Increasing both 3D spatial and  
37 temporal resolution with various super resolution imaging techniques, including 3D structured il-  
38 lumination (SIM), grazing incidence structured illumination (GI-SIM) and lattice light sheet point ac-  
39 cumulation for imaging in nanoscale topography (LLS-PAINT), showed that peripheral sheets were

40 actually dense tubular matrices (7). While application of super-resolution microscopy to define  
41 morphology of peripheral ER (PER) structures has proven fruitful, its use to study the central ER  
42 (CER), and changes associated with cellular stressors has proven more challenging.

43 The ER is often utilized by pathogens to subvert the cytoplasmic innate immune response and  
44 promote replication (8-10). Bacteria, such as *Legionella pneumophila* and *Brucella abortus*, RNA  
45 viruses, and some intracellular protist pathogens, such as *Toxoplasma gondii*, all utilize the unique  
46 functions of the ER to promote their own replication (11-13). Flaviviruses, and coronaviruses, re-  
47 organize ER membranes into novel structures to better facilitate viral replication (12, 14, 15). A  
48 well-studied ER reorganizing flavivirus is the Zika virus (ZIKV), a member of the flavivirus genera  
49 within the *Flaviviridae* viral family that includes the dengue virus (DENV), and has shown causative  
50 association with congenital microcephaly and other neurological diseases (16-18). ZIKV-induced  
51 ER structures include replication factories, 60-100 nm spherical vesicular invaginations within the  
52 rough ER lumen that contain viral double-stranded RNA (dsRNA), an intermediate in genomic repli-  
53 cation, that are the site of viral RNA genomic replication (19, 20). Associated with replication facto-  
54 ries are ZIKV-induced convoluted networks of ER tubules, known as convoluted membranes, that  
55 are for the most part smooth although rough convoluted membranes containing replication facto-  
56 ries have been reported in neural progenitor cells (19, 21).

57 The ZIKV RNA genome encodes 10 proteins, corresponding to the DENV genome, including 3  
58 structural proteins (Capsid (C), Membrane (prM/M), and Envelope (E) proteins), involved in assem-  
59 bly of the virus capsid and envelope, and 7 non-structural (NS) proteins (NS1, NS2A, NS2B, NS3,  
60 NS4A, NS4B, and NS5) (22, 23). The NS proteins form the replication complexes and play key roles  
61 in the evasion of the host innate immune response, the hijacking of host cellular pathways, and the  
62 reorganization of ER membranes to promote viral replication (24). All of the flaviviral NS proteins  
63 are believed to play a role in the formation of the genomic replication machinery and replication  
64 factories. ZIKV NS3 and NS4B have been shown to overlap with convoluted membranes and repli-  
65 cation factories by light microscopy (19, 25). NS2B is an integral membrane protein which localizes  
66 NS3 to replication factories and functions as a cofactor for the protease activity of NS3; NS2B and  
67 NS3 localize to both convoluted membranes and replication factories by electron microscopy (EM)  
68 (19, 26-28). NS4B is a transmembrane protein with five integral transmembrane domains, previ-  
69 ously shown to be involved in the formation of convoluted membranes in DENV-infected Huh7  
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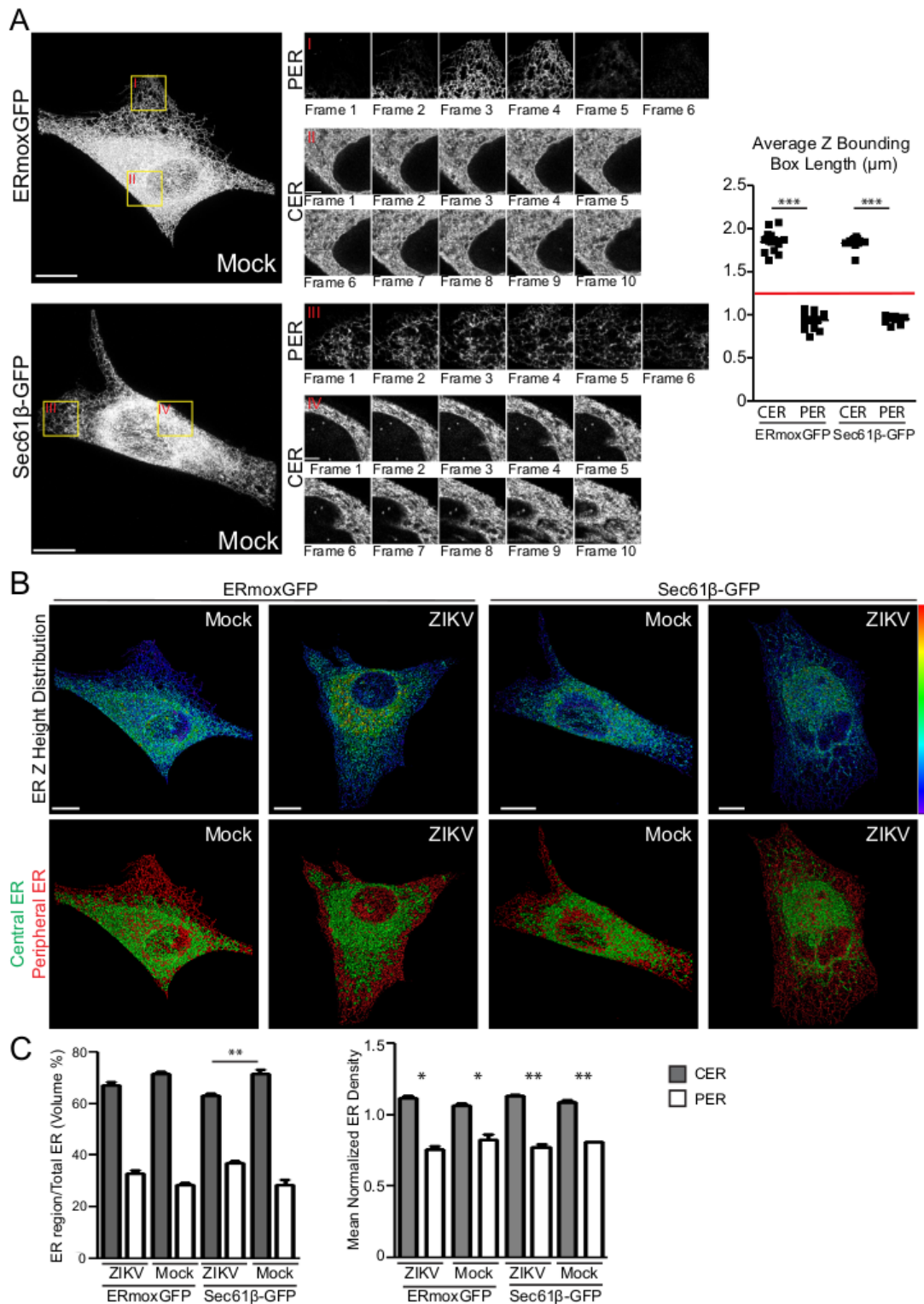
71 Virus-induced ER structures have been well-characterized by EM, however the cellular distribu-  
72 tion of these structures and associated viral proteins remains poorly understood. Here, we use 3D  
73 STED super-resolution microscopy to show that ZIKV infection induces the reorganization of the  
74 CER to form dense tubular matrices associated with ZIKV replication sites. We further apply deep  
75 learning approaches to identify ZIKV-infected cells based on changes in ER morphology. Quantita-  
76 tive detection of virus-induced changes to the ER represents proof-of-principle for the application  
77 of deep learning-based image analysis of ER reorganization for large scale drug screening and iden-  
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## 79 Results

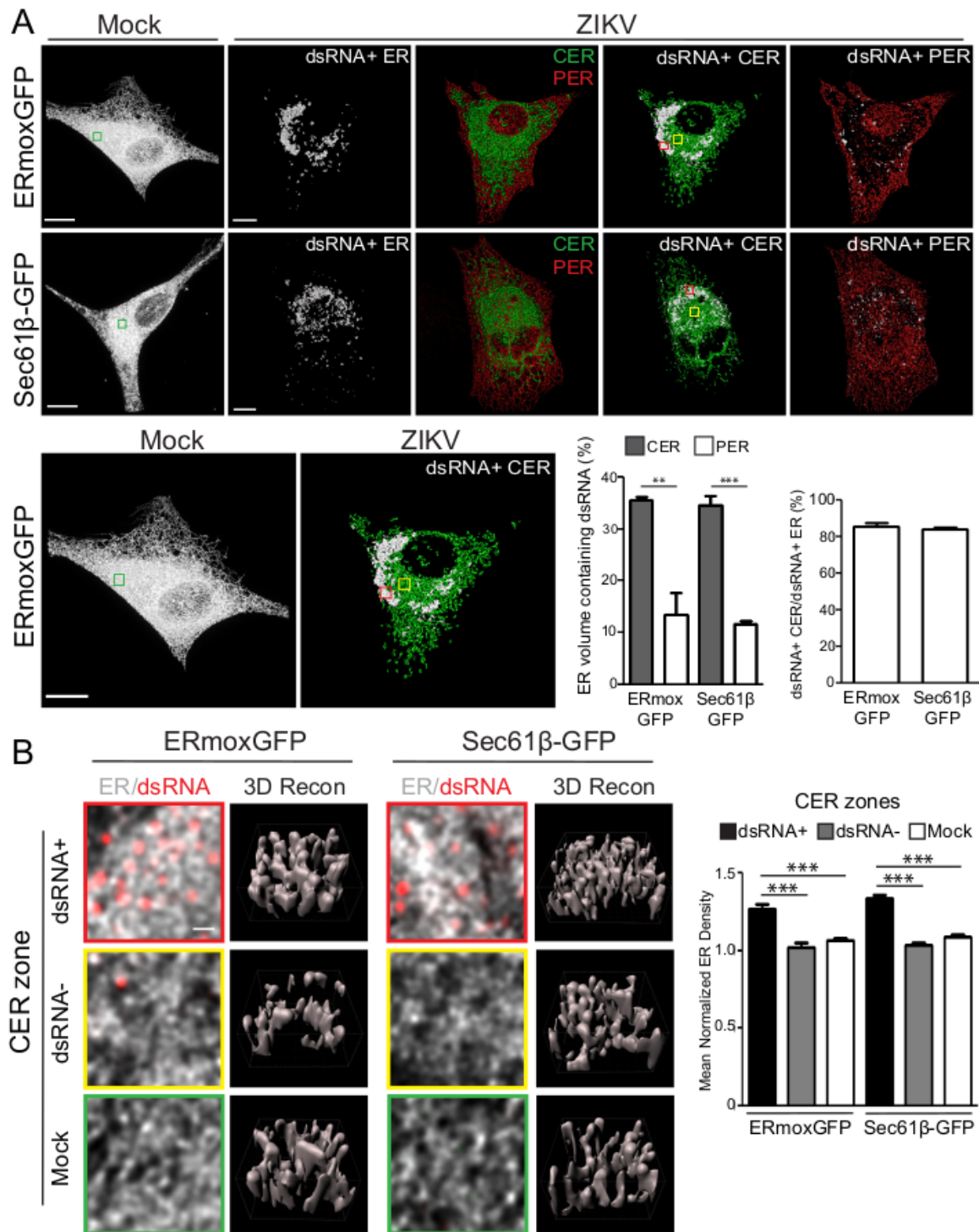
### 80 ZIKV infection induces the formation of a dense tubular matrix in the CER

81 In order to study ER morphology following ZIKV infection, we first generated stable U87 glioblas-  
82 toma cells transfected with either ER monomeric oxidizing environment-optimized green fluores-  
83 cent protein (ERMoxGFP), a luminal ER reporter containing the bovine prolactin signal sequence  
84 and KDEL ER retention sequence linked to inert, monomeric, cysteine-less moxGFP (29), or the  
85 membrane-associated ER reporter Sec61 $\beta$ -GFP. U87 cells stably expressing the ER reporters were  
86 then infected with ZIKV strain PRVABC59 (Puerto Rico 2015) at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 1  
87 for 48 hours. Cells were fixed with 3% paraformaldehyde/0.2% glutaraldehyde to preserve ER archi-  
88 tecture (6, 7, 30, 31) and labeled for dsRNA, a marker for ZIKV replication factories (19). Maximum





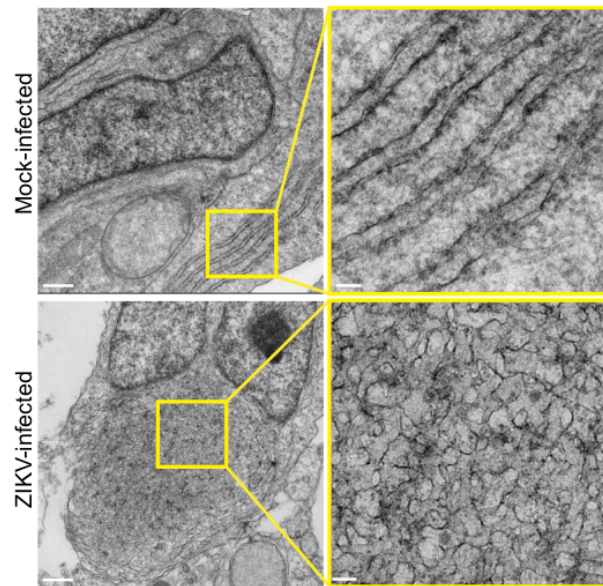
**Figure 2.** Defining the CER and PER of ZIKV- and mock-infected cells. A) Mock-infected ERmoxGFP and Sec61β-GFP stably transfected U87 cells were imaged by 3D STED microscopy. Magnified ROIs (yellow ROIs identified by red Roman numerals) show that the PER extends over 3-5 sections (210 nm step size) and CER >10 sections. Graph shows average PER and CER Z-height for each ERmoxGFP or Sec61β-GFP labeled cell. A Z-height cutoff of 1.26 microns (red line) was used to identify PER and CER objects. B) Segmented ER labeling from 48-hour ZIKV- or mock-infected ERmoxGFP or Sec61β-GFP stably transfected U87 cells (MOI= 1) was visualized using a Z-height spectrum heat map and CER (green; > 1.26 μm) and PER (red; < 1.26 μm) masks are shown. C) Volume percentage (left) and mean normalized density (right) of CER and PER masks between mock- and ZIKV-infected cells. 5 cells per biological replicate were analyzed for a total of N=3. ANOVA with post-hoc Tukey HSD: \* = P<0.05, \*\* = P<0.01, and \*\*\* = P<0.001. Error bars represent SEM. Scale bar= 10 microns.



**Figure 3.** The ZIKV-induced dsRNA-positive CER region is a dense tubular matrix. A) Shown are representative mock-infected cells and CER (green) and PER (red) masks overlaid with the dsRNA-positive ER mask (white) for ZIKV-infected ERmoxGFP and Sec61β-GFP transfected U87 cells. Enlarged images of ERmoxGFP transfected cells show 3x3 μm ROIs of the mock-infected CER (green box) and of the ZIKV-infected dsRNA-positive (red box) and dsRNA-negative (yellow box) CER shown in B. Graphs show the volume percent of the CER or PER region that contains dsRNA-positive ER (left) and the volume percent of the dsRNA-positive ER that resides within the CER mask. B) 2D images of ER (white) and dsRNA (red) labeling in 3x3 μm ROIs of the ZIKV-infected dsRNA-positive (red) and dsRNA-negative (yellow) CER and mock-infected (green) CER are shown above Imaris 3D surface rendering of 1x1 μm regions of the above ROIs. Graph shows mean normalized ER density for each of the three CER zones by Imaris segmentation and masking. 5 cells per biological replicate were analyzed for a total of N=3. ANOVA with post-hoc Tukey HSD: \*= P<0.05, \*\*= P<0.01, and \*\*\*= P<0.001. Error bars represent SEM. Scale bar: 10 microns (500 nm for zoomed ROIs).

89 projections of 3D STED image stacks show high intensity ERmoxGFP and Sec61 $\beta$ -GFP labeling in a  
90 CER region and low intensity labeling in PER tubules in mock-infected cells (Figure 1A), as reported  
91 previously by diffraction limited confocal microscopy (3). Upon ZIKV infection, the CER reorganizes  
92 to form an intensely labeled crescent-shaped region surrounding a lower intensity perinuclear re-  
93 gion (Figure 1A). Interestingly, the crescent-shaped ZIKV-induced perinuclear ER overlapped exten-  
94 sively with dsRNA (Figure 1A). Imaris Bitplane software fragments the ER into distinct segments  
95 that can then be analyzed for different features, including reporter density, segment Z-height and  
96 segment overlap with other labels, such as dsRNA. Density-based segmentation of the ERmoxGFP-  
97 and Sec61 $\beta$ -GFP-labelled ER of ZIKV-infected cells showed that the higher density crescent-shaped  
98 CER region exhibited significant overlap with dsRNA-positive ER structures relative to the rest of  
99 the ER (Figure 1B). This suggests that ZIKV dsRNA associates with an ER region of high density for  
100 both luminal and membrane ER reporters.

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120 **Figure 4.** Ultrastructural analysis of ZIKV-infected cerebral  
121 brain organoids. Transmission EM images of 50 nm thin  
122 sections of 48-hour mock- and ZIKV-infected cerebral brain  
123 organoids (MOI=1). Yellow boxes show ROIs shown of  
124 adjacent higher magnification images that highlight rough  
125 ER sheets in mock-infected and tubular matrices  
126 (convoluted membranes) in ZIKV-infected cells. Scale bars:  
127 500 nm and 100 nm for zoomed image ROIs.

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130 Overlaying the CER and PER masks with the dsRNA-positive ER mask showed that the dsRNA-  
131 positive ER (>80% volume/volume) is predominantly included within the CER mask (Figure 3A). In-  
132 deed, only 10% of PER volume contains dsRNA while 35% of CER volume contains dsRNA for both  
133 ER reporters (Figure 3A). Morphological comparison of the dsRNA-positive and -negative CER of  
134 ZIKV-infected cells with the CER of mock-infected cells showed that the CER was composed of a  
135 convoluted network of tubules for both the ERmoxGFP- and Sec61 $\beta$ -labeled ER (Figure 3B). 3D re-  
136 constructions confirmed that these regions were predominantly tubular with a few small sheet-like  
137 structures, similar to the tubular matrix morphology of peripheral sheets (7). 3D voxel-based visu-  
138 alization and quantification showed that the density of ER tubular structures in the dsRNA-positive  
139 ER is higher, for both the ERmoxGFP or Sec61 $\beta$ -GFP ER reporters, than in the dsRNA-negative CER

We then investigated the relation-  
ship between the dense ZIKV-induced  
crescent-like region and the CER and  
PER. Segmenting the ER based on Z-  
height of ER segments showed that  
PER tubules were present in 3-5 con-  
secutive frames of 210 nm each while  
CER regions were abundantly present  
across 7-10 consecutive frames (Figure  
2A). For both ERmoxGFP and Sec61 $\beta$ -  
GFP labeled cells, average max Z-height  
of PER tubular regions was 0.95  $\mu$ m and  
for CER regions 1.8  $\mu$ m (Figure 2A). No  
PER segments reached a height greater  
than 1.26  $\mu$ m. ER segments with a  
height above 1.26  $\mu$ m were therefore  
classified as CER and ER segments with  
a height below 1.26  $\mu$ m as PER, effec-  
tively segmenting the ER into CER and  
PER regions (Figure 2B). Based on this  
ER segment height-based classification  
of CER and PER, the CER was found to  
present a two-fold increase in volume  
and increased density relative to the  
PER (Figure 2C). ER density in the height-  
based CER was elevated relative to PER  
and ZIKV infection showed minimal im-  
pact on the relative volume or density of  
CER and PER regions (Figure 2D).

140 regions of ZIKV-infected cells or the CER of mock-infected cells (Figure 3B). The lower ER reporter  
141 density reflects reduced spacing between tubules in the dsRNA-positive ER, suggesting that ZIKV  
142 infection induces tubular matrix reorganization in a subdomain of the CER in U87 cells. Consis-  
143 tently, EM analysis of the microcephaly relevant cerebral brain organoid model (32) showed that  
144 ZIKV-induced ER reorganization from perinuclear stacked rough ER sheets to a perinuclear, circular  
145 region of convoluted smooth ER tubules (Figure 4). These results are consistent with ZIKV induction  
146 of a perinuclear tubular matrix.

### 147 **ER localization of ZIKV NS2B and NS4B structural proteins**

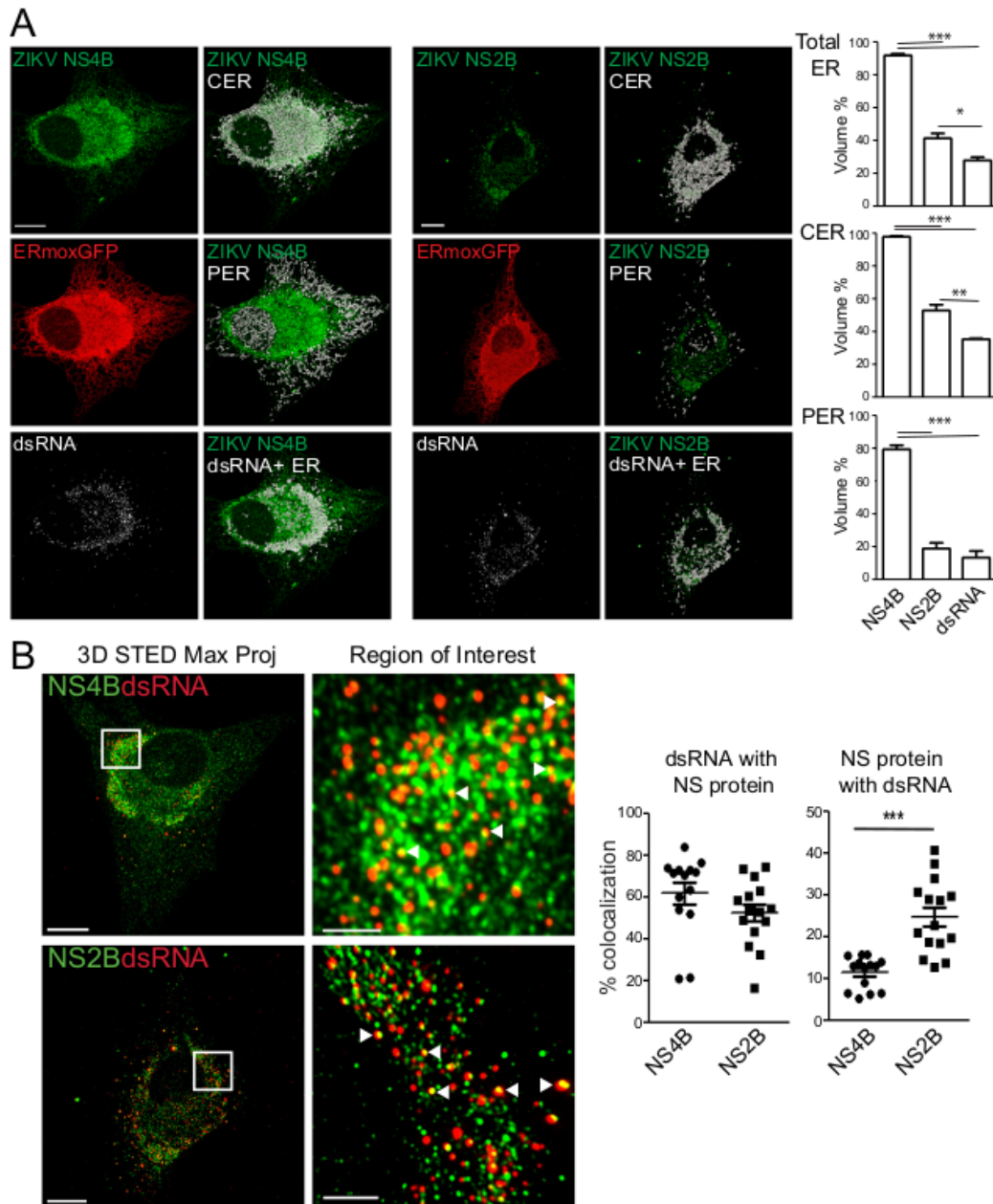
148 We then labeled cells for ZIKV NS proteins NS2B and NS4B to assess their relationship to the ZIKV-  
149 induced tubular matrix. 3D STED analysis showed a predominant distribution of both NS2B and  
150 NS4B to the CER and more particularly to the dense ZIKV-induced crescent-shaped tubular matrix  
151 in ERmoxGFP transfected U87 cells (Figure 5A). While NS2B is predominantly associated with the  
152 dsRNA-positive CER, NS4B labeling extended throughout the CER as well as to the PER (Figure 5A).  
153 To quantify this, we identified NS2B-positive and NS4B-positive ER segments and determined their  
154 overlap with total ER, CER and PER (Figure 5A). While NS4B was present at high levels on both PER  
155 and CER segments, NS2B was enriched in the CER relative to the PER and presented a similar ER  
156 distribution to dsRNA (Figure 5A).

157 The majority (>55%) of dsRNA-labeled puncta were associated with NS2B or NS4B, consistent  
158 with the presence of both these NS proteins in the ZIKV-induced tubular matrix. In contrast, a  
159 minority of NS2B (~25%) and NS4B (~10%) spots overlapped with dsRNA spots (Figure 5B). In the  
160 dsRNA-positive CER, the highly punctate NS2B labeling differed from a more reticular NS4B label-  
161 ing. These two ZIKV NS proteins therefore exhibit distinct distributions within the ZIKV-induced  
162 tubular matrix when not associated with dsRNA replication complexes (Figure 5B). Together with  
163 the differential distribution of NS2B and NS4B within the ER as a whole (Figure 5A), these results  
164 highlight that these two ZIKV NS proteins do not associate exclusively with replication factories and  
165 suggest that following synthesis of the ZIKV polyprotein, NS2B and NS4B undergo distinct biosyn-  
166 thetic pathways before reuniting in ER-associated replication complexes.

### 167 **Deep learning identifies ZIKV-induced ER reorganization**

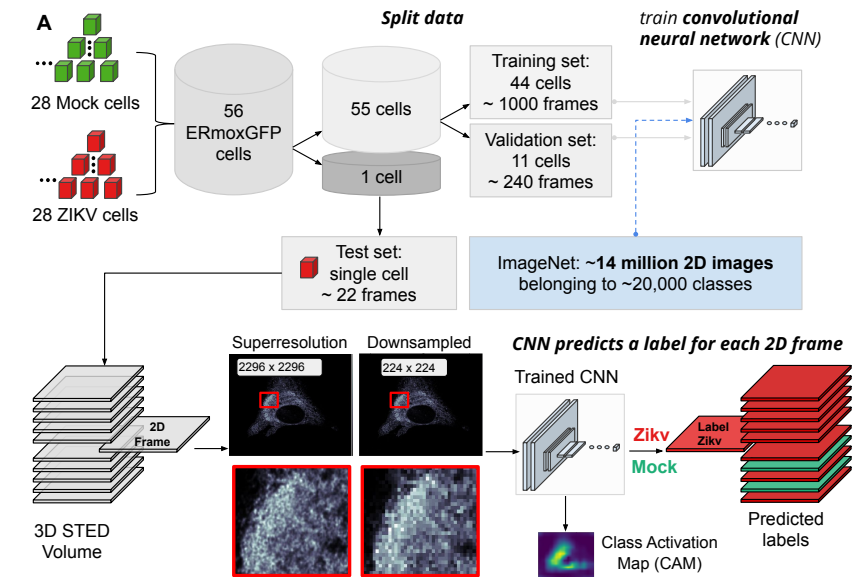
168 Deep learning has been successfully applied to the task of image recognition, distinguishing the  
169 category or class to which a given image belongs. Deep learning architectures have outperformed  
170 shallow architectures when benchmarked on ImageNet a dataset widely used by the computer  
171 vision community that contains roughly 14 million images belonging to 20,000 classes (e.g., cats,  
172 dogs, plant species, various modes of transportation) (33-35). Deep convolutional neural networks  
173 (CNNs) are capable of learning local and global spatial patterns from raw training data (i.e. pairs of  
174 images and corresponding classes) enabling inference of the correct class of unseen images, and  
175 have achieved state of the art performance when benchmarked on ImageNet (36). Importantly,  
176 compared to non-deep learning detection methods such as machine learning, deep learning ap-  
177 proaches: 1) avoid the need to design and select features for highly complex ER structures that  
178 are required by non-deep learning methods; and 2) provide the ability to move beyond simple  
179 classification to inspect discriminative regions (i.e. subregions of the ER within each cell).

180 We therefore applied deep neural networks to identify and distinguish the morphological fea-  
181 tures of the ER of ZIKV-infected cells. A pipeline outlining our approach is shown in Figure 6A. We  
182 train a CNN using 2D frames (each representing a single Z-frame) from 3D STED volumes of ER-  
183 moxGFP and Sec61B-GFP labeled ZIKV- and mock-infected cells. Our CNN builds off of VGG16, a  
184 deep neural network architecture proposed by Simonyan et al. (35) which achieved state of the  
185 art results on the 2014 ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) (37, 38). To  
186 improve computation time, we initially performed the analysis on downsampled STED images. As  
187 the 3D STED data sets were relatively small to train the CNN from scratch, we leveraged a network  
188 already pretrained on natural images. This transfer learning technique speeds up the convergence

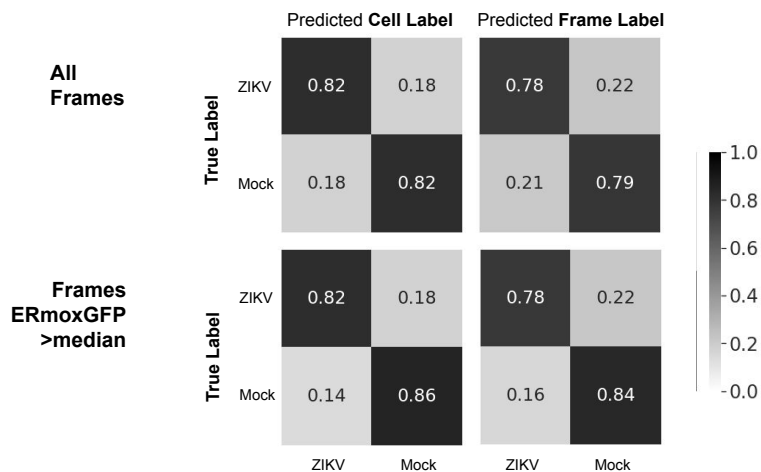




189 rate of networks when dealing with small target datasets. Certain filters (combinations of weights)  
 190 learned on the first dataset (i.e. ImageNet) may still be useful for classifying a second dataset  
 191 (i.e. STED); as a result, less weight updates are needed before achieving good performance. Us-  
 192 ing a pretrained VGG16 as our base model we obtained a 20% boost in test accuracy, compared  
 193 against a random weight initialization. Using ERmoxGFP labelled ER alone, the CNN was able to  
 194 distinguish between ZIKV- and mock-infected cells with an 82% accuracy (Figure 6B, top left). Ac-



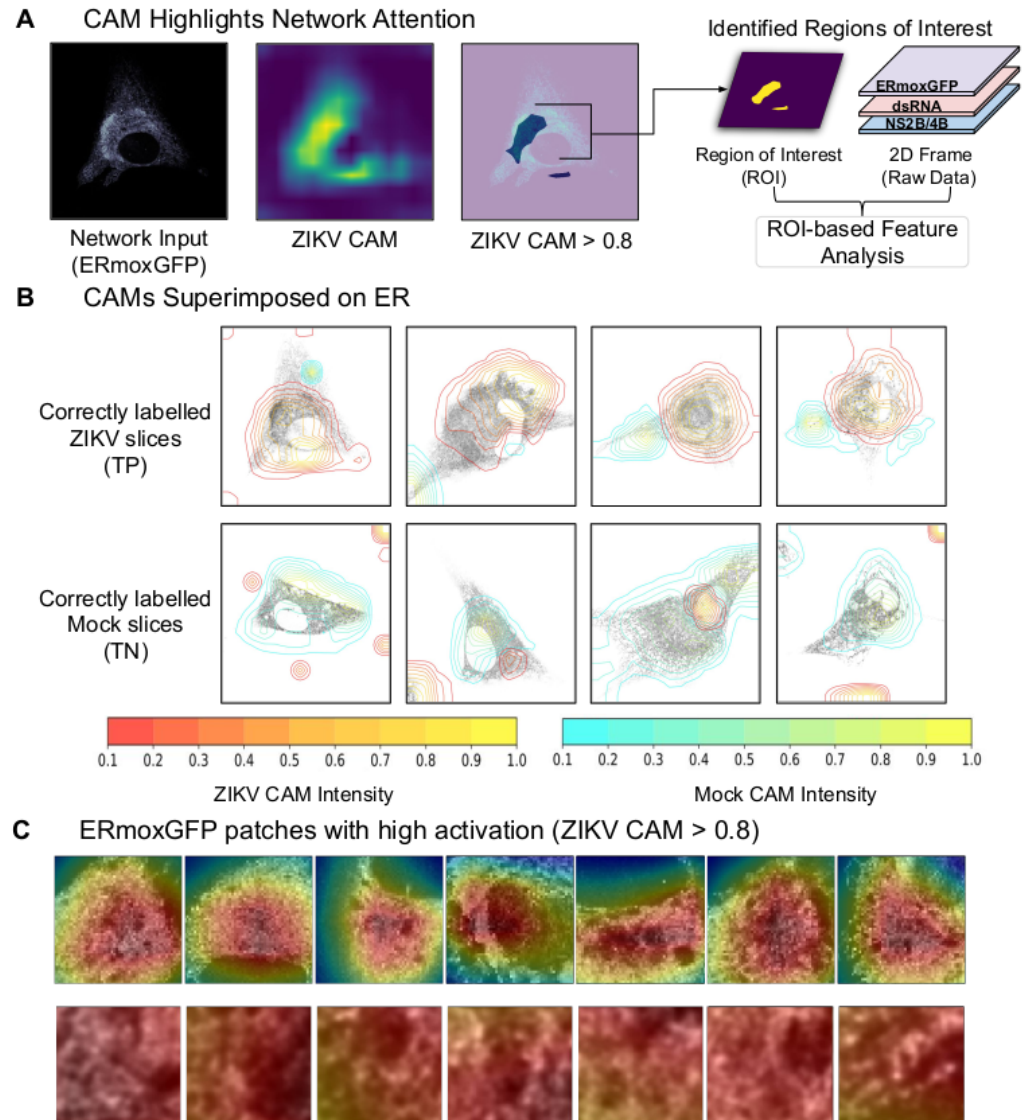
**B** Network Performance (normalized confusion matrices)



**Figure 6.** Deep learning classification pipeline: Pretrained convolutional neural network accurately predicts labels of 2D frames from 3D STED volumes. A) Leave-one-out cross validation is successively applied to each cell. This prevents information from 2D frames leaking between training, validation and test sets. During training, network uses 2D frames from 55 cells (specifically, 44 for training and 11 for validation). The trained CNN then predicts a class label (i.e. ZIKV-infected or mock-infected) to each 2D frame of the remaining test cell. Class Activation Maps are also generated for each 2D frame belonging to the test set. B) CNN performance reported on a cell basis and across 2D frames. Normalized confusion matrices report the total number of predicted labels (ZIKV-infected or mock-infected) over the total number of ground truth labels. For example, 79% of all mock-infected 2D frames were predicted correctly by the CNN (top right). Predicted cell labels correspond to the majority label of predicted frame labels for each cell (top left). When excluding frames beyond the cell with reduced ERmoxGFP signal, performance metrics increase both in terms of cell label predictions (bottom left) and individual frame label predictions (bottom right).

195 accuracy using Sec61 $\beta$ -GFP labelled ER was only 66%, whereas combining cells labeled with both  
196 ER markers, increasing the number of training samples seen by the network, still resulted in only  
197 71% accuracy. Based on the improved classification performance, further analysis was performed  
198 using ERmoxGFP labelled cells.

199 With a limited sample size of 56 ERmoxGFP labelled cells, we applied leave-one-out cross vali-  
200 dation; 56 cells were split into a set of 55 cells used to train the CNN, and a test set consisting of



**Figure 7.** Class Activation Mapping for Region of Interest Based Feature Analysis. A) For each test 2D frame passed as input to the CNN, we generated Class Activation Maps (CAM) which are then thresholded to create ROIs. These regions identified by deep learning are then used for further analysis of ERmoxGFP, dsRNA and NS2B/4B. B) Contour maps of CAMs superimposed on ERmoxGFP labelled ER show regions identified by CAMs. The contour color represents varying CAM intensity from 0.1 (low network attention) to 1.0 (high network attention). For correctly labelled ZIKV-infected and mock-infected 2D frames, we show that the respective CAM focuses on the cell. C) The top row shows representative downsampled images from true positive (TP) instances highlighting the 0.8 ZIKV CAM in red. The bottom row shows 112x112 pixel patches from high resolution STED images within the 0.8 ZIKV CAM region.

201 the remaining cell. This process is outlined in Figure 6A, and is repeatedly applied using each cell  
202 as the test set. The 55 cells used to train the CNN are further split into a training and validation  
203 set, composed of 44 and 11 cells, respectively. During training, all 2D frames from cells belonging  
204 to the training set are passed individually to the CNN while 2D frames of the validation set cells  
205 are used to evaluate the performance and update the network's parameters (weights) accordingly.  
206 This grouping of cells into training, validation and test sets ensures that information is not leaked,  
207 i.e., the CNN is only presented with unseen 2D frames during testing. ZIKV- and mock-infected  
208 class activation maps (CAMs) (39) are generated for each 2D frame to help define regions used by  
209 the CNN when inferring a class label (ZIKV or Mock). We achieved 82% accuracy and 82% specificity  
210 to identify ZIKV- and mock-infected cells based on a majority of frame predictions per cell. STED Z  
211 stacks extend beyond the cell and include Z sections that contain minimal ERmoxGFP signal and  
212 show poor accuracy to predict class label (Supp Fig 1). When considering those frames containing  
213 ERmoxGFP signal intensity greater than the median, we achieved 84% accuracy and 86% sensitiv-  
214 ity. On a per frame basis, accuracy for all frames was 78% and sensitivity 79% that increased to  
215 81% and 84%, respectively, when considering frames expressing ERmoxGFP greater than median  
216 intensity (Figure 6B, Supp. Fig. 1). Considering the confusion matrix for all frames, cell label (Figure  
217 6B, top left), the 82% of ZIKV-infected 2D frames correctly predicted to be infected represent true  
218 positives (TP) while the 18% of ZIKV-infected 2D frames not predicted to be infected represent false  
219 negatives (FN). The 82% of mock-infected 2D frames correctly predicted to be uninfected represent  
220 true negatives (TN) and the 18% of mock-infected 2D frames predicted to be ZIKV-infected repre-  
221 sent false positives (FP). The CNN has therefore accurately predicted which cells are ZIKV-infected  
222 based on the reorganization of ERmoxGFP-labeled ER. Improved accuracy for frames expressing  
223 higher ERmoxGFP highlights that the network is using the ERmoxGFP label to identify ZIKV-infected  
224 frames and cells.

225 To determine the basis for CNN decision making we analyzed the respective CAMs for both  
226 classes, ZIKV- and mock-infected cells. This method, first proposed by (39) produces a heatmap (or  
227 CAM), corresponding to a given image input, which can help localize the discriminating regions of  
228 the image that the CNN uses to infer a class label (Figure 7A). For instance, identification of ZIKV-  
229 infected slices (true positive; TP; orange) is primarily based on regions highlighted by the ZIKV CAM  
230 while identification of mock-infected cells (true negative; TN; green) is based on the mock CAM  
231 (Figure 7B). The range of values of the generated CAMs is between 0 and 1. Class activation maps  
232 have been used for weakly supervised segmentation, i.e. to delineate regions of interest (ROIs) (40,  
233 41) We consider regions of interest (ROIs) to be areas of the CAM with values greater than 80%  
234 of the maximum. For example, if a CAM has maximum value of 1, the CAM thresholded at 80%  
235 considers only CAM regions with values greater than 0.8, corresponding to regions of high network  
236 attention. Representative examples of ZIKV (red) and mock (blue) CAMs are shown in Figure 7B; as  
237 they transition to yellow, concentric rings correspond to smaller CAMs and increasing thresholds  
238 from 10-95%. In general, the mock CAM was centered over the cell for correctly labelled uninfected  
239 cells (TN) cells as was the ZIKV CAM for correctly labeled ZIKV-infected cells (TP) cells (Figure 7B).  
240 Representative downsampled ERmoxGFP-labeled images from true positive (TP) instances show  
241 the 80% ZIKV CAM in red covering the central ER region. Higher resolution TP patches (112x112  
242 pixels) from these regions of high network attention (ZIKV CAM with a threshold of 80%) show ER  
243 structures used to correctly label ZIKV-infected cells (Figure 7C).

#### 244 **Deep learning identifies ZIKV-infected cells based on the high density CER**

245 As seen in Figure 8A, ROIs identified by the ZIKV CAM show consistently higher ER density at all  
246 thresholds when comparing correctly identified infected frames (TP, orange) to the mock-infected  
247 frames (TN, green). Similarly, for 2D frames correctly identified as mock-infected (TN), the regions  
248 found by the mock CAM show increased ER density at all thresholds compared to the TP frames.  
249 This suggests that the CAMs used to identify both ZIKV- and mock-infected cells correspond to high  
250 ER density regions localized over the cell (see Figure 7B) and that VGG16 is using differences in the

251 ER label (ERmoxGFP) to identify slices as either ZIKV- or mock-infected. Consistently, the density  
252 profile of the ZIKV CAM for cells falsely identified to be infected (false positive; FP; blue) matched  
253 that of TP (orange) ZIKV-infected cells while that of the mock CAM for cells falsely identified to be  
254 uninfected (false negative; FN; purple) matched the mock TN (green) profile. ER density for the ZIKV  
255 and mock TP and TN profiles at a CAM threshold of 80% show clearly that regions identified by the  
256 thresholded ZIKV CAM have significantly increased ER density when comparing TP to TN frames  
257 (Figure 8B, left). Conversely, regions identified by the thresholded mock CAM have increased ER  
258 density for TN compared to TP cells (Figure 8B, right). We then calculated the average Euclidean  
259 distance between the weighted center of mass of the CAMs and the weighted center of mass for  
260 all ERmoxGFP labelled pixels (Figure 8C). The center of mass of the ZIKV CAM for TP and for the  
261 mock CAM for TN were closest to the ERmoxGFP center of mass. As for the ER density profile of the  
262 CAMs, Euclidean distance of FPs for the ZIKV CAM matched TP, and FNs for the mock CAM matched  
263 TNs. Together, these data argue that the CAMs used to identify ZIKV- and mock-infected cells are  
264 located in dense ER regions near the center of mass of the ERmoxGFP label.

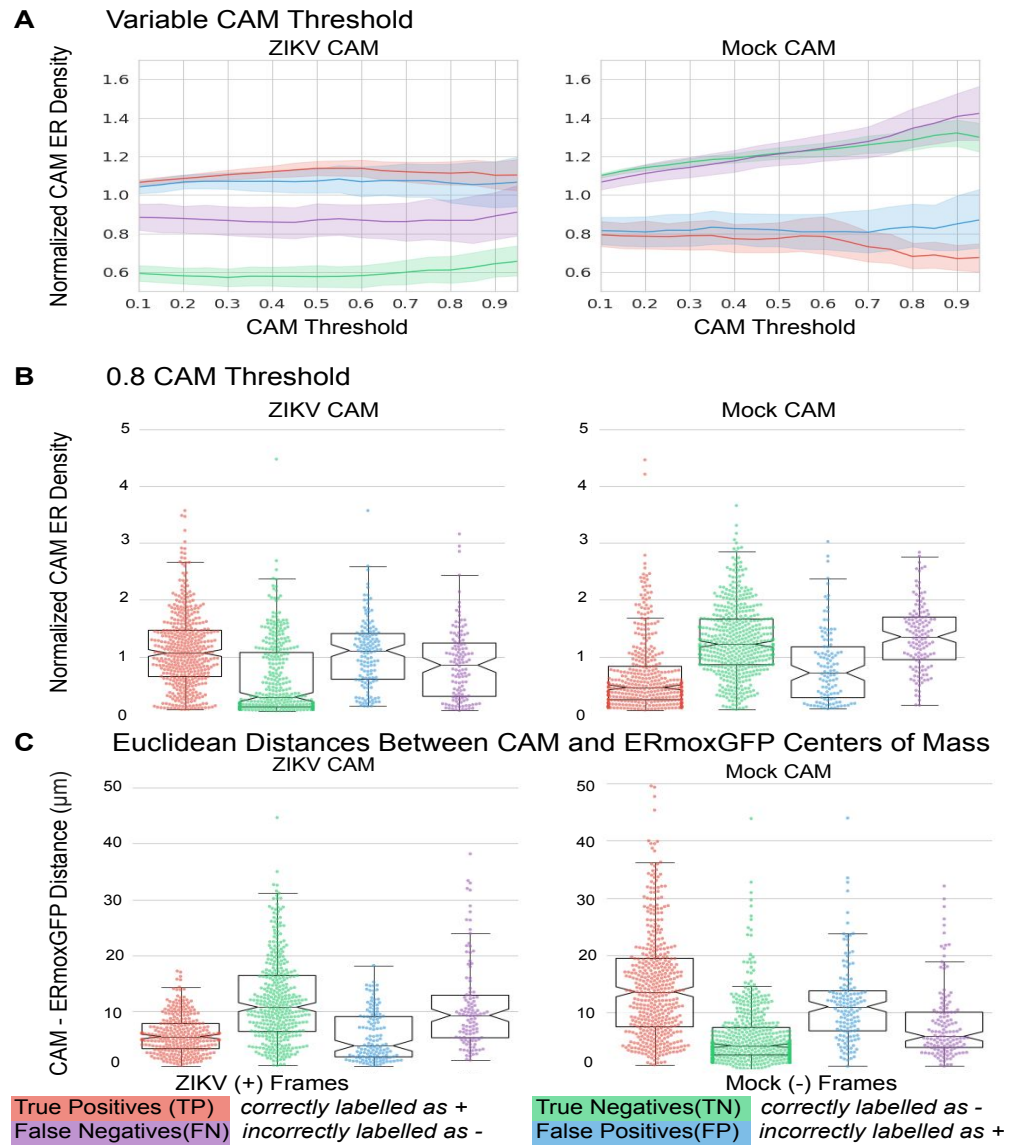
265 To determine the relationship of the ZIKV CAM to the dense tubular matrix region that we identi-  
266 fied by 3D STED super-resolution microscopy (Figure 3), we assessed CAM overlap with dsRNA,  
267 NS2B, NS4B and ERmoxGFP labeling. To do this, we calculated the normalized CAM intensity, de-  
268 fined as the intensity sum of a given channel in the ZIKV CAM normalized by the total area of that  
269 channel. The 80% ZIKV CAM shows a higher degree of overlap with the NS4B- positive ER relative  
270 to the ERmoxGFP-, dsRNA- and NS2B-labeled ER (Figure 9A, left). Further, based on Euclidean dis-  
271 tance analysis, the center of mass of the ZIKV CAM was closer to the NS4B center of mass (Figure  
272 9A, right). Relative to NS2B and dsRNA, NS4B density is present throughout the CER and increased  
273 in the PER (Figure 5). Therefore, to further define the ER zone contributing to CNN discrimination  
274 of ZIKV-infected cells, we assessed overlap of the ZIKV CAM with the dsRNA-positive and dsRNA-  
275 negative CER as well as the PER, as defined previously (Figure 3). The PER, determined based on  
276 Z-height of ER segments, includes the subnuclear ER and to ensure we were assessing strictly the  
277 PER we segmented out the nuclear region using a semi-automated annotation approach (See Ma-  
278 terials and Methods). As seen in Figure 9B, the ZIKV CAM shows increased overlap and proximity  
279 with the dsRNA-positive CER relative to either the dsRNA-negative CER or PER. The region closest  
280 to and most overlapping with the ZIKV CAM is the nuclear region, cropped from the PER channel.  
281 As the center of mass of the ZIKV CAM presents the shortest Euclidean distances to the dsRNA-  
282 positive CER and the nucleus, this locates the ZIKV CAM center of mass to the perinuclear CER  
283 region between the dense dsRNA-positive tubular matrix and the nucleus.

284 This can be visualized in Figure 9C, where increased grey scale density highlights the weighted  
285 overlap of the ZIKV CAM with these four ER regions. Increased ZIKV CAM overlap with the dsRNA-  
286 positive ER, the perinuclear zone of the dsRNA-negative CER as well as the nuclear zone adjacent  
287 to this region can be clearly observed. The ZIKV CAM encompasses the dsRNA, NS2B and NS4B-  
288 positive dense tubular matrix region that houses ZIKV replication factories, but also includes the  
289 adjacent perinuclear region enriched for NS4B but not NS2B. Individual patches do not encompass  
290 the totality of the CER (see Figure 7C) and the precise nature of the features that the CNN uses to  
291 discriminate between ZIKV- and mock-infected cells remains to be determined. CAM localization  
292 analysis shows that the neural network uses the same CER region that we have observed to be  
293 modified upon ZIKV infection. Deep learning therefore has the ability to identify the ER morpho-  
294 logical changes associated with ZIKV infection.

## 295 Discussion

296 ZIKV infection is characterized by re-organization of the ER to create replication factories and con-  
297 voluted ER membranes involved in viral replication, whose ultrastructure has been elegantly char-  
298 acterized by EM (19, 25). Here, 3D STED super resolution microscopy reveals the formation of a  
299 novel, perinuclear, crescent-shaped region of dense tubular ER, or convoluted membranes, within  
300 the CER of ZIKV-infected cells. This region is enriched for dsRNA and ZIKV non-structural proteins

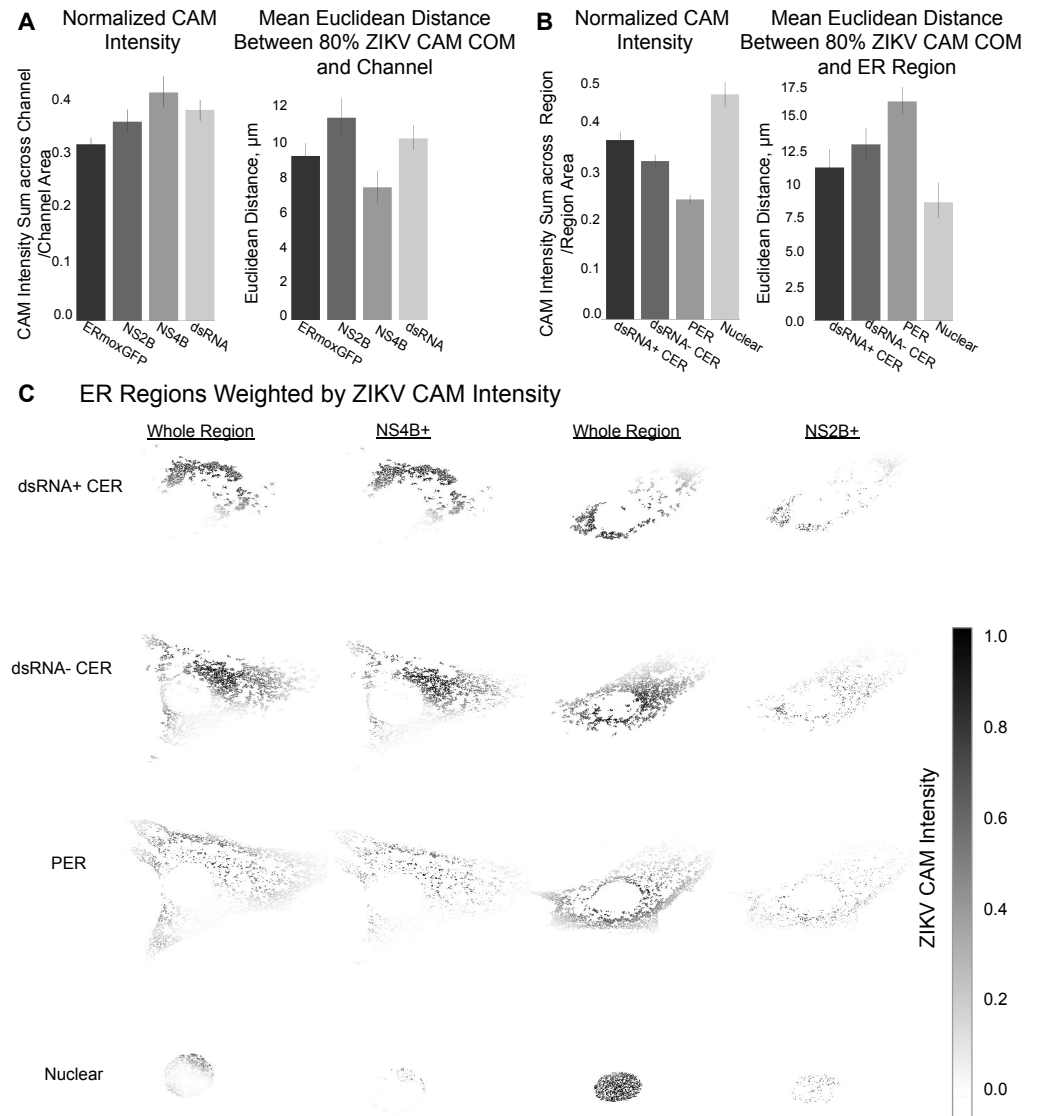
301 NS2B and NS4B and therefore corresponds to the site of ZIKV replication factories and genomic  
 302 replication (19, 20). 3D STED microscopy therefore shows that ZIKV infection induces CER reorga-  
 303 nization. Importantly, based in large part on the formation of this dense CER region, deep learning  
 304 image analysis is able to identify ZIKV-infected cells based solely on ER morphology. This high-  
 305 lights the potential utility of ER reorganization as a sensitive host cell reporter for use in screens  
 306 for inhibitors of infection by ZIKV and other flaviviruses, as well as coronaviruses, such as severe  
 307 acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), that induce extensive ER rearrangement



**Figure 8.** Normalized CAM ER density across subgroups. ROIs are defined by various CAM thresholds. For a given ROI, ER density is defined as total ERmoxGFP intensity within the ROI divided by ERmoxGFP area inside the ROI. ER density for each ROI defined by the CAM is then normalized by the ER density of the whole cell. A) ER density of ROIs defined by CAM thresholds from 10-95% with increments of 5% is compared across 4 subgroups: ZIKV-infected 2D frames correctly predicted to be infected (true positives); mock-infected 2D frames correctly predicted to be uninfected (true negatives); ZIKV-infected 2D frames incorrectly predicted to be uninfected (false negatives); mock-infected 2D frames incorrectly predicted to be infected (false positives). B) ER densities of 80% CAMs ROIs compared across subgroups. C) Euclidean distances between center of mass of 80% CAMs ROIs and weighted center of mass of ERmoxGFP signal.

308 (15, 42).

309 The ER is a morphologically complex organelle, containing smooth ER tubules and ribosome-  
 310 studded rough ER sheets identified ultrastructurally by EM since over 60 years (43). In confocal im-  
 311 ages of cultured cells, these morphological structures correspond, respectively, to PER tubules and  
 312 the dense perinuclear CER (3). Here, we approximate CER and PER regions based upon Z bound-  
 313 ing box height of segmented 3D STED ER volumes and show that the dense ER zone enriched for  
 314 dsRNA is within the CER. The CER of both ZIKV- and mock-infected U87 cells is composed of tubular



**Figure 9.** ZIKV CAM intensity relative to ER Regions. A) ZIKV CAM localization with respect to ERmoxGFP, dsRNA, NS4B and NS2B labelling. Left: Normalized CAM intensity refers to the total ZIKV CAM intensity colocalized with a given channel, normalized by the channel area. Mean Euclidean distances measured between the 80% ZIKV CAM region center of mass and all pixels of the indicated labelled protein. B) ZIKV CAM localization with respect to ER regions: dsRNA-positive CER (dsRNA+ CER), dsRNA-negative CER (dsRNA- CER), PER with nuclear region removed (PER), segmented nuclear PER region (nucleus). Same metrics are used as (B), replacing channels with ER regions. C) Representative images of NS2B and NS4B labelled ZIKV-infected cells with ER regions weighted by ZIKV CAM intensity. Darker pixels (closer to 1.0) reflect presence of ERmoxGFP and high ZIKV CAM intensity.

315 networks that correspond to previously described PER tubular matrices (7). While we were unable  
316 to detect ER sheets by super-resolution analysis of cultured U87 cells, EM of brain organoids shows  
317 the transformation of ER sheets to convoluted membranes upon ZIKV infection. This suggests that  
318 organoid structures present more highly developed ER structures than cultured cells; application  
319 of 3D live cell super-resolution analysis (44) to this model of the developing fetal brain, composed  
320 of a heterogenous population of cell types, may lead to better definition of complex ER structures  
321 and their dynamic transitions in response to stress, such as viral infection. Nevertheless, the fixed  
322 cell 3D STED analysis applied here demonstrates that convoluted membranes associated with ZIKV  
323 replication derive from tubular matrix reorganization in the CER.

324 The ZIKV-induced CER-localized, high ER density tubular matrices are enriched for dsRNA. As  
325 dsRNA is specifically associated with viral replication, this localizes active replication factories to  
326 this CER domain that therefore corresponds to convoluted membranes (19). Functionally, the for-  
327 mation of tubular matrix is suggested to stabilize high curvature regions of the ER with increased  
328 membrane surface area that act as a reservoir for membrane proteins and lipids (7). ZIKV-induced  
329 dense tubular matrix may serve to provide material required for formation of replication facto-  
330 ries and viral replication. Previously, tubular matrices were shown to shaped by both RTN and  
331 ATL proteins (Nixon-Abell et al., 2016). Consistently, depletion of RTN3.1A, ATL2 and ATL3 have  
332 been shown to reduce ER reorganization and replication of multiple flaviviruses, including ZIKV  
333 (25, 45, 46). Here, NS2B and NS4B are shown to associate with the ZIKV-induced tubular matrix  
334 and colocalize with dsRNA, localizing these proteins to replication factories. NS2B distribution is  
335 highly restricted to the ZIKV-induced tubular matrix, consistent with NS2B recruitment of NS3 to  
336 the ER and its role as a cofactor for NS3 protease function, necessary for ZIKV genomic replication  
337 and polyprotein cleavage (25, 28, 47). In contrast, NS4B has been shown to be a multifunctional,  
338 membrane protein involved in many processes of ZIKV infection and pathogenesis, including pro-  
339 moting ER membrane proliferation, curvature of ER membranes to produce replication factories  
340 and disruption of ER-mitochondria contacts allowing the virus to successfully subvert the host in-  
341 nate immune response (26, 48, 49). Demonstration here that NS4B presents a broad distribution  
342 throughout the ER is consistent with such a role and implicates NS4B in the ER reorganization that  
343 leads to tubular matrix formation. A complete understanding of the spatial and temporal role of  
344 NS and ER shaping proteins in ZIKV-induced tubular matrix formation remains to be determined.

345 We show that deep convolutional neural networks can accurately classify ZIKV- and mock-infected  
346 cells based on ER labeling. Through the use of CAMs, we focus on regions which are more likely to  
347 be used by the network to infer a class label. Importantly, our analysis shows that the VGG16 neu-  
348 ral network uses dense ERmoxGFP in the CER as an indicator of ZIKV infection. This demonstrates  
349 that the neural network is detecting the ZIKV-induced reorganization of the CER that leads to the  
350 formation of the tubular matrix associated with ZIKV replication. Accuracy obtained for VGG16  
351 classification of ZIKV-infected cells from 3D STED image stacks is comparable to prior classification  
352 using VGG16. VGG16 achieved 79.2% accuracy when classifying disease (e.g., melanoma) versus  
353 benign skin lesions from the ISIC 2016 challenge dataset of dermoscopy images (37, 50). Analysis of  
354 dystrophic MRI data classified Duchenne and congenital muscular dystrophies with an accuracy of  
355 84.1% using VGG16, which was boosted by 7.6% when implementing their improved CAM method  
356 into a ResNet50 base model (51). For an entirely different task and dataset, VGG16 achieved highest  
357 accuracy (92.6%) compared to ResNet50 (79.4%), when trained to classify histopathological breast  
358 cancer images (as benign or malignant breast tissue) from the publicly available BreakHis Dataset  
359 (38, 52). Here, our analysis of a novel 3D STED data set introduces a baseline for classification per-  
360 formance for 3D super-resolution microscopy data sets that will be of service to other researchers  
361 applying deep learning approaches to super-resolution microscopy.

362 The interpretability of artificial intelligence is an evolving field and we believe that interpretable  
363 methods, such as Grad-CAM (53), are important tools for the understanding of deep neural net-  
364 works applied to exploratory data sets. This approach has now allowed us to identify features of  
365 discriminatory regions, and has not, to our knowledge, been applied to subcellular morphology,

366 nor to 3D super resolution images of the ER. Comparison of downsampled low-resolution images  
367 from 2D sections of cells presenting ER reorganization into a denser CER tubular matrix was suf-  
368 ficient to train the neural network to identify ZIKV-infected cells. This highlights the sensitivity of  
369 deep learning image analysis and augurs well for future identification not only of tubular matrix  
370 but also of the peripheral tubules, 3-way junctions, sheets and organelle contacts that comprise  
371 the ER (54). However, defining the morphological characteristics associated with deep learning-  
372 based decision making from isolated 2D patches of ER remains a challenge. Future application of  
373 similar deep learning approaches to super-resolution 3D analysis of both fixed and live cells may  
374 lead to novel understanding of the dynamic, local changes to ER morphology associated with the di-  
375 verse functions of this cellular organelle. To the best of our knowledge, interpreting the network's  
376 decisions is a novel approach to study ER morphology using deep learning.

377 Screening of siRNA or small molecule libraries to identify inhibitors of viral infection is a valid  
378 and urgent research endeavour, given the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Such high-throughput  
379 screens require robust, sensitive assays to identify potential inhibitors for subsequent secondary  
380 screens and drug development. The intent of this study is not the use of deep learning to identify  
381 virus-infected cells (55) but rather the use of deep learning to identify and localize the morpholog-  
382 ical features of the ER. This includes but is not limited to the central ER tubular matrices induced  
383 by ZIKV infection and therefore, in combination with 3D super-resolution microscopy, has tremen-  
384 dous potential to identify distinct, local morphological features of the ER and other cellular or-  
385 ganelles. Nevertheless, application of a deep learning framework to host-cell ER labeling correctly  
386 identified ZIKV-infected cells from 2D sections of downsampled STED super-resolution images; this  
387 indicates that VGG16 and other deep CNN architectures are capable of finding discriminatory fea-  
388 tures in lower resolution images for correct identification of infected cells. Importantly, our deep  
389 learning approach is translatable to ER reorganization induced by other pathogenic human en-  
390 veloped viruses. As for flaviviruses (i.e. ZIKV), the ER is the key replication site for coronaviruses,  
391 likely including SARS-CoV-2 responsible for COVID-19, whose infection is also associated with ER  
392 reorganization to form convoluted membranes (15, 42, 56). Deep learning analysis of host cell  
393 reorganization of the ER may therefore represent a sensitive detection approach to identify virus-  
394 infected cells.

## 395 **Methods and Materials**

### 396 **Antibodies, plasmids, chemicals and viruses**

397 ERmoxGFP was a gift from Dr. Erik Snapp (Albert Einstein College of ERmoxGFP was a gift from  
398 Dr. Erik Snapp (Albert Einstein College of Medicine, presently at Howard Hughes Medical Institute,  
399 Janelia Research Campus, Virginia) (Addgene plasmid #68072), and Sec61  $\beta$ -GFP from Dr. Gia Voeltz  
400 (University of Colorado, Boulder). Mouse anti-dsRNA antibody (Cat#: J2-1904) was purchased from  
401 Scicons English and Scientific Consulting, goat anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor 532 from ThermoFisher Sci-  
402 entific (Cat#: A-11009), goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 568 from ThermoFisher Scientific (Cat#: A-  
403 11031), and goat serum from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Cat#: 16210-064). Rabbit anti-NS2B (Cat#:  
404 GTX133308) and NS4B (Cat#: GTX133321) were kindly provided by Genetex (Cat#: GTX133321).  
405 16% paraformaldehyde (Cat#: 15710) and 25% glutaraldehyde (Cat#: 16220) were from Electron  
406 Microscopy Sciences, USA. All other chemicals were obtained from Sigma. ZIKV strain (PRVABC59)  
407 was obtained from ATCC (Cat#: VR-1843).

### 408 **Cells and organoids**

409 U87 MG cells from ATCC (Cat#: HTB-14) were grown at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in Gibco Minimum Es-  
410 sential Media (MEM) (Cat#: 11095080) containing 10% FBS, 1% MEM non-essential amino acids  
411 (Cat#: 11140050), and 1% sodium pyruvate (Cat#: 11360070) (ThermoFisher Scientific) unless oth-  
412 erwise stated. Plasmids were transfected in U87 cells with Effectene (Qiagen, Germany) according  
413 to the manufacturer's protocols. Following 24 hours of plasmid transfection cells were incubated



414 in MEM with 800 mg/mL of Geneticin (Cat#: 10131027) to select for transfected cells. Media was  
415 changed every 24 hours for a week and then every 2 days. Once colonies grew to confluency the  
416 resultant GFP positive cells were sorted by FACS. Plasmid stable lines were maintained in MEM with  
417 400 mg/mL of Geneticin where media was changed every two days. Human pluripotent stem cell  
418 (hPSC)-derived cerebral organoids were grown at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> in STEMdiff Cerebral Organoid  
419 Kit cell culture media from STEMCELL Technologies Inc. (Cat#: 08570).

### 420 **Immunofluorescence labeling**

421 Cells grown on #1.5H coverslips (Paul Marienfeld GmbH & Co, Germany) for 24 hours were washed  
422 once with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and incubated with ZIKV, diluted in MEM, at a MOI of  
423 1 for 48 hours. Then cells were: 1) fixed with 3% paraformaldehyde with 0.2% glutaraldehyde at  
424 room temperature for 15 minutes and washed with PBS-CM (PBS supplemented with 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>  
425 and 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) (all PBS-CM washes consist of two quick washes and then two 5 minute washes  
426 unless otherwise specified); 2) permeabilized with 0.2% Triton X-100 for 5 minutes followed by PBS-  
427 CM washes; 3) quenched of glutaraldehyde aldehydes with 1 mg/mL of NaBH<sub>4</sub> for 10 minutes and  
428 washed with PBS-CM; 4) blocked with 10% Goat serum (ThermoFisher Scientific) and 1% bovine  
429 serum albumin (Sigma) in PBS-CM for 1 hour; 5) incubated with primary antibodies in the same  
430 blocking solution as described above for 1 hour at room temperature (RT) then washed quickly  
431 with PBS-CM once followed by three 5 minute washes with Antibody Wash Buffer (20x SSC, 0.05%  
432 Triton-X100 in Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O); 6) incubated with secondary antibodies in Antibody Buffer (1% BSA,  
433 2% goat serum, 0.05% Triton-X100, 20X sodium/sodium citrate buffer in Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O) for 1 hour at  
434 RT then washed quickly with PBS-CM once followed by six 10 minute washes with Antibody Wash  
435 Buffer on a rocker; 7) rinsed with Milli-Q H<sub>2</sub>O and mounted with ProLong Diamond (ThermoFisher  
436 Scientific) and cured for 24-48 hours at RT (6).

### 437 **3D STED microscopy**

438 3D STED imaging was performed with the 100X/1.4 Oil HC PL APO CS2 objective of a Leica TCS SP8  
439 3X STED microscope (Leica, Germany) using white light laser excitation with HyD detectors, and  
440 Leica Application Suite X (LAS X) software. Sample acquisition was done at a scan speed of 600Hz  
441 with a line average of 6. Time-gated fluorescence detection was used to further improve lateral  
442 resolution. GFP was excited at 488 nm and depleted using the 592 nm depletion laser. Alexa  
443 Fluor 532 was excited at 528 nm, and Alexa Fluor 568 was excited at 577 nm. Both were depleted  
444 using the 660 nm depletion laser. To avoid crosstalk, image stacks for each channel were acquired  
445 sequentially, in the order of Alexa Fluor 568, Alexa Fluor 532 and then GFP. A step size of 210 nm  
446 was utilized for 3D STED. Images were then deconvoluted using Huygens Professional software  
447 (Scientific Volume Imaging). 3D STED ER segmentation and ER region mask generation were done  
448 using Imaris x64 9.2.1. dsRNA associated ER and NS4B/NS2B associated ER regions were generated  
449 by partial overlap analysis after surface generation. All data produced from Imaris were parsed and  
450 analyzed with a custom made Jupyter notebook. Two-tailed unpaired Student's t-tests or ANOVA  
451 with post-hoc Tukey HSD were done using Graph Pad Prism 6.0.

### 452 **Transmission electron microscopy**

453 63-day old cerebral organoids were infected with the PRVABC59 ZIKV strain, MOI of 1, for 48 hours.  
454 Organoids were then processed by replacing media with the primary fixative [0.1 M sodium cacody-  
455 late, 1.5% paraformaldehyde, 1.5% glutaraldehyde, pH 7.3, room temperature] (57) and allowed to  
456 sit for 1 hour before placing them at 4°C overnight. The organoids were washed three times (10  
457 minutes each wash) with buffer (0.1M sodium cacodylate) and then post-fixed for 1 hour on ice in  
458 0.1M osmium tetroxide in 0.1M sodium cacodylate (pH7.3). They were then washed three times  
459 with distilled water (10 min each wash, room temperature) and stained en bloc with 1% aqueous  
460 uranyl acetate for 1 hour at room temperature. They were washed again three times with distilled  
461 water and then dehydrated through an ascending concentration series of ethyl alcohol (30%, 50%,

462 70%, 95%, 100%), passed through two changes of propylene oxide, and then infiltrated overnight in  
463 a 1:1 solution of propylene oxide:EMBED 812 resin. The organoids were then passed through two  
464 changes of 100% EMBED resin, embedded and the resin polymerized at 60°C for 48 hours. Thin  
465 sections were cut using a diamond knife and sections were collected on copper grids. The sections  
466 were then stained with uranyl acetate and lead citrate, and images collected using a FEI tecnai G2  
467 Spirit transmission electron microscope operated at 120 kV.

### 468 **Image data processing for CNN analysis**

469 A custom pipeline was created using MATLAB R2019a (The Mathworks, Inc., Natick, MA) and Python  
470 3 (Python Software Foundation, Scotts Valley, CA) scripts to convert data stored in Leica proprietary  
471 format (.lif) to an accessible and lightweight format, which could easily feed as input to state of the  
472 art CNNs. Once an imaging session is complete, the biologist exports Leica STED data without  
473 need for further processing or file conversion. The pipeline takes Leica .lif files of 3D STED vol-  
474 umes of multiple cells as input and outputs a single NumPy array per cell. The pipeline relies on  
475 open-source Matlab package Bio-Formats, modified to handle our needs. This pipeline has been  
476 validated through manually inspection of cells with Imaris image rendering software.

### 477 **Deep learning**

478 The Keras open-source neural network library was used to modify and train neural networks us-  
479 ing Tensorflow backend. VGG16 was used as a base model to predict infected from non-infected  
480 2D frames (removing the original fully-connected output layers). This architecture and pretrained  
481 weights (learned using the ImageNet dataset) are easily accessible using Keras. The pretrained  
482 weights can be loaded when instantiating the base model. On top of the VGG16 max pooling layer,  
483 we add (in order): a global average pooling layer, a dropout layer (with a dropout rate of 0.5), dense  
484 layer (using ReLu activation, output dimension 1024), a second dropout layer (0.5 dropout rate) fol-  
485 lowed by a final dense layer (with softmax activation) for making predictions. These additional  
486 layers helped prevent overfitting of the CNN to the training data.

487 56 individual CNNs (with identical architecture as outlined above) were trained using a softmax  
488 loss function and RMSprop optimizer. Each model was then used to predict the class labels (i.e.  
489 assign either 'Mock' or 'ZIKV' to each 2D frame) of a single test cell. The CNNs were fine-tuned for  
490 a total of 24 epochs, after which only the best weights (resulting in highest classification perfor-  
491 mance on the validation set) were then reloaded during test time. CAMs were generated following  
492 the procedure outlined by (39), where global average pooling is applied to the output of the final  
493 convolutional layer of VGG16 followed by a weighted sum, according to the specified class (e.g.,  
494 ZIKV). Models were trained on 2 Nvidia GPUs (GeForce GTX TITAN X, each with 32 GB of RAM).

495 ROIs generated through the deep learning framework were analyzed using python program-  
496 ming. Statistical analysis across channels and ER regions relied on several open-source python  
497 packages. SciPy's statistical functions module, was used to perform Kruskal-Wallis non-parametric  
498 tests, statsmodels python module was used for One-way ANOVA, and scikit-posthocs python pack-  
499 age was used to perform Dunn's post hoc test.

### 500 **Code availability**

501 All code related to data processing and deep learning and was written using open-source packages.

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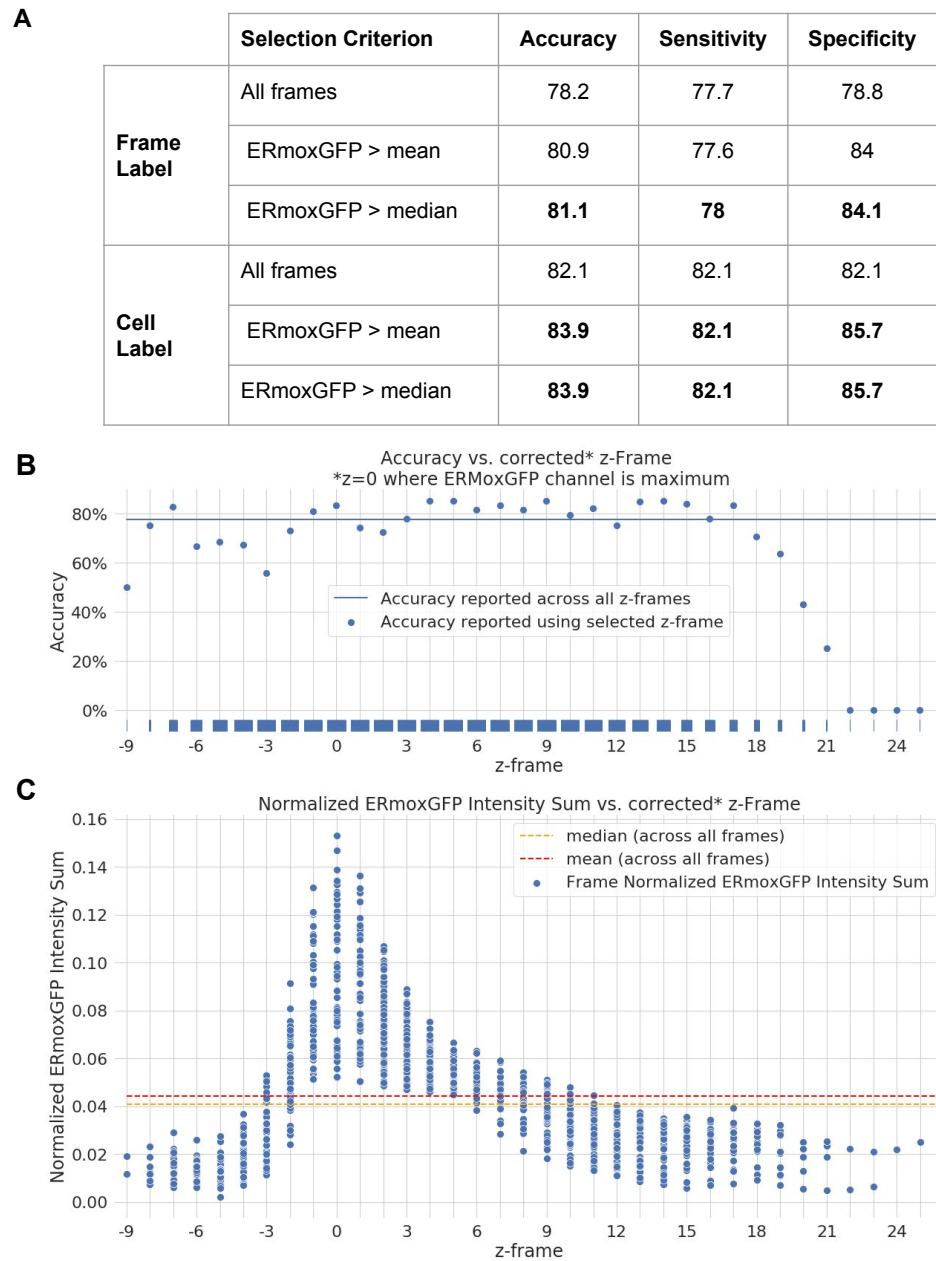
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## Supplemental Figure I: Network Performance Analysis



**Figure 10.** Network Performance Analysis A) Performance metrics are reported across predictions of frame labels and cell labels, where cell labels correspond to the majority label of predicted frame labels for each cell. Results are reported using a given selection criteria: using all frames (rows 1, 4), using only frames with normalized ERmoxGFP signal greater than mean normalized ERmoxGFP signal (rows 2, 5) or greater than median normalized ERmoxGFP signal (rows 3, 6). Mean and median thresholds are computed on a cell basis. The rug plot (above x-axis) visualises distribution of z-frames. B) Accuracy reported across corrected z-frames, z=0 is where normalized ERmoxGFP Intensity Sum is maximal. C) Normalized ERmoxGFP Intensity sum plotted against corrected z-frame. Dashed lines indicate the median (orange) and mean (red) Normalized ERmoxGFP Intensity sum computed across all frames.