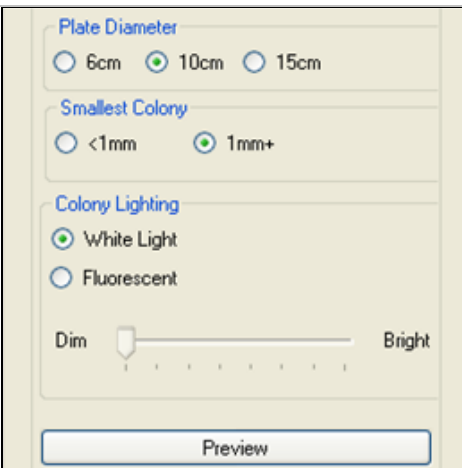# Quick Start Guide
ColonyDoc-It™ Imaging Station

1. Plug the **power cord** into the back of the ColonyDoc-It. Turn the power switch **ON** (I/O switch is located in the back of the unit).

2. Plug the **USB cable** into the back of the ColonyDoc-It and the other end into a USB port on your computer.

3. Place the **software flash drive** into an available USB port on the computer and follow the installation wizard.

4. Open the Doc-It Colony Counter icon on the desktop.

5. **Activate** the software. For additional software installation or activation instructions, refer to the ColonyDoc-It Manual.
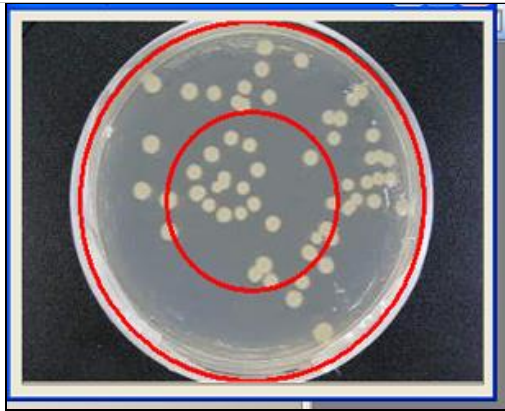

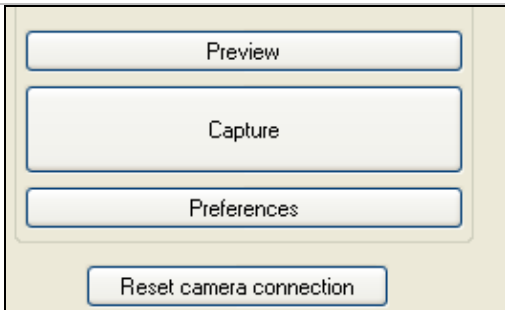6. Place the **Petri dish** in the ColonyDoc-It.

7. Choose the appropriate **lighting**: Epi lights for samples lit from the top, Base lights for samples lit from the bottom. Refer to the user manual for a list of lighting recommendations.

8. Once the software opens, select the Petri dish **diameter** (6cm, 10cm, or 15cm).

9. Select the **smallest colony size** for this Petri dish (<1mm 1mm+).

10. Select **White Light** colony lighting. If using Fluorescent lighting, refer to the user manual.
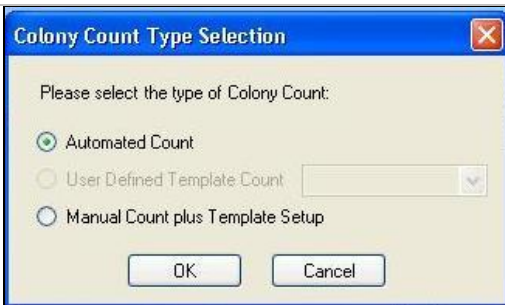
11. Click **Preview**.

	12. **Move** the Petri dish until it is inside the red circle; the preview window will show the movement.
	13. Click **Capture** to take a picture.
	14. Click **Start Colony Count** to get a count of the colonies.
	15. Choose the **Automated Count** option and click **OK**.
	16. Colonies are counted and displayed. **NOTE:** If this process did not count the colonies as expected, refer to the ColonyDoc-It user manual. If visualizing fluorescent colonies, refer to the Visualizing Fluorescent Colonies section of the manual.