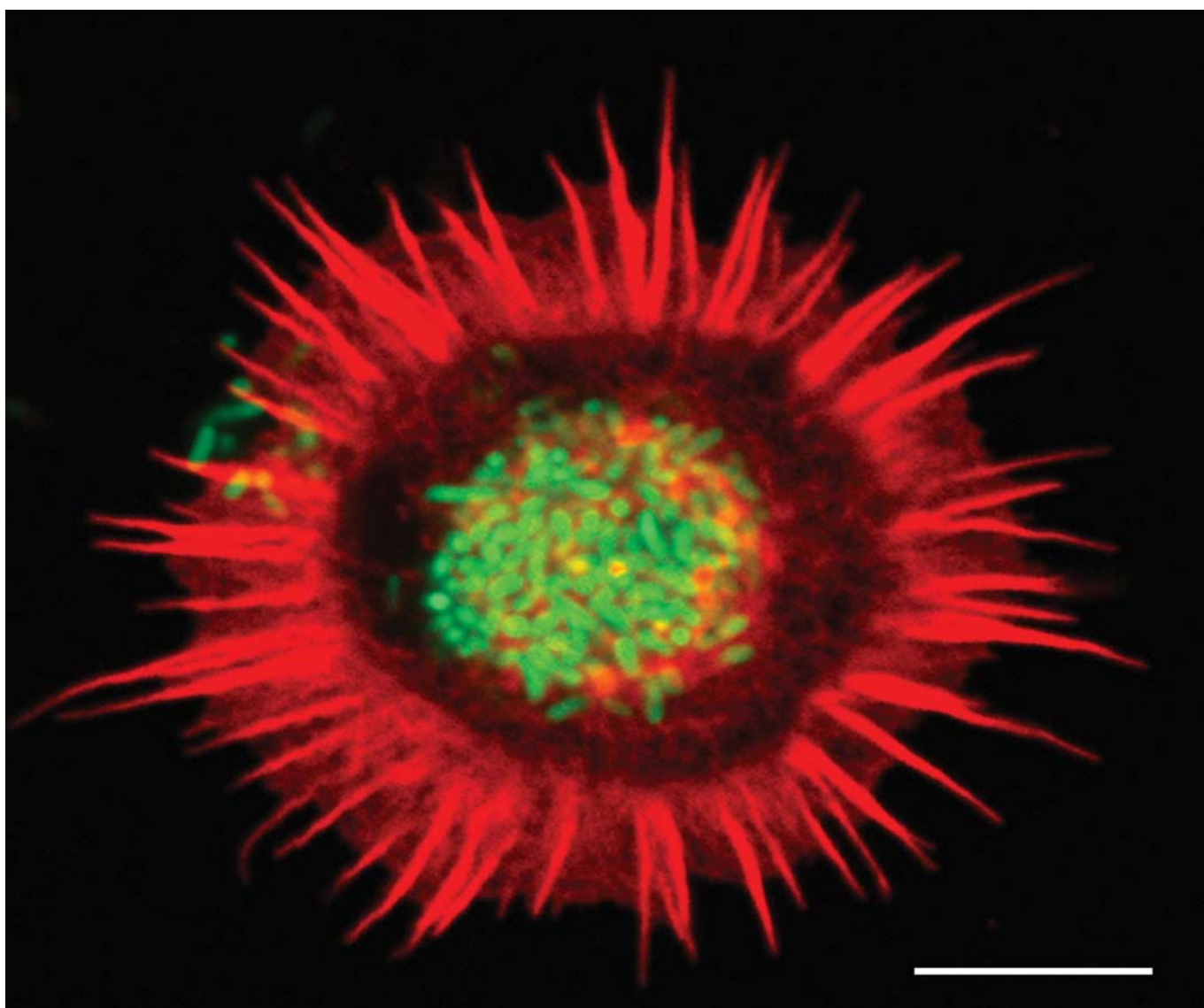


CELL OF THE MONTH



This month's winning image was submitted by Paul Dean (University of Bristol, UK (Paul.Dean@bristol.ac.uk)). It shows an insect blood cell engulfing bacteria.

Red fluorescence represents tetramethyl rhodamine isothiocyanate (TRITC)-conjugated-phalloidin-labelled actin in the insect blood cell. Green fluorescence represents fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC)-labelled *Escherichia coli*. The image was obtained using a laser-scanning confocal microscope (LSM 510, Zeiss). Bar, 10 μm .

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