Design and modify figures with Accessibility in mind:

- Accessibility: *Providing accommodations* so a person with a disability can complete tasks in a similar amount of time and with a similar level of effort as someone that doesn't have a disability.
- When designing figures accommodations should be made for people with color vision deficiency (CVD) which
 affects ~1 in 12 men and 1 in 200 women worldwide. CVD results in the inability or difficulty in differentiating
 colors. Types of CVD include:
 - Red-Green: inability to differentiate Red and Green
 - Deuteranomaly
 - Protanomaly
 - Protanopia
 - Deuteranopia
 - o Blue-Yellow: inability to differentiate Blue and Yellow
 - Tritanomaly
 - Tritanopia
 - Achromatopsia: inability to differentiate colors
- Examples: https://www.ascb.org/science-news/how-to-make-scientific-figures-accessible-to-readers-with-

DO Use colors in merged images that can still be distinguished by people with red/green color-blindness

Magenta

Magenta Yellow

Green

Blue

Cyan

Red

Cyan Yellow



• Accommodations:

- Don't only rely on color to convey a message
 - Use a combination of color+ value, labels, and symbols
 - Limit the color palette to 2 or 3 colors
 - Use patterns and textures to show contrast
 - Carefully select contrasting color + value combinations
 - Avoid bad color combinations
 - Differentiate bar graphs/line graphs using shapes as points





Directions in Adobe Illustrator:

Step 1: Check for Colorblindness Accessibility by evaluating color choice:

- 1. Select View
- 2. Select "Proof Setup"
- 3. Select "Color Blindness type" be sure to check your figure in both color blindness types
- 4. To return to normal view select "Working CMYK" or "Monitor RGB"



Step 2: Check for Colorblindness Accessibility by evaluating contrast:

1. Select rectangle tool



2. Draw a rectangle above your figure



3. Change fill color to black



4. In "transparency settings" change "Normal" to "Color" – this will help you view the level of contrast between values. Aim for a 20% difference in value between separate components.

