BIO CELLPHE

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Aim of **BIOCELLPHE**

Development of a Lab-on-a-chip device for advanced diagnostics of CTCs in liquid biopsy of breast cancer

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BIOCELLPHE CONCEPT



Engineearing of *E. coli* (biosensor)



Single CTC encapsulation into small droplets and trapping on a plasmonic chip



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BIOCELLPHE: Living targeting agents

BIOSENSOR DEVELOPMENT

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Engineearing of *E. coli* (biosensor)



Specific binding of *E. coli* to a CTC and activation of RaR expression.

- *E. coli* strains expressing synthetic outer membrane sensor scaffolds from the chromosome-specific for EGFR, HER2, and PD-L1 cell surface biomarkers.
- Generation of *E. coli* pilot strains with chromosomal expression of both synthetic outer membrane sensor scaffolds and RaRs, which are detectable by SERS upon chemical induction.
- Upon binding with the target, E.coli are activated and start producing a Raman active molecule



BIOCELLPHE: Integrating plasmonics and microfluidics

LoC-SERS DEVICE FABRICATION

- Integration of plasmonic and fluidic modules, and detection of SERS molecules on chip.
- Data (RAR) we have developed and validated different artificial intelligence models.





Implementation in LoC-SERS device



LBL SERS Substrate:

Optical and SEM characterization



LBL SERS Substrate:

1-Napthalenethiol



Homogeneity



Mapping obtained by plotting the SERS signal to baseline of the characteristic band of the **1-NAT** at 1340-1390 cm⁻¹

BIOCELLPHE Outcomes

- Simulation of microdroplet formation, sorting, incubation and cell isolation achieved
- Design of microdroplet encapsulation and incubation module with high incubation efficiency.
- Integration with the plasmonic sensing platforms (LBL and template-assisted) with good performance for the RaR detection.



LoC-SERS DEVICE FABRICATION





Single CTC encapsulation into microdroplets and trapping on a plasmonic chip

Validation of LoC-SERS device with clinical samples



Initial test show that the detection of CTC is, in principle, feasible in clinical samples (for now based on fluorescence). Integration with SERS is under progress.



CTCs (CK+) were found in patient #8 (eBC, Her2enriched)

BIO CELLPHE

Ultrasensitive **BIO**sensing platform for multiplex **CELL**ular protein **PHE**notyping at single-cell level



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