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Supporting Information

Reusable Single-Cell Patterning Strategy Based on Ultrathin Metal Microstencil

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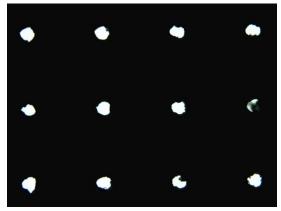


Figure S1. A UTmS chip fabricated with non-optimal parameter has a charred and irregularity edge.



Figure S2. The UTmS chips can be easily fabricated on a commercial laser-drilling equipment with general configurations. The optimized parameters can be used for mass production.

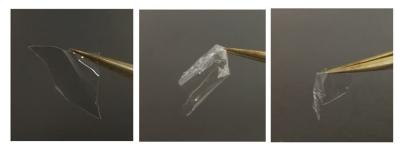


Figure S3. The PDMS layer with about 10μm thickness is difficult to handle with a tweezer because it is easy to bend or collapse or conglutinate.

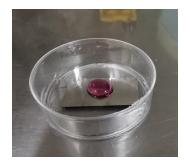


Figure S4. The UTmS chips can be reused for single cells patterning after a series of cleaning operations including ultrasonic, organic cleaning and high temperature drying.

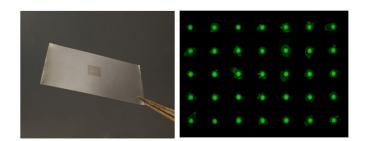


Figure S5. A thicker stainless steel stencil with $10 \mu m$ thickness possessed good bending strength (a), but without excellent flexibility characteristic. It is not suitable for single-cell patterning without additional fixture. The fluorescence intensity obtained from the back side shows apparent liquid leakage under standing conditions.