

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Damage-free evaluation of cultured cells based on multivariate analysis  
with a single-polymer probe**

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## 1. Experimental procedures

### *Materials and instruments*

Human hepatocellular carcinoma cells (HepG2 and HuH7), human lung carcinoma cells (A549), and human normal fetal lung diploid fibroblasts (TIG1) were obtained from the Japanese Collection of Research Bioresources (Osaka, Japan). Human epidermoid carcinoma cells (A431), human cervix carcinoma cells (HeLa), and human breast carcinoma cells (MCF7 and MDA-MB-453) were obtained from RIKEN BioResource Center (Ibaraki, Japan). Dulbecco's modified eagle medium (DMEM) and Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline (DPBS) were purchased from Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Corp. (Osaka, Japan). The penicillin–streptomycin–neomycin antibiotic mixture and chemically defined Chinese hamster ovary (CD CHO) medium were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. (Waltham, MA, USA). Fetal bovine serum (FBS) was purchased from GE Healthcare UK Ltd. (Buckinghamshire, UK). Tamoxifen citrate (TAM) was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan). 96-Well clear-bottom black plates were purchased from Greiner Bio-One GmbH (Frickenhausen, Germany). 2-Morpholinoethanesulfonic acid (MES), L-glutamine, and Bradford reagent were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Co., LLC (St. Louis, MO, USA). Cell Counting Kit-8 and 3-[4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-propanesulfonic acid (EPPS) were purchased from Dojindo Molecular Technologies, Inc. (Kumamoto, Japan). The Apo-ONE Homogeneous Caspase-3/7 Assay Kit was purchased from Promega Corp. (Madison, WI, USA). The PLL-Dnc polymer was synthesized according to a method from a previous study.<sup>1</sup> 384-Well non-binding surface microplates and 96-well half-volume plates were purchased from Corning, Inc. (Corning, NY, USA). The dispensing of solutions was performed using a PIPETMAX liquid handling system (Gilson, Inc., Middleton, WI, USA). Fluorescence spectra and intensities were recorded on a Cytation5 Imaging Reader (BioTek Instruments, Inc., Winooski, VT, USA).

### *Preparation of the cells*

The cells were prepared according to a method from one of our previous studies.<sup>2</sup> For the cell cultures, we used DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS, 0.5 mg/mL penicillin, 0.5 mg/mL streptomycin, and 1.0 mg/mL neomycin (DMEM++) or a serum-free CD CHO medium supplemented with 8 mM L-glutamine (CDCHO+). Unless otherwise mentioned, all incubations were conducted at 37 °C in humidified air with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The culture media for the eight cell lines were prepared as follows: cells ( $1.0 \times 10^3$  cells/well –  $2.5 \times 10^4$  cells/well) in DMEM++ were seeded on a 96-well clear-bottom black plate and incubated for 24 h. After washing with DPBS (100  $\mu$ L), the cells were incubated with CDCHO+ (100  $\mu$ L) for 48 h. Culture media for the TAM-treated HepG2 cells were prepared as follows: HepG2 cells ( $5.0 \times 10^4$  cells/well) in DMEM++ were seeded on a 96-well clear-bottom black plate and incubated for 24 h. After washing with DPBS (100  $\mu$ L), the cells were incubated with 70  $\mu$ M TAM in CDCHO+ containing 0.1% DMSO (100  $\mu$ L) for 0.5–12 h. The obtained cells or culture media were used for analyses.

### *Measurement of fluorescence spectra*

In each well of a 384-well microplate, we prepared 60  $\mu$ L of a mixture of 2  $\mu$ g/mL PLL-Dnc, 10–50% of cell-culture medium or CDCHO+ alone, and 18 mM buffer solution [MES (pH = 5.5) or EPPS (pH = 8.5)]. After incubation at 35 °C for 10 min, the fluorescence spectra were recorded for two channels [ $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  (nm)/ $\lambda_{\text{em}}$  (nm): 340/385–700 and 320/385–700].

### ***Measurement of fluorescence responses and statistical analysis of the pattern data***

To each well of a 384-well microplate, we added the following solutions: 20 µg/mL PLL-Dnc (6 µL), water (34.5, 22.5, or 10.5 µL), and 80 mM buffer solution [MES (pH = 5.5) or EPPS (pH = 8.5); 13.5 µL]. After incubation at 35 °C for 10 min, the fluorescence intensities were measured on two channels [ $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  (nm)/ $\lambda_{\text{em}}$  (nm): 340/480 (Ch1) and 320/520 (Ch2)]. Then, cell-culture medium (6, 18, or 30 µL) was added to each well to give a final volume of 60 µL. The final contents were as follows: 2.0 µg/mL PLL-Dnc, 18 mM buffer solution, and 10%, 30%, or 50% cell-culture medium. After incubation at 35 °C for 10 min, the fluorescence intensities were measured again. The fluorescence responses are presented as  $F - F_0$ , where  $F_0$  and  $F$  refer to the fluorescence intensities before and after addition of the cell-culture medium, respectively. This process was repeated five or six times to generate a dataset. The dataset was processed via classical linear discriminant analysis (LDA) and hierarchical clustering analysis (HCA) using the SYSTAT software package (version 13; Systat Inc., San Jose, CA, USA).

### ***Quantification of the total protein concentration***

In a well of a 96-well half-volume plate, cell culture medium (15 µL) or standard solution (15 µL) were mixed with the working reagent (1:1 solution of Bradford reagent and water; 170 µL) and incubated at 5 min under shaded conditions. The total protein concentration was determined based on the absorbance at 595 nm using a calibration curve prepared using a bovine serum albumin standard solution.

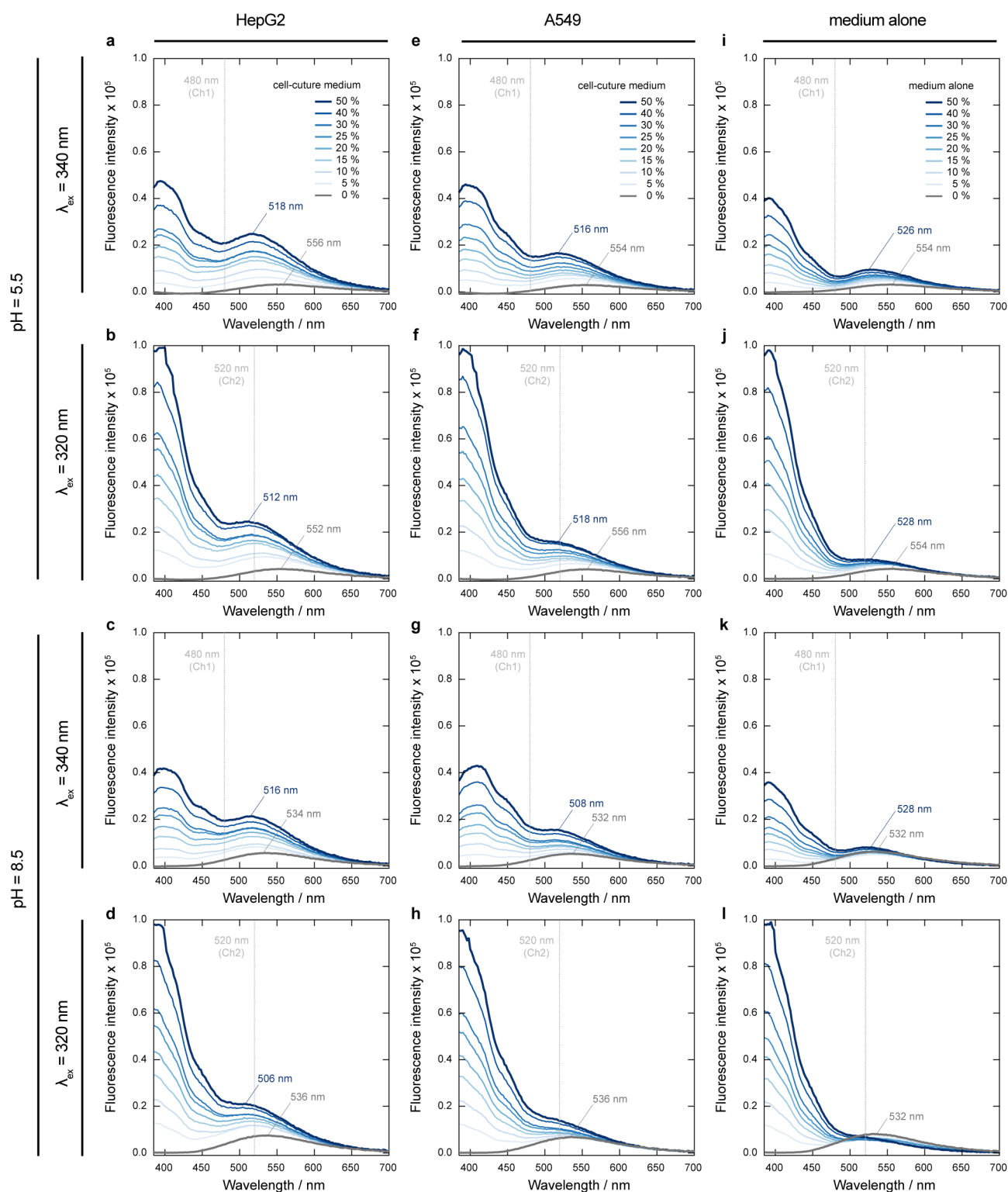
### ***Determination of the cell viability***

The cells were washed with DPBS (100 µL) and then fresh CDCHO+ (50 µL) and Cell Counting Kit-8 working reagent (10 µL) were added. After incubation at 37 °C in humidified air with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 3 h, 10 mg/mL sodium dodecyl sulfate (10 µL) was added to stop the assay. The cell viability was determined based on the absorbance at 450 nm, and the cell viability of the TAM-untreated control cells was considered to be 100%.

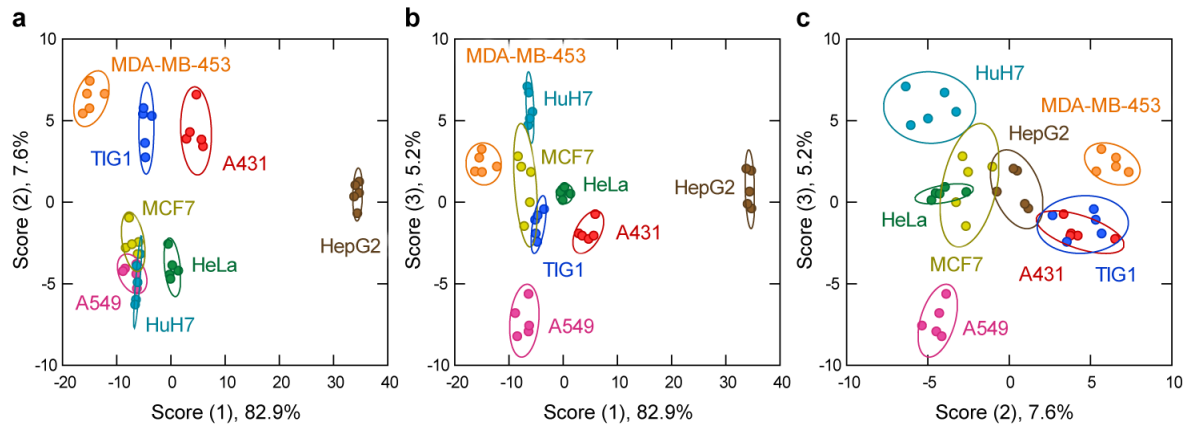
### ***Apoptotic cell detection***

The cells were washed with DPBS (100 µL) before fresh CDCHO+ (50 µL) and Apo-ONE Homogeneous Caspase-3/7 Assay Kit (50 µL) working reagent were added. After incubation at room temperature for 3 h, the fluorescence intensities of the mixture were recorded at excitation and emission wavelengths of 499 and 521 nm, respectively.

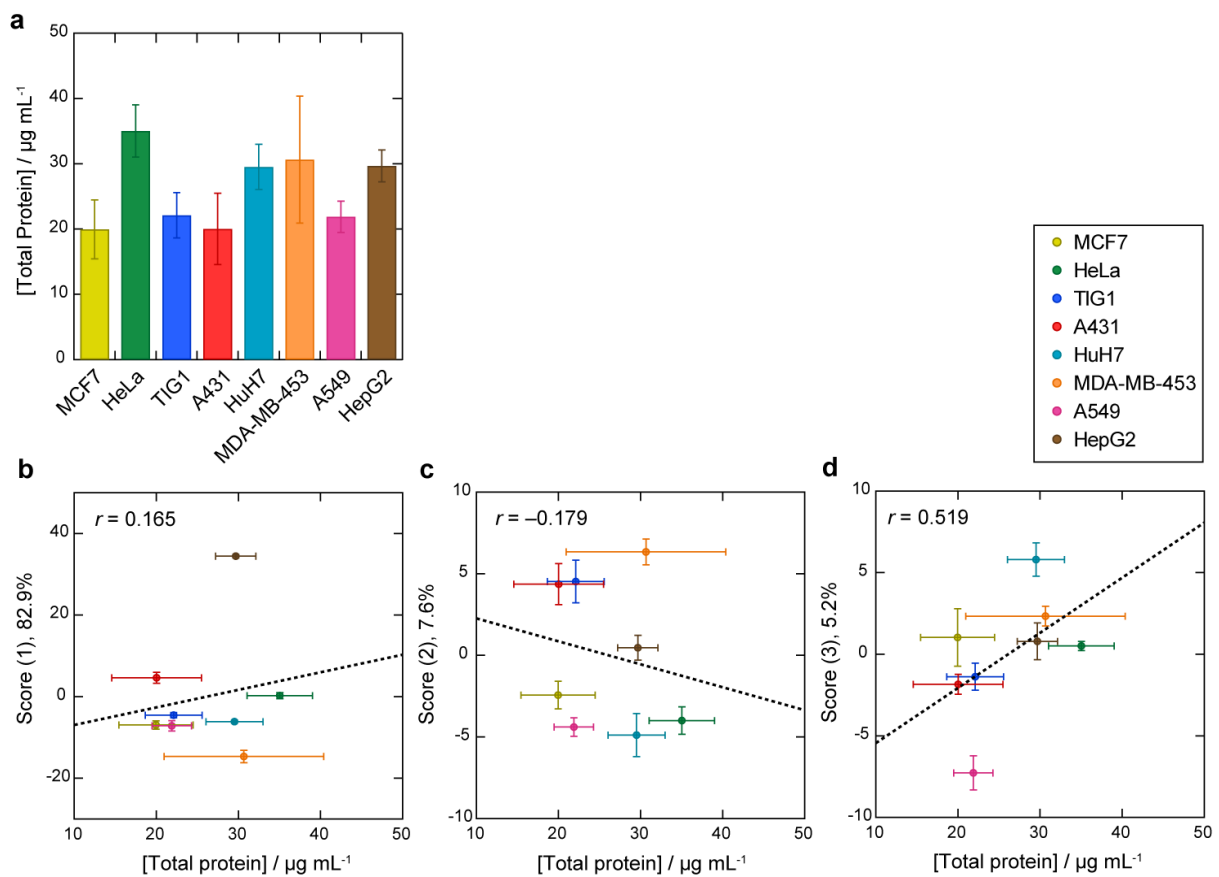
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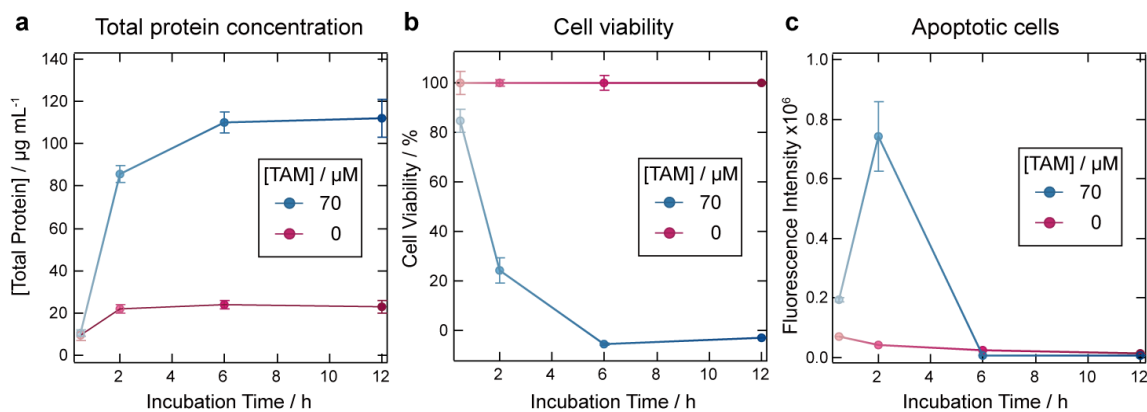
**Fig. S1** Fluorescence spectra of the mixture of PLL-Dnc (2.0  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ), 0–50% cell-culture media of HepG2 (**a–d**), A549 (**f–h**), or CDCHO+ alone (**i–l**) in 18 mM MES (pH = 5.5; **a, b, e, f, i, j**) or 18 mM EPPS (pH = 8.5; **c, d, g, h, k, l**).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  (nm)/ $\lambda_{\text{em}}$  (nm): 340/385–700 (**a, c, e, g, i, k**) and 320/385–700 (**b, d, f, h, j, l**). All spectra represent the average of three scans. The fluorescence peaks at  $\sim 400$  and 500–560 nm are derived from autofluorescence of CDCHO+ medium and dansyl moiety,<sup>3</sup> respectively.



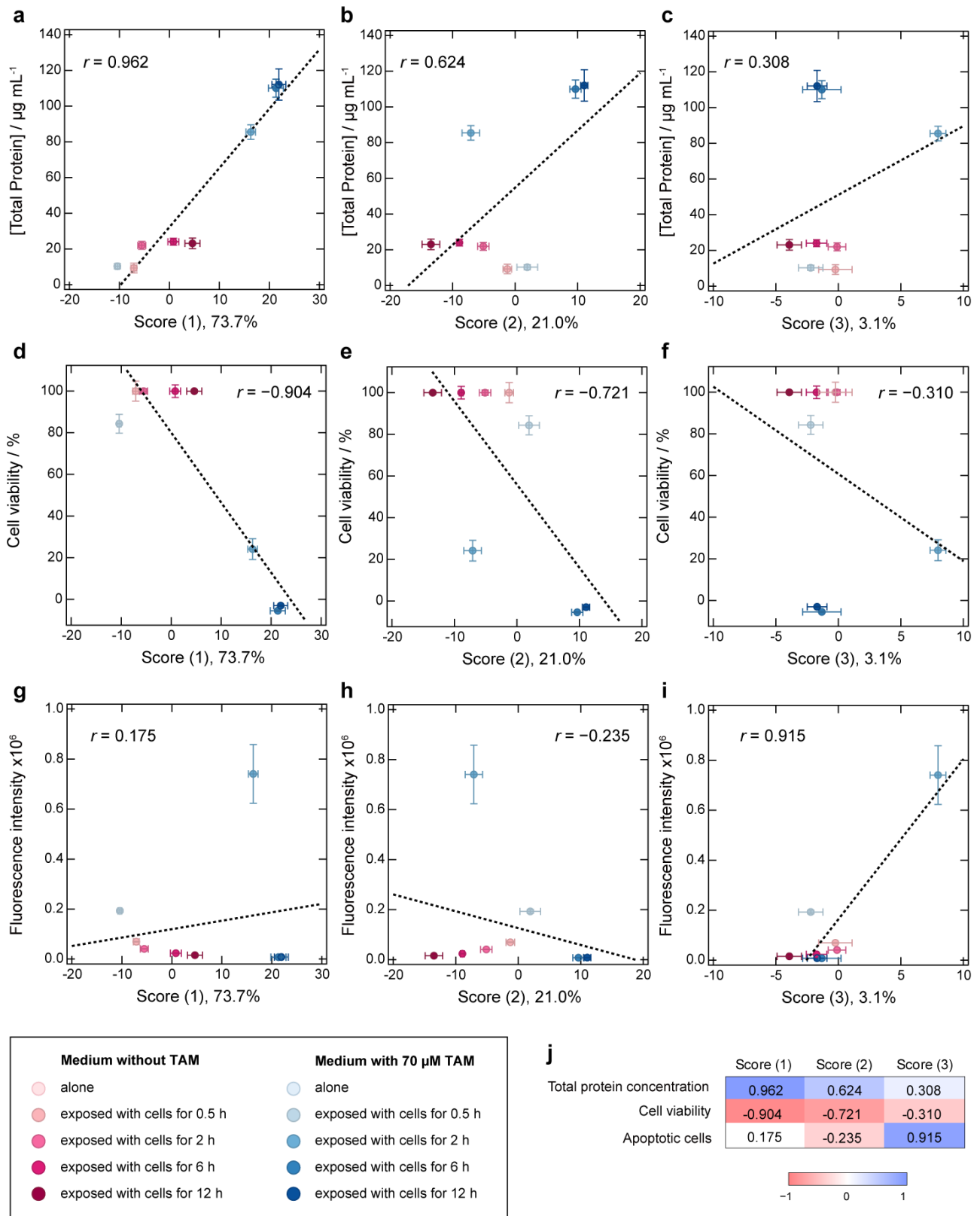
**Fig. S2** 2D discriminant score plots. **(a)** Score (1) vs. score (2). **(b)** Score (1) vs. score (3). **(c)** Score (2) vs. score (3). Ellipses represent confidence intervals  $\pm 1$  SD for the individual analytes.



**Fig. S3** **(a)** Total protein concentrations in cell-culture media for each cell line. Values shown are mean values  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 6$ ). Plots of discriminant scores [**(b)** score (1), **(c)** score (2), and **(d)** score (3)] as a function of total protein concentration.



**Fig. S4** Cell-based assays of HepG2 cells both exposed and not exposed to 70  $\mu\text{M}$  TAM for 0.5–12 h. **(a)** The total protein concentration in cell-culture medium, **(b)** cell viability, and **(c)** apoptotic cells. In the caspase-3/7 assay, the observed fluorescence intensities are proportional to the quantity of apoptotic cells. Values shown refer to mean values  $\pm$  SD [ $n = 6$  for (a);  $n = 3$  for (b) and (c)].



**Fig. S5** Plots of discriminant scores [(a, d, g) score (1), (b, e, h) score (2), and (c, f, i) score (3)] as a function of (a–c) total protein concentration, (d–f) cell viability, or (g–i) fluorescence intensity that is proportional to the quantity of apoptotic cells. (j) Summary of correlation coefficients between discriminant scores and total protein concentration, cell viability, or apoptotic cells. The values indicate correlation coefficients.

**Table S1** Dataset of the fluorescence response patterns obtained from the sensing of eight cell-culture media.

Analyte	$F - F_0$											
	10% cell-culture medium				30% cell-culture medium				50% cell-culture medium			
	pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5	
	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2
MCF7	1432.0	1012.4	1094.8	243.2	3642.8	2493.4	3160.0	1347.2	5433.2	3672.2	4978.4	2428.6
MCF7	1297.8	823.8	893.2	-14.8	3455.6	2234.0	2973.4	1110.6	5213.6	3353.6	4783.0	2311.8
MCF7	1243.4	842.6	797.0	-80.6	3297.2	2230.6	2852.2	1092.8	4951.8	3261.8	4564.4	2145.4
MCF7	1203.0	804.4	661.4	-170.6	3195.4	2073.0	2675.2	892.8	4805.8	3102.2	4444.2	1978.2
MCF7	1316.8	881.6	1023.2	141.2	3301.2	2173.0	2942.8	1258.8	5057.0	3310.8	4567.2	2070.6
HeLa	1974.2	1436.4	1645.2	577.0	4458.6	3400.0	3984.6	2008.4	6454.0	4746.2	6238.4	3394.8
HeLa	1827.8	1396.2	1473.0	383.8	4276.6	3154.6	3707.8	1743.2	6021.8	4434.6	5693.2	3064.4
HeLa	1739.4	1280.2	1406.8	343.0	4061.6	3143.0	3620.4	1770.2	5862.0	4298.4	5603.4	3121.2
HeLa	1736.0	1338.0	1203.8	265.8	4094.4	3015.0	3437.6	1574.6	5803.4	4210.2	5431.6	2906.6
HeLa	1842.0	1411.2	1365.6	431.4	3985.0	3143.2	3611.2	1768.4	5895.2	4346.6	5569.0	2991.6
TIG1	977.6	595.0	992.0	214.0	2918.4	1893.6	2494.6	909.6	4445.2	2844.6	4018.0	1776.6
TIG1	1205.6	735.0	866.0	145.0	2824.6	1832.4	2343.8	788.2	4218.0	2666.8	3775.4	1654.8
TIG1	1115.6	689.4	840.8	11.0	2649.6	1749.4	2290.4	723.2	4096.2	2609.0	3582.8	1509.0
TIG1	1146.6	757.2	812.8	-13.8	2711.0	1791.6	2152.8	659.4	4189.8	2630.8	3682.8	1667.4
TIG1	1157.6	777.8	943.0	194.0	2550.4	1727.4	2369.6	932.0	4041.0	2648.4	3649.4	1656.2
A431	1375.4	990.4	1182.2	380.4	3531.0	2524.8	2861.8	1184.6	5287.0	3807.4	4597.8	2396.6
A431	1313.8	897.6	1070.8	187.6	3098.8	2186.6	2585.8	934.0	4707.8	3301.6	4237.6	2206.6
A431	1204.4	851.6	990.0	203.6	2855.6	1959.6	2442.8	828.2	4640.2	3278.8	3948.0	1923.8
A431	1262.2	902.6	928.4	137.8	3005.8	2105.8	2327.4	779.6	4566.8	3189.8	3869.0	1869.4
A431	1368.6	952.2	1003.0	185.0	3072.2	2245.8	2588.0	1029.6	4668.8	3368.6	4092.0	2093.2
HuH7	1447.8	1037.2	1445.4	596.8	3564.8	2488.4	3412.6	1769.8	5348.6	3682.8	5179.0	2822.8
HuH7	1378.4	985.8	1333.0	537.8	3408.0	2312.6	3252.0	1674.0	5102.2	3457.8	4880.4	2744.0
HuH7	1417.0	974.2	1434.4	634.2	3112.8	2122.4	3021.8	1514.6	5013.2	3363.4	4794.4	2640.2
HuH7	1331.2	946.0	1245.0	521.6	3255.4	2244.2	2984.6	1521.0	4942.2	3247.0	4632.2	2520.4
HuH7	1464.6	1019.6	1403.6	667.8	3227.4	2283.6	3195.6	1669.6	4868.0	3338.2	4778.8	2705.0
MDA-MB-453	1381.6	824.6	768.2	-222.4	3118.8	1798.8	2358.2	558.2	4625.4	2573.6	4259.8	1675.6
MDA-MB-453	1363.6	882.4	1120.0	239.4	3016.4	1822.6	2559.8	829.0	4506.2	2766.6	4054.4	1763.6
MDA-MB-453	1139.8	666.0	972.8	98.4	2839.8	1607.2	2346.0	776.8	4116.0	2283.6	3748.6	1478.6
MDA-MB-453	1193.8	722.2	839.0	103.2	2864.4	1687.4	2308.2	606.8	4146.2	2343.8	3643.4	1416.0
MDA-MB-453	1312.2	885.0	1170.6	310.2	3125.6	1922.2	2647.2	1061.8	4367.6	2605.6	4018.6	1697.2
A549	1019.0	499.6	684.6	-315.0	2700.2	1716.4	2601.6	800.2	4329.4	2807.0	4468.0	2016.8
A549	1003.2	568.4	705.2	-284.8	2744.2	1692.6	2564.0	726.0	4208.6	2718.4	4410.6	1989.2
A549	1049.2	631.2	790.6	-169.4	2855.6	1942.4	2781.8	1023.0	4454.4	2992.2	4526.4	2047.0
A549	1111.4	667.8	900.6	20.4	2843.2	1988.4	2809.8	1048.2	4443.6	2921.0	4548.6	2076.6
A549	1011.8	600.6	738.8	-123.6	2806.6	1835.0	2575.2	853.6	4274.4	2776.6	4318.2	2040.2
HepG2	2164.8	2036.8	2025.2	1330.4	4587.8	4193.0	3654.2	2556.0	6115.6	5476.2	5405.2	3878.8
HepG2	1857.6	1684.0	1760.4	1068.2	3966.6	3578.8	3287.0	2119.0	5713.4	5084.8	5014.2	3662.0
HepG2	1823.0	1699.8	1779.0	1090.8	4108.8	3754.0	3385.8	2211.2	5800.0	5195.8	4906.0	3450.0
HepG2	1851.4	1691.8	1787.4	1197.4	3904.4	3554.8	3407.0	2222.6	5864.0	5239.8	4816.4	3396.6
HepG2	1624.2	1465.4	1741.6	1069.8	3968.8	3572.4	3334.2	2231.8	5571.4	4947.6	4725.8	3334.4



**Table S2** Identification accuracies determined by a leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV) test in the sensing of eight cell-culture media.

Sensor elements*	10% cell-culture medium		30% cell-culture medium				50% cell-culture medium				Accuracy %		
	pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5			pH = 8.5	
	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2		Ch1	Ch2
12 sensor elements	[Pink bar]												100
8 sensor elements	[Blue bar]												98
6 sensor elements	[Green bar]												90
	[Green bar]												88
	[Green bar]												88
	[Green bar]												88
4 sensor elements	[Yellow bar]												98
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	[Yellow bar]												83
	[Yellow bar]												75
	[Yellow bar]												73
	[Yellow bar]												70
3 sensor elements	[Purple bar]												68
	[Purple bar]												68
	[Purple bar]												65
	[Purple bar]												63
2 sensor elements	[Grey bar]												88
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\*We examined all combinations of sensor elements consisting of 3 cell-culture-medium-content values, 2 pH values, and 2 channels, i.e.,  $\{(\sum_{i=1}^3 C_i) \cdot (\sum_{j=1}^2 C_j) \cdot (\sum_{k=1}^2 C_k)\} - (3C_1 \cdot 2C_1 \cdot 2C_1) = 51$  combinations. We didn't examine combinations consisting of only one sensor element.

**Table S3** Dataset of the fluorescence response patterns obtained from the sensing of culture media of HepG2 cells both exposed and not exposed to 70  $\mu$ M TAM.

Analyte**	$F - F_0$											
	10% cell-culture medium				30% cell-culture medium				50% cell-culture medium			
	pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5	
	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2
medium alone	419.6	6.8	39.4	-606.6	1201.8	513.0	869.4	-327.2	1985.0	980.0	1903.6	484.6
medium alone	406.4	97.8	110.6	-502.0	1171.4	546.8	888.4	-321.6	1980.6	981.0	1862.0	460.2
medium alone	412.4	80.6	-38.2	-727.4	1137.2	407.8	776.4	-383.6	1881.2	891.6	1815.2	371.8
medium alone	429.6	84.8	-109.4	-762.4	1171.4	483.4	850.0	-282.4	1912.8	969.0	1843.4	401.0
medium alone	409.0	71.4	120.6	-482.6	1187.2	494.4	706.0	-497.6	1887.8	999.0	1766.0	339.0
medium alone	405.8	116.4	61.6	-585.6	1184.0	488.4	860.8	-219.8	1891.2	923.2	1803.2	377.8
-/0.5 h	973.0	750.4	696.8	114.0	2147.0	1686.6	1450.6	451.6	3198.0	2469.0	2384.6	1133.6
-/0.5 h	1072.6	892.8	678.6	49.4	2320.4	1886.2	1466.6	424.2	3366.6	2666.8	2364.2	1096.4
-/0.5 h	989.8	758.6	381.4	-239.2	2221.8	1688.8	1174.4	-4.2	3272.2	2545.2	2172.0	907.8
-/0.5 h	1025.8	757.8	768.6	191.6	2317.2	1757.2	1513.6	519.0	3304.8	2602.6	2238.8	945.8
-/0.5 h	1001.6	809.2	652.6	95.6	2257.6	1747.2	1442.6	390.4	3228.2	2495.6	2237.2	924.8
-/0.5 h	1014.6	829.4	723.6	221.6	2244.4	1785.0	1482.2	407.0	3218.0	2502.6	2235.8	967.8
-/2 h	992.0	714.6	548.6	-181.4	2410.4	1824.8	1587.4	529.2	3563.2	2821.6	2416.0	1138.4
-/2 h	1005.0	720.6	467.4	-166.4	2306.6	1708.8	1396.8	257.8	3420.0	2628.8	2521.0	1142.2
-/2 h	972.6	792.2	530.2	-104.0	2299.8	1865.6	1503.4	444.2	3461.0	2862.4	2421.2	1143.4
-/2 h	979.6	795.6	534.6	-46.4	2258.8	1843.0	1488.0	536.2	3380.4	2756.4	2361.8	1133.2
-/2 h	1006.8	836.6	558.6	-27.8	2317.6	1962.8	1498.8	562.6	3419.6	2902.0	2352.6	1199.2
-/2 h	1004.8	838.4	509.2	10.0	2317.6	1948.8	1381.0	442.0	3473.2	2839.4	2384.2	1198.0
-/6 h	1278.2	1010.8	643.4	21.2	2653.6	2195.6	1910.6	848.2	4079.4	3484.4	2853.8	1722.8
-/6 h	1171.0	895.8	692.0	27.8	2692.6	2204.4	1855.6	744.6	3970.2	3341.2	2886.0	1653.8
-/6 h	1130.4	941.6	778.2	140.8	2719.6	2304.4	1859.0	894.0	3961.4	3442.6	2734.4	1588.0
-/6 h	1229.0	1073.6	731.6	189.4	2800.2	2426.0	1885.2	988.2	3985.6	3564.8	2797.0	1784.6
-/6 h	1043.4	817.8	690.6	115.8	2085.2	1999.2	1774.8	822.2	3757.2	3245.8	2723.6	1721.0
-/6 h	1127.2	1005.4	806.6	211.8	2666.4	2320.0	1858.8	906.0	3966.4	3464.4	2699.8	1750.8
-/12 h	1364.0	1239.6	1018.0	537.4	2970.8	2711.6	2230.2	1279.0	4245.8	3979.4	3308.0	2277.4
-/12 h	1318.4	1148.8	1063.6	457.4	4634.4	2896.8	2289.6	1247.0	4545.8	4099.4	3434.2	2299.2
-/12 h	1017.4	887.0	1052.2	465.2	3021.4	2631.0	2131.8	1181.0	4394.6	3822.4	3255.0	2143.4
-/12 h	1167.2	1021.2	944.4	339.8	2796.8	2518.8	2033.2	1093.6	4201.4	3768.8	3195.4	2160.0
-/12 h	1345.8	1203.6	1107.6	537.4	2967.0	2733.6	2253.4	1393.0	4450.2	4133.0	3385.2	2384.6
-/12 h	1344.4	1192.2	1038.4	565.2	3064.8	2727.2	2245.4	1395.0	4492.8	4074.2	3272.4	2271.2
medium with TAM	414.0	-25.4	202.6	-492.2	1214.6	321.2	868.4	-331.4	2016.4	797.2	1980.6	528.8
medium with TAM	420.4	55.0	-23.2	-762.2	1148.4	327.6	733.0	-558.8	1962.2	819.4	1695.0	243.0
medium with TAM	439.2	23.0	71.6	-650.6	1157.4	279.0	740.2	-538.6	1886.8	759.0	1703.2	221.2
medium with TAM	434.4	24.4	60.8	-630.4	1173.6	303.4	748.8	-475.4	1924.2	822.6	1782.0	324.4
medium with TAM	453.8	51.6	127.2	-507.6	1187.4	353.6	849.0	-292.8	1906.0	847.6	1739.4	329.6
medium with TAM	431.2	90.8	97.8	-574.4	1155.8	301.4	703.4	-525.4	1913.0	854.8	1700.4	273.4
+/0.5 h	890.0	553.6	309.8	-337.4	1988.6	1252.4	1390.2	325.2	2915.2	1920.4	2240.8	893.8
+/0.5 h	942.8	595.8	324.4	-289.8	2087.8	1387.2	1265.4	132.6	3072.2	2103.4	2406.6	1064.8
+/0.5 h	911.0	632.8	176.4	-468.4	2006.6	1359.0	1460.8	449.2	2955.0	2093.4	2205.6	866.0
+/0.5 h	815.8	557.6	417.8	-154.4	1832.2	1271.0	1443.8	385.6	2849.8	1987.2	2232.2	940.8
+/0.5 h	925.0	668.2	488.8	-142.0	1994.8	1353.8	1444.6	393.2	2807.6	1986.2	2272.8	1037.4

+/0.5 h	914.4	675.4	330.6	-281.4	1954.0	1362.8	1422.8	311.4	2844.6	2015.2	2185.8	939.8
+/2 h	1912.8	1792.0	1396.0	809.2	3810.8	3633.8	2123.2	1331.0	5153.0	5173.2	3782.6	3218.6
+/2 h	1853.4	1721.0	1427.8	720.0	3736.2	3575.8	2126.4	1405.2	5083.0	5162.0	3647.0	3016.4
+/2 h	1897.6	1864.2	1541.6	906.2	3771.6	3796.2	2285.8	1634.6	5104.4	5447.4	3733.6	3273.0
+/2 h	1886.0	1913.6	1566.6	957.2	3991.8	4177.8	2366.8	1812.8	5012.8	5450.8	3792.8	3509.8
+/2 h	1847.8	1888.4	1506.6	976.6	3806.8	3932.8	2232.8	1666.0	4946.4	5219.6	3743.0	3465.2
+/2 h	1769.8	1751.6	1208.8	694.8	3207.6	3111.6	2024.2	1332.0	4661.4	4926.2	3288.8	2940.2
+/2 h	2504.2	2613.8	1901.2	1622.8	4403.6	4853.6	3181.0	3246.2	5020.2	5409.8	4299.8	4285.6
+/6 h	2643.2	2685.8	2018.4	1459.2	4753.6	5192.8	3208.6	2979.0	5392.2	5739.4	4537.8	4356.4
+/6 h	2469.6	2553.4	1917.6	1360.4	4458.2	4964.6	3177.6	2957.4	5063.6	5410.2	4194.8	4005.2
+/6 h	2608.8	2622.0	1784.0	1439.4	4452.2	4952.4	3079.0	2866.8	5026.8	5250.2	3969.2	3739.8
+/6 h	2708.6	2777.4	1912.6	1490.8	4676.2	5301.4	3447.0	3408.0	5228.6	5570.0	4451.8	4274.6
+/6 h	2620.2	2694.8	1986.8	1580.6	4695.0	5289.6	3327.2	3290.6	5314.4	5696.2	4463.2	4420.6
+/12 h	2584.0	2657.8	2151.0	1745.4	4510.2	5092.0	3435.2	3395.8	5144.8	5461.8	4390.6	4314.2
+/12 h	2716.2	2681.6	2061.4	1462.6	4742.4	5198.0	3469.4	3336.8	5345.8	5634.6	4380.4	4138.6
+/12 h	2585.6	2572.4	1982.2	1451.0	4416.0	4755.6	3229.8	3037.4	5126.2	5374.2	4268.8	4051.0
+/12 h	2470.0	2411.0	1953.8	1479.2	4453.6	4836.8	3269.8	3065.8	4996.6	5257.8	4359.8	4220.6
+/12 h	2672.6	2680.4	2274.0	1812.2	4729.4	5195.4	3263.2	2832.2	5325.6	5613.8	4469.2	4300.0
+/12 h	2712.0	2684.6	2166.6	1695.4	4717.8	5205.0	3476.8	3345.4	5325.2	5641.2	4484.0	4409.2

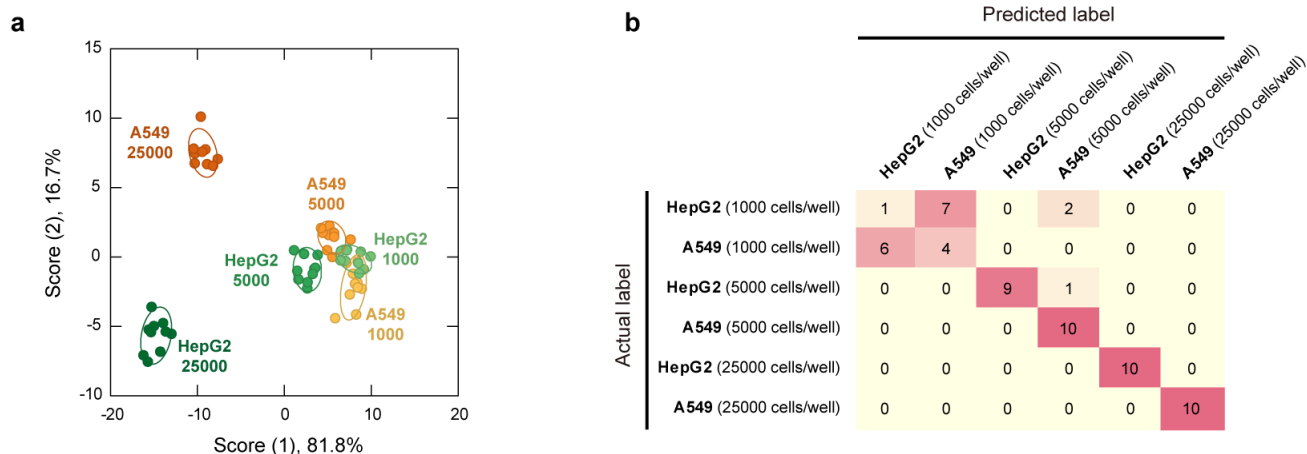
\*\*– or +/t h refers to the culture medium obtained from HepG2 cells exposed with medium alone or medium with 70  $\mu$ M TAM for t h.

### 3. Effect of the cell-seeding density

We investigated the sensitivity of the sensor array to understand its basic performance. Using a PLL-Dnc sensor array, a dataset of fluorescence responses for cell-culture media of HepG2 and A549 cells with different cell-seeding density (i.e.,  $2.5 \times 10^4$ ,  $5.0 \times 10^3$ , and  $1.0 \times 10^3$  cells/well) was generated [12 sensor elements (3 cell-culture medium contents  $\times$  2 pH values  $\times$  2 channels)  $\times$  6 analytes  $\times$  10 replicates; Table S4]. The LDA of the response patterns resulted in a 2D discriminant score plot (Fig. S6a). The confusion matrix of the leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV) test (Fig. S6b) showed that misclassification occurred in both HepG2 and A549 with a cell-seeding density of  $1.0 \times 10^3$  and  $5.0 \times 10^3$  cells/well. Therefore, the detection limit of this sensor array is estimated to be near  $5.0 \times 10^3$  cells/well.

The identification accuracy was quantitatively evaluated using two methods, i.e., LOOCV test and holdout test; in both methods, the entire dataset was separated into 'training data' for model building and 'test data' for validation. In the LOOCV test, one pattern data was removed from the original dataset ( $n = 10$ ) and treated as a test data, while residue was treated as a training data. In the holdout test, the training data ( $n = 6$ ) and test data ( $n = 4$ ) were fixed. In both tests, the test data were assigned to the closest class generated from the training data according to the Mahalanobis distance. The identification accuracy was determined based on whether the class of test data was assigned to the correct class of training data.

We confirmed that the identification accuracy determined by LOOCV test (52/60 samples = 86.7%; Fig. S6b) and holdout test (20/24 samples = 83.3%; Table S4) are almost identical; thus, we decided to carry out only the LOOCV for other experiments in the manuscript (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4).



**Fig. S6** Pattern-recognition-based sensing of culture media of HepG2 and A549 cells prepared from different cell-seeding density using a PLL-Dnc array. **(a)** 2D discriminant score plot, wherein the ellipsoids represent the confidence intervals ( $\pm 1$  SD) for the individual analytes. For each analyte, ten independent experimental values are shown. The number in analyte name indicates the cell-seeding density (cells/well). **(b)** Confusion matrix of the LOOCV test.

**Table S4** Dataset of the fluorescence response patterns obtained from the sensing of culture media of HepG2 and A549 cells prepared from different cell-seeding density.

Analyte***	$F - F_0$												Holdout test****	
	10% cell-culture medium				30% cell-culture medium				50% cell-culture medium				Verification	Accuracy
	pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5		pH = 5.5		pH = 8.5			
Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2	Ch1	Ch2			
HepG2_25000	953.2	729.4	918.2	424	2116	1696.8	2117.6	1380.2	3155.6	2798.6	3319.6	2305.2	-	-
HepG2_25000	1055.4	887	959.2	489.2	2198.6	1784.8	2065	1338	3029.8	2855.6	3286.6	2188.8	-	-
HepG2_25000	946.2	680.6	855.2	390.4	2094	1599.2	1921.2	1137	3001.8	2609.4	3185	2023.2	-	-
HepG2_25000	879	704.2	813.6	293.2	2104	1713.4	1901.8	1129.2	3049	2567	3139.2	2076.4	-	-
HepG2_25000	890	671	943.6	500.6	2025.4	1615.6	1950.8	1244.4	2944.8	2644.4	3139.2	2070.6	-	-
HepG2_25000	1015.6	787.8	981	504.2	2231.8	1833.8	2008.6	1236.8	2964.8	2878.8	3423.2	2047.4	-	-
HepG2_25000	995	790.6	839.8	396.4	2142.8	1711.4	1979.6	1224	3032	2836.6	3300.2	2095	HepG2_25000	Yes
HepG2_25000	885.8	730.2	747.6	304	2046.8	1554	1868.4	1102.4	2850.8	2503	2987.2	1950.6	HepG2_25000	Yes
HepG2_25000	937.8	696.8	817.4	295	2044.8	1594.6	1840.6	1039.2	2962.6	2662.4	3189	2095.8	HepG2_25000	Yes
HepG2_25000	926.8	718.4	839.2	405.4	2128.2	1635.4	1812.8	1035.4	2861.6	2609.4	3151	1924.8	HepG2_25000	Yes
HepG2_5000	528.6	361.8	429.4	17	1388	984.8	1100.8	275	1918.4	1589.8	2131	1072	-	-
HepG2_5000	492	304.2	416	47.4	1306.4	902.4	957.6	130.8	1813.6	1439	2037.6	968.4	-	-
HepG2_5000	554.8	355.6	380.6	-49.6	1431.8	969.6	971.6	158.6	1841.4	1601	2187	879.8	-	-
HepG2_5000	505.8	305.2	419.6	43.8	1243.8	892.4	1059.4	342.8	1844.8	1524	2158.2	892.2	-	-
HepG2_5000	468.2	252	322	-29.6	1273.4	820.8	871.4	128.6	1857.6	1328.4	1892.6	940.6	-	-
HepG2_5000	563.4	320	460.2	99.2	1405.6	955.4	1105.6	351.2	1929	1559.6	2125.2	1039	-	-
HepG2_5000	542.6	333.6	435.2	63.2	1373	954.6	979	176.4	1929.8	1527.8	2027	1106	HepG2_5000	Yes
HepG2_5000	516.8	318.2	382.6	43.4	1375.6	901.6	916.4	188.8	1792	1559.4	2096.2	910.2	HepG2_5000	Yes
HepG2_5000	531.2	344.8	360.4	-61.6	1302.4	897.4	888.6	128.8	1844	1461.4	2052	975.6	HepG2_5000	Yes
HepG2_5000	561	325.6	405	41.6	1371	982.8	905.2	103	1756.2	1592.2	2118.2	842.8	HepG2_5000	Yes
HepG2_1000	398.8	222	268.2	-157.4	1078.4	612.6	655	-127.2	1525.6	1082	1688	637.8	-	-
HepG2_1000	384.6	174	256.4	-67	1011.6	605.4	581.6	-86.2	1491	1039.4	1656.4	652	-	-
HepG2_1000	432.4	207.4	324	51.2	1096.2	669.2	845.2	112.2	1670.2	1104	1703.8	824.4	-	-
HepG2_1000	384.6	185	286	-82	1096.2	640.6	760	-21	1520.8	1071	1689.4	652.4	-	-
HepG2_1000	391.8	190.4	205.6	-157.8	988.6	588	764.6	10.4	1457.4	1036.8	1565	645.4	-	-
HepG2_1000	419.6	196.2	279.8	-32.8	1113.8	701.4	766.6	54.4	1437.6	1144	1692	558.4	-	-

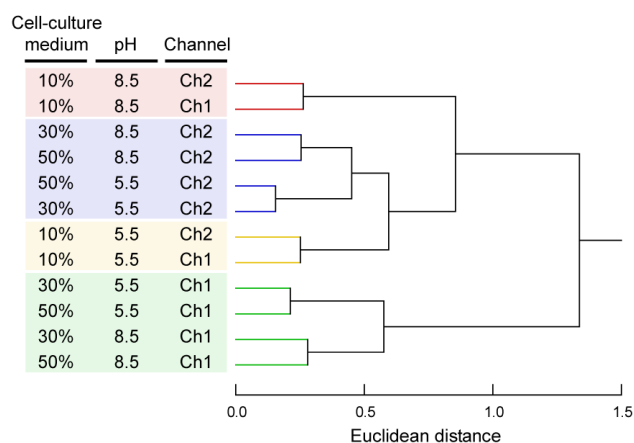
HepG2_1000	408.4	183.2	281.6	-68.2	1075	633.8	717	34.2	1509.2	1126.8	1713	584.2	HepG2_1000	Yes
HepG2_1000	433.2	202.2	252.2	-7.4	1116.4	678.2	881	202.4	1562.8	1135.6	1701.4	724.2	HepG2_1000	Yes
HepG2_1000	420.8	254.4	296.8	-66.2	1083	651	830	120.2	1506.8	1200.2	1711.4	611.4	A549_5000	No
HepG2_1000	450.6	265.8	286.2	-19	1128.4	718	719.4	11.2	1478.2	1217.2	1781.2	673.6	HepG2_1000	Yes
A549_25000	637	346.6	583.6	71.6	1614.2	956.4	1401	345.6	2418.6	1570.8	2484	1164.8	-	-
A549_25000	601.8	350.4	556.2	-9.6	1527	980.2	1327.2	327.6	2174	1605	2375.8	912.4	-	-
A549_25000	635.8	349	538.2	79.8	1590.8	917.2	1323.8	315	2282	1582	2425.2	996.2	-	-
A549_25000	580	340.2	563.6	-23.6	1476.6	895.6	1152.8	136.4	2265.8	1502.2	2284	983	-	-
A549_25000	565.4	298.6	481	-37.6	1469.4	873	1407	429.4	2307	1576.4	2316	1049	-	-
A549_25000	628.2	320.2	563.2	79.8	1620.6	1037.4	1499	485	2527.8	1703.8	2480.8	1246.4	-	-
A549_25000	685.4	380.8	596.4	50.8	1620.4	964	1418.8	412.2	2400.2	1606.6	2548	1156.8	A549_25000	Yes
A549_25000	603.6	346.8	527.8	-19.8	1575.6	992.2	1337.4	322.6	2366.8	1677.8	2428	998.2	A549_25000	Yes
A549_25000	575	287.6	500.2	-29.2	1452.6	802.4	1493.8	482.8	2376.6	1493.6	2259.6	1094.4	A549_25000	Yes
A549_25000	627.8	341	517.6	-12.2	1517.8	924.8	1315.8	192.6	2380.6	1529	2356.2	1011	A549_25000	Yes
A549_5000	421.4	195.6	324.4	-135.4	1163.8	716.2	781.6	9.6	1616	1264.2	1847.4	695.6	-	-
A549_5000	477	266.6	314.6	-48.6	1208.6	789.8	765.8	44.6	1649.4	1318	1925.4	739	-	-
A549_5000	466.6	264	301	-93	1200.8	752.8	798	4.4	1558	1271.8	1906.8	586.2	-	-
A549_5000	493.8	274.8	320.2	-65	1223.6	748.8	724.6	-80.2	1507	1321.6	1927.4	571.8	-	-
A549_5000	404.2	196.4	259	-112.2	1013.2	563.8	908	169.4	1638.8	1178.8	1730.8	669	-	-
A549_5000	440	195.8	362.4	-54	1188.6	722.2	951.4	151.8	1597.2	1309.4	1912.6	658.4	-	-
A549_5000	476	229.4	291.2	-167.2	1195	731	746.6	18.2	1502.6	1281	1893.6	537.8	A549_5000	Yes
A549_5000	379	163.6	334.4	-36.2	1090.8	613	950.8	176.8	1665.6	1077.4	1776.6	703	A549_5000	Yes
A549_5000	414.8	208.8	157.2	-244.6	1114	615.2	878	143.4	1560.2	1301.8	1880.4	611	A549_5000	Yes
A549_5000	424.8	215.4	260	-123.4	1140	712.8	647.2	-45	1384.2	1217	1832.8	429.8	A549_5000	Yes
A549_1000	444.8	280.6	229.6	-149.8	1201.4	754.6	649.4	-88.2	1577.6	1303	1802	801.6	-	-
A549_1000	450.4	272.8	161.2	-205.8	1127	738.4	660	-91.4	1697	1237.4	1698.6	787	-	-
A549_1000	1207.2	1218.2	271.6	-127	2013.6	1856	763.6	109.4	1447.4	2215.8	2497	585.6	-	-
A549_1000	421.6	226.2	303.6	-55.4	1103.2	700.8	720	18.4	1518.6	1200.4	1684.8	710	-	-
A549_1000	558.6	390.6	290	11.4	1291.8	1022.4	934.8	288.6	1684.6	1640.6	2005.2	937.2	-	-
A549_1000	784	631.8	345.4	-4.8	1627.8	1344.2	869.8	244.2	1730.4	1983.6	2319.2	932	-	-
A549_1000	384.6	179.8	288.8	-68.6	1072.2	623.8	685	-25.2	1355.2	1150.6	1644.8	483.4	A549_1000	Yes
A549_1000	389.4	188.4	283	-47.8	952.4	630.2	833.8	154	1652.4	1124	1649.6	891.6	HepG2_1000	No
A549_1000	392.8	198.6	304.8	-89	1007.2	607.8	865	121.2	1579.6	1072	1623	800	HepG2_1000	No
A549_1000	438.6	262.2	250	-76.6	1144.6	717	638.8	-81.2	1510.2	1268.4	1768.4	724	HepG2_1000	No

\*\*\*The number in analyte name indicates the cell-seeding density (cells/well). \*\*\*\*The far-right column shows the training data (denoted by "-") and the test data as well as the verification result from the holdout test.

#### 4. Hierarchical clustering analysis

To understand which sensor elements are important for generating the diverse pattern data obtained from the PLL-Dnc array, the response patterns of the 12 sensor elements were subjected to HCA, where the Euclidean distances between the elements correspond to similarities in the response patterns (Fig. S7).<sup>4</sup> In the HCA dendrogram, the fluorescence responses obtained from the 30% and 50% cell-culture-medium contents were initially clustered with the same channel, indicating that changing the channel rather than the solution conditions contributed to the generation of the various responses. The difference in detection wavelengths (Ch1 and Ch2 corresponding to peak tail and peak top of the dansyl fluorophore, respectively), probably contributes to the efficient generation of diverse fluorescence responses as the emission enhancement of the PLL-Dnc probe is accompanied by a sample-dependent hypsochromic shift (Fig. S1). However, the responses obtained from the 10% cell-culture-medium contents were clustered individually for each pH value, indicating

that better differentiated responses were produced at this medium content. Varying pH values are effective to produce the differential fluorescence responses since the pH value directly affects the contribution of electrostatic interactions between compounds in the cell-culture medium and the PLL-Dnc probe. This HCA dendrogram, where the sensor elements are clustered in an unexpected manner, demonstrates the importance of using a combination of all three sensor elements (i.e., channels, pH values, and contents of the cell-culture medium) to construct an effective PLL-Dnc array for cell-culture-medium analysis.



**Fig. S7** HCA of sensor elements in the pattern-recognition-based sensing of eight cell lines using a PLL-Dnc array. The HCA dendrogram was created based on Euclidean distances using the Ward method. The dataset was standardized prior to analysis based on the following equation:  $z = (x - \mu)/\sigma$ , where  $z$  is the standardized score,  $x$  is the raw fluorescence response  $F - F_0$ ,  $\mu$  is the mean value of the population, and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the population.

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