

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

### **Construction of a cleavable linker chemistry-based <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip to isolate circulating exosomes for breast cancer diagnosis**

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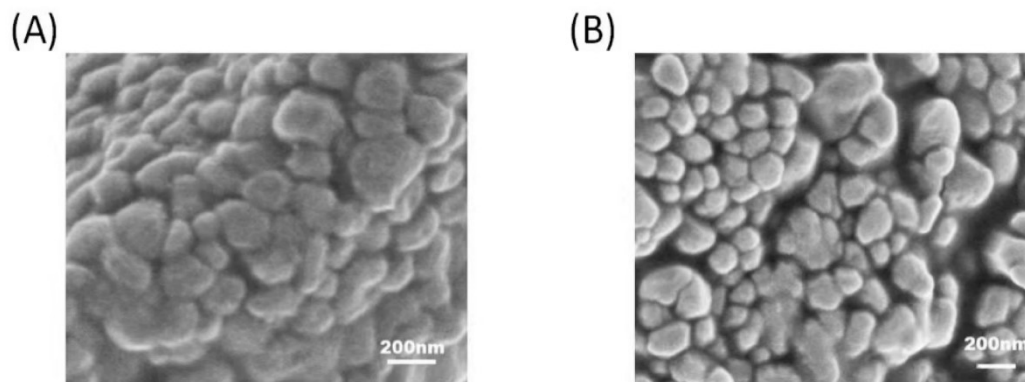
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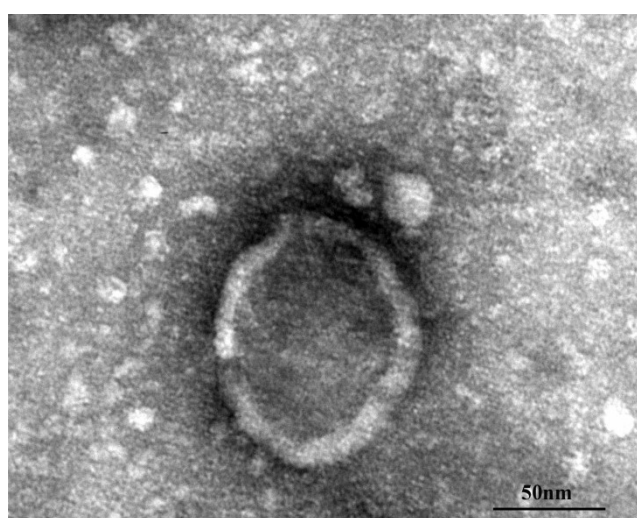
### **S1: Quality control of <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip**

The quality control of our microfluidic chips encompasses several essential elements, such as bonding appearance, strength, chip surface appearance, microchannel structure, and microstructure deviation. After bonding, the <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip should exhibit a defect-free and completed herringbone stitching appearance with no cracks, bonded areas under the couch, or unbonded spots. Visual inspection should indicate a clean surface free of fingerprints and impurities, while microscopic observation should reveal a transparent chip without residual glue. The structural integrity of the eight herringbone fluidic channels should exhibit less than 5% damage with no channel obstruction. Additionally, the internal herringbone structure collapse area should be less than 10%. Finally, the <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip sealing strength should bear a pressure of 0.3Mpa. If all of these criteria are met, the <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip is suitable for subsequent experimental use.

### **S2: Supporting Figures**



FigS1. Scanning Electron Microscopy image of exosomes



FigS2. Transmission Electron Microscope image of exosomes

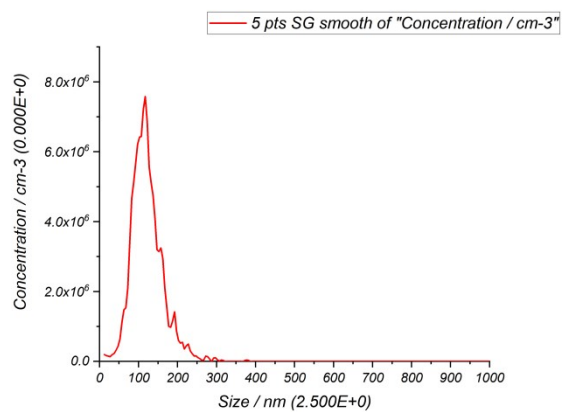


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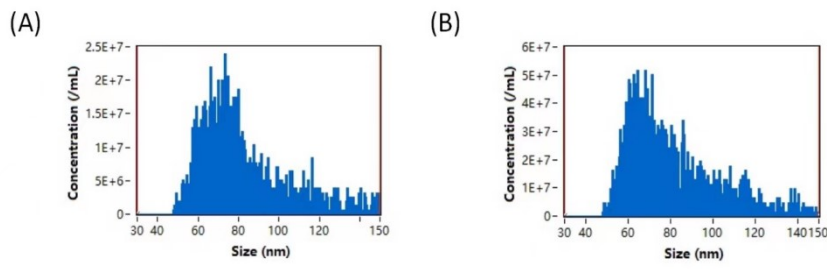


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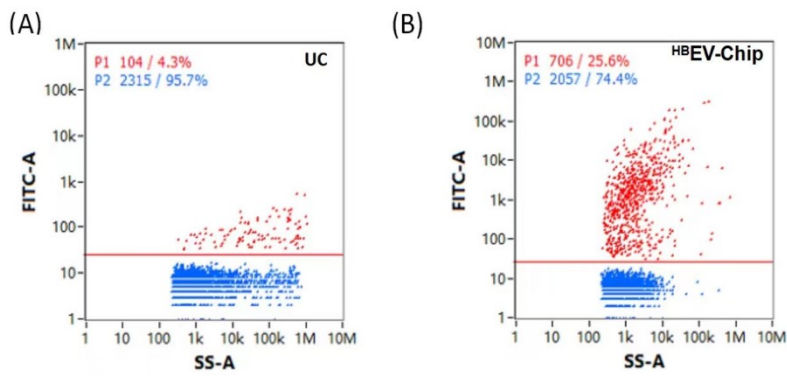


Fig.S5 Nanoflow analysis images of exosomes on different platforms

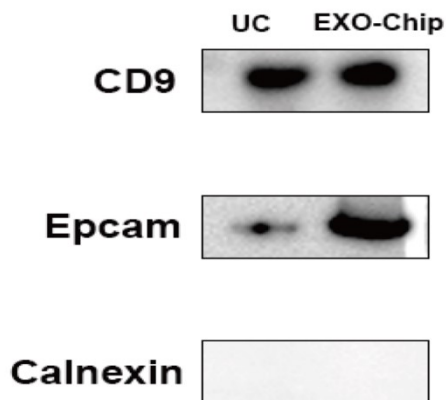


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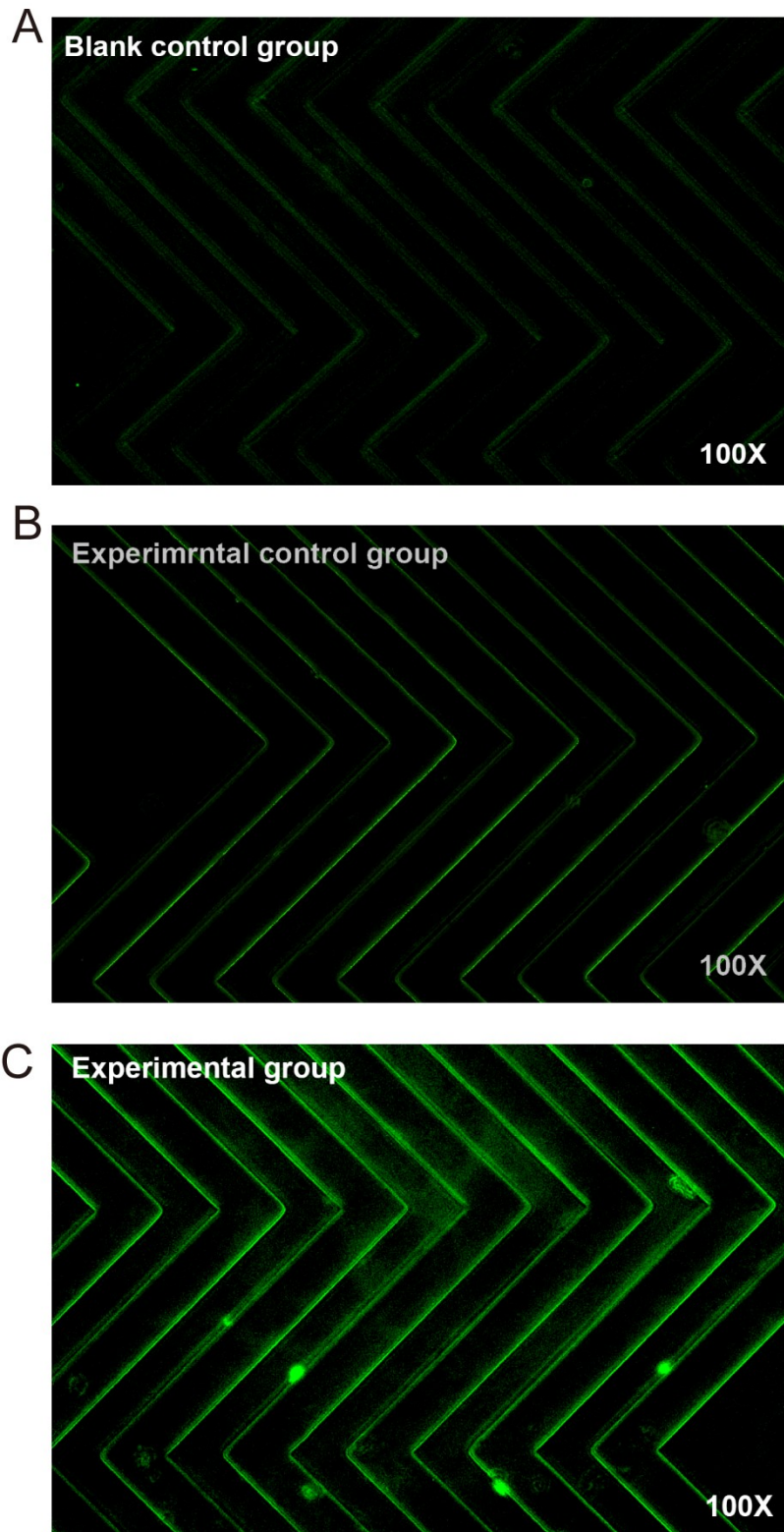


Fig.S7 Fixation of biotinylated Epcam antibodies in a herringbone channel under fluorescence microscopy

**S3: Supporting Tables**

TableS1: Clinical Patient Information

<b>Clinical patient sample information(N=40)</b>			
Group	Healthy People(n=10)	Benign breast lesions(n=14)	Breast Cancer(n=16)
Age (Mean)	43.5	39.1	50.6
Disease Classification	Age (20-60) No disease(n=10)	Mammary gland Hyperplasia(n=2) Breast fibroids(n=12)	Carcinoma in situ of breast(n=4) Invasive carcinoma of breast(n=12)
WHO classification			Carcinoma in situ of breast(n=4) Mixed invasive carcinoma(n=2)
Level I			n=1
LevelII 6 points			n=1
LevelII 7 points			n=4
LevelIII 8 points			n=4
CA153(Mean)	8.25	9.52	11.38
CA199(Mean)	13.66	13.85	11.27

TableS2: Summary of assays for exosomes and their contained biomarkers

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Cancer	Target	Methods	Capture efficiency	Time	Medium	Ref
Breast cancer	Epcam	immuno-capture	82%	10min	plasma	<sup>H</sup> BEXO-Chip
Breast cancer	CD9, CD63, GGT1	immuno-capture		3h	serum/plasma	<sup>1</sup>
Breast cancer	CD63, miR-126, miR-21	magnetic separation	54.3%	5h	serum	<sup>2</sup>
pancreatic cancer	GPC-1, mRNA,	ultracentrifuge-based Separation		>6h	serum	<sup>3</sup>
breast cancer	CD63, CD81	size-based separation		2h	serum	<sup>4</sup>
ovarian cancer	CD81, CD24, Epcam, FR $\alpha$	immuno-capture	>81%	>5h	plasma	<sup>5</sup>
Breast cancer	GPC1, mRNA	rough surface immuno-capture	70%			<sup>6</sup>



TableS3: Exosomes isolation strategies

Exosomes isolation technique	Advantages	Disadvantages	Sample Volume	Ref
Ultrafiltration	Fast, high exosome purity,  No specialized equipment  required	Exosome deformation	$\mu\text{L}$ -mL	7
Acoustic Purification	High specificity and sensitivity	Expensive equipment and  complex setup	10 $\mu\text{l}$	8
Wavy microchannel structures  within  viscoelastic fluids sorting	Simple operation and low cost	Limited throughput and  potential for clogging		9
Vesicle trapping on array of  ciliated  (nanowires) micropillars	High efficiency and scalability	Requires specialized  materials and fabrication  processes	1000 $\mu\text{L}$	10

#### **S4: Evaluation Criteria for <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip and Definitions**

Capture efficiency is defined as the ratio of the number of exosomes isolated by the <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip to the number of exosomes in the initial feed. In this study, we evaluated the number of isolated exosomes by subtracting the number of exosomes in the effluent from the number of exosomes in the initial feed. The Nanoparticle tracking analysis (NTA) technique was employed to measure the number of exosomes within the range of 30-150 nm. The calculation for capture efficiency is as follows:

##### ***Capture Efficiency (%)***

= [(Number of exosomes in Initial-Num. of exosomes in Effluent)/Num. of exosomes in Initial]X100%

Release efficiency is defined as the ratio of the number of exosomes released from the <sup>HB</sup>EXO-Chip to the number of isolated exosomes. To assess this, we measured the quantity of exosomes in the release resultant. The NTA technique was utilized to measure the number of exosomes within the range of 30-150 nm. The calculation for release efficiency is as follows:

##### ***Release Efficiency (%)***

= [ (Number of Exosomes in Release Resultant)/ (Num. of Exosomes in Initial-Num. of Exosomes in Effluent)]x100%



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