

SUPPLEMENTARY

Table SI: Studies of various Raman modalities recruiting bioorthogonal tags and their respective applications.

Authors	Year of publication	Raman mode	Probing	Type of functional group	Application
Yamakoshi et al ³⁰	2011	Spontaneous RS	EdU- DNA base	alkyne	Imaging of an alkyne-modified molecule (EdU) in living cells.
Yamakoshi et al ³¹	2012	Spontaneous RS	coenzyme Q (CoQ)	diyne	Multicolor imaging of small molecules in living cell
Yamakoshi et al ³²	2015	Spontaneous RS	BADY	diyne	Mitochondria imaging in live cells
Matuszyk et al ³³	2021	Spontaneous RS	EdU + MitoBADY, falcarinol	Alkyne, diyne	Multiplex Raman imaging of lipid-reich organelles in endothelial cells
Cui et al ³⁴	2015	Spontaneous RS	Sphingomyelin	Alkyne, diyne, deuterium	High contrast imaging of lipid rafts
Ando et al ³⁵	2015	Spontaneous RS	Sphingomyelin	diyne	Imaging of sphingomyelin distribution in lipid monolayer
Jamieson et al ³⁶	2018	Spontaneous RS	Alkyne tagged fatty acids	alkyne	Monitoring intracellular uptake and localisation of FAs
Gala de Pablo et al ³⁷	2018	Tandem fluorescence and RS microscopy	DC473 (combining alkyne group and fluorescence)	alkyne	Molecule localization in colorectal cancer cells.
Meister et al ³⁸	2010	Spontaneous RS	[Mn(tpm)(CO) ₃]Cl	carbonyl	Imaging of Metal–Carbonyl Complexes in cells
Yamakoshi et al ³⁹	2014	Spontaneous RS	carbonylcyanide p-trifluoromethoxy-phenylhydrazone (FCCP)	nitrile	Simultaneous imaging of two

					different molecular structures (protonated and deprotonated FCCP)
Tarrés et al ⁴⁰	2014	Spontaneous RS	Cobaltabisdicarbollide (COSAN)	Carborane (B–H)	Detection of boron cluster molecules in living cells
Mochizuki et al ⁴¹	2019	Spontaneous RS	Boron clusters	Carborane (B–H)	Molecular targeting in the cell
Egoshi et al ⁴²	2021	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated terminal alkynes	C–D	Evaluation of H/D exchange of terminal alkynes in living HeLa cells
Yamakoshi et al ⁴³	2023	Spontaneous RS	Thiol adducts and ThioRas	nitrile	Monitoring of thia-Michael reaction
Tipping et al ⁴⁴	2020	Spontaneous RS	4-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)benzonitrile	alkyne	Detection of fluoride anions
Takemura et al ⁴⁵	2020	Spontaneous RS	dipycetylaminoethyl aniline	acetylene	Detection of Zn ²⁺ in live cells
Aljakouch et al ⁴⁶	2018	Spontaneous RS	Neratinib (TKI inhibitor)	nitrile	Monitoring drug metabolism in cancer cells.
Tang et al ⁴⁷	2021	Spontaneous RS	Azo-enhanced RS molecules	alkyne	Multicolor spontaneous live cell imaging
El- Mashtoly et al ⁷³	2014	Spontaneous RS	Erlotinib	acetylene	Drug distribution and metabolism
Hong et al ⁵¹	2014	SRS	Homopropargylglycine, EdU, propargylcholine, Sialylated glycans.	Alkyne	Live-cell Imaging of alkyne-tagged biomolecules
Wei et al ⁵²	2014	SRS	EdU, uridine-, methionine-, fatty acid- analogue, terbinafine hydrochloride	alkyne	Cell division and drug delivery tracking
Du and Wei ⁵³	2022	SRS	Photoactivatable Raman probes	alkyne	Live-cell multiplexed imaging and tracking
Ao et al ⁵⁴	2021	SRS	diarylethene	alkyne	Photoswitchable SRS imaging

Li et al ⁵⁵	2023	SRS	Palmitic acid	Alkyne	Imaging and cellular uptake of the tag
Hu et al ⁵⁶	2015	SRS	3-OPG	alkyne	Monitoring of glucose uptake activity in live cells and ex vivo mouse brain tissue
Long et al ⁵⁷	2018	SRS	D7-glucose, 3-OPG- ¹³ C ₃ probes	¹³ C edited alkyne, deuterium	Glucose metabolism in cell lines and live mouse brain tissues ex vivo
Asai et al ⁵⁸	2019	SRS	Disodium mercaptoundecahydrododecaborate (BSH)-cholesterol	Carborane (B-H)	Cellular uptake of boron cluster
Hu et al ⁵⁹	2018	SRS	Carbow	polyyne	Multiplex imaging of organelles in living cells
Wei et al ⁶⁰	2017	epr- SRS	MARS pallete	Alkynes, nitriles	Multiplex optical imaging within live neuronal cells
Miao et al ⁶¹	2021	epr- SRS	Expanded MARS pallete	Alkynes, nitriles	Multiplex optical imaging
Chen et al ⁶²	2021	SRS	Rdots	Polyyne	Enhanced multiplex live cell profiling
Zhang et al ⁶³	2018	SRS	Unnatural amino acid	alkyne	Imaging of genetically targeted proteins in HeLa cells
Murphy & Tipping et al ⁶⁴	2023	SRS	Boron clusters	Carborane (B-H)	Multiplex optical imaging in live HeLa cells
Fujioka et al ⁶⁶	2020	epr- SRS	Enzyme substrates	Isotopically edited nitrile	Simultaneous enzyme imaging
Wilson et al ⁶⁷	2021	SRS	Mitokyne	alkyne	Mitochondrial pH monitoring
Braddick et al ⁶⁸	2023	SRS	bisarylbutadiyne	alkyne	Carboxylesterase activity monitoring
Zeng et al ⁶⁹	2018	SRS	2-yne Mito NH2	alkyne	H ₂ S imaging in mitochondria

Bi et al ⁷⁰	2022	SRS	Alkyne- Hydrogen–Deuterium exchange (HDX) of terminal alkynes	alkyne	Sensing of DNA structural changes
Sepp et al ⁷¹	2020	SRS	Ponatinib	alkyne	Intracellular distribution of Ponatinib in Live Cells
Crawford et al ⁷²	2012	SRS	Rhabduscin	Isonitrile	Drug localization at the periphery of bacterial cells
Gaschler et al ⁷⁴	2018	SRS	Ferrostatin analog	diyne	Distribution of ferrostatins in living cells
Wilson et al ⁷⁵	2020	Spontaneous RS and SRS	Oligoyne compounds	alkyne	Intracellular pH sensing.
Tipping et al ⁷⁶	2017	SRS	(PhDYANS and BADY-ANS	Diyne	Intracellular drug uptake
Chen et al ⁷⁹	2016	SERS	alkyne-coded SERS tags with a Au@Ag core	Alkyne	Multiplex Raman cell imaging
Kurihara et al ⁸⁰	2016	SERS	hypoxia-detecting probes	acetylene	Hypoxia detection
Li et al ⁸¹	2019	SERS	AuNPs	alkyne and nitrile groups	Imaging of cancer biomarkers in cells and tissues
Wang et al ⁸²	2020	SERS	aptamer-based Au nanotags	Alkyne	MCF-7 targeting for photothermal ablation in living mice
Ando et al ⁸³	2016	SERS	Ag NPs nanoparticles	alkyne	Cancer drug target identification
Song et al ⁸⁴	2014	SERS	AgCu@graphene NPs functionalized with alkyne-PEG	Alkyne	High resolution cell Raman imaging
Plakas et al ⁸⁵	2022	SERS	Alkyne- modified pyrylium dyes	alkyne	Identification of SERS reporters.
Qin et al ⁸⁶	2020	SERS	Porous silica- coated AuAg alloy NPs	alkyne	CO monitoring in cells/ tissues
Si et al ⁸⁷	2019	SERS	Porous silica- coated AuAg alloy NPs	alkyne	H ₂ O ₂ detection in live cells
Qin et al ⁸⁸	2018	SERS	Au nanorod- based nanoprobe	alkyne	Caspase 3 detection in live cells/ tissues
Si et al ⁸⁹	2018	SERS	Alloyed Au/Ag Nanospheres	alkyne	Detection of intracellular

					endonuclease levels in living cells
Qin et al ⁹⁰	2019	SERS	Ag/Au alloy NPs	azoalkyne	Hypoxia detection in cells/ animal tissues
Kong et al ⁹²	2012	SERS	Au NPs	carbonyl	High-contrast live-cell imaging
Kong et al ⁹³	2013	SERS	Au NPs	carbonyl	Glucose monitoring in urine
Kong et al ⁹⁴	2014	SERS	Gold coated planar substrate	carbonyl	pH monitoring
Lin et al ⁹⁵	2018	SERS	SERS- active substrate	carbonyl	Epstein-Barr virus cfDNA detection in blood
Panikkanvalappil et al ⁹⁶	2019	Plasmonically Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (PERS)	Gold nanocubes (PEG/RGD-NLS-functionalized NPs)	carbonyl	Monitoring HO-1 activation in live cells during cisplatin treatment
Ma et al ⁹⁷	2017	Interference-Free SERS (IF-SERS)	Au@4-MB NPs	nitrile	Cancer biomarkers profiling at single-cell level
Yin et al ⁹⁸	2017	SERRS	Au@PB NPs	nitrile	High-sensitivity immunoassay and cancer cell imaging
Kennedy et al ⁹⁹	2009	SERS	Carborane-coated silver NPs co-functionalized with anti-EGFR antibodies	Carborane (B-H)	Tumour cell targetting and boron delivery to cancer cells
Lin et al ¹⁰¹	2013	SERS	MPBA-Au NPs	alkyne	Detection of cell surface glycans
Liang et al ¹⁰²	2018	SERS	Gold nanoprobes	alkyne	Tumor Cell targeting in living mice
Lin et al ¹⁰³	2019	SERS + SMIP (Surface Molecularly Imprinted Polymer) technology	Gold NPs	acetylene	Detection of cancer biomarker (CEA) in human blood

Koike et al ¹⁰⁴	2020	3D SERS	Gold NPs	alkyne	Real-time monitoring of small-molecule drug uptake in live macrophages
Tanuma et al ¹⁰⁵	2020	Fluorescence microscopy + SERS	Silver NPs	alkyne	Imaging of antidepressant drug analogue in mouse brain
Wu et al ¹⁰⁶	2021	SERS	Au NPs	nitrile	Monitoring of pesticide residues in soybean plants
Mi et al ¹⁰⁷	2021	SERS	Au NPs	Nitrile after UV irradiation	Determination of cymoxanil residue in food
Hu et al ¹¹⁰	2017	SRS	Polymer dots	Alkyne, nitrile, C-D	Multiplexed live cell imaging
Vanden-Hehir et al ¹¹¹	2019	SRS	PLGA NPs	Deuterium and alkyne	Mouse brain tissue imaging
Jin et al ¹¹²	2019	SRS	Raman beads	Alkyne, nitrile, azide, C-D	Supermultiplex barcoding
Li et al ¹¹⁶	2017	Spontaneous RS	PPE- based CPNs	Alkyne	Enhanced live cell imaging
Zhu et al ¹¹⁷	2021	SRS	Polymer NPs	Alkyne	Highly sensitive multi-color biomedical imaging
Tian et al ¹¹⁸	2020	SRS	PDPA NPs	Alkyne	Organelle-targeting live-cell imaging
Matthaus et al ¹²²	2012	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated fatty acids, deuterated cholesterol	C-D	Imaging of Intracellular Lipid Metabolism in Macrophages
van Manen et al ¹²³	2005	Raman microscopy	Deuterated arachidonic acid	C-D	Imaging of lipid bodies in leukocytes
van Manen et al ¹²⁴	2008	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated tyrosine and methionine	C-D	Imaging of Protein Metabolic Labeling in Single Human Cells

Wei et al ¹²⁵	2013	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated amino-acids	C-D	Imaging of newly synthesized proteins in live mammalian cells
Wei et al ¹²⁶	2015	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated amino-acids	C-D	Imaging of protein metabolism in live cancer cells, neurons and mouse brain.
Shi et al ¹²⁷	2018	Spontaneous RS	Deuterated amino-acids	C-D	In vivo imaging of protein metabolism in mice
Spratt et al ¹²⁸	2022	Spontaneous RS	d ₈ -Met	C-D	Imaging of cellular uptake of deuterated methionine (d ₈ -Met) in live HeLa cells
Spratt et al ¹²⁹	2023	Spontaneous RS	d ₈ -Met	C-D	Imaging the uptake of deuterated methionine in Drosophila
Stiebing et al ¹³⁰	2017	Spontaneous RS and SRS	d31-palmitic acid	C-D	Uptake and metabolic dynamics of d31-palmitic acid storage in human macrophages
Alfonso-García et al ¹³¹	2016	SRS	D38-cholesterol	C-D	Imaging of intracellular cholesterol storage in mammalian cells
Villareal et al ¹³²	2016	SRS	Deuterated sterols	C-D	Imaging of intracellular localization of desmosterol
Li et al ¹³³	2014	SRS and Spontaneous RS	d7- glucose	C-D	Study of dynamic metabolism of glucose in single living cancer cells, visualizing

					de novo lipogenesis
Hu et al ¹³⁴	2014	SRS	d9- choline	C-D	Distribution of choline metabolites in cancer and non-cancer cells
Fu et al ¹³⁵	2014	Hypespectral SRS imaging	deuterated saturated and unsaturated fatty acid	C-D	Metabolic imaging of fatty acids in living <i>C. elegans</i> .
Yu et al ¹³⁶	2017	SRS with high throughput screening (HTS)	d34- oleic acid	C-D	Imaging of lipid synthesis in live <i>C. elegans</i> .
Zhang et al ¹³⁷	2011	Femtosecond excitation source with SRS imaging	d31- palmitic acid	C-D	3D sectioning of fat storage in live <i>C. elegans</i>
Wei et al ¹³⁸	2019	Clearing-enhanced DO-SRS microscopy	deuterium oxide	C-D	Volumetric (3D) chemical imaging of macromolecules in mouse tumors.
Chen et al ¹³⁹	2014	SRS and Spontaneous RS	¹² C and ¹³ C isotopically edited alkynyl metabolic reporters	Alkyne	Multiplex chemical imaging of RNA, newly uptaken fatty-acids and DNA synthesis in live mammalian cells.
Hu et al ¹⁴⁰	2016	SRS	¹² C and ¹³ C labeled EdU isotopologues	C-D, alkyne	Monitoring of DNA synthesis dynamics in mammalian hippocampal slice culture.
Shi et al ¹⁴¹	2018	Spontaneous RS and SRS	deuterium oxide	C-D	In situ metabolic activities in animal tissue.
Zhang et al ¹⁴²	2019	Spontaneous RS and SRS	deuterated glucose	C-D	Imaging of glucose metabolism
Hong et al ¹⁴³	2018	SRS	deuterated glucose	C-D	Monitoring of glucose metabolism in a

					single living bacterium.
Yang et al ¹⁴⁴	2019	Spontaneous RS	Heavy water (D2O)	C-D	Antibiotic Susceptibility Testing of Pathogenic Bacteria
Zhang et al ¹⁴⁵	2017	SRS	d7- glucose, CD- amino acids, d31-palmitate acid, propargylcholine	C-D, alkyne	Cancer metabolism during the epithelial-mesenchymal transition of cancer cells
Shen et al ¹⁴⁶	2017	SRS	d-palmitate	C-D	Study of lipid metabolism in endoplasmic reticulum cell membrane.
Matthaeus et al ¹⁴⁷	2008	Spontaneous RS	deuterium-labelled liposomal drug carriers	C-D	Imaging of liposomal drug carrier systems inside cells.
Saar et al ¹⁴⁸	2010	SRS	deuterated ibuprofen	C-D	Ex vivo monitoring of drug delivery to mice ears.
Chen et al ¹⁴⁹	2015	Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering (CARS)	deuterated active molecules (glycerol, jasmonic acid and water)	C-D	Active molecule mapping inside artificial and human skin.
Saar et al ¹⁵⁰	2010	SRS	deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	C-D	In vivo imaging of DMSO on a human forearm.

Table SII: Raman intensity versus EdU (RIE) and Raman shift of various moieties exhibiting a Raman signal in the cell-silent Raman region, as mentioned in studies of various Raman modalities.

Compound	Molecular structure	Modality	Strength vs EdU	Raman Shift (cm ⁻¹)	Mean Raman shift (cm ⁻¹)	Ref
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Phenylalanine (Phe)		RS	0.2	1003	1003	³⁰
Edu (Ethynyl-2'-deoxyuridine)		RS	1	2110	2110	³⁰
Terminal Alkynes		RS	0.485	2084-2113	2099	³¹
Silyl and Halo-alkynes		RS	1.25	2157-2195	2176	³¹
Internal alkynes		RS	3.17	2198-2248	2223	³¹
Diynes		RS	3.4	2207-2249	2228	³¹
Bisaryl-substituted diynes (BADY)		RS	25	2217-2221	2219	³¹
Nitrile	$R-C\equiv N$	RS	0.062	2242	2242	³¹
Azide	$N^- \equiv N^+ \equiv N^-$	RS	0.022	2096	2096	³¹
MitoBADY		RS	27	2218	2218	³²

Deuterated hexanoic acid with ^{11}CD		RS	0.062	2124	2124	³¹
Azobenzene (AERS)		RS	104	2114-2222	2168	⁴⁷
C-D	C-D	SRS	0.025	2100	2100	¹²⁵
N-(3-azidopropyl)-4-(phenylbuta-1,3-diyn-1-yl)benzamide-phenyl ring		SRS	29	2225	2225	⁶³
9CN-JCP		EPR - SRS	87	2220	2220	⁶⁶
Poly(phenylene ethynylene)-PPE derivatives		RS	1.8	2200	2220	¹¹⁶
PDAA		RS	200	2120	2120	¹¹⁸
Triple-bond-encoded polymer NPs		SRS microscopy	140	2223-2241	2232	¹¹⁷

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