

## Supporting Information

### Quantitative elemental analysis of human leukemia K562 single cells by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry in combination with a microdroplet generator

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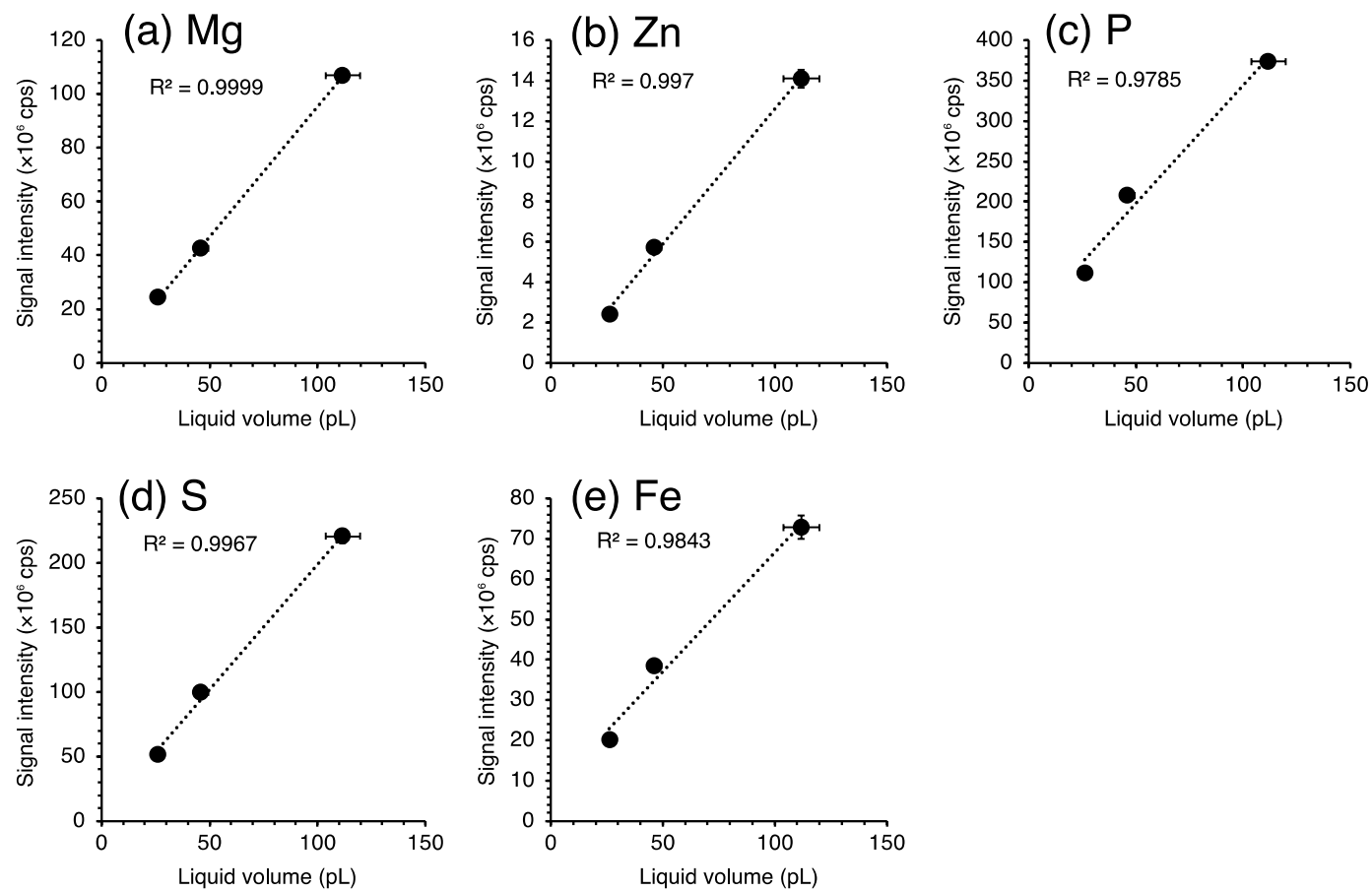
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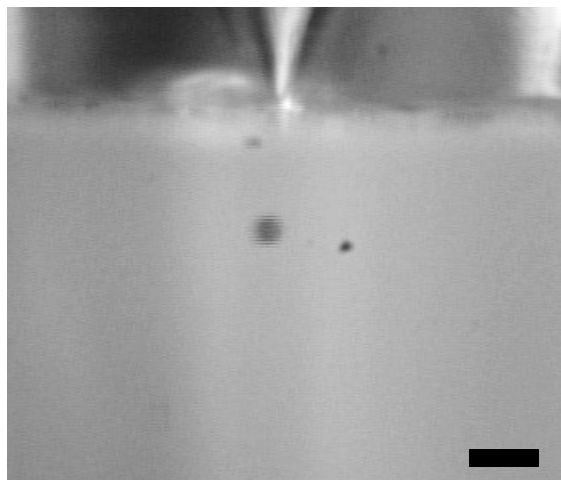
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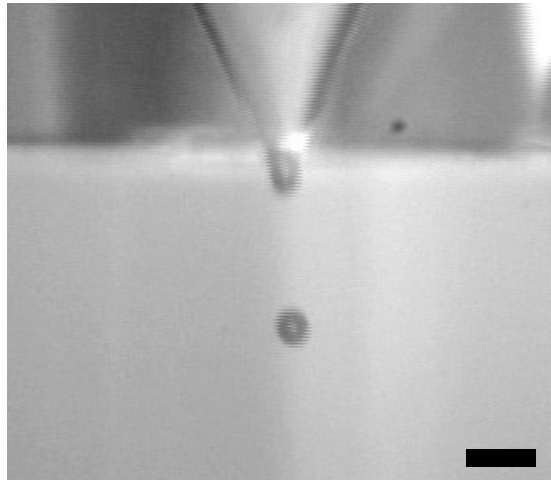


**Fig. S1.** Calibration curves of five essential elements obtained from differently sized droplet

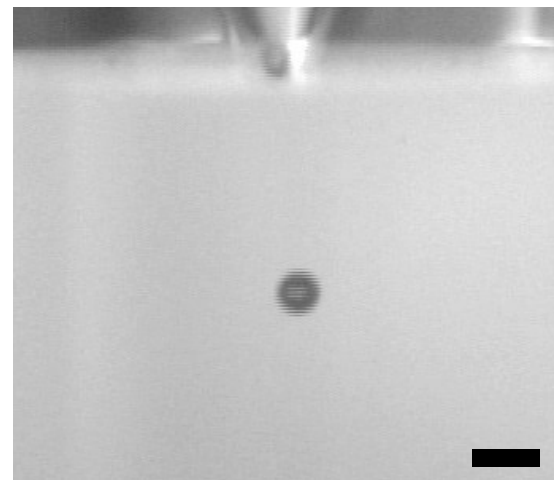
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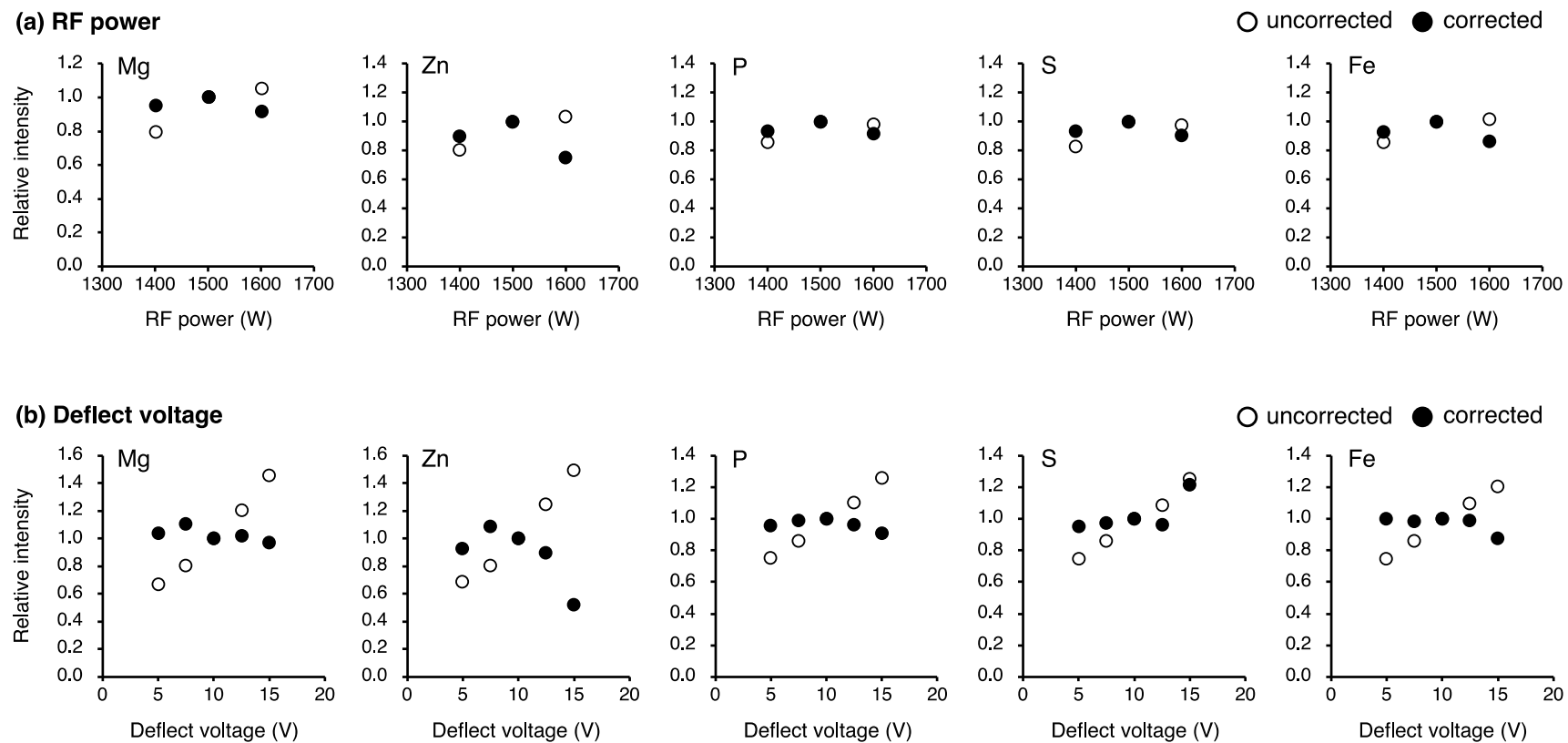
(b) IJHB 100



(c) IJHB 300

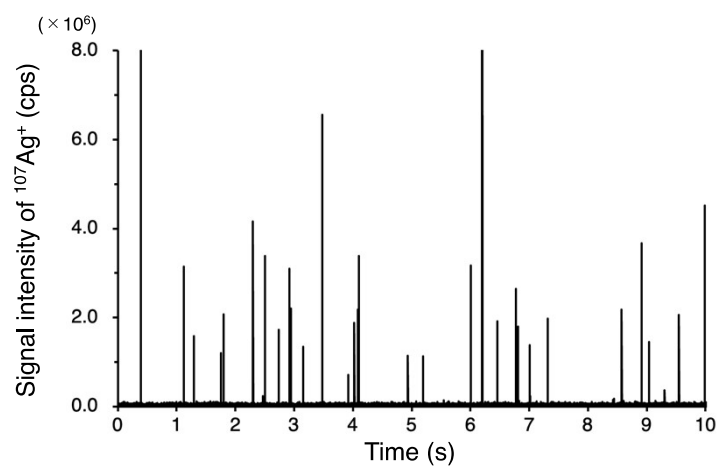


**Fig. S2.** Images of microdroplets generated by three  $\mu$ DGs  
(a)IJHB 30, (b) IJHB 100, and (c) IJHB 300. Scale bar represents 100  $\mu$ m.

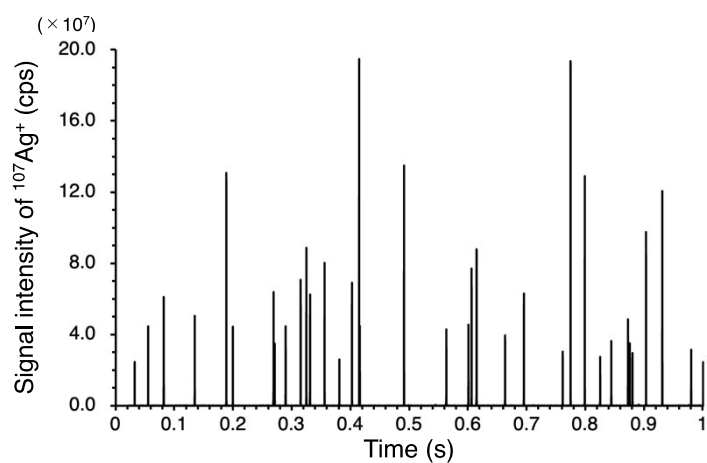


**Fig. S3.** Correction of instrumental sensitivity drift by the signals of standard solution introduced using a nebulizer. Signal intensity was monitored by changing (a) RF power and (b) deflect voltage. Signal intensities were normalized by the signals obtained with RF power of 1500 W for (a) and 10 V for (b). Error bars (SD) are included in each symbol.

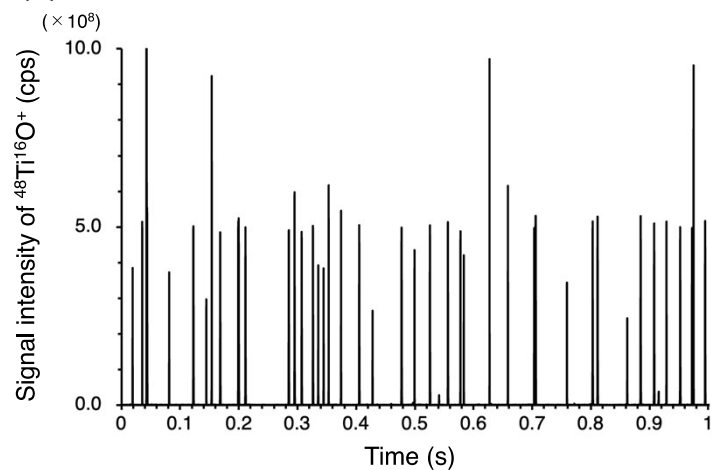
(a) Ag 60 nm



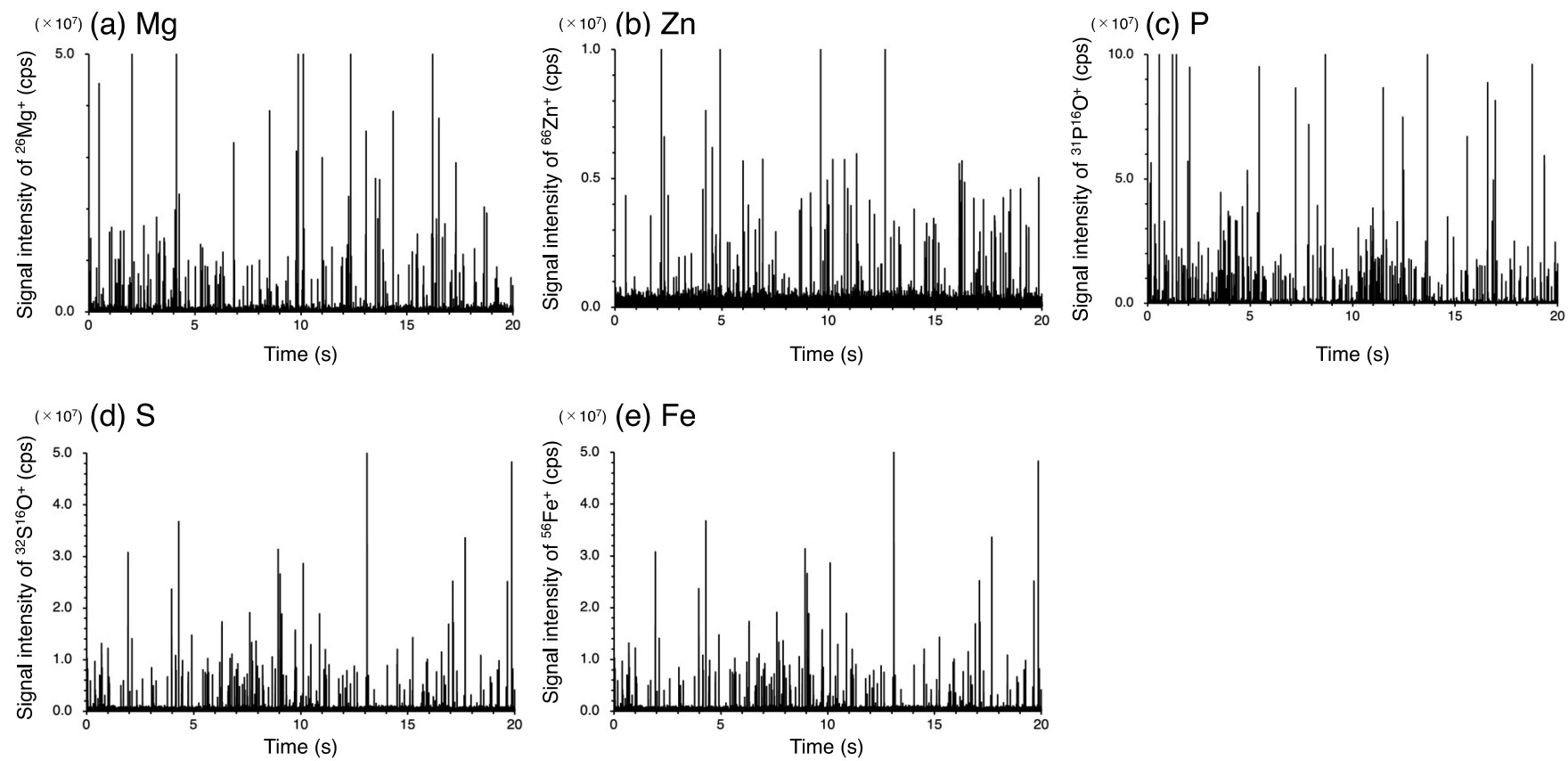
(b) Ag 100 nm



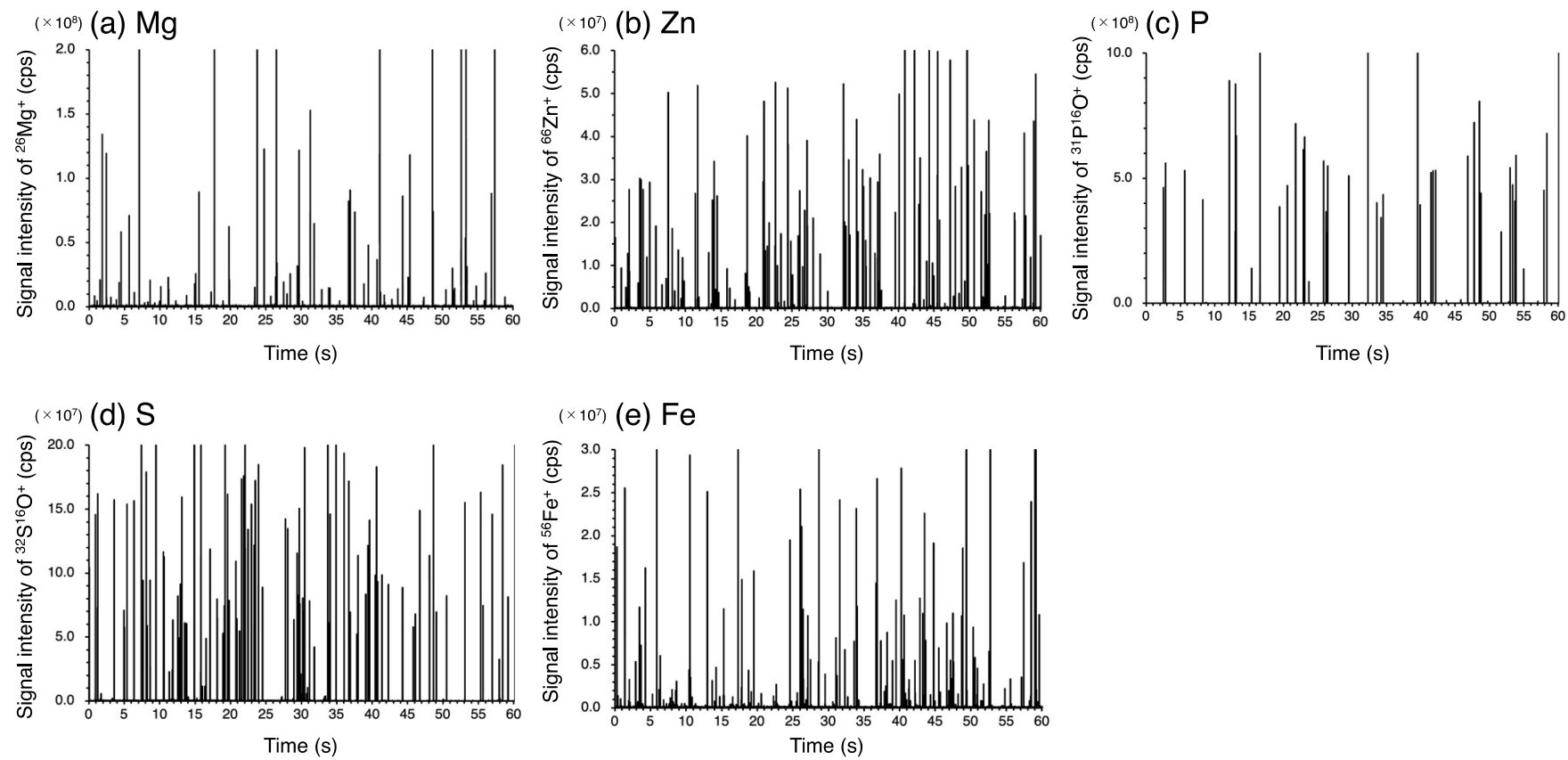
(c)  $\text{TiO}_2$  300 nm



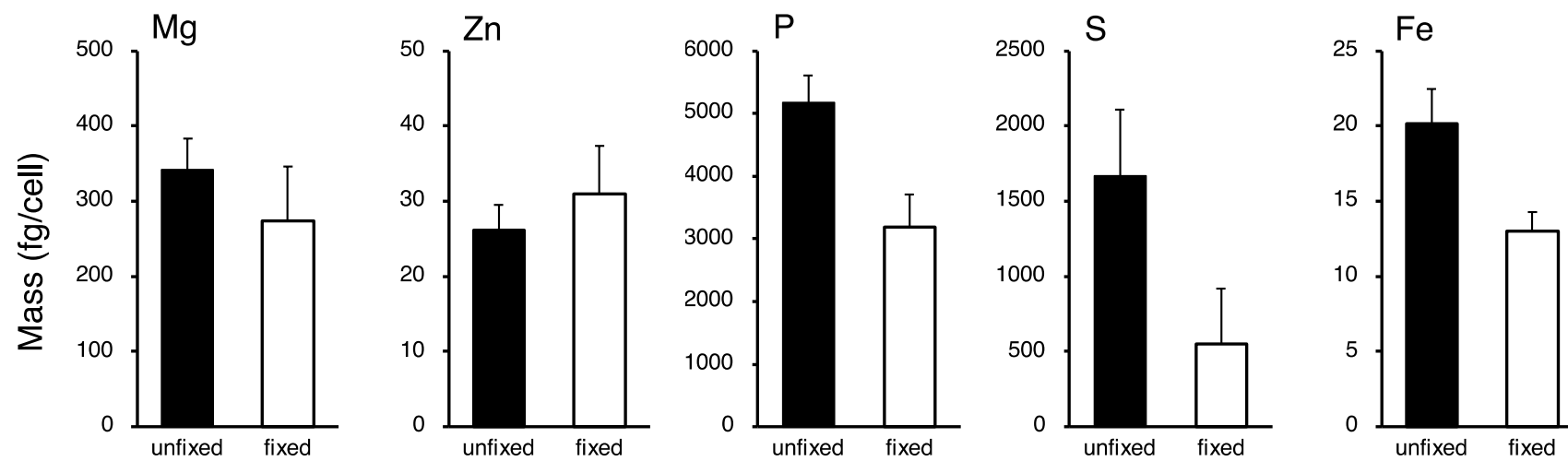
**Fig. S4.** Signal profiles from time-resolved analysis of Ag and  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles



**Fig. S5.** Signal profiles from time-resolved analysis of yeast cells



**Fig. S6.** Signal profiles from time-resolved analysis of K562 cells



**Fig. S7.** Influence of chemical fixation with 70% methanol on elemental contents in K562 cells