

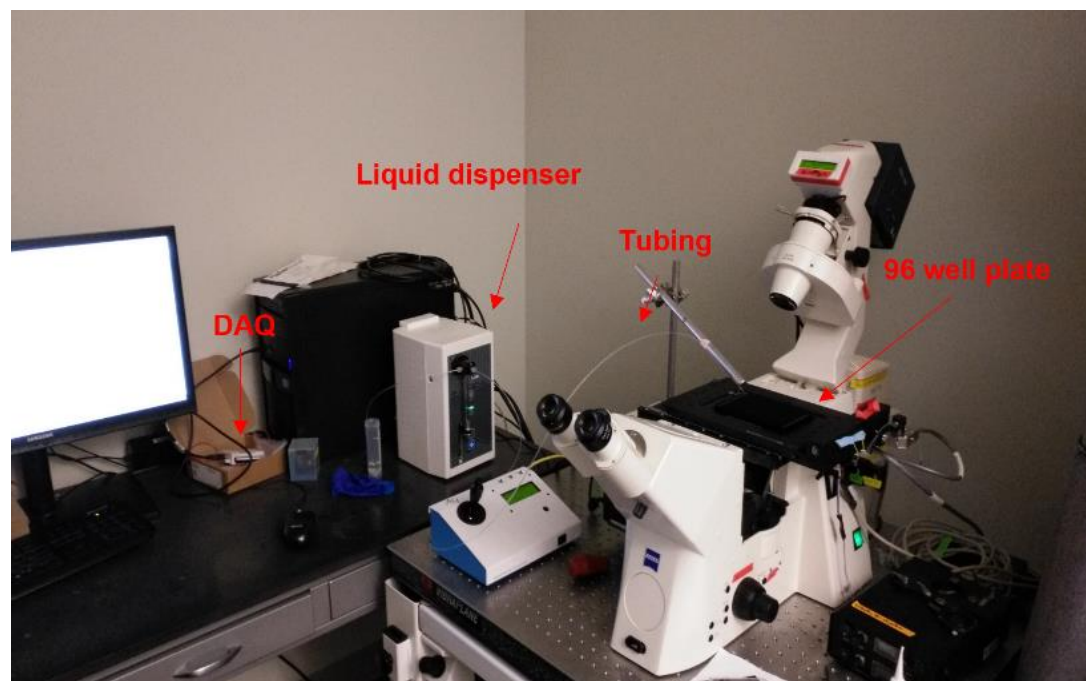
## Electronic Supplementary information

### **An automated screening platform for improving the performance of genetically encoded Ca<sup>2+</sup> biosensors in mammalian cells**

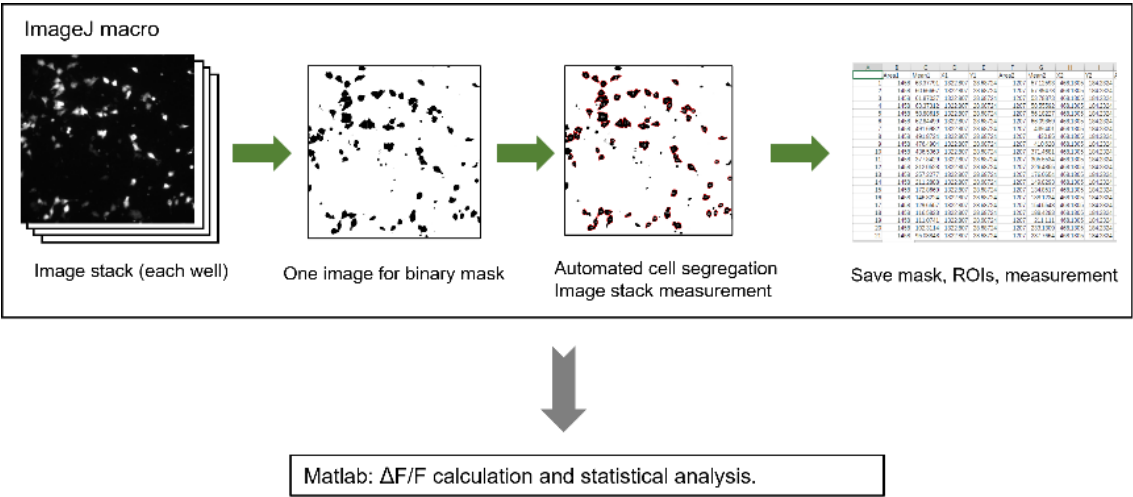
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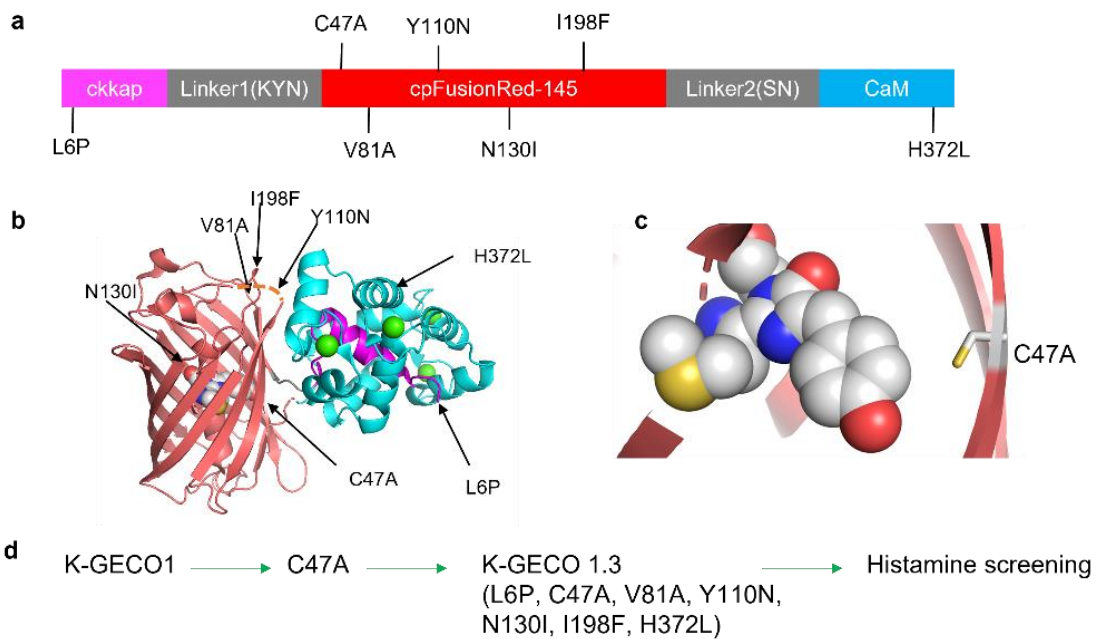
## Supplementary figures



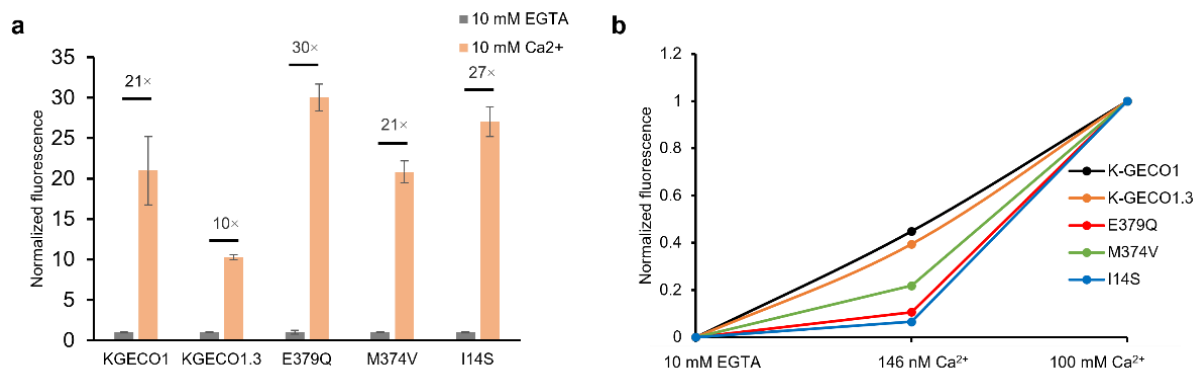
**Figure S1.** Experimental setup of the screening platform.



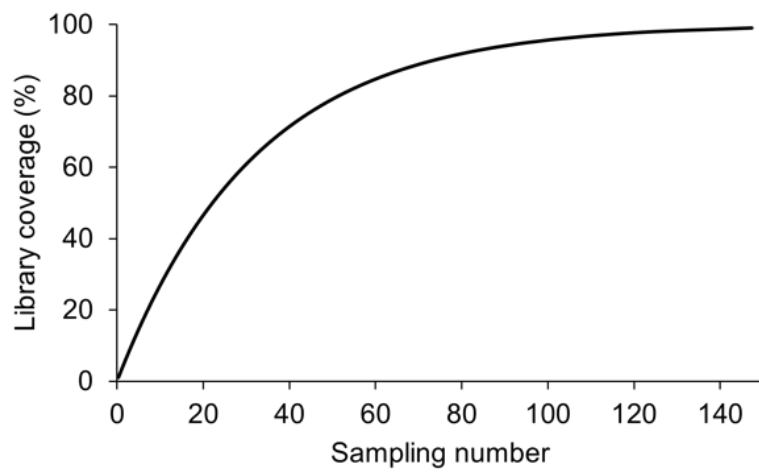
**Figure S2.** Schematic work flow of the image analysis.



**Figure S3.** Initial evolution of K-GECO1. (a) Schematic and (b) crystal structure (PDB ID:5UKG) of K-GECO1 labeled with mutations of K-GECO1.3. (c) Chromophore and C47 of K-GECO1. (d) Evolution trajectory from K-GECO1 to K-GECO1.3.



**Figure S4.** Dynamic range (a) and affinity (b) of K-GECO variants in bacterial lysates. Error bars represent standard deviation.



**Figure S5.** Library coverage at different sampling number in a single position NNK library.