

**Ultrasensitive electrochemical cytosensor for highly specific detection of HL-60 cancer cells based on metal ion functionalized titanium phosphate nanospheres**

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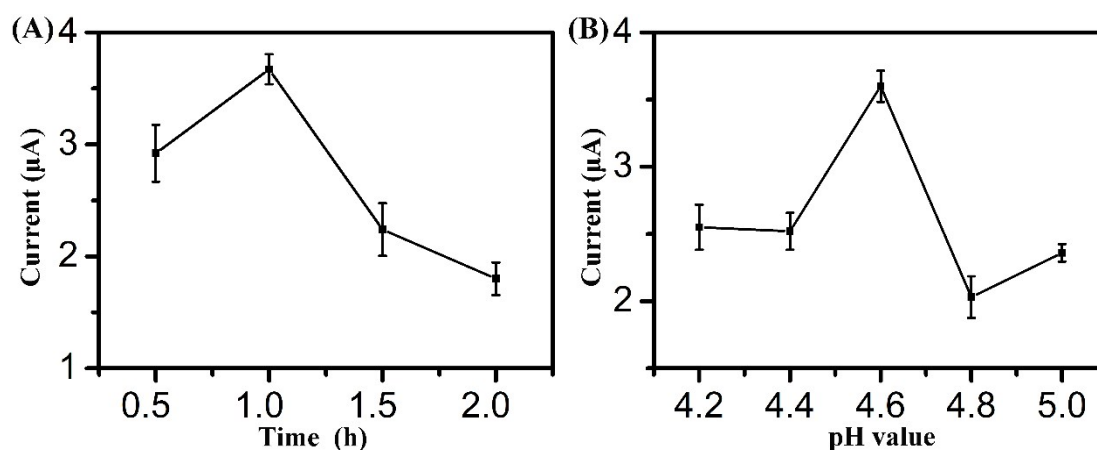


Figure S1. Effects of cell incubation time (A) and pH value (B)

**Table S1 Detection limits of various cytosensors**

	<b>Signal Probes</b>	<b>Cell Types</b>	<b>LOD</b>	<b>Linear range</b>	<b>Ref</b>
<b>1</b>	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub> /Au@Pd nanoelectrocatalysts and enzyme for signal amplification	HepG2	15 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	1×10 <sup>2</sup> ~ 1×10 <sup>7</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	3
<b>2</b>	Sgc8c-functionalized cathode and a nitrogen-doped graphene/gold nanoparticles/glucose oxidase anode	CCRF-CEM	4 cells	5~50000 cells	40
<b>3</b>	An indium tin oxide electrode array and multifunctional nanoprobe	HepG2	10 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup> to 10 <sup>7</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	28
<b>4</b>	PNT-CS-modified electrodes using the electrochemical impedance method	K562	630 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	5×10 <sup>3</sup> ~5×10 <sup>7</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	22
<b>5</b>	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Ag-Pd Nanoelectrocatalysts for signal amplification	MCF-7 T47D	34 cells mL <sup>-1</sup> 42 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	50~1 × 10 <sup>7</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	29
<b>6</b>	Peroxidase-mimetic Au nanoflower decorated graphene-hemin composite	K562	10 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	10~5.0× 10 <sup>4</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	24
<b>7</b>	Cd <sup>2+</sup> ion functionalized titanium phosphate nanospheres for signal amplification	HL-60	35 cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup> ~ 1×10 <sup>7</sup> cells mL <sup>-1</sup>	present work

Table S2 The reliability of the proposed method applied in detection of HL-60 in human serum

Concentration of Added HL-60 cells (cells/mL)	Measured concentration of HL-60 cells (cells/mL)	Relative error %
Blank	7	—
500	549±12	9.8
1000	1073±184	14.6
5000	4530±737	9.4
10000	10410±1694	4.1

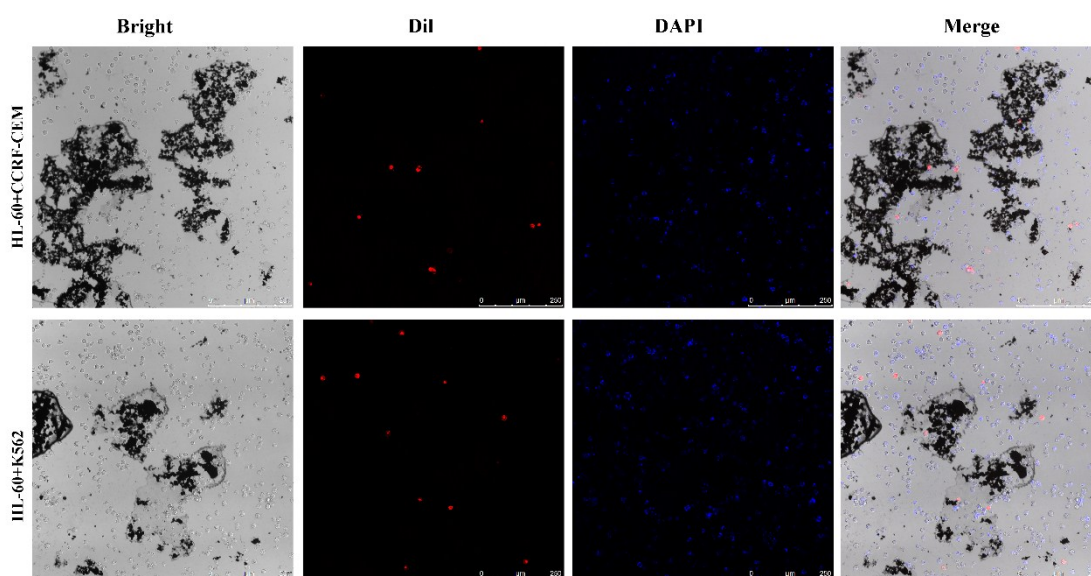


Figure S2 Fluorescence microscopy images of (A) CCRF-CEM cells stained by Dil and HL-60 cells stained by DAPI, and (B) K562 cells stained by Dil and HL-60 cells stained by DAPI captured on KH1C12/c-MWNT observed under confocal fluorescence microscope.

Carboxyl-MWNT was modified on the bottom of petri dish, and the KH1C12 was attached to the c-MWNT. BSA was used to remove unattached KH1C12. 1 mL culture solution containing  $4 \times 10^4$  HL-60 cells stained with DAPI ( $\lambda_{ex}=364$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}=454$  nm) and  $4 \times 10^4$  CCRF-CEM cells (or K562 cells) stained with Dil ( $\lambda_{ex}=549$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}=565$  nm) were observed under confocal fluorescence microscope/Inverted Fluorescence microscope. As Figure S2 showed little CCRF-CEM cells or K562 cells was captured by KH1C12/c-MWNT, indicating the excellent specificity of our present cytosensor.