## **Supplementary Information**



**Figure S1** Example of optimisation of the number of principal component (PCs) for use in cross-validated PCA-LDA. Arrow indicates the highest classification rate possible, which gives us the optimum number of PCs.

Table S1 Optimal number of principal component (PCs) used for each dataset.

Dataset	<b>Optimal no. of PCs</b>
P. fluorescens	95
M. vanbaalenii	75
<i>P. fluorescens</i> UV-A positive control	10
<i>M. vanbaalenii</i> UV-A positive control	15

<u>**Table S2**</u> Tentative wavenumber assignments for the top five peaks (in order of magnitude) from the cluster vector for *P. fluorescens* treated with 0.01 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> CBN as assessed by SR-FTIR spectroscopy.

Short MWCNTs	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1608	Adenine vibration of DNA
	COO- stretching and C-H bending
1411	of proteins
1149	C-O stretching of carbohydrate
1500	Amide II
1740	C=O stretching of lipids

Long MWCNTs	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1485	Proteins
	COO- stretching and C-H bending
1411	of proteins
1608	Adenine vibration of DNA
1686	Amide I
1651	Amide I

C <sub>60</sub> Fullerene	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1149	C-O stretching of carbohydrate
1612	Amide I
1497	Amide II
1412	Proteins
1739	C=O stretching of lipids

Fullerene soot	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1612	Amide I
1651	Amide I
1497	Amide II
1412	Proteins
1149	C-O stretching of carbohydrate

<u>**Table S3**</u> Tentative wavenumber assignments for the top five peaks (in order of magnitude) from the cluster vector for *P. fluorescens* treated with 0.01 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> CBN as assessed by ATR-FTIR spectroscopy.

Short MWCNTs	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1065	C-O stretching of DNA
1084	v <sub>s</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>
1666	Amide I
1516	Amide II
1794	Lipid

Long MWCNTs	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1080	v <sub>s</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>
1782	Lipid
1142	C-O stretching of carbohydrate
1516	Amide II
1501	Amide II

C <sub>60</sub> Fullerene	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1447	CH <sub>3</sub> bending of proteins
1639	Amide I
1501	Amide II
1574	Amide II
1115	Carbohydrate

Fullerene soot	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1084	v <sub>s</sub> PO <sub>2</sub>
1072	C-O vibration of DNA
1516	Amide II
1782	Lipid
1219	$v_{as}PO_2^-$

<u>**Table S4**</u> Tentative wavenumber assignments for the top five peaks (in order of magnitude) from the cluster vector for *M. vanbaalenii* treated with 0.01 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> CBN as assessed by SR-FTIR spectroscopy.

Short MWCNTs			
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment		١
1581	Amide II		
1743	C=O stretching of lipids		
1616	Amide I		
1157	Carbohydrate		
1477	Protein		
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Long MWCNTs		
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment	
1585	Amide I	
1619	Amide I	
1743	C=O stretching of lipids	
984	Protein phosphorylation	
1477	Proteins	

C <sub>60</sub> Fullerene	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1585	Amide I
1619	Amide I
1742	C=O stretching of lipids
1793	C=O stretching of lipids
1481	Proteins

Fullerene soot		
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment	
1161	Carbohydrate	
1565	Amide II	
914	Protein phosphorylation	
1199	$v_{as}PO_2^{-}$	
1612	Amide I	

<u>**Table S5**</u> Tentative wavenumber assignments for the top five peaks (in order of magnitude) from the cluster vector for *M. vanbaalenii* treated with 0.01 mg.L<sup>-1</sup> CBN as assessed by ATR-FTIR spectroscopy.

Short MWCNTs	
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
1003	Carbohydrate
1420	Proteins
1435	Proteins
1060	C-O stretching of DNA
937	DNA

Long MWCNTs		
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment	
1555	Amide II	
1504	Amide II	
1130	C-O stretching of carbohydrate	
934	DNA	
1466	Amide II	

C <sub>60</sub> Fullerene		
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment	
1385	COO- stretching	
1018	CO vibration of polysaccharides	
1003	Carbohydrate	
1234	v <sub>as</sub> PO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	
	C-O stretching and C-O bending of	
1053	carbohydrate	

Fullerene soot		
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment	
1003	Carbohydrate	
1720	C=O stretching of lipid	
1558	Amide II	
1015	CO vibration of polysaccharides	
1466	Amide II	