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## **Video Captions**

<u>Video Title 1:</u> Live imaging of MCF-7 cells undergoing aggregation-disaggregation upon the fluoro-silica surface (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100 µM).

<u>Video Title 2:</u> Live imaging of MCF-7 culturing upon standard tissue culture polystyrene (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100  $\mu$ M).

<u>Video Title 3:</u> Live imaging of MCF-10a culturing upon the fluoro-silica surface in serum free media (S-) (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100  $\mu$ M).

<u>Video Title 4:</u> Live imaging of MCF-10a culturing upon standard tissue culture polystyrene in serum free media (S-) (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100 µM).

<u>Video Title 5:</u> Live imaging of MCF-10a undergoing aggregation-disaggregation upon the fluoro-silica surface in serum supplemented media (S+) (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100  $\mu$ M).

<u>Video Title 6:</u> Live imaging of MCF-10a culturing upon standard tissue culture polystyrene in serum supplemented media (S+) (total culture time 46 h, X100 magnification, scale bar represents 100  $\mu$ M).

<u>Video Legend</u>: The fluoro-silica surface developed and characterised within this study has been shown to induce transient, serum dependent aggregation of breast cancer cells, facilitating the study of cancer cell aggregation-disaggregation events without the disturbance of surface passaging.

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