

**Hydrogel microstructure live-cell array for multiplexed analyses
of cancer stem cells, tumor heterogeneity and differential drug response
at single-element resolution**

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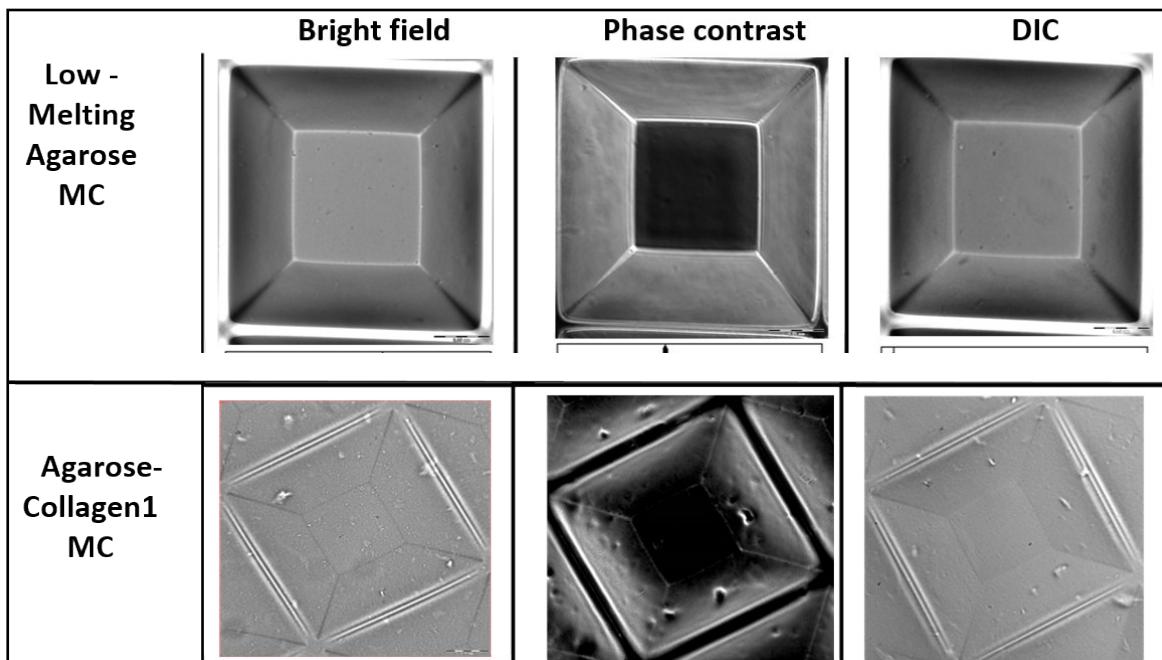
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Figure S1.



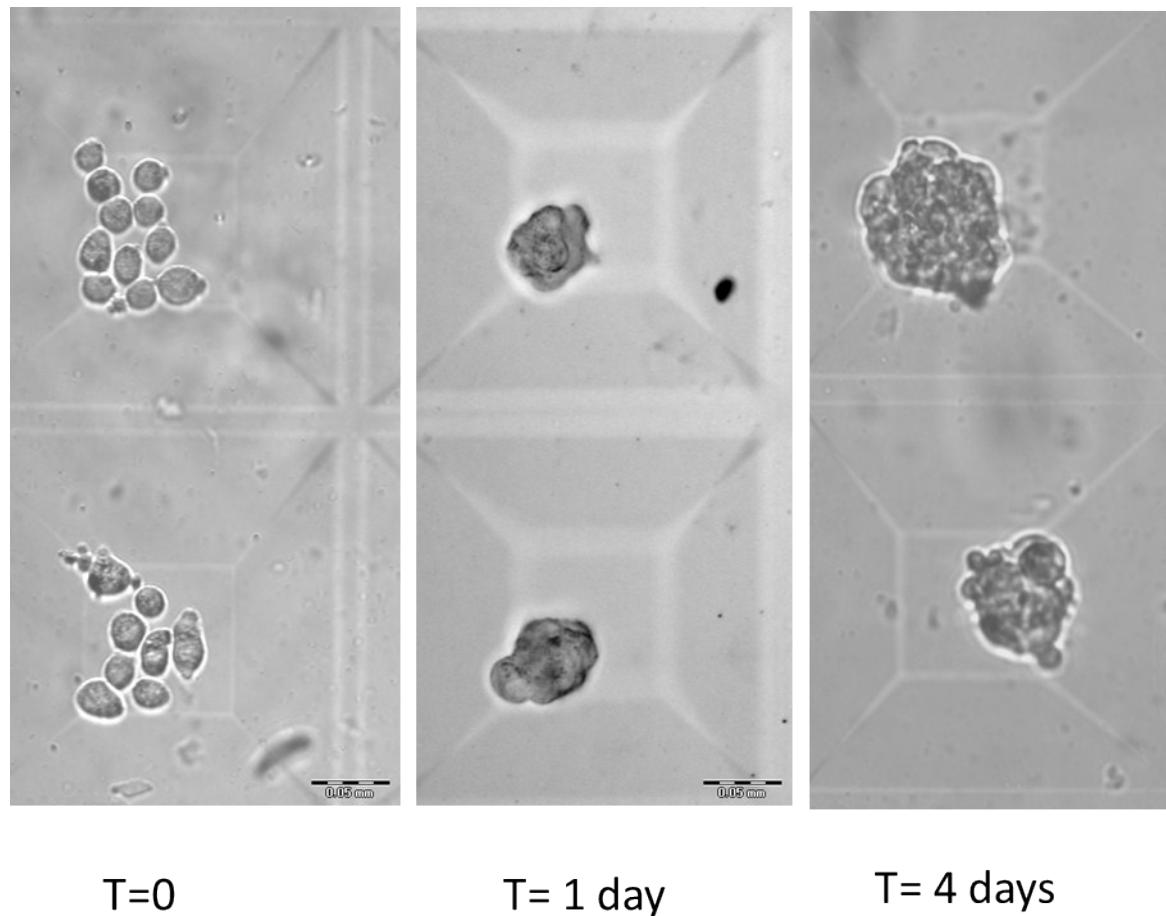
Optical characteristics of HMA. Bright field, phase contrast and DIC images of a representative single MC made of LMA alone (upper panel) and from a collagen I-agarose mixture (lower panel).

Table 1.

Evaluations of pixel gray values throughout two adjacent MCs made of PDMC, LMA and a mixture of Collagen I-LMA. Images were acquired by bright field (BF), phase contrast (PC) and differential interference contrast (DIC).

	BF PDMS	LMA	Collagen I-LMA
Average	2629.9	1646.9	467.1
STD	384.4	78.1	25.7
CV (%)	14.6	4.7	5.5
max/min	4.9	2.5	2.4
	PC PDMS	LMA	Collagen I-LMA
Average	1672.5	2047.3	404.7
STD	193.4	99.9	90.1
CV (%)	11.6	4.8	22.2
max/min	3.6	1.7	6.6
	DIC PDMS	LMA	Collagen I-LMA
Average	2054.3	1981	520.8
STD	270	53.9	27.8
CV (%)	13.1	2.7	5.3
max/min	3.5	1.2	2.4

Figure S2.



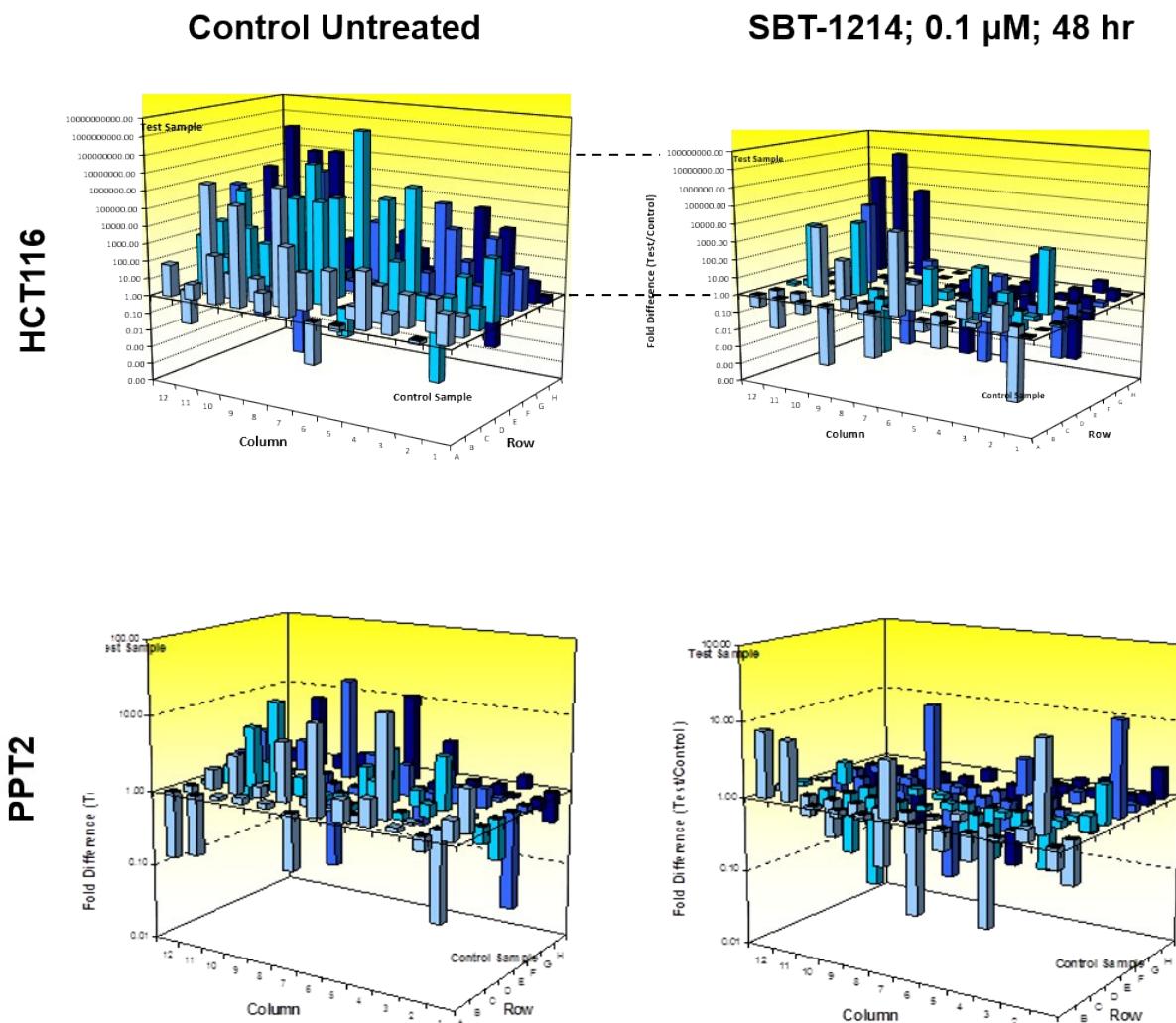
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Seeding of A172 glioblastoma cancer cells and generation of glioblastoma spheroids within the HMA

Figure S3.



Left panel: Up-regulation of SC genes. (A; SABiosciences; PAHS-405) in colon HCT116 and prostate PPT2 CD133⁺/CD44⁺ cell populations (upper quadrants) compared to their differentiated counterparts (lower quadrants). Right panel: Alterations in the stemness-related gene expression profile induced by SBT-1214. Treatment with SBT-1214 (0.1 μ M for 48 h) induced dramatic down-regulation of stemness in the majority of SC-related genes in all three types of cells. Thus, significant drug-induced down-regulation of gene expression in HCT116 cells was detected for *SOX1*, *BMP1*, *BMP3*, *NEUROG2*, *S100B*, *FGF1*, *FGFR1*, *RBI*, *ALDH1A1*, *FZD1*, *NUMB*, *ABCG2* and others, many of which are related to SC self-renewal, regulation of symmetric/asymmetric division, pluripotency and drug resistance.

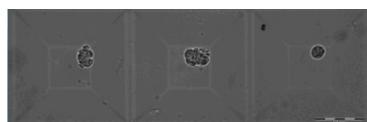
Video Clip 1:

Video clip displaying movement of individual spheroids within the HMA in the course of 65 h.

When the cells are seeded atop the non-adherent surface, non-adherent, free-floating spheroids are generated in aqueous environment.



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Video Clip 2:

Video clip showing a single PPT2 cell within the HMA in the course of cell division.



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