

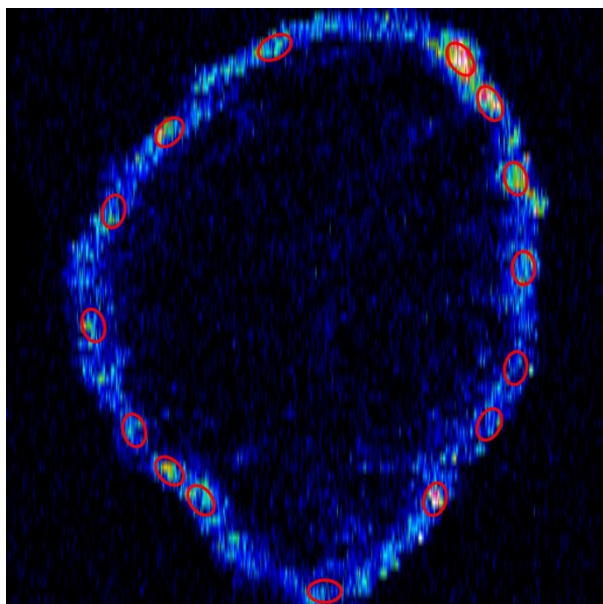
Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI)

**Table S-1.** Information of Ag NP based on the one provided by the manufacture.

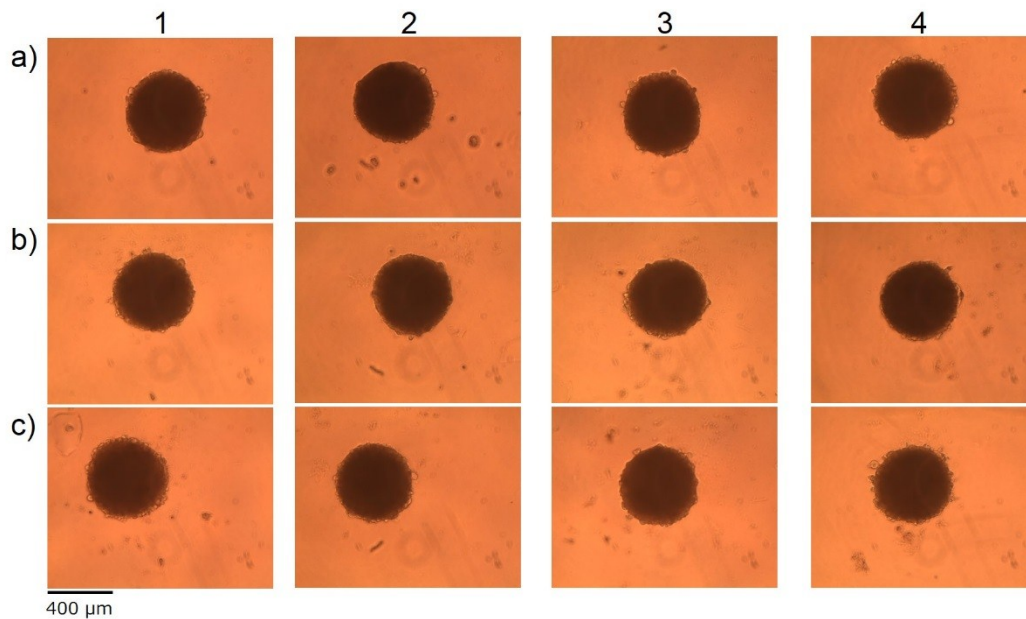
	5 nm	20 nm	20 nm (PVP)	50 nm
Surface coating	Citrate	Citrate	Polyvinylpyrrolidone (40 kDa)	Citrate
Diameter (TEM)	4.7 ± 1 nm	19 ± 3 nm	20 ± 3 nm	48 ± 5 nm
Hydrodynamic diameter (DLS)	Not reported	25 nm	41 nm	48 nm
Particle number (5 µg mL <sup>-1</sup> )	9.5 × 10 <sup>12</sup>	1.5 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.3 × 10 <sup>11</sup>	7.5 × 10 <sup>9</sup>
Zeta potential	Not reported	-43 mV	-32 mV	-47 mV

**Table S-2.** Operational parameters of the ICP-MS instruments.

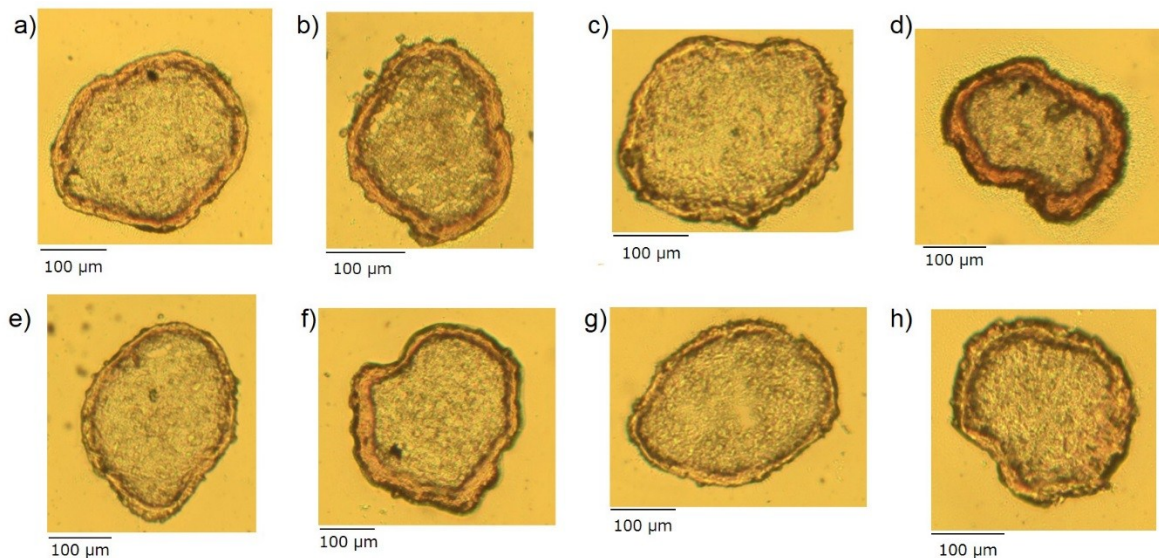
	For imaging
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Mass spectrometer	Time of flight
RF plasma source power	1400 W
Plasma gas flow rate	15 L min <sup>-1</sup> Ar
Auxiliary gas flow rate	0.9 L min <sup>-1</sup> Ar
Material of cone	Nickel
Mass resolution ( $m/\Delta m$ )	6,000( $m/\Delta m$ , Full width half maximum: FWHM)
Spectral averaging time	20 ms
Make-up gas flow rate	1.1 L min <sup>-1</sup> Ar
Carrier gas flow rate (LA)	0.60 L min <sup>-1</sup> He



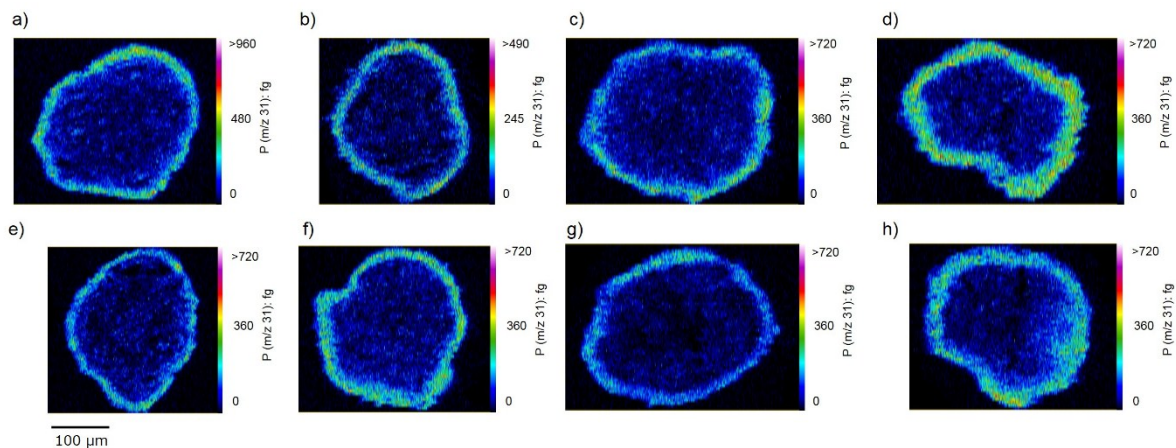
**Figure S-1.** Schematic illustration of 15 areas of interest with red circles on the Ag image of the sample treated with Ag NP ( $\varnothing$  5 nm, citrate) for 48 hours, which is shown as an example.



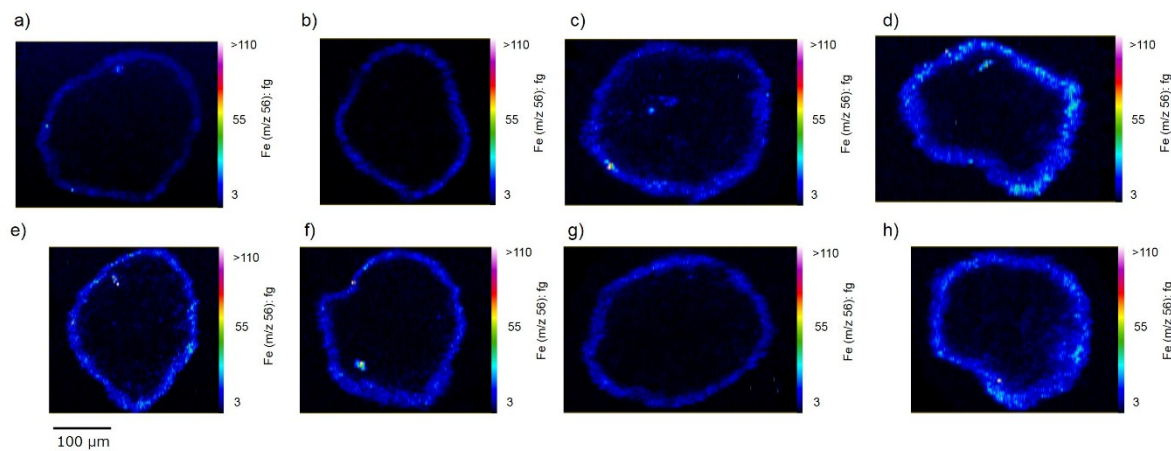
**Figure S-2.** Optical photos of MCS treated with each Ag NP (1: Ag NP ( $\varnothing$  5 nm, citrate), 2: Ag NP ( $\varnothing$  20 nm, citrate), 3: Ag NP ( $\varnothing$  20 nm, PVP), 4: Ag NP ( $\varnothing$  50 nm, citrate). a), b) and c) show the results after 0.5, 24 and 48 hours, respectively.



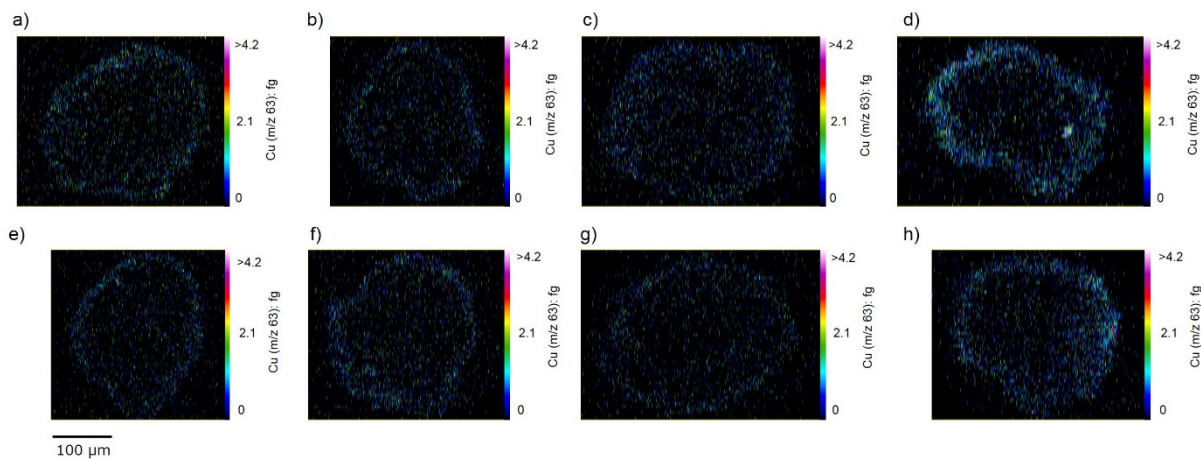
**Figure S-3.** Optical photographs in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



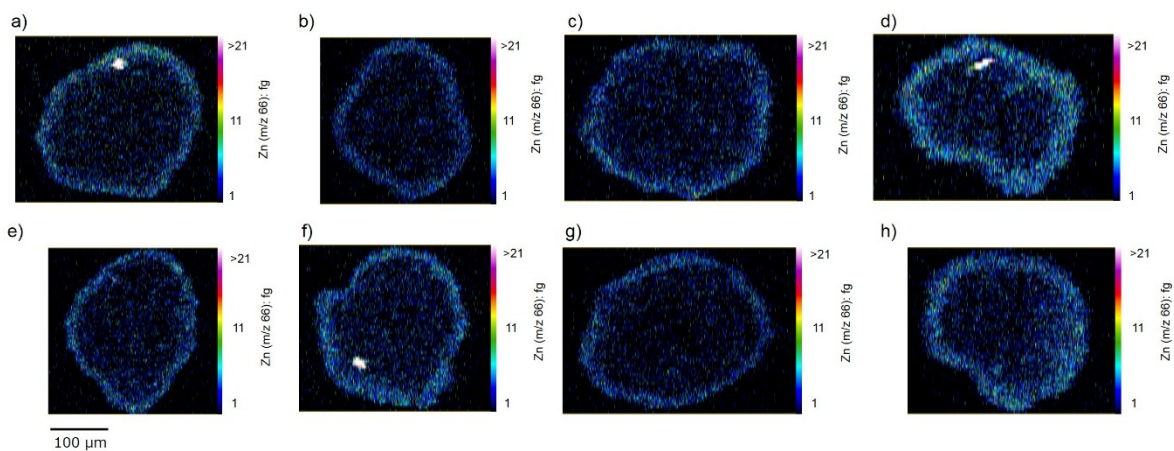
**Figure S-4.** Images of the P concentrations in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



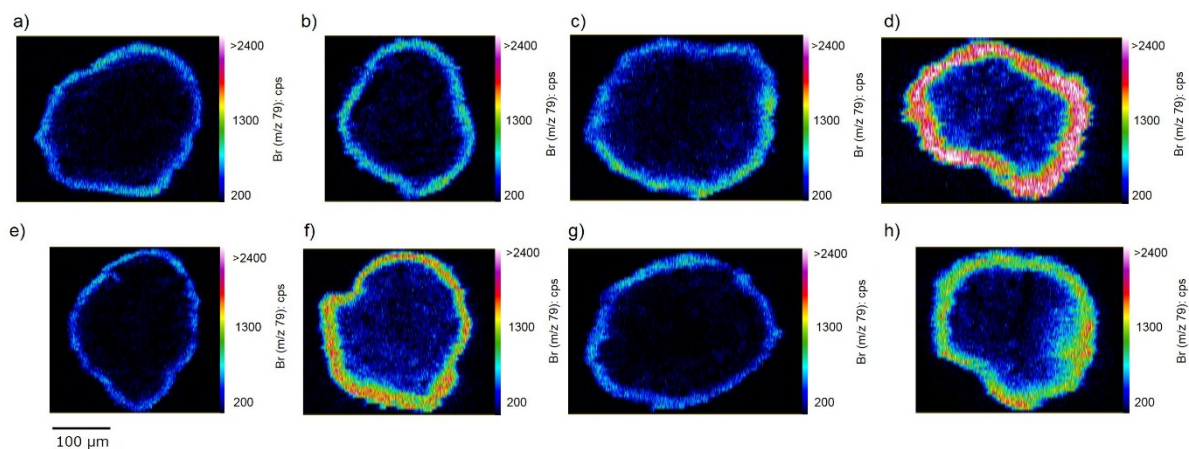
**Figure S-5.** Images of the Fe concentrations in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



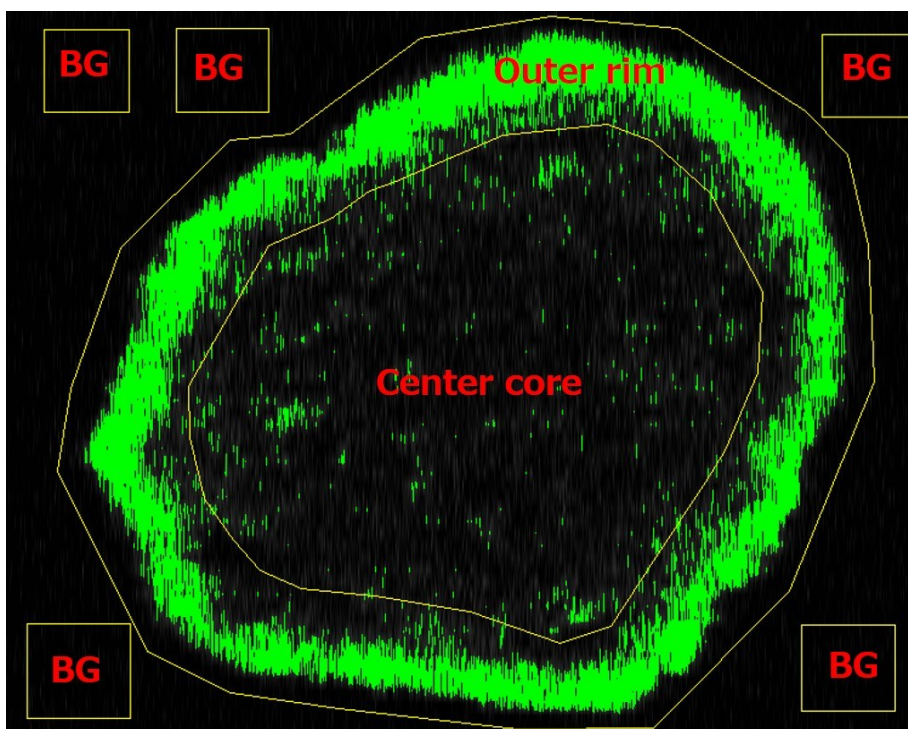
**Figure S-6.** Images of the Cu concentrations in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



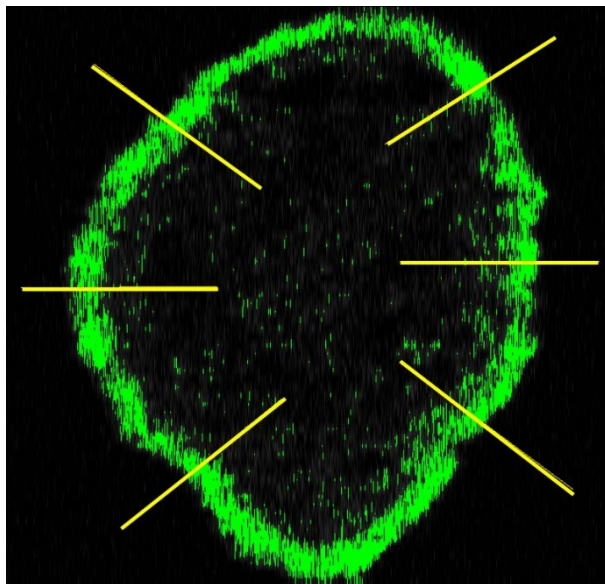
**Figure S-7.** Images of the Zn concentrations in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



**Figure S-8.** Images of the  $^{79}\text{Br}$  signals in thin sections of fibroblast MCSs. Samples incubated for 24 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (a), 20 nm (citrate) (b), 20 nm (PVP) (c), and 50 nm (citrate) (d). Samples incubated for 48 h with Ag NPs with diameters of 5 nm (citrate) (e), 20 nm (citrate) (f), 20 nm (PVP) (g), and 50 nm (citrate) (h).



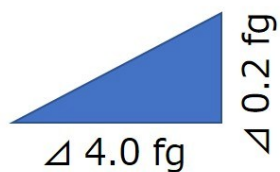
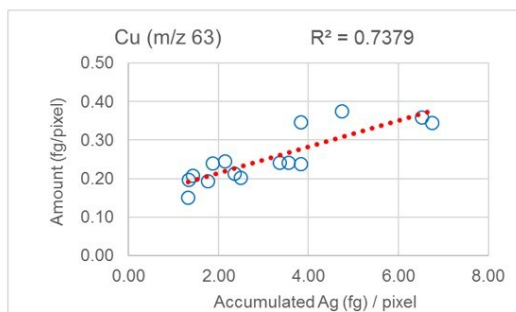
**Figure S-9.** Schematic illustration of each region to estimate signals of interest in the center region. Yellow lines were drawn by a use of drawing mode in ImageJ. As an example, a phosphorous image of a sample treated with Ag NPs ( $\varnothing$  5 nm, citrate) for 24 hours was used. Green color is showing phosphorous signals more than a threshold set. BG: background.



**Figure S-10.** Schematic illustration for line scans with using ImageJ among elemental images.

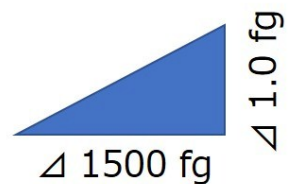
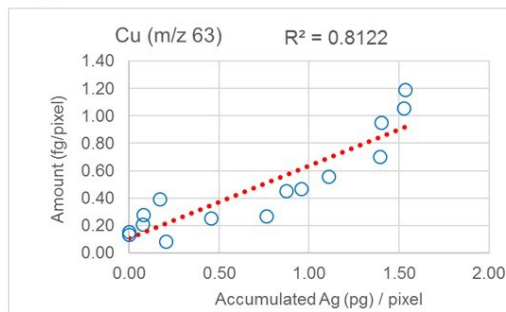


a)



Slope =  $3.4 \times 10^{-2}$

b)



Slope =  $6.7 \times 10^{-4}$

**Figure S-11.** Scatter plots of Cu (m/z 63) amounts (fg) as average values within pixels where varying amounts of Ag accumulated on sections treated with small Ag NPs ( $\varnothing$  5 nm, citrate) and large Ag NPs ( $\varnothing$  50 nm, citrate) for 48 h. Red dashed lines show linear trendlines. A coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is shown in each plot on the upper right.