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Supplementary material to

Viable protoplast formation of the coral endosymbiont alga Symbiodinium spp. in a microfluidics platform

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Fig. S1 Calculated shear stress within the largest traps containing cells. Calculations were done for 60 μ L/h overall flow rate in the device.



Fig. S2 (A) Control cells stained with CFW (B) Protoplast stained with CFW (C) CFW staining after regeneration of cell wall (In each panel, 1st channel (i) shows CFW fluorescence, 2nd (ii) is chlorophyll fluorescence, 3rd (iii) is transmission and 4th (iv) is merged image). Scale bar represents 8 μm.











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Fig. S3 The time course of the relative changes in area, eccentricity, major and minor axis of protoplast at different flow rates determined with morphometric analysis of protoplast by using Matlab software. (A) morphology changes under 20 μ L/h flow rate, (B) morphology changes under 40 μ L/h flow rate, (C) morphology changes under 60 μ L/h flow rate, (D) morphology changes under 80 μ L/h flow rate, (E) morphology changes under 100 μ L/h flow rate, (D) morphology changes under 80 μ L/h flow rate, (E) morphology changes under 100 μ L/h flow rate (mean \pm S.D., n = 10). The plateau phase in each flow rates shows the stage when protoplast formation is completed and cells attained maximum increase in diameter and eccentricity. With 20 μ L/h flow rate the process of protoplast formation completed in approx. 40 h, with 40 μ L/h flow rate protoplast formation occurred in 35 h, while with 60 μ L/h, 80 μ L/h and 100 μ L/h, the protoplast formation occurred in 30 h, 18 h and 15 h respectively.

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Fig. S4 Original microscope PAM images of F_0 (A), F_m (B) and F_v/F_m (C) of intact *Symbiodinium* cells.



Fig. S5 Original microscope PAM images of F_0 (A), F_m (B) and F_v/F_m (C) of *Symbiodinium* protoplasts

Fig. S6 More examples of co-localization of Chl and SOSG fluorescence using LSM imaging of SOSG stained protoplasts. (i) transmission image; (ii) chlorophyll fluorescence obtained in non-illuminated cells; (iii) SOSG fluorescence image obtained after illumination with 2300 μ mol photons m⁻² s⁻¹ light for 5 min. Scale bar represents 10 μ m.

Fig. S7 Confocal microscopy imaging of *Symbiodinium* protoplast stained with singlet oxygen sensor green (SOSG) and illuminated with light showing SOSG fluorescence co-localized with chlorophyll fluorescence. Four detection channels are represented: (i) SOSG fluorescence; (ii) chlorophyll (Chl) fluorescence; (iii) transmission; (iv) merged images of the three signals (scale bar 8 μ m). (A) Laser scanning microscopy (LSM) imaging of protoplast which were exposed to light (2300 μ mol photons m⁻² s⁻¹) for 5 min. (B) showing the intensity distribution of the three detection channels at the indicated transect lines for (i), (ii) and (iii) respectively. Scale bar represents 8 μ m.

Fig. S8 Confocal microscopy imaging of *Symbiodinium* protoplast stained with singlet oxygen sensor green (SOSG) with and without histidine (His). Four detection channels are represented: (i) SOSG fluorescence; (ii) chlorophyll (Chl) fluorescence; (iii) transmission; (iv) merged images of the three signals. Laser scanning microscopy (LSM) imaging of (A) SOSG stained protoplast without light treatment, (B) SOSG+His stained protoplast without light treatment, (C) SOSG stained protoplast which were exposed to light (2300 µmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹) for 5 min, (D) SOSG+His stained protoplast which were exposed to light (2300 µmol photons m⁻² s⁻¹) for 5 min. (E), (F) (G) and (H) show the intensity distribution of the four detection channels at the indicated transect lines for (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively. Scale bar represents 8 µm.

Fig. S9 LSM imaging of FAM-ODN labeling of *Symbiodinium* protoplast. (i) FAM (green) fluorescence; (ii) chlorophyll (Chl) fluorescence; (iii) transmission; (iv) merged images of the three signals. Scale bar represents 10 μm.

Fig. S10 LSM imaging of FAM-ODN labeling of several *Symbiodinium* protoplasts. (i) FAM (green) fluorescence; (ii) chlorophyll (Chl) fluorescence; (iii) transmission; (iv) merged images of the three signals. White arrows in the merged images indicate the green spot of FAM fluorescence. Scale bar represents 8 μ m.

Fig. S11 Co-localization of FAM-ODN fluorescence and DAPI fluorescence in *Symbiodinium* protoplasts. (i) DAPI (blue) fluorescence, (ii) FAM (green) fluorescence; (iii) chlorophyll (Chl) fluorescence; (iv) merged images of the three signals. The applied concentration of the DAPI dye was 10 μ g/ml. Scale bar represents 10 μ m.