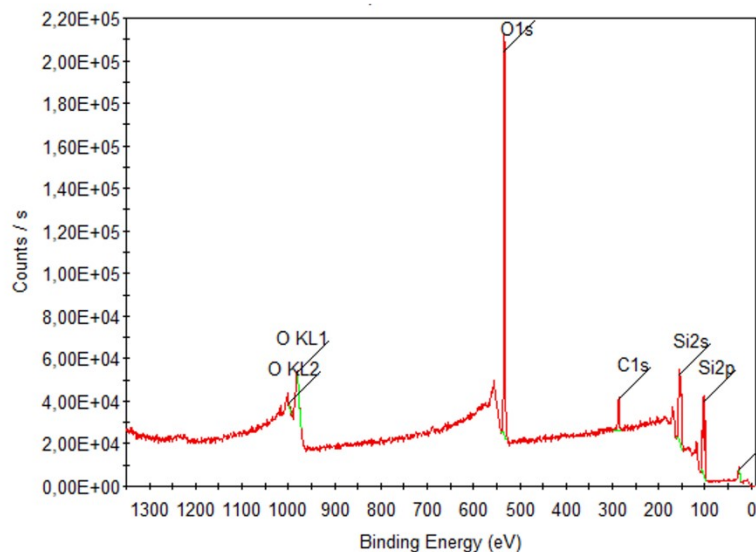


## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

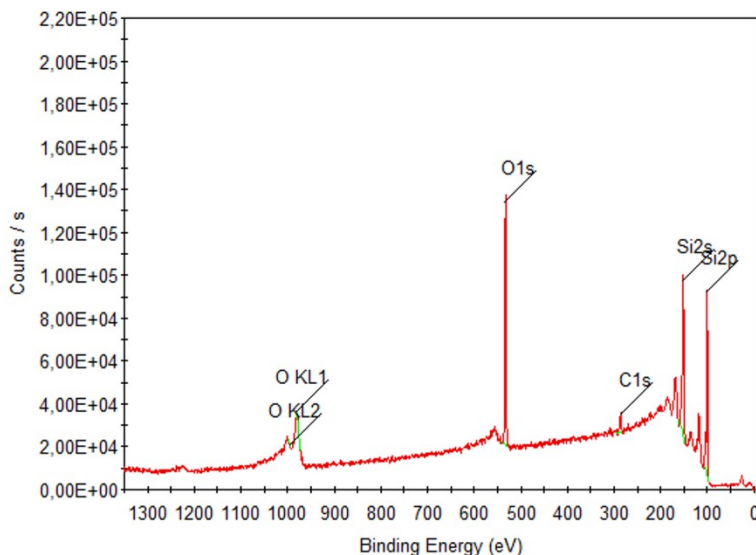
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### Figures S1 to S5

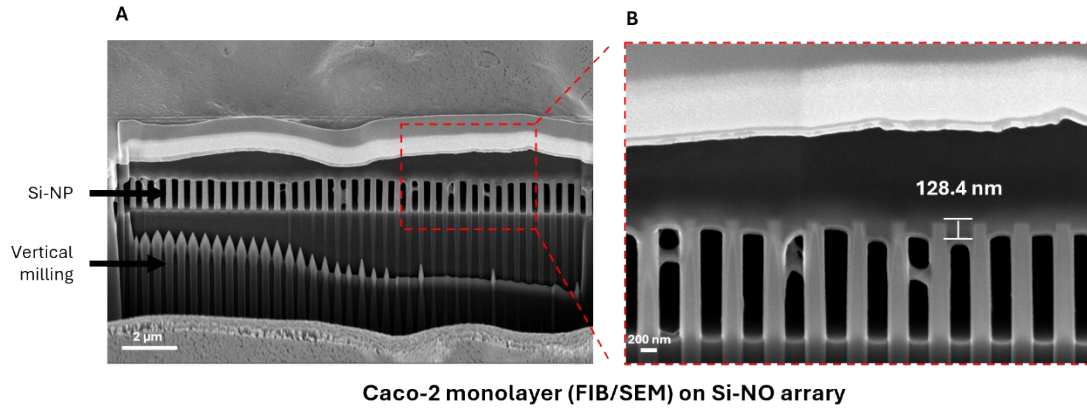
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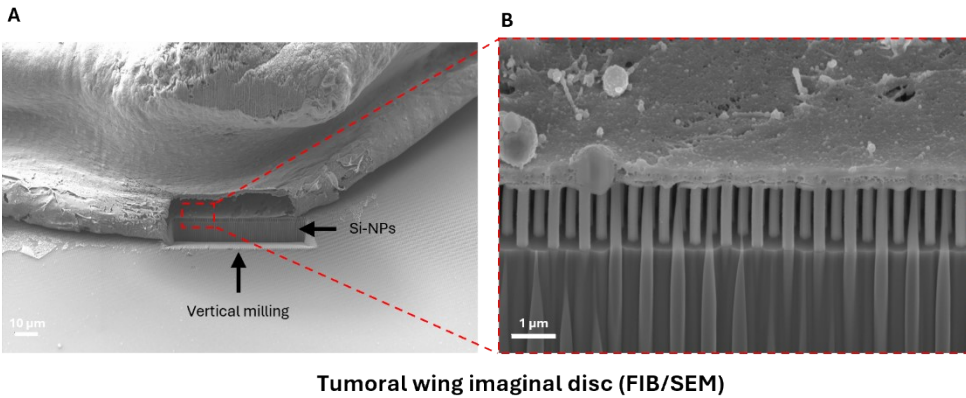
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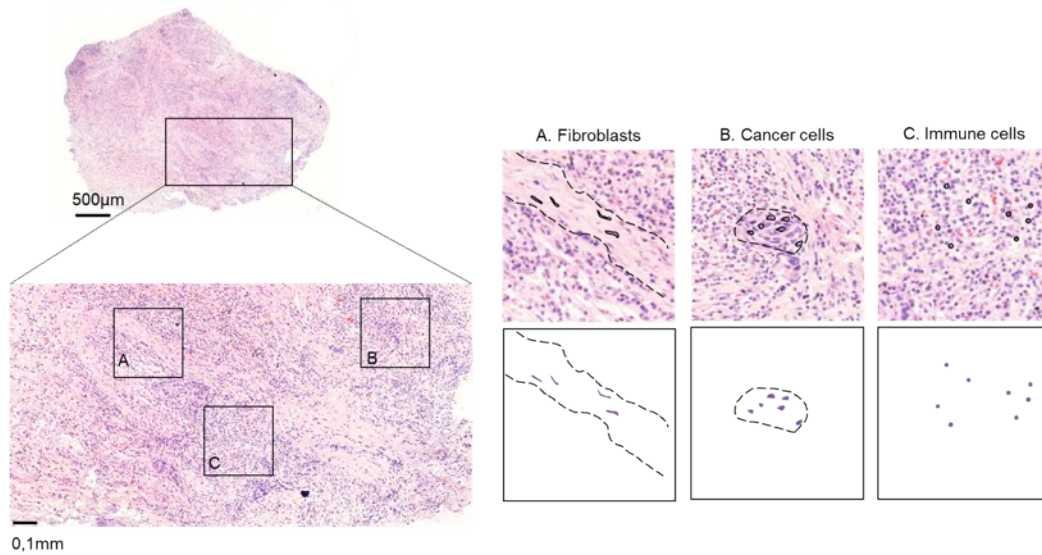
**Fig. S1.** X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) graphs showing chemical composition of Si-NP array (A) and flat Si surface (B) wafers. The peaks are identified as silicon (Si), oxygen (O) and carbon (C).



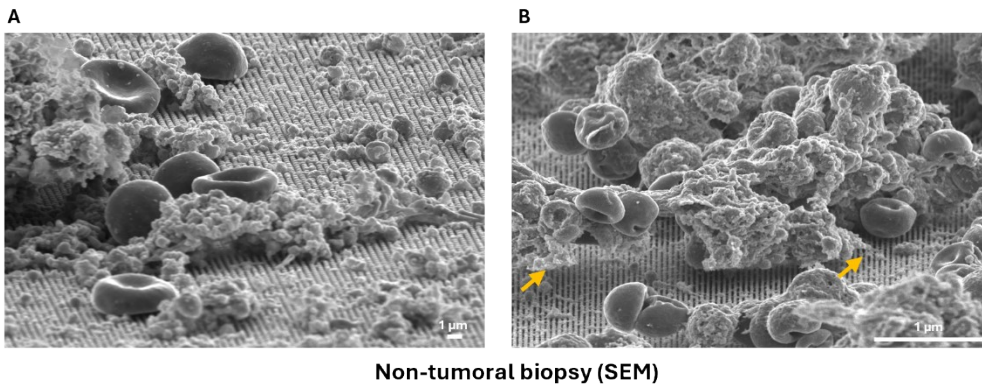
**Fig. S2. Adhesion of human colorectal cancer cells (Caco-2) monolayer on Si-NP arrays.** Representative focused ion beam-scanning electron microscopy (FIB-SEM) image of Caco-2 cells cultured on Si-NP for an extended time (72 h) when a cell monolayer is formed (A). Cross-sectional view highlighting homogeneous short-range vertical envelope at a depth of approximately 130 nm (B).



**Fig. S3. Adhesion of *Drosophila* tumoral wing imaginal disc on Si-NP arrays.** Representative focused ion beam-scanning electron microscopy (FIB-SEM) image of adherent tumoral wing imaginal disc (A) provides cross-sectional view (B) highlighting tissue intercalation between nanopillars.



**Fig. S4. Biocompatibility of patient-derived lung tumor biopsies *ex vivo* on Transwell inserts.** Representative histological images of tumor sections cultured under pre-optimized conditions in transwell inserts (Control), stained for Hematoxylin & Eosin (HE) to assess cell density and morphology. High-magnification imaging shows numerous cell types: fibroblasts (A), cancer cells (B) and immune cells (C).



**Non-tumoral biopsy (SEM)**

**Fig. S5. Adhesion of non-tumoral biopsies on Si-NP arrays.** Representative scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image of non-tumor biopsies cultured on Si-NP array (A-B). High-magnification imaging shows few and short filopodia-like structures formed by non-tumor cells on Si-NP arrays (B, yellow arrows).

**Table S1: Summary of patient's clinical data**

<b>Patient reference</b>	<b>Age (y.o.)</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Histology</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Stage (*)</b>	<b>Biopsy sampling location</b>
PEX01	67	F	ADC	Caucasian	IIB	Tumor core
PEX02	63	M	SCC	Caucasian	IIA	Tumor core
PEX03	59	M	ADC	Caucasian	IIB	Tumor core
PEX04	63	M	ADC	Caucasian	IIA	Tumor core
PEX05	61	M	ADC	Caucasian	IIIA	Tumor core
PEX06	62	M	SCC	Caucasian	IIIA	Tumor core
PEX07	74	F	SCC	Caucasian	IA3	Tumor core
PEX08	58	F	ADC	Caucasian	IIB	Tumor core
PEX09	60	M	SCC	Caucasian	IIIA	Tumor core
PEX10	77	M	SCC	Caucasian	IIB	Tumor core
PEX11	53	M	ADC	Caucasian	IA3	Tumor core

M: male; F: female; ADC: lung adenocarcinoma; SCC: lung squamous cell carcinoma, (\*) stage based on the AJCC 8th edition