

Multiplexed Single-Cell Analysis of Organoid Signalling Networks

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Editorial Summary This multiplexed mass cytometry protocol uses Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis) and a CyTOF siGNalling AnaLysis pipeline (CyGNAL) to enable 126-plex single-cell analysis of cell-type, cell-state, and post-translational modification signalling network in organoids.

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ABSTRACT

Organoids are biomimetic tissue models comprising multiple cell-types and cell-states. Post-translational modification (PTM) signalling networks control cellular phenotypes and are frequently dysregulated in diseases such as cancer. Although signalling networks vary across cell-types, there are limited techniques to study cell-type-specific PTMs in heterocellular organoids. Here we present a multiplexed mass cytometry (MC) protocol for single-cell analysis of PTM signalling and cell-states in

35 organoids and organoids co-cultured with fibroblasts and leukocytes. We describe
36 how Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis) enables 35-plex and 126-plex
37 single-cell comparison of organoid cultures and provide a CyTOF siGNalling AnaLysis
38 pipeline (CyGNAL) for computing cell-type-specific PTM signalling networks. The
39 TOBis MC protocol takes ~3 days from organoid fixation to data acquisition and can
40 generate single-cell data for >40 antibodies from millions of cells across 126 organoid
41 cultures in a single MC run.

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43 **INTRODUCTION**

44 Organoids are self-organising biomimetic 3D structures comprising both stem and
45 differentiated cells¹. Organoids recapitulate many core features of tissue biology and
46 are empowering scientists to study both healthy and diseased tissues *in vitro*².
47 Healthy organoid models of the intestine³, liver⁴, brain⁵, and pancreas⁶ have been
48 developed, as well as patient-derived organoids (PDOs) as avatars of personalised
49 cancer therapy⁷⁻⁹. While incredibly powerful, organoids are heterogenous model
50 systems that are challenging to analyse using conventional technologies.

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52 Cells within an organoid can be classified with a 'cell-type' (e.g., stem, differentiated)
53 and a 'cell-state' (e.g., proliferating, quiescent) – with cell-type often relating to cell-
54 state. For example, stem cells in small intestinal organoids are often in S, G2, and M-
55 phases of the cell cycle, whereas terminally differentiated enterocytes are post-
56 mitotic or apoptotic¹⁰. Biological processes within all cells are regulated by protein
57 post-translational modification (PTMs) signalling networks¹¹. Common PTMs include
58 protein phosphorylation, methylation, acetylation, and ubiquitination¹². PTM

59 signalling networks are frequently dysregulated in cancer and PTM signalling nodes
60 such as kinases are targeted by many anti-cancer drugs¹³. As PTM signalling
61 networks are cell-type¹⁴ and cell-state-specific¹⁵, heterocellular organoids contain
62 several cell-type and cell-state-specific PTM networks simultaneously (Fig. 1).
63 Experimental manipulation of organoid cultures such as drug treatments and
64 CRISPR-mediated genome edits can further alter the cell-types, cell-states, and PTM
65 signalling networks in organoids. Unfortunately, low-dimensional technologies
66 commonly applied to organoids cannot measure such high-dimensional changes and
67 therefore fail to capture the complexity of organoid biology¹⁶. To fully utilise organoids
68 in biomedical research, we must be able to quantify and compare multiple organoid
69 PTM signalling networks in a cell-type and cell-state-specific manner.

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71 We recently described a mass cytometry (MC) (also known as cytometry by time-of-
72 flight (CyTOF)) method to perform cell-type-specific PTM network analysis of
73 organoids and organoid co-cultures¹⁷. Through the use of heavy-metal tagged probes
74 and antibodies, MC enables >40 protein-level measurements at single-cell resolution
75 across millions of cells¹⁸. When combined with a Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding
76 *in situ* (TOBis) strategy, this method enabled cell-type- and cell-state-specific
77 comparison of 28-node PTM networks between 20 different organoid cultures in a
78 single experiment¹⁷. TOBis MC revealed an intimate relationship between cell-type
79 and cell-state PTM signalling in small intestinal organoids and uncovered a novel
80 connection between oncogenic and microenvironmental signalling cues in colorectal
81 cancer (CRC) tumour microenvironment organoid co-cultures¹⁷.

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83 **Overview of the Procedure**

84 Here we provide a detailed step-by-step protocol to perform TOBis MC analysis of
85 organoids and organoid co-cultures (Fig. 2). The TOBis MC protocol comprises four
86 stages: (I) organoid culture and pre-treatment (Steps 1–7), (II) organoid *in situ*
87 barcoding with TOBis (Steps 8–10), (III) organoid single-cell dissociation followed by
88 metal-antibody staining and MC data acquisition (Steps 11–49), and (IV)
89 demultiplexing of TOBis-barcoded experimental conditions and downstream data
90 analysis (Steps 50–70). The protocol was originally established to study cell-type-
91 specific PTM signalling in murine heterocellular organoids using a 20-plex TOBis
92 barcoding strategy (via a 6-choose-3 combination, i.e. 3 isotopes ‘on’, 3 isotopes
93 ‘off’)¹⁷. We have now adapted the method to work with smaller 96-well plate organoid
94 cultures, expanded TOBis MC to higher-throughput 35-plex (7-choose-3) and 126-
95 plex (9-choose-4) formats, demonstrated the protocol is compatible with human
96 PDOs, and developed CyGNAL (CyTOF siGNalling AnaLysis), a computational
97 pipeline for analysing high-dimensional PTM signalling MC data.

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99 **Comparison with Other Methods**

100 Immunofluorescent (IF) technologies are limited by the spectral overlap of reporters,
101 susceptible to autofluorescent artefacts, and are inherently low-dimensional. IF
102 imaging parameters can be expanded through multiple cycles of staining and
103 quenching¹⁹, but this is challenging to implement on heterogenous and delicate 3D
104 organoid cultures. While fluorescent flow cytometry (FC) parameters can be
105 increased using compensation strategies, these workflows are complex and not well-
106 suited to the dozens of intracellular measurements required for routine multiplexed

107 PTM network analysis²⁰. In contrast to fluorescent technologies, the Dalton-level
108 mass resolution of MC instruments²¹ enables >40 extracellular, intracellular, and
109 nuclear monoisotopic heavy-metal channels to be measured at the single-cell level¹⁸.

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111 High-throughput drug and CRISPR organoid screens rely on bulk viability
112 measurements such as CellTitre-Glo^{®7, 9}. Such assays cannot provide cell-type-
113 specific readouts from co-cultures, lack detailed cell-state profiling, and provide no
114 mechanistic insight into organoid phenotypes. Moreover, bulk -omics and low-
115 dimensional fluorescent technologies also struggle to provide multiplexed cell-type-
116 specific PTM signalling data from organoid co-cultures. In contrast, TOB*'s* MC
117 provides cell-type-specific cell-state quantification and PTM signalling networks for
118 every cell in an organoid culture. The high-parameter capacity of MC is particularly
119 suited to analysing PTM signalling in organoids co-cultured with stromal fibroblasts
120 and leukocytes¹⁷.

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122 High-dimensional phenotyping of heterocellular systems is commonly performed
123 using single-cell RNA-seq (scRNA-seq)^{22, 23}. While a mature technology to identify
124 transcriptionally regulated differentiation trajectories, scRNA-seq workflows to
125 measure the intracellular proteins, PTMs, and biochemical processes²⁴ are in their
126 infancy. New scRNA-seq methods using intracellular oligo-tagged antibodies have
127 been reported^{25, 26}, but such methods have not yet been applied to organoids. In
128 comparison, TOB*'s* MC is explicitly designed for highly multiplexed protein and PTM
129 measurements. Moreover, as viable cells are needed to achieve suitable read depth
130 and reliable data interpretation for scRNA-seq, dead cells are usually removed during

131 scRNA-seq sample preparation and stressed cells are excluded in data analysis.
132 Common scRNA-seq workflows are therefore heavily biased towards healthy cells
133 and not well suited to analysing cell death in organoids (as might be common in a
134 PDO drug screen⁷). By contrast, MC can analyse both viable, stressed, and dead cells
135 and is therefore capable of assessing apoptotic mechanisms in perturbed organoid
136 cultures.

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138 Cell-states and PTM signalling are dynamic processes that are rapidly altered by
139 single-cell dissociation^{27, 28}. Therefore, organoids should be fixed before dissociation
140 to accurately preserve cell-states and labile PTM signals for molecular analysis.
141 Unfortunately, most scRNA-seq methods are incompatible with PFA fixed cells²³. In
142 contrast, MC is fully compatible with PFA fixation and can accurately measure cell-
143 states and PTMs from PFA-fixed organoids. Although droplet-based scRNA-seq
144 methods have greatly improved cell-throughput^{29, 30}, leading commercial platforms
145 (such as 10x Genomics) are commonly limited to $\sim 1-10 \times 10^3$ cells per run. Given that
146 a typical 12-well plate organoid culture contains $\sim 0.5-1 \times 10^6$ cells per well, droplet-
147 based scRNA-seq methods can only capture $\sim 0.1-1\%$ of the cells in such an
148 experiment. In comparison, TOB*is* MC routinely analyses $> 1 \times 10^6$ single cells and can
149 therefore provide a more holistic view of organoid cultures. Once the protocol is
150 established, data generation is also very rapid. We typically go from fixed organoid
151 cultures to single-cell PTM data in $\sim 3-4$ days. Finally, by barcoding organoids very
152 early in the protocol, TOB*is* reduces technical variation between samples in
153 downstream steps (e.g., antibody staining) and increases single-cell recovery¹⁷.

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155 **Limitations**

156 As TOB*is* MC requires organoids to be dissociated into a single-cell suspension, all
157 spatial information is lost. Methods such as imaging mass cytometry (IMC)³¹,
158 multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI)³¹, or *in situ* scRNA-seq³² should be considered
159 when high-dimensional spatial phenotyping is required. While MC can in theory be
160 used to measure any cell sample that can be dissociated into single cells, we have
161 not optimised TOB*is* for tissue samples. We recommend methods specifically
162 optimised for fixed tissue such as DISSECT²⁸ for measuring PTM signalling in tissue.
163 MC cannot describe intercellular signalling mediated by the thousands of ligand-
164 receptor interactions responsible for transducing signals between cells. We suggest
165 using scRNA-seq ligand-receptor analysis such as CellPhoneDB^{33, 34}, NicheNet³⁵ or
166 CellChat³⁶ to study intercellular communication in organoid co-cultures.

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168 Although we have expanded the capacity of TOB*is* multiplexing to up to 126 different
169 organoid cultures, this is still far below the thousands of conditions assessed in high-
170 throughput screening applications⁷. We therefore still recommend bulk viability
171 measurements when mono-culture assay throughput is paramount.

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173 Like all immunostaining methods, MC is heavily dependent on high-quality antibody
174 reagents. While many PTM and cell-state antibodies are well validated for MC,
175 organoid cell-type identification antibodies are typically less established. Users are
176 advised to screen and validate cell-type identification antibodies when applying this
177 protocol to novel organoid cultures. Like most MC experiments, the cost of TOB*is*

178 MC is dominated (75-80%) by the price of metal-conjugated antibodies
179 (Supplementary Table 1).

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181 **Applications**

182 We have successfully applied TOB*is* multiplexing to 6-well, 12-well, 48-well, and 96-
183 well organoid culture formats to study cell-type-specific PTM signalling networks in
184 organoids and organoids co-cultured with stromal and immune cells¹⁷. The protocol
185 is also well suited to studying how organoid signalling networks can be regulated by
186 stromal and immune cells, including cellular therapies such as chimeric antigen
187 receptor (CAR) T cells (data not shown). We have successfully applied TOB*is* MC to
188 multiple genotypic and microenvironmental conditions¹⁷. Although the workflow was
189 developed using murine intestinal organoids, the protocol is compatible with human
190 PDO drug and perturbation screens⁷ where mechanisms of cell death and insight into
191 drug resistance are of interest.

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193 **EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN**

194 **Organoid Culture**

195 This protocol is designed to measure cell-type-specific PTM signalling networks in
196 organoids cultured in a protein-rich extracellular matrix such as Matrigel. Organoids
197 can be grown in 6-well (x7 40 μ L droplets), 12-well (x3 30 μ L droplets), 48-well (x1 30
198 μ L droplet), and 96-well (x1 50 μ L stack) culture formats. As MC can measure both
199 viable and apoptotic cells, the method can be used to analyse both newly seeded
200 and fully developed organoids¹⁷. The current protocol is optimised for intestinal
201 organoids derived from mouse (Fig. 3) and human (Fig. 4) stem cells cultured in

202 conventional organoid media³, but it is theoretically applicable to all Matrigel-based
203 organoid models (e.g., the liver⁴, pancreas⁶, lung³⁷, stomach³⁸, uterus³⁹, and various
204 cancers⁴⁰) and organoid co-cultures (Fig. 5). Given the highly multiplexed nature of
205 TOBis MC, careful consideration should be given to experimental design at the
206 organoid culture stage. We advise users to culture each condition in technical
207 triplicate and to include baseline untreated controls to aid downstream data analysis
208 (see Step 66).

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210 **Organoid Pre-Fixation Treatment**

211 Following organoid culture, ¹²⁷Iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (¹²⁷IdU) is added to the media
212 of live organoid cultures 30 mins prior to assay end-point. ¹²⁷IdU integrates into the
213 replicating genome of cells in S-phase and can be easily monitored by MC⁴¹. 5 mins
214 prior to endpoint, a cocktail of protease and phosphatase inhibitors can be added to
215 the organoid culture media to protect protein and phosphorylation epitopes
216 respectively (Supplementary Fig. 1). We advise users to optimise the use of any such
217 pre-treatments with their own biological system and antibody panels.

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219 **Organoid Fixation and Dead-Cell Staining**

220 Dissociation of live tissue can alter cell-states²⁷ and PTM signalling profiles²⁸. To avoid
221 disruption of *in situ* cell-states and PTMs in organoids, organoids are fixed while still
222 in Matrigel. At the assay endpoint, culture media is removed and replaced with 4%
223 paraformaldehyde (PFA) and incubated at 37 °C for 60 minutes. Fixed organoids are
224 then washed with PBS and stained with monoisotopic Cisplatin (e.g., ¹⁹⁴Cisplatin or
225 ¹⁹⁸Cisplatin) for 10-15 minutes (Supplementary Fig. 2). Cisplatin enters cells with

226 compromised membranes faster than cells with intact membranes and can therefore
227 be used to identify dead and dying cells in organoid cultures⁴².

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229 **Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis) Multiplexing**

230 Mass-tagged Cellular Barcoding (MCB) is used in MC experiments to increase
231 sample throughput, reduce technical variation, and decrease rare-earth metal
232 conjugated antibody usage^{43, 44}. Unfortunately, commercial palladium MCB reagents
233 (commonly used for barcoding leukocytes in suspension) are not suitable for labelling
234 organoids while embedded in Matrigel¹⁷. To overcome this, we developed Thiol-
235 reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis) based on monoisotopic tellurium
236 maleimide (TeMal)⁴⁵ and Cisplatin⁴⁶ that can label organoids while still in Matrigel¹⁷
237 (Fig. 3a-b). We originally reported a 20-plex doublet-filtering barcoding matrix based
238 on ¹²⁴Te, ¹²⁶Te, ¹²⁸Te, ¹³⁰Te, ¹⁹⁶Pt, and ¹⁹⁸Pt (using a 6-choose-3 combination strategy,
239 i.e. 3 isotopes 'on', 3 isotopes 'off')¹⁷. Through the addition of ¹²²Te, ¹²³Te, and ¹²⁵Te
240 TeMals, we have now expanded TOBis to support 35-plex (7-choose-3) (Fig. 3c) or
241 126-plex (9-choose-4) multiplexing (Fig. 3d).

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243 TeMals and Cisplatins are pre-mixed into TOBis barcodes either by hand or using an
244 Opentrons OT-2 robot ([https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting)
245 [Pipetting](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting)) and stored as ready-to-use kits. We typically use 35-plex TOBis for day-
246 to-day experiments and reserve 126-plex barcoding for screening applications. On
247 the day of the experiment, the TOBis barcodes are added to organoid cultures and
248 incubated overnight at 4 °C. The following day, unbound thiol-reactive barcodes are
249 quenched using reduced glutathione (GSH) and washed from the cultures (Fig. 3b).

250 These quenching and washing steps avoid unbound barcodes cross-reacting with
251 off-target organoid cells when all cultures are subsequently pooled¹⁷. When used as
252 described in this protocol, TOB*s* achieved a barcoding accuracy of >99% (Fig. 4)
253 and can be used to stain up to 2 million cells per well of a 96-well plate culture
254 (Supplementary Fig. 3). TOB*s* can be used to multiplex mouse or human organoids
255 and organoids co-cultured with other cell types in 3D, such as stromal fibroblasts and
256 leukocytes (Fig. 5).

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258 **Organoid Single-Cell Dissociation and Rare-Earth Metal Conjugated Antibody** 259 **Staining**

260 Following TOB*s* staining, each organoid culture is removed from Matrigel and
261 resuspended in a dissociation buffer containing Dispase II, Collagenase IV, and
262 DNase I. During optimisation, we found that Dispase II breaks cell-cell contacts,
263 Collagenase IV digests Matrigel ECM components, and DNase I degrades genomic
264 DNA released from dead cells commonly found in organoid cultures. Dissociation
265 enzymes affect cell recovery and antibody staining and should be optimised carefully
266 for each biological system and antibody panel (Supplementary Fig. 4). TOB*s*
267 barcoded organoids from each condition are pooled into a single master tube and
268 then dissociated into single cells using a gentleMACS Octo Dissociator. Following
269 dissociation, single organoid cells are washed and filtered to remove clumps. Cells
270 are then stained for extracellular epitopes with rare-earth metal labelled antibodies
271 (hereafter referred to as metal-antibodies). Metal-antibodies can be purchased via
272 Fluidigm or custom conjugated using established protocols⁴⁷. Cells are then
273 permeabilised using either 0.1% triton X-100, 50% methanol, or both.

274 Permeabilisation buffers can greatly alter antibody staining and should be optimised
275 for each biological system and antibody panel (Supplementary Fig. 5). Once
276 permeabilised, cells are stained with a panel of metal-antibodies against intracellular-
277 proteins and PTMs. Cells are then washed, and antibodies are cross-linked to their
278 epitopes using 1.6% formaldehyde (FA). Finally, cells are incubated in DNA
279 intercalator ^{191/193}Ir overnight prior to MC single-cell data acquisition and analysis.

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281 **MC Single-Cell Data Acquisition**

282 Stained organoid cells are washed into water containing 2 mM EDTA, diluted to 0.8-
283 1.2×10^6 cells / mL, and spiked with isotopic EQ beads⁴⁸. Cells are then loaded into a
284 Super Sampler (Victorian Airships) and single-cell data is acquired using a mass
285 cytometer (e.g., Fluidigm Helios). During optimisation, we found adding 2 mM EDTA
286 to the running buffer and using the Super Sampler greatly improve the acquisition of
287 epithelial organoid cells by MC (unpublished observation by JS and XQ).

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289 **TOB/s MC Single-Cell Data Analysis**

290 Following data acquisition, raw MC data is normalised⁴⁸ and exported as standard
291 FCS file(s). Multiplexed TOB/s experiments are debarcoded⁴⁴
292 (<https://github.com/zunderlab/single-cell-debarcoder>) into individual conditions (Fig.
293 6a), imported into Cytobank (<http://www.cytobank.org/>) or an equivalent cytometry
294 data analysis platform (e.g. FlowJo), and gated with Gaussian parameters to remove
295 debris, DNA / Cisplatin to identify live cells, and cell-type markers to remove doublets
296 (Fig. 6b). The fully gated datasets containing cells of interest are further processed
297 with our MC data analysis pipeline, CyGNAL (CyTOF siGNalling AnaLysis,

298 <https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL>)⁴⁹ (Supplementary Fig. 6). The components of
299 CyGNAL were previously used to analyse the datasets described in Qin *et al.*¹⁷. In
300 brief, the pre-processing step formats and exports the heavy-metal channels (based
301 on the naming convention of the Fluidigm CyTOF Software), embeds the metadata of
302 the experiment, and assigns each event within the dataset a unique cell index.
303 Dimensionality reduction (e.g. UMAP⁵⁰) can be performed on cell-comprised datasets
304 and is mainly used as a visualisation tool in our workflow (Fig. 6c). Cells can be
305 assigned a cell-type identity via biaxial gating (Fig. 6d), followed by cell-state
306 identification and PTM analysis in a cell-type-specific manner (Fig. 6e-f). Earth
307 Mover's Distance (EMD)^{51, 52} is used to quantify PTM node intensity, and Density
308 Resampled Estimation of Mutual Information (DREMI)⁵³ is used to score PTM-PTM
309 edge connectivity. Multiple EMD / DREMI values can be visualised with heatmaps,
310 and further summarised using principal component analysis (PCA). When paired with
311 a well-curated antibody panel and robust experimental design, TOB's MC allows
312 multiplexed analysis of cell-type-specific PTM signalling of heterocellular organoids¹⁷.

313 **MATERIALS**314 **Biological Materials**315 Wild-type, Apc knockdown (*shApc*), and *shApc / Kras^{G12D/+}* murine colon organoids⁵⁴

316 (gift from Dr. L. Dow, Cornell University)

317 Wild-type murine small intestinal organoids (gift from Dr. V. Li, Crick Institute)

318 Colorectal cancer (CRC) PDOs⁷ (gift from Dr. M. Garnett, Sanger Institute)319 Immortalised wild-type colonic fibroblasts¹⁷320 Bone marrow derived macrophages¹⁷

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322 **Reagents**323 **Organoid Culture**

324 Growth Factor Reduced Matrigel (Corning, Cat# 354230)

325 Advanced DMEM/F-12 (Thermo, Cat# 12634010)

326 L-Glutamine (Thermo, Cat# 25030081)

327 N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine (Sigma, Cat# A9165)

328 HEPES (Sigma, Cat# H3375)

329 B-27 Supplement (Thermo, Cat# 17504044)

330 N-2 Supplement (Thermo, Cat# 17502048)

331 HyClone™ Penicillin Streptomycin Solution (Thermo, Cat# SV30010)

332 Murine EGF (Thermo, Cat# PMG8041)

333 Murine Noggin (Peprotech, Cat# 250-38)

334 Murine R-Spondin-1 (Peprotech, Cat# 315-32)

335 Murine Wnt-3a (Peprotech, Cat# 315-20)

336 Human R-spondin-1 (Peprotech, Cat# 120-38)

- 337 Gastrin I (Sigma, Cat# SCP0152)
- 338 A83-01 (Generon, Cat# 04-0014)
- 339 SB202190 (Cayman Chemical, Cat# 10010399)
- 340 Nicotinamide (Merck, Cat# N0636)
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- 342 **Mass Cytometry**
- 343 ¹²⁷Iodo-2'-deoxyuridine (¹²⁷IdU) (Fluidigm, Cat# 201127)
- 344 Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Sigma, Cat# P8340)
- 345 PhosSTOP™ (Sigma, Cat# 4906845001)
- 346 Paraformaldehyde solution, 4% in PBS (Thermo, Cat# J19943K2)
- 347 ▲CAUTION: PFA is a mutagenic and carcinogenic agent. Avoid eye or skin contact.
- 348 ¹⁹⁴Cisplatin (Fluidigm, Cat# 201194)
- 349 ¹⁹⁶Cisplatin (custom order from Buylsotope)
- 350 ¹⁹⁸Cisplatin (Fluidigm, Cat# 201198)
- 351 ▲CAUTION: Cisplatin is mutagenic and carcinogenic. Avoid eye or skin contact.
- 352 L-Glutathione (Sigma, Cat# G6529)
- 353 Dispase II (Thermo, Cat# 17105041)
- 354 Collagenase IV (Thermo, Cat# 17104019)
- 355 DNase I (Sigma, Cat# DN25)
- 356 TeMal (¹²²Te, ¹²³Te, ¹²⁴Te, ¹²⁵Te, ¹²⁶Te, ¹²⁸Te, ¹³⁰Te) (see Supplementary Method)
- 357 Maxpar® Cell Staining Buffer (Fluidigm, Cat# 201068)
- 358 Maxpar® X8 Metal Labeling Kit (Fluidigm, Cat# 201300)
- 359 Maxpar® Water (Fluidigm, Cat# 201069)
- 360 Maxpar® PBS (Fluidigm, Cat# 201058)

- 361 Maxpar[®] Fix and Perm Buffer (Fluidigm, Cat# 201067)
362 EDTA (Sigma, Cat# 03690-100ML)
363 Triton X-100 (Sigma, Cat# T8787)
364 Methanol (Fisher, Cat# 10675112)
365 Pierce[™] 16% Formaldehyde (w/v), Methanol-free (Pierce, Cat# 28906)
366 Cell-ID[™] Intercalator-Ir (Fluidigm, Cat# 201192A)
367 EQ[™] Four Element Calibration Beads (Fluidigm, Cat# 201078)

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369 **Reagent Setup**

370 **Organoid Culture Media**

371 Murine colonic organoid monoculture and co-cultures are maintained in advanced
372 DMEM/F-12 supplemented with 2 mM L-Glutamine, 1 mM *N*-acetyl-L-cysteine, 10
373 mM HEPES, 1× B-27 Supplement, 1× N-2 Supplement, 100 ng/mL murine WNT-3a,
374 50 ng/mL mEGF, 50 ng/mL mNoggin, 500 ng/mL mR-Spondin-1, 10 mM
375 nicotinamide, and 1× HyClone Penicillin Streptomycin Solution. CRC PDOs are
376 cultured in advanced DMEM/F-12 supplemented with 2 mM L-Glutamine, 1 mM *N*-
377 acetyl-L-cysteine, 10 mM HEPES, 1× B-27 Supplement, 1× N-2 Supplement, 100
378 ng/mL murine Wnt-3a, 50 ng/mL mEGF, 100 ng/mL mNoggin, 500 ng/mL human R-
379 spondin-1, 10 nM Gastrin I, 500 nM A83-01, 10 μM SB202190, 10 mM nicotinamide,
380 and 1× HyClone Penicillin Streptomycin Solution. TOBis MC is theoretically
381 applicable to all Matrigel-based organoid models (see EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN), and
382 users should alter the composition of the organoid culture media based on their
383 model system.

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385 **Heavy Metal Conjugated Antibodies**

386 Metal-antibodies can be purchased pre-conjugated from Fluidigm or custom
387 conjugated with monoisotopic heavy metals purchased from Fluidigm or Trace
388 Sciences using X8 polymers as per established protocols⁴⁷. We advise users to
389 develop custom metal-conjugated antibody panels specifically for their biological
390 questions and titrate their panels with prior knowledge such as antigen abundance
391 and heavy metal monoisotopic impurities^{55, 56}. In our experience, cell-state (e.g.
392 proliferating, quiescent, and apoptosis) has a considerable influence on PTM
393 signalling¹⁷. We therefore strongly advise users to include cell-cycle (e.g., pRB
394 [S807/S811], Cyclin B1, Geminin, PLK1, and pHistone H3 [S28])^{15, 41, 57} and apoptosis
395 (e.g., cCaspase3 [D175], cPARP [D214]) markers in their panels. Particular care
396 should be taken to validate cell-type identification antibodies that have not previously
397 been used in MC. Ideally >2 cell-type identification antibodies should be used per
398 cell-type. An example metal antibody panel for studying murine small intestinal
399 organoid cells is provided in Supplementary Table 2.

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401 **Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis)**

402 Debarcoding efficiency is heavily dependent on robust signal intensities of the Te and
403 Pt channels. As barcode signal intensities can vary between isotopologues, barcode
404 batch, and cell-types being labelled, we advise that TeMal and Cisplatin barcodes
405 are titrated to achieve an 'on' median intensity $>5 \times 10^2$ and 'off' median intensity
406 $<1 \times 10^2$ in desired cell-types (Fig. 3c-d). We use TeMals at $^{122}\text{Te} = 2.2 \mu\text{M}$, $^{123}\text{Te} = 2.0$
407 μM , $^{124}\text{Te} = 1.8 \mu\text{M}$, $^{125}\text{Te} = 1.5 \mu\text{M}$, $^{126}\text{Te} = 1.5 \mu\text{M}$, $^{128}\text{Te} = 1.1 \mu\text{M}$, $^{130}\text{Te} = 0.96 \mu\text{M}$
408 and both Cisplatin at ^{196}Pt and $^{198}\text{Pt} = 125 \text{ nM}$ (diluted in PBS). These concentrations

409 offset the differential mass-range sensitivity of MC instruments and the alternative
410 thiol-reactive functional groups of TeMal (maleimide) and Cisplatin (chloride).

411

412 In practice, we prepare TOBis barcodes either by hand or robot (see below) and
413 aliquot them as ready-to-use kits (stored in 96-well PCR plates). TeMals and
414 Cisplatins can be mixed at desired concentrations according to the barcoding matrix
415 (Supplementary Tables 3 and 4) manually or using a liquid handling robot. Scripts to
416 prepare both 35-plex (7-choose-3) and 126-plex (9-choose-4) TOBis barcodes using
417 the OT-2 platform (Opentrons) are provided at: [https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting)
418 [Automated-Barcode-Pipetting](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting). Pre-mixed TOBis barcodes can be kept at -80 °C for
419 long-term storage before use. While this protocol is designed for TeMal and Cisplatin
420 reagents, alternative thiol-reactive heavy-metal probes (e.g., lanthanide-conjugated
421 mDOTA¹⁷) could also, in theory, be used to perform TOBis.

422

423 **EQUIPMENT**

424 gentleMACS C-Tube (Miltenyi, Cat# 130-096-334)

425 gentleMACS Octo Dissociator (with Heaters) (Miltenyi, Cat# 130-096-427)

426 CyTOF Super Sampler (Victorian Airships)

427 Helios Mass Cytometer (Fluidigm)

428 Invitrogen™ Countess II Automated Cell Counter (Thermo Fisher)

429

430 **Equipment Setup**

431 **gentleMACS Octo Dissociator Custom Programs**

432 For organoid single-cell dissociation, the following custom programs were designed
433 for the gentleMACS Octo Dissociator:

434 - Standard Protocol:

- 435 • Set Heater temperature: 37 °C
- 436 • Forward spin at 20 rpm for 2 min
- 437 • Backward spin at 20 rpm for 2 min
- 438 • Loop 15X:
 - 439 ○ Forward spin at 1500 rpm for 2 sec
 - 440 ○ Backward spin at 1500 rpm for 2 sec
 - 441 ○ Forward spin at 50 rpm for 3 min

442 - Quick Protocol:

- 443 • Set Heater temperature: 37 °C
- 444 • Forward spin at 50 rpm for 1 min
- 445 • Backward spin at 50 rpm for 1 min
- 446 • Loop 10X:
 - 447 ○ Forward spin at 1500 rpm for 2 sec
 - 448 ○ Backward spin at 1500 rpm for 2 sec
 - 449 ○ Forward spin at 100 rpm for 1 min

450

451 **Helios Mass Cytometer**

452 The Helios Mass Cytometer is maintained by procedures recommended by Fluidigm
453 and tuned on each day of MC experiments. The criteria for successful tuning are as
454 follows:

- 455 - Resolution (Mass1) is >400.

- 456 - The Mean Duals for ^{159}Tb is >600,000 (aim for >1,000,000 if possible).
457 - The Dual Slopes are between 0.03 and ± 0.003 .
458 - The R2 is >0.8.
459 - If Gas/Current optimization was selected this Oxide ratio (M1/M2) is displayed
460 in Gases, this should be lower than <0.03.
461 - The %RSD (relative standard deviation) values for Cs, La, Tb, Tm, and Ir should
462 be <3%.

463

464 For single-cell data acquisition, the Helios Mass Cytometer is operated at the “Event”
465 mode, with a flow rate of 30 μL / min. We recommend using the ‘Wide Bore Injector’
466 when possible to avoid sample blockage.

467

468 **Software**

469 Fluidigm CyTOF Software (Version 6.7) (<https://www.fluidigm.com/software>)

470 Enterprise Cytobank (Version 7.2.0) (<https://cytobank.org>)

471 Graphpad Prism (Version 7.0) (<https://www.graphpad.com>)

472 CyGNAL (Version 0.2.1)⁴⁹ and its dependencies ([https://github.com/TAPE-](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL/releases/tag/v0.2.1)
473 [Lab/CyGNAL/releases/tag/v0.2.1](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL/releases/tag/v0.2.1))

474 • Python >3.6 (<https://www.python.org/>) with libraries:

475 ○ *fcsparser*

476 ○ *fcswrite*

477 ○ *numpy*

478 ○ *pandas*

479 ○ *plotly*

- 480 ○ *rpy2*
- 481 ○ *scprep*
- 482 ○ *sklearn*
- 483 ○ *umap-learn*
- 484 • R >3.6 (<https://www.r-project.org/>) with libraries:
 - 485 ○ *ComplexHeatmap*
 - 486 ○ *DT*
 - 487 ○ *factoextra*
 - 488 ○ *FactoMineR*
 - 489 ○ *flowCore*
 - 490 ○ *Ggally*
 - 491 ○ *ggrepel*
 - 492 ○ *ggplot2*
 - 493 ○ *Hmisc*
 - 494 ○ *MASS*
 - 495 ○ *matrixStats*
 - 496 ○ *plotly*
 - 497 ○ *psych*
 - 498 ○ *RColorBrewer*
 - 499 ○ *shiny*
 - 500 ○ *tidyverse*
- 501 • MATLAB (<https://www.mathworks.com/products/matlab.html>):
 - 502 • Single Cell Debarcoder ([https://github.com/zunderlab/single-cell-](https://github.com/zunderlab/single-cell-debarcoder)
 - 503 [debarcoder](https://github.com/zunderlab/single-cell-debarcoder))

504 **PROCEDURE**

505 TOB*is* MC can be used to assess organoids cultured in 6-well, 12-well, 48-well, or
506 96-well formats. This protocol describes how to analyse intestinal organoids grown
507 either in monoculture or co-cultured with intestinal fibroblasts and/or primary bone
508 marrow derived macrophages in a 96-well plate. Users are advised to deploy their
509 own optimised organoid culture conditions as inputs for TOB*is* MC.

510

511 **Culture Organoids**

512 1) Culture organoids (or organoid co-cultures) in 50 μ L Matrigel and 200 μ L media
513 in a standard 96-well tissue culture plate.

514 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** For the data in this paper, we have cultured murine intestinal
515 organoids (Figure 3), human CRC PDOs (Figure 4), and murine organoids co-
516 cultured with colonic fibroblasts and/or macrophages (Figure 5) for 3 days in
517 50 μ L Matrigel and 200 μ L media. Users should use optimised culture
518 conditions relevant to their own organoids and biological questions as inputs
519 for TOB*is* MC.

520

521 **S-Phase Cell Labelling** ● **TIMING:** ~30 min

522 2) Add 127 IdU directly to culture media to a final concentration of 25 μ M (10 μ L of
523 0.5 mM stock added to 200 μ L media). Gently rotate the plate by hand 5 times
524 for 10 seconds to mix media and incubate the plate for 25 min at 37 °C, 5 %
525 CO₂.

526 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** 127 IdU incubation enables identification of S-phase cells.

527

528 **Phosphatase & Protease Inhibitor Treatment** ● **TIMING:** ~5 min

529 3) Add the protease inhibitor cocktail (100× stock, see REAGENTS) and
530 PhosSTOP (40× stock, see REAGENTS) directly to culture media, gently rotate
531 the plate by hand 5 times for 10 seconds and incubate for 5 min at 37 °C, 5 %
532 CO₂.

533 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Protease and phosphatase inhibitors have been shown to
534 help preserve cell signalling and antigen stability during fixation²⁸. However, as
535 prolonged treatment may introduce technical artefacts, we advise users to
536 empirically determine the duration of the treatment according to their
537 experimental system and antibody panel (Supplementary Fig. 1).

538

539 **Fixation** ● **TIMING:** ~80 min

540 4) Remove culture media by pipetting. Add 200 µL pre-warmed (37 °C) 4% PFA
541 into each well taking care not to disrupt Matrigel. Incubate for 60 min at 37 °C,
542 5 % CO₂.

543 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** PFA fixation *in situ* ensures that labile cell-state and PTM
544 profiles are preserved during the downstream sample handling.

545 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Matrigel can dissolve in cold PFA. It is therefore important
546 to pre-warm PFA to 37 °C.

547 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Some antibodies are sensitive to fixation. PFA
548 concentrations ranging from 1.6% to 4% were proved to be functional, but we
549 encourage users to determine the optimal concentration of PFA for their
550 specific antibody panel.

551 **? TROUBLESHOOTING**

552 5) Remove PFA solution by pipetting, taking care not to disturb the Matrigel.
553 Wash the cells with PBS on a rocker (speed set at ~45 rpm throughout the
554 protocol) for 10 min at room temperature (~20 °C). Repeat wash.

555 ◆ **PAUSE POINT:** Fixed cells can be kept at 4 °C in PBS. We advise users to
556 determine the maximal storage time with their specific culture systems.

557

558 **Live / Dead Discrimination** © **TIMING:** ~30 min

559 6) Remove PBS by pipetting. Add 200 µL of 0.25 µM ¹⁹⁴Cisplatin / PBS solution
560 to each well and incubate for 10-15 min on a rocker at room temperature.

561 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** As dead cells can be found inside organoid structures (Fig.
562 1), it is crucial that organoids are stained for long enough that all cells have the
563 opportunity to bind Cisplatin. However, organoids can also be easily
564 overstained with Cisplatin, it is therefore important that cultures are stained for
565 the same duration of time and this step does not exceed 20 min
566 (Supplementary Fig. 2).

567 7) Remove the ¹⁹⁴Cisplatin solution by pipetting. Wash cells with PBS on a rocker
568 for 10 min at room temperature. Repeat wash.

569 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Proceed to the next steps on the same day. Long-term
570 storage of Cisplatin-stained cells *in situ* will lead to Cisplatin overstain that
571 confounds live / dead cell discrimination.

572 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** If barcoding multiple organoid samples, continue to Step 8.
573 If only one organoid culture condition is being analysed, skip to Step 11.

574

575 **Thiol-reactive Organoid Barcoding *in situ* (TOBis) (Optional)** ● **TIMING:** ~30 min

576 bench work; incubation overnight

577 8) Transfer 200 μ L pre-aliquoted TOBis barcodes to corresponding organoid
578 samples in a 96-well plate (From Step 7). Any barcode combination can be
579 used to stain any culture condition (Supplementary Tables 3 and 4). Incubate
580 the cells overnight at 4 °C.

581 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Record the sample-barcode assignments. Different samples
582 labelled with the same TOBis barcode should not be pooled together.

583 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Ensure correct amounts of TOBis barcode are added to
584 each well for successful debarcoding.

585 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** TOBis barcodes should not be used to stain >1 million cells
586 per well of a 96-well culture (Supplementary Fig. 3). In practice, culturing > 1
587 million cells per well of a 96-well plate is uncommon. The users are advised to
588 count cells at seeding if highly dense cultures are needed.

589 9) Remove the barcoding solutions by pipetting and wash the cells with 200 μ L
590 of 2 mM Glutathione / CSB for 10 mins on a rocker at room temperature.
591 Repeat wash twice.

592 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Reduced Glutathione quenches unused thiol-reactive TOBis
593 barcodes, thereby enabling efficient discrimination of 'on' and 'off' signals for
594 sample demultiplexing.

595 10) Wash the cells with 200 μ L of PBS for 10 min on a rocker at room temperature.
596 Repeat wash.

597 ◆ **PAUSE POINT:** The barcoded cells can be kept at 4 °C for up to four weeks
598 in PBS.

599

600 **Single-Cell Dissociation** © **TIMING:** ~90 min

601 11) Make up a dissociation solution of fresh 0.5 mg/mL Dispase II, 0.2 mg/mL
602 Collagenase IV, and 0.2 mg/mL DNase I in PBS at room temperature.

603 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Dissociation enzymes can affect cell recovery and antibody
604 performance (Supplementary Fig. 4). We encourage users to test and titrate
605 alternative dissociation enzymes for the specific cellular composition of their
606 experimental system.

607 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Using freshly prepared enzyme solutions ensures optimal
608 and reproducible enzyme activity.

609 12) Remove PBS from the wells by pipetting and add the dissociation solution.

610 13) Scrape Matrigel droplets and pool all cells from all conditions with dissociation
611 solution to a gentleMACS C-tube. Top up the dissociation solution to 5 mL /
612 C-tube.

613 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Do not overload the gentleMACS C-tubes. We encourage
614 users to empirically determine how much dissociation buffer is needed based
615 on the density of their organoid cultures and the number of conditions. If
616 multiple C-tubes are needed, the user should pool all barcoded cells before
617 splitting them evenly into each C-tube to minimise technical variation.

618 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Fibroblasts and leukocytes can migrate out of the central
619 Matrigel droplet and adhere to the plastic bottom of the culture plates in
620 prolonged co-cultures. Scrape each well thoroughly to ensure all cells are
621 recovered.

622 14) Dissociate organoids into single cells using a gentleMACS Octo Dissociator
623 using the 'Standard Protocol' (see Equipment Setup) (🕒 **TIMING:** ~50 min).

624 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** On completion of the program, the user needs to confirm
625 visually that the dissociation is sufficient, i.e., very few cell clumps should be
626 visible at this stage. If not, users are encouraged to perform an additional
627 round of the 'Quick Protocol' (see Equipment Setup) on the gentleMACS Octo
628 Dissociator.

629 ? TROUBLESHOOTING

630 15) After sufficient dissociation, centrifuge the C-tubes at 800×g for 1 min at room
631 temperature to collect the cells.

632 16) Transfer all cells and solution to a polypropylene FACS tube.

633 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Organoid cells often pellet better in polypropylene than
634 polystyrene FACS tubes.

635 17) Centrifuge cells at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature and discard
636 supernatant.

637 18) Wash cells with 2 mL CSB, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
638 and discard supernatant. Repeat wash.

639 19) Resuspend cells in 2 mL CSB and filter through a cell strainer to get rid of
640 residual cell clumps.

641 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** We use 35 µm cell strainers to filter organoid monocultures
642 and 70 µm cell strainers for cultures containing large cells such as fibroblasts.
643 Users should choose appropriate cell strainers based on the cellular
644 composition of their experimental system.

645 20) Count cells using the Countess II Automated Cell Counter. Up to $\sim 4.5 \times 10^6$
646 cells can be taken forward for $1 \times$ MC staining.

647 **? TROUBLESHOOTING**

648 **◆ PAUSE POINT:** The fixed, barcoded, and dissociated cells can be kept at 4
649 °C for up to four weeks in CSB.

650

651 **Extracellular Stain ● TIMING: ~45 min**

652 21) Centrifuge cells at $800 \times g$ for 5 min at room temperature, discard supernatant,
653 and resuspend cells in 50 μ L CSB.

654 22) Prepare extracellular antibody cocktail by mixing the antibody panel at desired
655 concentrations in CSB (total volume up to 50 μ L).

656 23) Add the extracellular antibody cocktail to the cells, mix thoroughly by pipetting,
657 and incubate for 30 min on a rocker at room temperature.

658 **▲ CRITICAL STEP:** Mix cells by gently flicking the tube every 10 minutes to avoid
659 cells pelleting under gravity.

660 24) Add 2 mL CSB to the cells, centrifuge at $800 \times g$ for 5 min at room temperature,
661 and discard supernatant.

662

663 **Permeabilisation ● TIMING: ~45 min**

664 25) Resuspend cells in 1 mL 0.1 % Triton X-100 / PBS, gently vortex, and incubate
665 for 30 min on a rocker at room temperature.

666 **▲ CRITICAL STEP:** Mix cells by gently flicking the tube every 10 minutes to avoid
667 cells pelleting.

668 26) Add 2 mL CSB to the cells, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
669 and discard supernatant. Repeat wash and remove supernatant.

670 27) Place the cells on ice for 1 min.

671 28) Resuspend cells in 1 mL ice-cold 50% Methanol / PBS (store at -20 °C until
672 use), gently vortex, and incubate for 10 min on ice.

673 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Different permeabilisation buffers can substantially alter
674 antibody staining (Supplementary Fig. 5). Although we commonly use
675 0.1% Triton X-100 followed by 50% methanol, we advise users to optimise the
676 permeabilisation conditions that best suit their model system and antibody
677 panel.

678 29) Add 2 mL CSB to the cells, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
679 and discard supernatant. Repeat wash.

680 30) Resuspend cells in 50 µL CSB.

681

682 **Intracellular Stain** ● **TIMING:** ~45 min

683 31) Prepare intracellular antibody cocktail by mixing the antibody panel at desired
684 concentrations in CSB (total volume up to 50 µL).

685 32) Add the intracellular antibody cocktail to the cells, mix thoroughly by pipetting,
686 and incubate for 30 min on a rocker at room temperature.

687 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Mix the cells by gently flicking the tube every 10 minutes to
688 avoid cells pelleting.

689 33) Add 2 mL CSB to the cells, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
690 and discard supernatant.

691

692 **Post-Staining Fixation** ● **TIMING:** ~15 min

693 34) Add 1 mL 1.6% formaldehyde (FA) / PBS solution made fresh from 16% FA to
694 the cells and incubate for 10 min on a rocker at room temperature.

695 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Post-staining fixation step is required if the sample needs to
696 be stored for more than 48 hours before data acquisition.

697 35) Add 2 mL CSB to the cells, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
698 and discard supernatant.

699

700 **DNA Intercalation** ● **TIMING:** ~1 hr / overnight

701 36) Prepare intercalation buffer by diluting 1 µL 125 µM Cell-ID Intercalator-Ir in 1
702 mL Fix & Perm Buffer (final concentration = 125 nM).

703 37) Resuspend cells in the 1 mL of intercalation buffer, gently vortex, and incubate
704 for 1 hour on rocker at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C.

705 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Since the intercalation reaction is non-covalent, cells should
706 be kept at 4 °C in the intercalation buffer until ready to proceed to data
707 acquisition (e.g., when the Helios is tuned).

708 ▲ **PAUSE POINT:** Cells can be stored at 4 °C in the intercalation buffer for up to
709 2 weeks (with post-staining fixation) or 48 hours (without post-staining fixation).

710

711 **MC Data Acquisition** ● **TIMING:** ≥ 1 hr (dependent on the scale of the experiment)

712 38) Tune the Helios Mass Cytometer (see 'Equipment Setup').

713 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** A reproducible tuning procedure ensures predictable 'on'
714 and 'off' intensities of the TOBis barcode channels.

715 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** For prolonged MC runs (e.g., when the acquisition lasts for
716 >4 hours), we advise users to perform the ‘Quick Tuning Protocol’
717 implemented in the Fluidigm CyTOF Software to ensure consistent signal
718 intensity within the same experiment.

719 39) Centrifuge cells at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature, and discard
720 supernatant.

721 40) Wash the cells with 2 mL of 2 mM EDTA / CSB, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min
722 at room temperature, and discard supernatant.

723 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** EDTA chelates free metals in the cell suspension and can
724 clean up MC data acquisition. Do not exceed 2 mM EDTA.

725 41) Wash cells with 2 mL CSB, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room temperature,
726 and discard supernatant.

727 42) Wash cells with 2 mL MaxPar Water, centrifuge at 800×g for 5 min at room
728 temperature, and discard supernatant.

729 43) Resuspend cells in 1 mL of MaxPar Water, filter through a 35 µm cell strainer
730 (70 µm when the culture contains fibroblasts) and count the cells using the
731 Countess II Automated Cell Counter.

732 44) Dilute cells to $\sim 0.8 - 1.2 \times 10^6$ / mL in MaxPar Water.

733 45) Add EQ Beads to the cell suspension at a volumetric ratio of 1:5.

734 46) Add EDTA to the cells to a final concentration of 2 mM.

735 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** EDTA reduces cell clumps during data acquisition.

736 47) Set up the “Super Sampler” (Victorian Airships) as per the manufacturer’s
737 instructions, and set up acquisition parameters (e.g., antibody panel,
738 experiment metadata) on the Helios mass cytometer.

739 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** To avoid blockage and ensure smooth data acquisition, we
740 advise users to use the “Super Sampler” to load organoid cells / fibroblasts to
741 the Helios mass cytometer.

742 48) Acquire events on the Helios mass cytometer using the Fluidigm CyTOF
743 software. Aim for 100-400 events per second.

744 49) After all events are acquired, process the raw data using the Fluidigm CyTOF
745 software as per Fluidigm recommendation (i.e., signal normalisation, removal
746 of EQ Beads, and concatenation of data files if needed). Export data as FCS
747 file(s) (Fig. 6a, Raw.fcs).

748 **? TROUBLESHOOTING**

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750 **Debarcoding TOB/s Multiplexed MC Dataset ● TIMING: ~15 min**

751 50) Debarcode multiplexed FCS file(s) (Fig. 6a, Raw.fcs) into separate experimental
752 conditions using the MATLAB program Zunder Lab Single Cell Debarcoder
753 (<https://github.com/zunderlab/single-cell-debarcoder>)⁴⁴ with user-defined
754 TOB/s Barcode Keys (Supplementary Files 1 and 2).

755 **? TROUBLESHOOTING**

756

757 **Installation of CyGNAL ● TIMING: ~20 min**

758 51) Download the CyGNAL v0.2.1 from the GitHub repository
759 (<https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL/releases/tag/v0.2.1>) and open a
760 terminal session from the repository folder (/CyGNAL-0.2.1, hereafter referred
761 to as ‘pipeline folder’).

762 52) Set up computing environment (see 'Software'). We recommend using Conda
763 (<https://docs.conda.io/projects/conda/en/latest/index.html>) to recreate the
764 environment defined in `conda_env.yml` by running the following from the
765 pipeline folder:

```
766 conda env create -f conda_env.yml  
767 conda activate cygnal
```

768 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** All required libraries need to be installed at the
769 recommended versions for successful execution of the pipeline (see
770 'Software').

771 ? TROUBLESHOOTING

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773 **Single-Cell Organoid Data Pre-Processing** © **TIMING:** ~45 min

774 53) Import debarcoded FCS files to the Cytobank platform
775 (<http://www.cytobank.org/>) or an equivalent FCS processing software (e.g.,
776 FlowJo).

777 54) Perform Gaussian gating to remove debris (Fig. 6b).

778 55) Perform DNA / Cisplatin gating to identify cells (Fig. 6b).

779 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Different cell-types may display distinct abundances of
780 DNA. Users are advised to check every experimental condition to ensure all
781 cell-types of interest are included in the DNA gating step.

782 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** The Cisplatin^{high} population contains both dead and dying
783 cells. If cell death is of biological interest (e.g., in a drug screening assay), we
784 suggest users be more lenient with the Cisplatin gating to include dying cells.

785 56) Perform cell-type gating to exclude doublets (i.e., cells positive for mutually
786 exclusive cell-type markers) (Fig. 6b).

787 57) Export the dataset as FCS files and proceed to data analysis with CyGNAL.

788 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** The dataset now contains events that are identified as single
789 cells (Fig. 6b, TOBis_n_Cells.fcs).

790 58) To pre-process dataset(s) using CyGNAL, copy the cell-comprised FCS file(s)
791 to the Raw_Data folder within the pipeline folder, run python code/1-
792 data_preprocess.py, and follow the prompts. This step will generate two
793 outputs: the pre-processed datasets and the file panel_markers.csv containing
794 all the markers used in the experiment. The output files are saved in a folder
795 named by the user-defined analysis identifier within the Preprocessed_Data
796 folder (Fig. 6b, Supplementary Fig. 6).

797 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** Pre-processing of dataset(s) by 1-data_preprocess.py is
798 prerequisite for the subsequent analysis steps and has to be performed as the
799 first step of the workflow.

800 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** panel_markers.csv is used by downstream scripts to specify
801 the markers of interest in a given analysis.

802 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** The input file formats supported by CyGNAL are standard
803 FCS and tab-separated ASCII TXT. Users can choose to save the output as
804 either TXT or FCS file(s) (stripped of original FCS metadata), with the default
805 set to match the input file format (example files can be accessed at the GitHub
806 repository).

807

808 **Dimensionality Reduction (UMAP)** ● **TIMING:** 20 – 40 min (~1M cells)

809 59) Copy CyGNAL-processed dataset(s) and the corresponding panel_markers.csv
810 to the Analysis/UMAP_input/ folder and edit panel_markers.csv by labelling
811 markers used for UMAP calculation with 'Y' (by default all markers are labelled
812 with 'N').

813 60) Run python code/2-umap.py from the pipeline folder and follow the
814 prompts. The original dataset updated with UMAP coordinates will be
815 formatted as TXT file(s) and saved in a folder named by the user-defined
816 analysis identifier in Analysis/UMAP_output/ (Fig. 6c, Supplementary Fig. 6).

817 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** When performing UMAP analysis on multiple conditions
818 within the same experiment, the 2-umap.py script will concatenate all the input
819 files, calculate UMAP coordinates for the concatenated dataset, and save the
820 results as separate conditions based on their file of origin. This ensures that all
821 the input files share a common UMAP embedding to facilitate direct
822 comparison between conditions.

823 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** When multiple files are used for UMAP analysis, users can
824 down-sample all input files to the cell count of the sample with the lowest cell
825 number (details on which cells are included for the analysis can be found in
826 the output folder). This yields a more balanced dataset for UMAP calculation
827 and visualisation and reduces memory requirements and computation time.

828

829 **Cell-Type and Cell-State Identification** ● **TIMING:** ~ 45 min

830 61) Import CyGNAL-processed dataset(s) to Cytobank or an equivalent FCS
831 processing software (e.g., FlowJo).

832 62) Identify different cell-types present in the experimental condition(s) based on
833 cell-type-specific markers (Fig. 6d).

834 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** To improve the fidelity of cell-type identification, at least 2
835 markers should be used per cell-type. Ectopically expressed cell-type-specific
836 fluorescent proteins such as GFP and RFP are useful for cell-type identification
837 when robust endogenous antigens are unavailable.

838 63) For each identified cell-type, perform cell-state analysis based on cell-state
839 markers (Fig. 6e).

840 64) Export the cell-type and/or cell-state-specific dataset(s) as FCS or TXT files
841 for PTM signalling network analysis.

842 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** If using Cytobank, uncheck 'Include header with FCS
843 filename' when exporting TXT files and make sure the dataset(s) is exported
844 as raw values (Cytobank gives users the option to export illustration-based
845 transformed data).

846

847 **PTM Signalling Network Analysis** ● **TIMING:** 20 – 40 min (dependent on the scale
848 of the experiment)

849 65) Copy CyGNAL-processed, cell-type-specific dataset(s) and the corresponding
850 panel_markers.csv to Analysis/EMD_input/ or Analysis/DREMI_input/ and edit
851 panel_markers.csv by labelling markers used for the calculation with 'Y' (by
852 default all markers are labelled with 'N').

853 66) Run python code/3-emd.py or python code/4-dremi.py and follow the
854 prompts. The output will be saved in folders named by the user-defined
855 analysis identifier within Analysis/EMD_output/ or Analysis/DREMI_output/

856 accordingly. EMD and DREMI scores can be visualised using heatmaps (Steps
857 67-68) or summarised with principal component analysis (PCA) (Steps 69-70).

858 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** For EMD calculations, the user needs to define the reference
859 (R) dataset for all experimental variables (V) to compare against. By default,
860 the concatenation of all input files is used as R , but users can also assign a
861 specific dataset as the reference.

862 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** The choice of R can greatly influence the interpretation of
863 EMD scores. When there is a clear baseline control in a given experiment (e.g.,
864 untreated monoculture), that control population should be used as R .
865 However, when there is no obvious baseline condition (e.g., when comparing
866 PTMs between different cell-types within organoids), we advise using a
867 concatenated population of all conditions as R (default setting).

868 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** EMD is a non-negative metric quantifying the difference
869 between two distributions. In our workflow, EMD scores are signed by the
870 difference of a marker's median intensity between V and R in order to indicate
871 the 'direction' of signalling change — positive for up-regulation and negative
872 for down-regulation.

873 ▲ **CRITICAL STEP:** For DREMI calculations, users can perform standard
874 deviation-based outlier removal or generate conditional probability plots for
875 each marker combination. Note: these optional settings increase
876 computational load.

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878 **Heatmap Visualisation** ● **TIMING:** < 5 min

879 67) To visualise EMD / DREMI scores using heatmaps, copy the output of EMD /
880 DREMI calculations to the *Analysis/Vis_Heatmap* folder.

881 68) Open a terminal from the pipeline folder, run `python code/5v1-heatmap.py`,
882 and perform interactive heatmap visualisation in the prompted browser
883 window. Once a satisfactory layout has been achieved, the heatmaps can be
884 exported as a PNG image or PDF document.

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886 **PCA ● TIMING: < 5 min**

887 69) To perform PCA, copy the output of EMD / DREMI calculations to the
888 *Analysis/Vis_PCA* folder.

889 70) Run `python code/5v2-pca.py` and perform interactive heatmap visualisation
890 in the prompted browser window. Once a satisfactory layout has been
891 achieved, the heatmaps can be exported as a PNG image or PDF document.
892 The PCA coordinates with the percentage of variance explained by each PC
893 can be exported separately as a TXT file.

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895 **TIMING**

896 The pre-treatment and fixation of organoids: around 2 hours.

897 Live / dead discrimination staining: around 0.5 hour.

898 TOBis barcoding: 1 to 2 hours at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C.

899 Quenching of TOBis barcodes: around 0.5 hour.

900 Single-cell dissociation: 2 to 2.5 hours.

901 MC staining: around 4 hours.

902 DNA intercalation: 1 hour at room temperature or overnight at 4 °C.

903 Data acquisition: 1 to 2 hours depending on the number of cells to be analysed.

904 Data analysis: 1 to 2 hours depending on the scale of the experiment.

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906 TROUBLESHOOTING

907 Troubleshooting advice can be found in Table 1.

908 **Table 1. Troubleshooting advice.**

Step	Problem	Possible Reason	Solution
4	Matrigel droplets dissolve in PFA.	PFA solution not warm enough.	Prewarm 4% PFA solution to 37 °C prior to the fixation step. Be careful not to disturb the Matrigel droplets when adding PFA to the wells.
14	Organoids are not dissociated properly.	gentleMACS C-Tubes are overloaded, or the dissociation enzymes are performing at suboptimal activity.	In our experience, up to ~ 5×10^6 cells per C-Tube can be dissociated sufficiently using our custom dissociation program. We recommend users to prepare fresh dissociation solution before each use. Run additional rounds of the “Quick Protocol” if needed.
20	Considerable cell loss, especially after being transferred to a new FACS tube.	Cell loss is inevitable during staining due to the multiple washing steps, and it is more striking with fewer cells. In particular, when cells are centrifuged in uncoated polypropylene FACS tubes, a thin film of cells will form on the side of the tube instead of a well-defined cell pellet, leading to further cell loss.	We recommend users start with $> 1 \times 10^6$ cells in total, barcode cells, and pool different conditions as early as possible during the protocol (that is part of the motivation of the development of TOB <i>is</i>). In addition, during optimisation we observed that coating polypropylene FACS tubes with CSB prior to centrifugation of cells resuspended in PBS also facilitates the cells to spin down properly and thereby increases cell recovery.

49	Antibody staining is not working.	Antibody needs to be titrated, or alternative antibodies / clones need to be tested.	Antibody panels for MC experiments need to be carefully designed and titrated in accordance with known impurities and antigen abundance ^{55, 56} . We also encourage users to test alternative fixation and permeabilisation conditions for their specific experimental system.
50	Experimental conditions are not debarcoded efficiently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Incorrect amounts of barcodes are added to the cells. b) The MC run acquires heavy metal contaminants accumulated during the staining steps, causing lower than expected percentage of “real” events. c) Incompatible barcode key is provided to the Debarcoder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure barcodes are accurately aliquoted and all barcodes from each TOBis condition is added to the cell cultures. b) Adding 2 mM of EDTA to the CSB wash buffer prior to MC data acquisition helps chelate free metals in the cell suspension and clean up the MC run. c) Make sure the correct barcode key is used for debarcoding a specific experiment.
52	Error messages when installing Conda environment or running pipeline scripts.	Python or R package(s) failed to be installed in the Conda environment at the recommended versions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Identify missing package(s) (see error information of <code>conda env setup</code> or run a pipeline script and check which <code>python import</code> fails). Manually install the package(s) as per their specific instructions. b) Errors in R installation are likely caused by missing compilation tools in the operating system (macOS in particular). Identify the missing tools and manually install them. Execution of

			<p>5v1-emd_dremi_htmp.py or 5v2-pca.py should also trigger automatic installation of any missing R packages.</p> <p>c) Refer to the GitHub issue page for additional help.</p>
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910 **ANTICIPATED RESULTS**

911 This TOBis MC protocol typically generates >1,000,000 single-cell measurements of
912 ~50 MC channels (cell-type identification antibodies, cell-state antibodies / probes,
913 and PTM antibodies) from up to 126 organoid cultures (Fig. 3d). When compared with
914 the starting cell count (i.e., after single-cell dissociation), 50–60% of the cells can be
915 acquired by MC and the sum of TOBis_n_Cells.fcs cell counts typically ranges from
916 50–70% of the total debarcoded event count. Previous analysis with small intestinal
917 organoids confirmed cell-type and cell-state recovery was in line with expected ratios
918 for small intestinal epithelia¹⁷. The standard output files generated by the workflow
919 are formatted as FCS 3.0, which is compatible with third party cytometry data
920 analysis tools including Cytobank and FlowJo, where manual data pre-processing,
921 cell-type identification, and cell-state classification can be performed. We do not
922 routinely perform compensation⁵⁸ or batch correction⁵⁹ on TOBis MC data, but such
923 strategies could be useful for some users. Single-cell data can be visualised using
924 UMAP⁵⁰ via CyGNAL (or *t*-SNE⁶⁰ / PHATE⁶¹ using standalone scripts) and cell-type-
925 specific organoid PTM network analysis is performed with EMD^{51, 52} (node) and
926 DREMI⁵³ (edge) scoring. EMD and DREMI scores output to .csv format and can be
927 easily visualised using heatmaps and PCA. The cell-type-specific results generated
928 by this TOBis MC protocol can be used to quantitatively compare cell-states and PTM
929 signalling networks between organoids and organoid co-cultures.

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931 **Reporting Summary**

932 Further information on research design is available in the Nature Research Reporting

933 Summary linked to this article.

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935 **Data Availability**

936 All raw data, processed data, and working illustrations are available as a Community

937 Cytobank project ([https://community.cytobank.org/cytobank/experiments#project-](https://community.cytobank.org/cytobank/experiments#project-id=1334)938 [id=1334](https://community.cytobank.org/cytobank/experiments#project-id=1334)).

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940 **Code Availability**941 The latest CyGNAL pipeline is available at: <https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL>.

942 CyGNAL version 0.2.1 as described in this publication can be found at:

943 <https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/CyGNAL/releases/tag/v0.2.1>. The OT-2 barcode944 preparation code is available at: [https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting)945 [Barcode-Pipetting](https://github.com/TAPE-Lab/OT-2-Automated-Barcode-Pipetting).

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1101 developed TeMal reagents. C.T. designed the study, analysed the data, and wrote
1102 the paper.

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1104 **COMPETING INTERESTS**

1105 M.N. has pending intellectual property on the use of TeMal reagents for mass
1106 cytometry applications which has been licensed to Fluidigm Corporation.

Figure 1

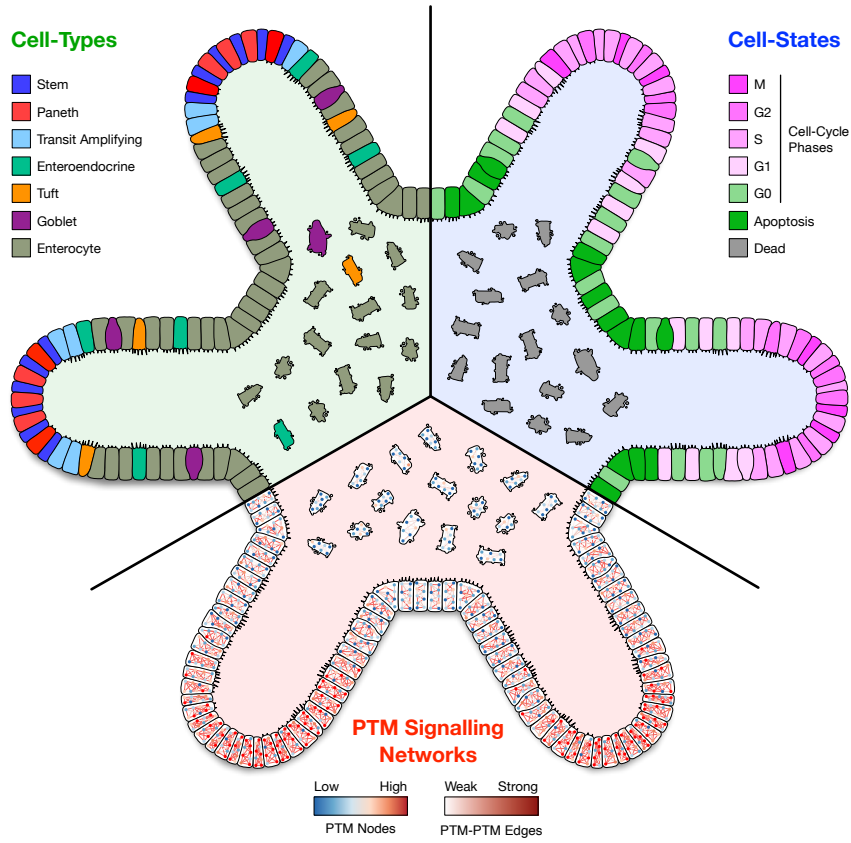


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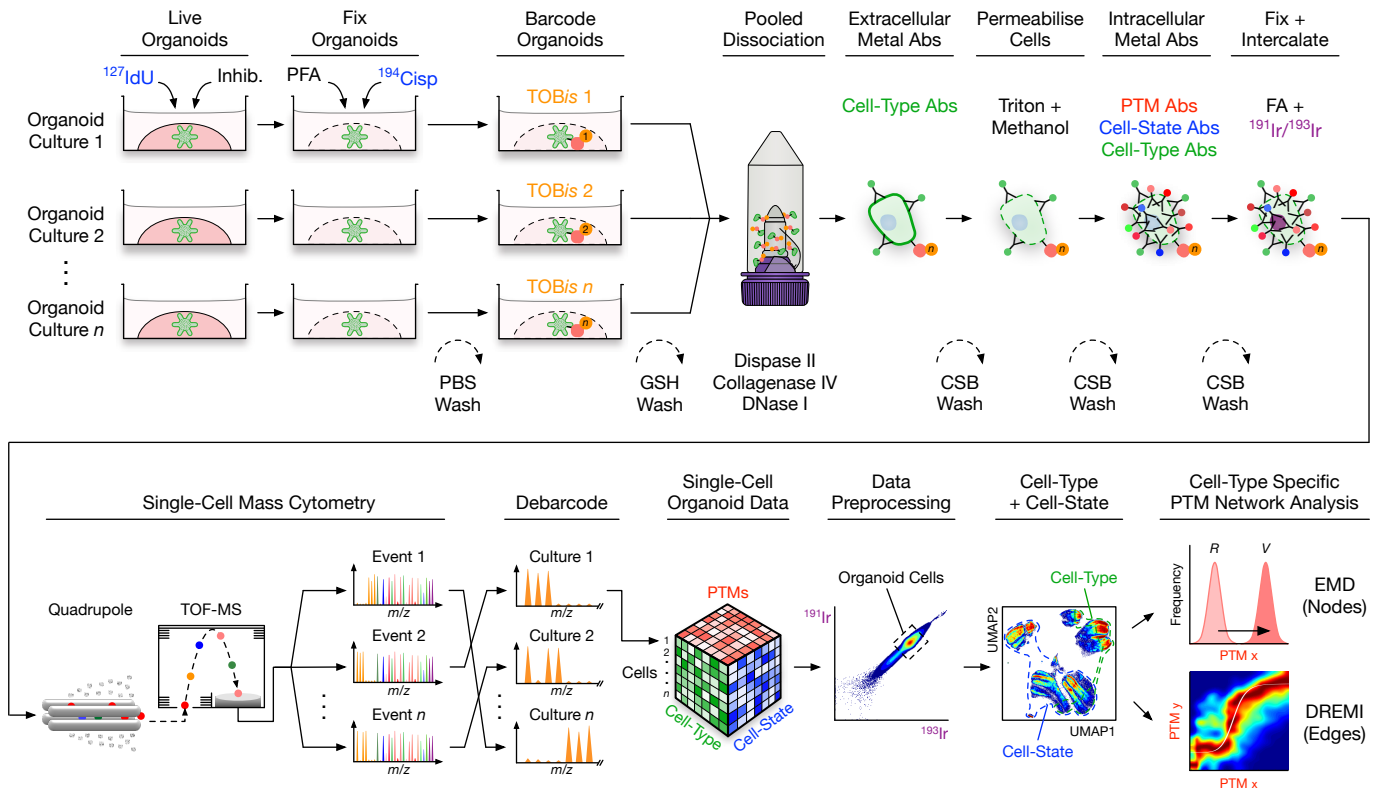


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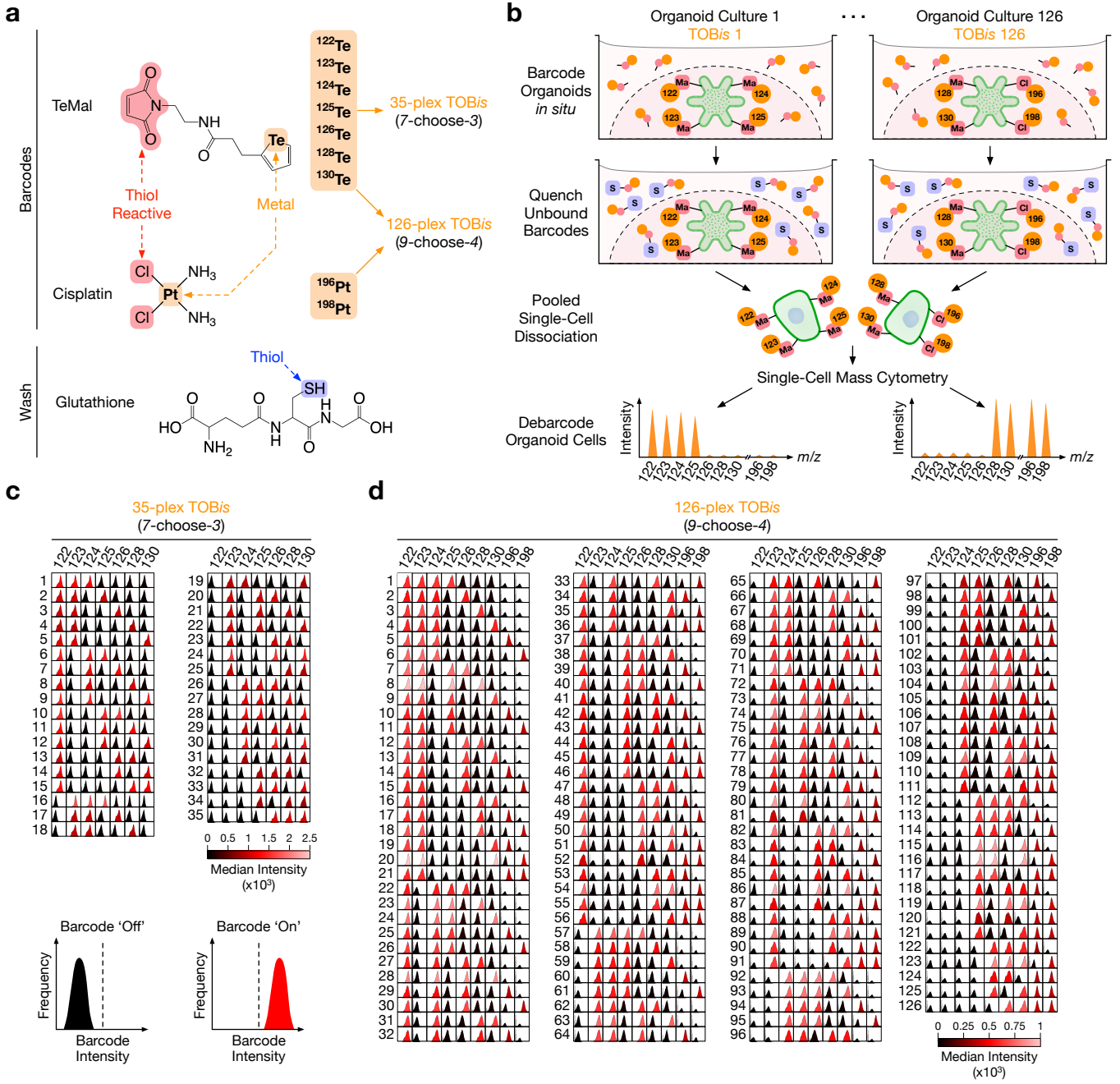


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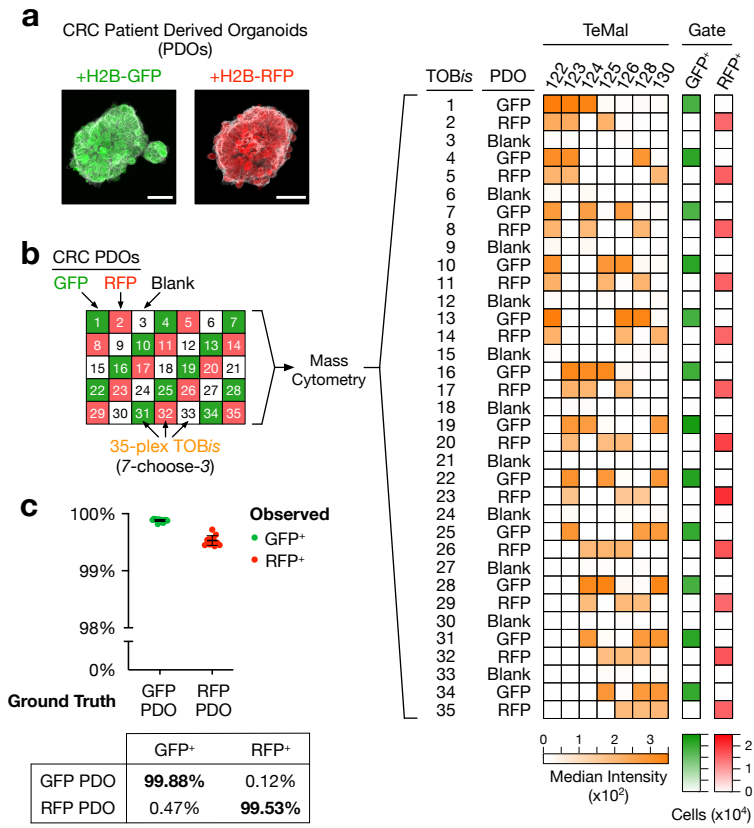
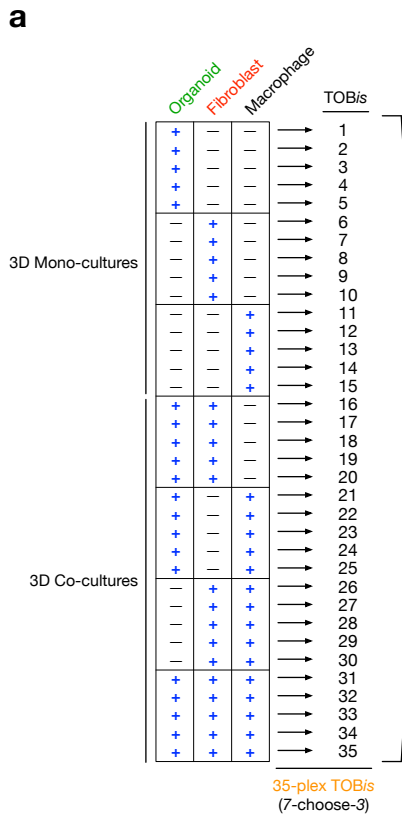
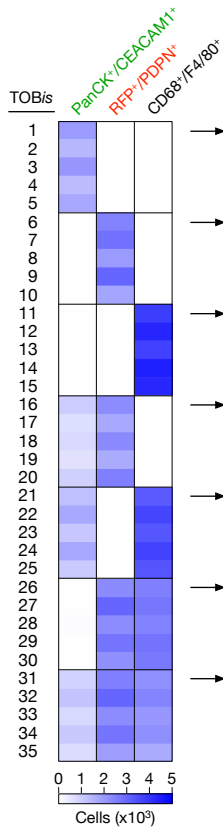


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Mass Cytometry



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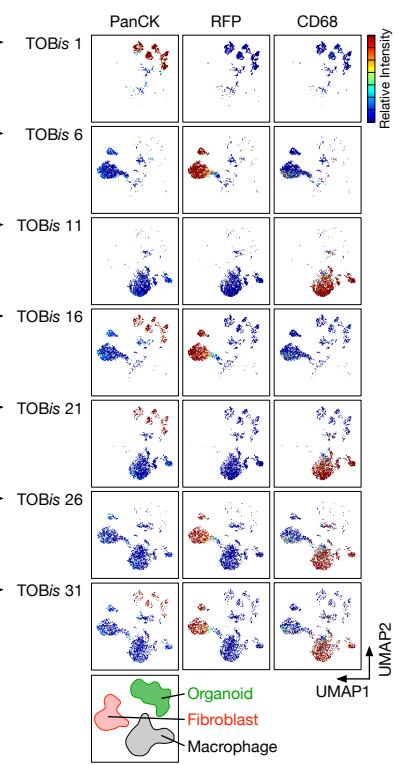
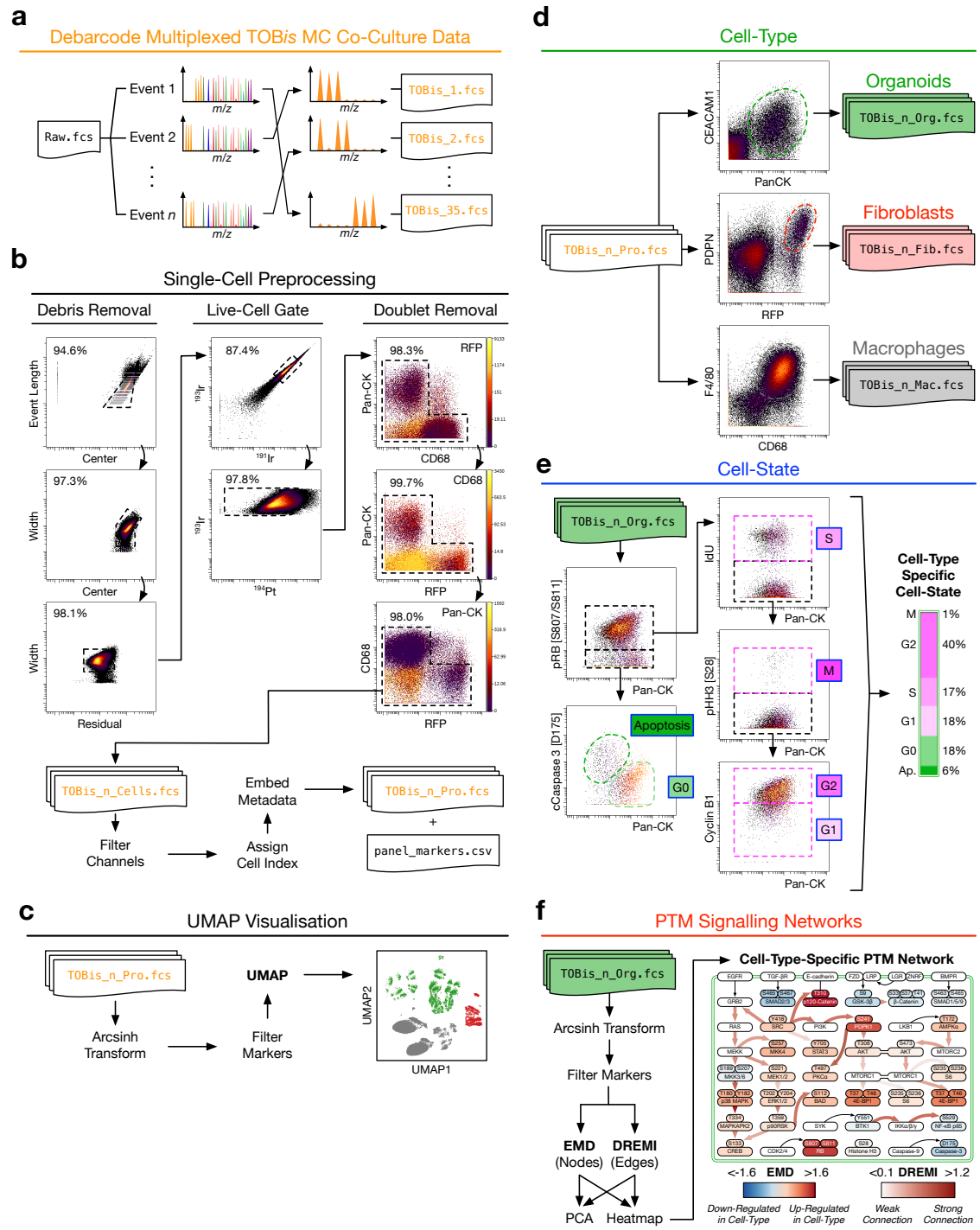


Figure 6



1107 **FIGURE LEGENDS**1108 **Figure 1 – Organoids are High-Dimensional Systems.**

1109 Schematic of a small intestinal (SI) organoid. SI organoids contain multiple cell-types,
1110 each in a unique cell-state. Each cell contains cell-type- and cell-state-specific post-
1111 translational modification (PTM) signalling networks. High-dimensional technologies
1112 are needed to simultaneously quantify cell-type and cell-state-specific PTM signalling
1113 in organoids.

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1115 **Figure 2 – TOB/is MC Protocol Overview.**

1116 Live organoids are treated with ^{127}IdU (identifying S-phase cells) and phosphatase
1117 and protease inhibitors (inhib.) (Procedure Steps 1 to 3). Organoids are then fixed *in*
1118 *situ* with paraformaldehyde (PFA) and stained with $^{194}\text{Cisplatin}$ ($^{194}\text{Cisp}$) to identify
1119 dead / dying cells (Steps 4 to 7). Organoids from different experimental conditions
1120 are barcoded with TOB/is reagents while still in Matrigel (Fig. 3), washed with reduced
1121 glutathione (GSH), and pooled (Steps 8 to 10). Organoids are dissociated into single
1122 cells using Dispase II, Collagenase IV, and DNase I and stained with extracellular cell-
1123 type rare-earth metal conjugated antibodies (Abs) (Steps 11 to 24). Cells are then
1124 permeabilised with Triton and Methanol, stained with intracellular post-translational
1125 modification (PTM), cell-state, and cell-type Abs (Steps 25 to 33). Abs are cross-linked
1126 to their antigens using formaldehyde (FA) and cells are incubated with $^{191/193}\text{Iridium}$ (Ir)
1127 DNA intercalators (Steps 34 to 37). Single cells are analysed using a mass cytometer
1128 (Steps 38 to 49). Different experimental conditions are debarcoded, pre-processed,
1129 and single-cell organoid data is visualised using Uniform Manifold Approximation and
1130 Projection (UMAP) (Steps 50 to 60). Cell-type-specific PTM node intensity is

1131 calculated using Earth Mover's Distance (EMD) between reference (*R*) and variable
1132 (*V*) populations and PTM-PTM connectivity is calculated using Density Resampled
1133 Estimation of Mutual Information (DREMI) (Steps 61 to 70). CSB, cell staining buffer
1134 (see REAGENTS); TOF-MS, time-of-flight mass spectrometer.

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1136 **Figure 3 – TOB*is* Multiplexing Overview.**

1137 a) TOB*is* reagents. Seven thiol-reactive tellurium maleimide (TeMal) isotopologues
1138 (^{122}Te , ^{123}Te , ^{124}Te , ^{125}Te , ^{126}Te , ^{128}Te , and ^{130}Te) are combined to form a doublet-filtering
1139 35-plex (7-choose-3) barcoding matrix. Two additional Cisplatin isotopologues (^{196}Pt
1140 and ^{198}Pt) can expand the barcoding matrix to 126-plex (9-choose-4). Reduced
1141 glutathione provides a source of free thiols to quench unbound barcodes during wash
1142 steps.

1143 b) TOB*is* workflow schematic. Ma, maleimide.

1144 c) Histograms of monoisotopic Te (coloured by the median intensity) of 35 murine
1145 *shApc / Kras^{G12D/+}* CRC organoid cultures barcoded using 35-plex (7-choose-3) TOB*is*
1146 (barcode key provided in Supplementary Table 3). The X axis represents the signal
1147 intensities of the corresponding barcodes. For each TOB*is* condition, 3 of the 7 Te
1148 isotopes need to be 'on' and the other 4 isotopes need to be 'off' to achieve
1149 successful sample demultiplexing.

1150 d) Histograms of monoisotopic Te and Pt (coloured by the median intensity) of 126
1151 murine *shApc / Kras^{G12D/+}* CRC organoid cultures barcoded using 126-plex (9-choose-
1152 4) TOB*is* (barcode key provided in Supplementary Table 4). The X axis represents the
1153 signal intensities of the corresponding barcodes. For each TOB*is* condition, 4 of the

1154 9 Te / Pt isotopes need to be 'on' and the other 5 isotopes need to be 'off' to achieve
1155 successful sample demultiplexing.

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1157 **Figure 4 – TOB*is* MC Barcoding Fidelity.**

1158 a) Confocal microscopy of human colorectal cancer (CRC) patient-derived organoids
1159 (PDOs) transfected with either H2B-GFP (endogenous, green) or H2B-RFP
1160 (endogenous, red), stained for EpCAM (white); scale bars, 25 μ m.

1161 b) Checkerboard plating of GFP PDOs, RFP PDOs, or blank wells with only Matrigel.
1162 Cells were barcoded with 35-plex (7-choose-3) TOB*is* and analysed by MC.

1163 c) Percentage of GFP⁺ and RFP⁺ positive cells ("Observed") recovered from GFP and
1164 RFP PDO cultures ("Ground Truth") ($n = 12$ independent samples for each PDO).
1165 TOB*is* achieved a barcoding accuracy of >99%. Error bars represent standard
1166 deviation.

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1168 **Figure 5 – TOB*is* MC for Organoid Co-cultures.**

1169 a) Mono- and co-cultures of organoids, fibroblasts, and macrophages ($n = 5$)
1170 barcoded using 35-plex (7-choose-3) TOB*is* and analysed by MC. The heatmap
1171 shows numbers of organoids (Pan-cytokeratin (PanCK)⁺ and CEACAM1⁺), fibroblasts
1172 (Podoplanin (PDPN)⁺ and Red Florescent Protein (RFP)⁺), and macrophages (CD68⁺
1173 and F4/80⁺) recovered from each TOB*is* barcode. TOB*is* MC specifically resolved all
1174 the conditions and successfully labelled all the cell-types within the culture.

1175 b) UMAP projections of single cells from representative debarcoded TOB*is* conditions
1176 demonstrating the compatibility of TOB*is* to organoid co-cultures.

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1178 **Figure 6 – TOBis MC Data Analysis using CyGNAL.**

1179 a) TOBis MC raw data is debarcoded⁴⁴ into individual experimental conditions
1180 (TOBis_n.fcs).

1181 b) All debarcoded data files are imported into a cytometry data analysis platform for
1182 debris removal, live-cell identification, and doublet removal (percentages shown are
1183 of the parent population), yielding cells for analysis (TOBis_n_Cells.fcs). The data files
1184 are then processed by the CyGNAL pipeline⁴⁹, which generates pre-processed
1185 datasets (TOBis_n_Pro.fcs) and a file containing the list of markers used in the
1186 experiment (panel_markers.csv).

1187 c) UMAP⁵⁰ dimensionality reduction is performed using user-defined markers.

1188 d) Cell-type identification is performed on pre-processed data to generate cell-type-
1189 specific datasets.

1190 e) Cell-state analysis is performed on cell-type-specific data.

1191 f) PTM signalling analysis is performed on cell-type-specific data via EMD^{51, 52} and
1192 DREMI⁵³ calculations. EMD and DREMI scores can be visualised in heatmaps or
1193 summarised using principal component analysis (PCA).

- Supplementary Information -

Multiplexed Single-Cell Analysis of Organoid Signalling Networks

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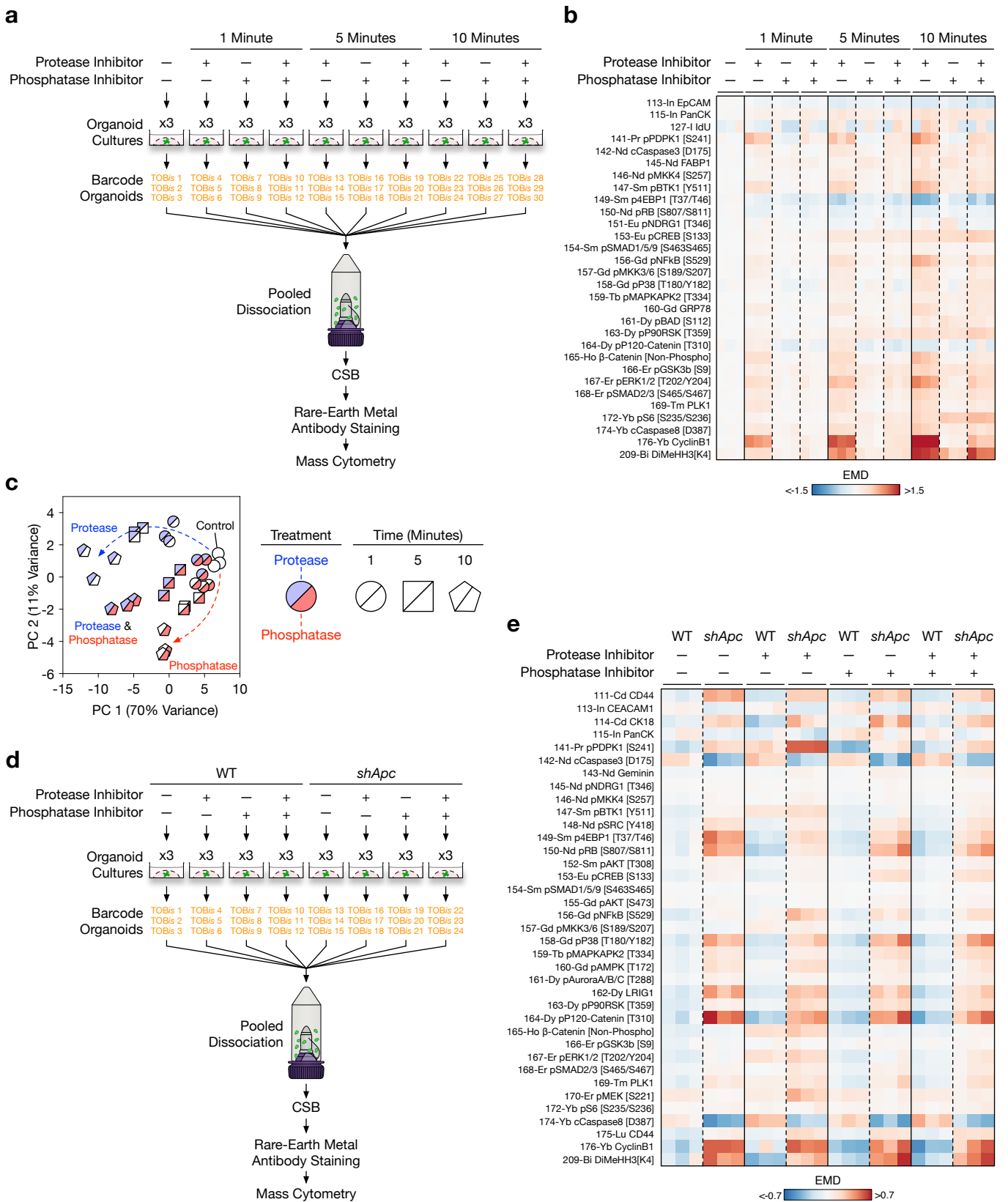
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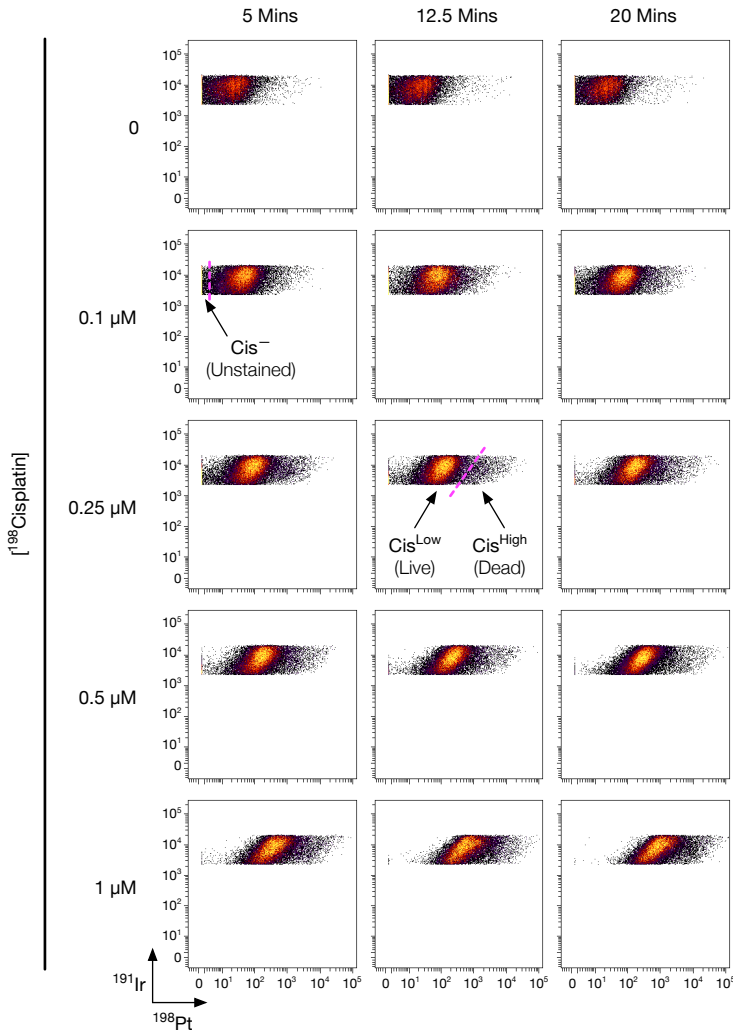
Supplementary Figure 1



Supplementary Figure 1 – Protease and Phosphatase Inhibitor Pre-Treatment.

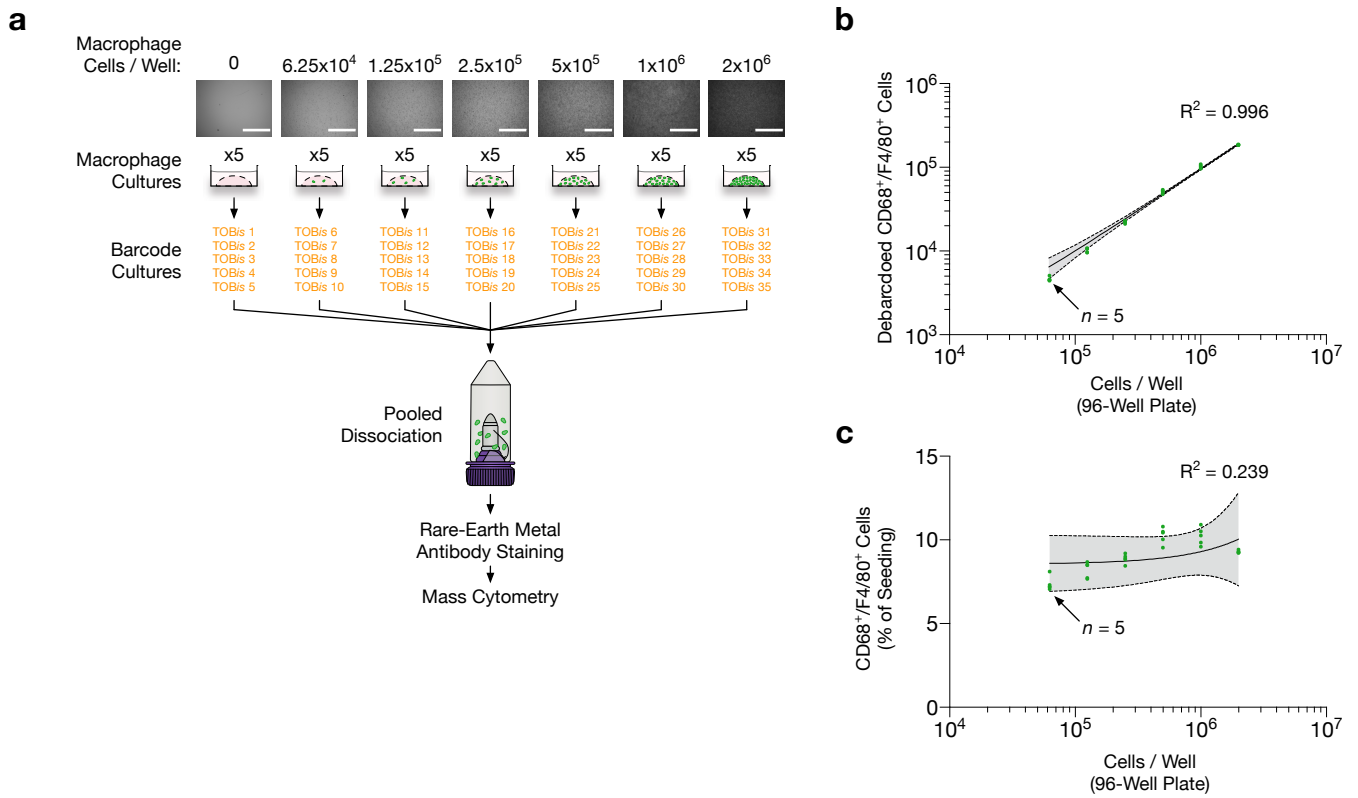
a) Experimental overview. WT murine small intestinal organoids were treated with either protease inhibitors, phosphatase inhibitors, or both for 1, 5, or 10 minutes before fixation (n = 3). All conditions were TOB*is* barcoded, pooled for dissociation, stained with rare earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry (MC). b) Earth Mover's Distance (EMD) heatmap of MC parameters following different organoid pre-treatments. Both protease and phosphatase inhibitor pre-treatments can alter heavy-metal antibody staining. c) Principal component analysis (PCA) of data in b). Protease and phosphatase inhibitor pre-treatment affects heavy-metal antibody staining in a time-dependent manner. Users are advised to empirically determine the duration of the treatment according to their experimental system and antibody panel. d) Experimental overview. Murine colonic organoids with either wild-type (WT) or *Apc* knockdown (*shApc*) were pre-treated for 5 minutes with either protease inhibitors, phosphatase inhibitors, or both, TOB*is* barcoded, dissociated, stained with rare-earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry (MC). e) EMD heatmap of MC parameters following different inhibitor pre-treatments. Note how different inhibitor pre-treatments can alter antigen staining (e.g., pPDK1 [S241], pNFkB [S529]). CSB, cell staining buffer (see REAGENTS).

Supplementary Figure 2



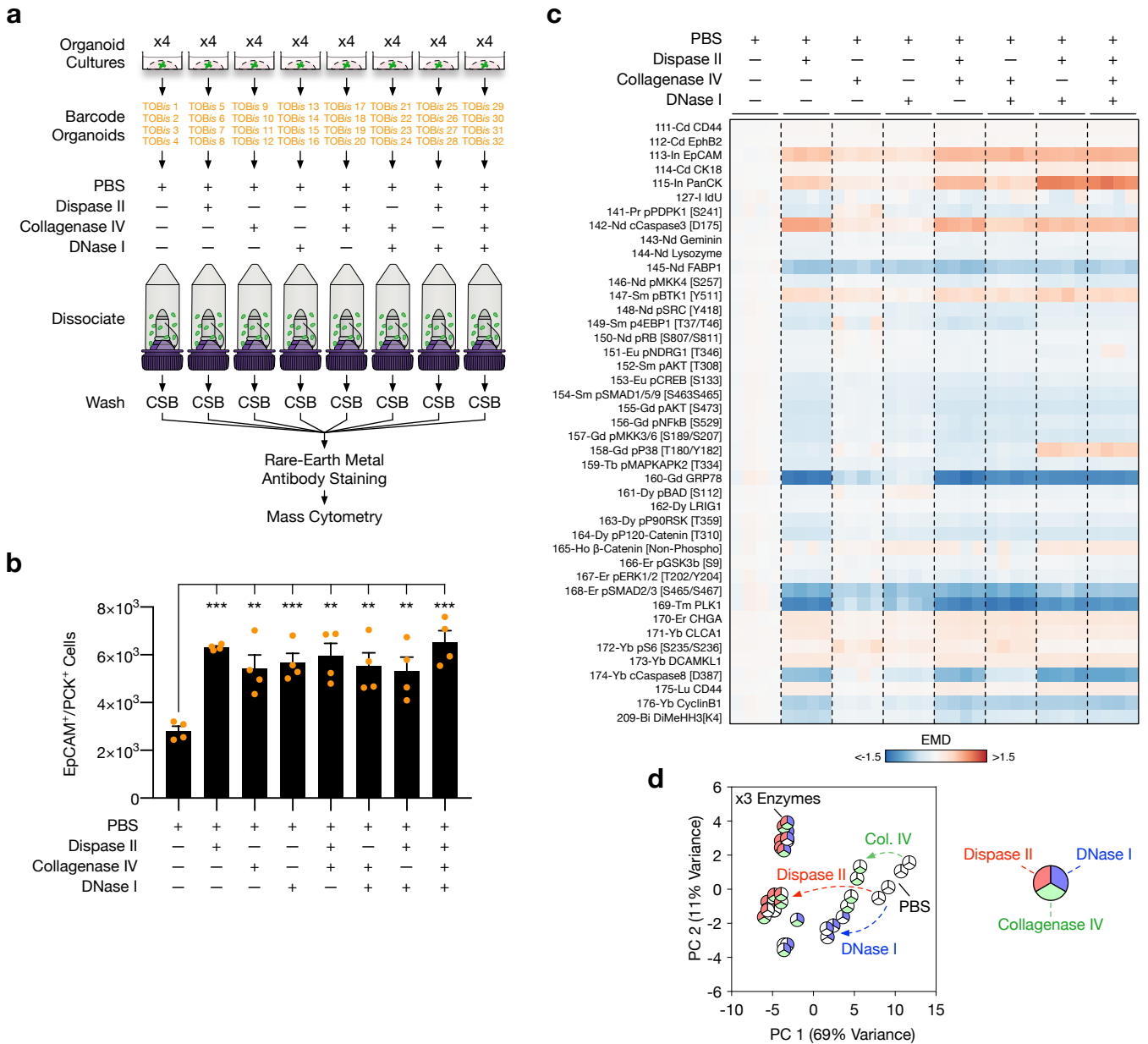
Supplementary Figure 2 – Cisplatin Organoid Staining *in situ*. 0 – 1 μM $^{198}\text{Cisplatin}$ was added to murine small intestinal organoids over 5, 12.5, and 20 minutes and analysed by mass cytometry. Cisplatin^{Low} cells can be retained as live cells and Cisplatin^{High} cells can be gated out as dead cells. We advise users to select a combination of $^{198}\text{Cisplatin}$ concentration and incubation time where all cells have had the opportunity to be stained with Cisplatin (i.e., no Cisplatin⁻ cells). CSB, cell staining buffer (see REAGENTS).

Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3 – TOB*is* Barcoding Capacity. a) Experimental overview. Bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDMs) were plated in 96-well plates ranging from 6.25×10^4 – 2×10^6 cells per well in 3D Matrigel (n = 5). (Note: a typical seeding density for cells in 3D Matrigel in a 96-well plate is $<1 \times 10^6$ per well). Cells were TOB*is* barcoded, dissociated, stained with rare-earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry. Scale bar = 1 mm. b) and c) Debarcoded CD68⁺ /F4/80⁺ BMDMs display linear debarcoding recovery across all cell densities. Error represents 95% confidence interval (area shaded grey).

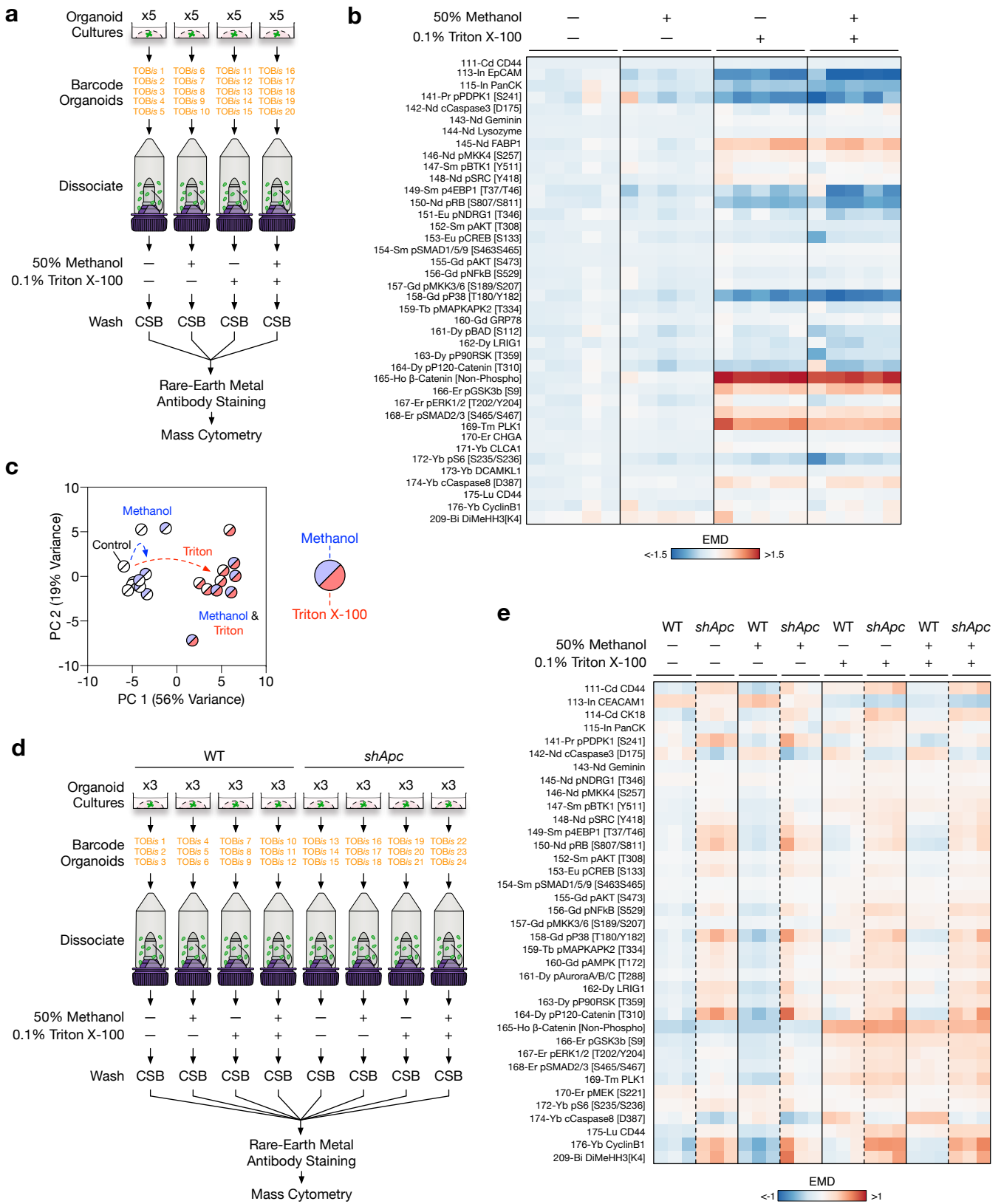
Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Figure 4 – Single-Cell Organoid Dissociation Enzymes. a)

Experimental overview. Murine small intestinal organoids were TOBis barcoded and dissociated in PBS supplemented with either Dispase II, Collagenase IV, and/or DNase I (n = 4) using the Miltenyi GentleMACS platform, stained with rare-earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry (MC). b) Debarcoded EpCAM⁺ /PCK⁺ cells from each dissociation condition. All enzymes improve single-cell recovery relative to PBS alone (2-tailed unpaired *t*-test vs PBS, ** = p<0.01, *** = p<0.001). c) Earth Mover's Distance (EMD) heatmap of MC parameters following different dissociation conditions. Each dissociation enzyme can alter heavy-metal antibody staining and should be optimised for each biological system studied. d) Principal component analysis (PCA) of data in c). Heavy-metal antibody staining is affected by the combination of dissociation enzymes, and users are advised to test and titrate alternative dissociation enzymes for their experimental system. CSB, cell staining buffer (see REAGENTS).

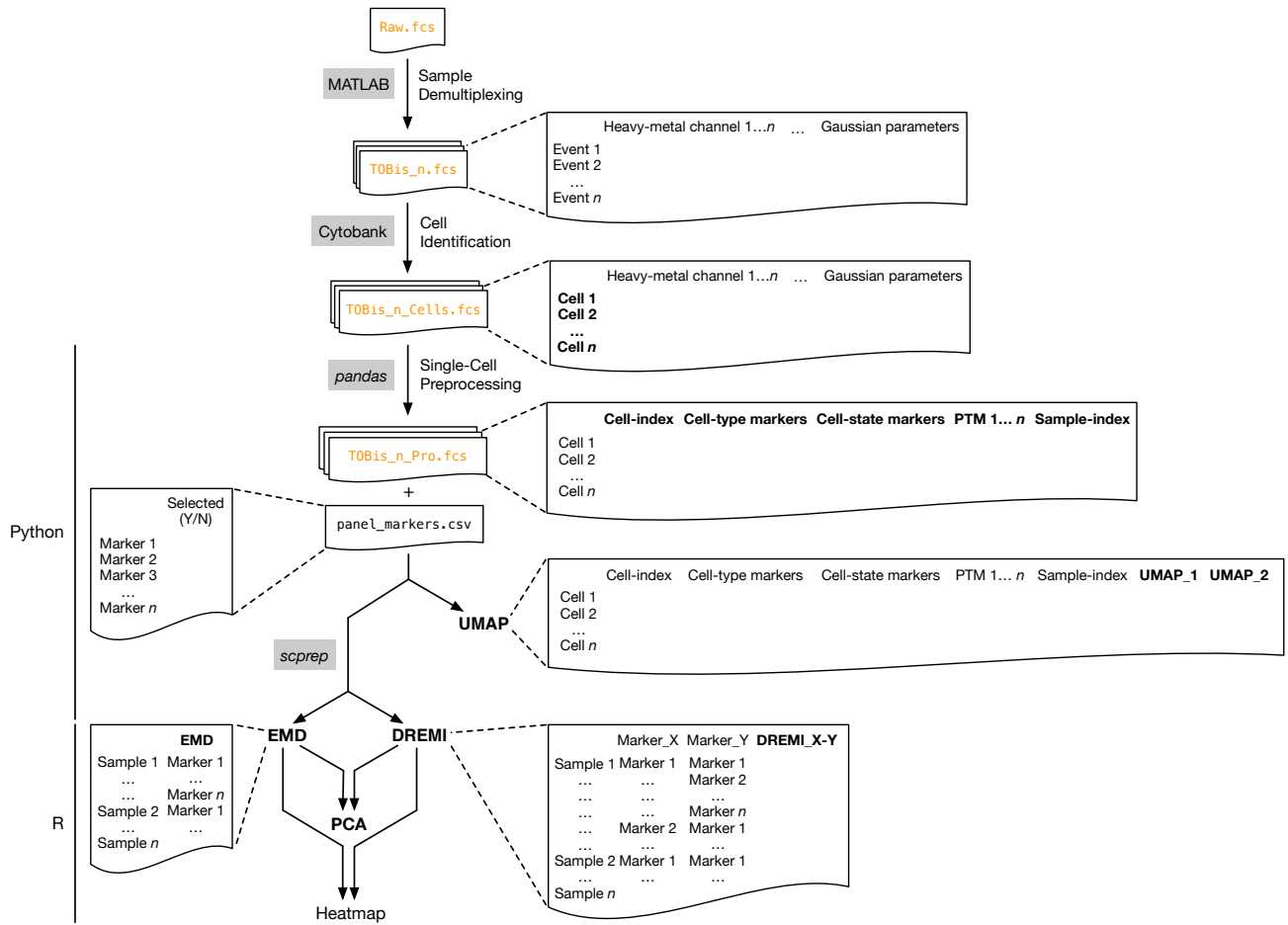
Supplementary Figure 5



Supplementary Figure 5 – Cell Permeabilisation Buffers. a) Experimental overview. Murine small intestinal organoids were TOBis barcoded (n = 5), dissociated, and permeabilised using 50% methanol, 0.1% Triton, or both, stained with rare-earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry (MC). b) Earth Mover's Distance (EMD) heatmap of MC parameters following different permeabilisation conditions. In our experience, 0.1% Triton is a more effective permeabilisation buffer for small intestinal organoids, but this may vary with alternative models and should be optimised by for each biological system studied. c) Principal component analysis (PCA) of data in b). Permeabilisation conditions can substantially alter heavy-metal antibody staining, and users are advised to optimise the step based on their model system and antibody panel. d) Experimental overview. Wild-type (WT) or Apc knockdown (*shApc*) murine colonic organoids were TOBis barcoded, dissociated, and permeabilised using 50% methanol, 0.1% Triton, or both (n = 3), stained with rare-earth metal antibodies, and analysed by mass cytometry (MC). e) EMD heatmap of MC parameters following different permeabilisation conditions. In murine colonic organoids 50% methanol treatment yields similar antibody staining to untreated cells. Either 0.1% Triton alone or combined with 50% methanol yields strong staining across multiple parameters. CSB, cell staining buffer (see REAGENTS).

Supplementary Figure 6

CyGNAL (CyTOF siGNalling Analysis)



Supplementary Figure 6 – CyGNAL Architecture. File structure and processing architecture of CyTOF siGNalling AnaLysis (CyGNAL) pipeline for computing cell-type-specific signalling networks from TOBis MC data. Software environments and packages are indicated in grey boxes, computational processes are in bold text.

Supplementary Table 1 – TOBis MC Costs.

	Item	Price / Well (£)	35-plex TOBis	126-plex TOBis
Pre-Treatment	¹²⁷ I dU	0.15	5.25	18.9
	Protease Inhibitors	0.035	1.23	4.41
	Phosphatase Inhibitors	0.078	2.73	9.83
	PFA	0.0084	0.29	1.1
	¹⁹⁴ Cisplatin	0.088	3.08	11.09
TOBis	TeMal *	0.06 or 0.08	2.1	10.08
	^{196/8} Cisplatin **	0.005	-	0.63
		Price / C-Tube (£)	x5 C-Tubes	x15 C-Tubes
Dissociation	C-Tubes	3.9	19.5	58.5
	Dispase II	0.15	0.75	2.25
	Collagenase IV	0.16	0.8	2.4
	DNase I	0.18	0.9	2.7
			Price / 3M Cell Stain (£)	Price / 12M Cell Stain (£)
Staining	40-plex Metal-Antibody Panel ***		120	480
	¹⁹¹ Ir + ¹⁹³ Ir		0.18	0.72
Total (£)			156.81	602.61

Costing guidelines for multiplexed TOBis MC experiments. Metal-antibody conjugates comprise 75-80% of the total cost of a TOBis MC experiment.

* Based on TeMal production in an academic lab (0.3 mmole = £2,000).

** Based on custom production of ^{196/8}Cisplatin from Buylsotope (1 mL 10 mM = £1000).

*** Based on 100 ug Metal-antibody = £300 (£200 Ab, £100 conjugation), 1 ug / Metal-Ab / 3 million cell staining.

Supplementary Table 2 – Murine Small Intestinal Organoid Mass Cytometry Antibody Panel.

Isotope-Metal	Antigen / Target	Antibody Clone	Supplier	Catalogue #
89-Y	Phospho-Histone H3 [S28]	HTA28	BioLegend	641007
113-In	CD326 (EpCAM)	G8.8	BioLegend	118223
115-In	Pan-Cytokeratin (Pan-CK)	AE-1/AE-3	BioLegend	914204
141-Pr	Phospho-PDPK1 [S241]	J66-653.44.22	BD Biosciences	558395
142-Nd	Cleaved-Caspase 3 [D175]	D3E9	CST	9579
143-Nd	C-MYC	D84C12	CST	5605
144-Nd	Lysozyme	BGN/06/961	Abcam	ab36362
145-Nd	FABP1	328605	R&D Systems	MAB29641
146-Nd	Phospho-MKK4/SEK1 [S257]	C36C11	CST	4514
147-Sm	Phospho-BTK [Y551]	24a/BTK	BD Biosciences	558034
148-Nd	Phospho-SRC [Y418]	SC1T2M3	Thermo	14-9034-82
149-Sm	Phospho-4E-BP1 [T37/46]	236B4	CST	2855
150-Nd	Phospho-RB [S807/811]	J112-906	BD Biosciences	558389
151-Eu	Phospho-PKCa [T497]	K14-984	BD Biosciences	610108
152-Sm	Phospho-AKT [T308]	J1-223.371	BD Biosciences	558316
153-Eu	Phospho-CREB [S133]	87G3	CST	9198
154-Sm	Phospho-SMAD1 [S463/465] Phospho-SMAD5 [S463/465] Phospho-SMAD9 [S465/467]	D5B10	CST	13820
155-Gd	Phospho-AKT [S473]	D9E	CST	4060
156-Gd	Phospho-NF-κB p65 [S529]	K10-895.12.50	BD Biosciences	558393
157-Gd	Phospho-MKK3 [S189] / MKK6 [S207]	D8E9	CST	12280
158-Gd	Phospho-p38 MAPK [T180/Y182]	D3F9	CST	4511
159-Tb	Phospho-MAPKAPK2 [T334]	27B7	CST	3007
160-Gd	Phospho-AMPKα [T172]	40H9	CST	2535
161-Dy	Phospho-BAD [S112]	40A9	CST	5284
162-Dy	LRIG1	Polyclonal	R&D Systems	AF3688
163-Dy	Phospho-p90RSK [T359]	D1E9	CST	8753
164-Dy	Phospho-p120-Catenin [T310]	22/p120 (pT310)	BD Biosciences	558203
165-Ho	β-Catenin [Active]	D13A1	CST	8814
166-Er	Phospho-GSK-3β [S9]	D85E12	CST	5558
167-Er	Phospho-ERK1/2 [T202/Y204]	20A	BD Biosciences	612359
168-Er	Phospho-SMAD2 [S465/467] Phospho-SMAD3 [S423/425]	D27F4	CST	8828
169-Tm	GFP	5F12.4	Fluidigm	3169009
170-Er	Phospho-MEK1/2 [S221]	166F8	CST	2338
171-Yb	CLCA1	EPR12254-88	Abcam	ab180851
172-Yb	Phospho-S6 [S235/236]	D57.2.2E	CST	4858
173-Yb	DCAMKL1	6F9	Sigma	WH0009201M2
174-Yb	CHR-A	C-12	Santa Cruz	sc-393941
175-Lu	CD44	IM7	BioLegend	103051
176-Yb	Cyclin B1	GNS-11	BD Biosciences	554179
209-Bi	Di-Methyl-Histone H3 [K4]	C64G9	CST	9725

Extracellular

Intracellular

SUPPLEMENTARY METHOD

Synthesis and Characterization of TeMal Isotopologues

REAGENTS

(Triisopropylsilyl)acetylene (Sigma, Cat# 360031)

Acetone (Sigma, Cat# 179124)

N-bromosuccinimide (Sigma, Cat# B81255)

Silver(I) nitrate (Sigma, Cat# 209139)

Pentane (Sigma, Cat# 158941)

Sodium chloride (Sigma, Cat# S9888)

Sodium sulfate (Sigma, Cat# 238597)

n-Butylamine (Sigma, Cat# 471305)

Copper(I) chloride (Sigma, Cat# 224332)

Hydroxylamine hydrochloride (Sigma, Cat# 159417)

4-pentynoic acid (Sigma, Cat# 232211)

Ethyl acetate (Sigma, Cat# 319902)

Citric acid (Sigma, Cat# C0759)

Magnesium sulfate (Sigma, Cat# 746452)

Isotopically enriched tellurium (Trace Sciences International, custom order)

¹²²Te – tellurium metal powder

¹²³Te – tellurium oxide

¹²⁴Te – tellurium metal powder

¹²⁵Te – tellurium metal powder

¹²⁶Te – tellurium metal powder

^{128}Te – tellurium metal powder

^{130}Te – tellurium metal powder

Hydrazine hydrate (Sigma, Cat# 225819)

Sodium borohydride (Sigma, Cat# 452882)

Tetrahydrofuran (THF) (Sigma, Cat# 401757)

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride, 1.0 M in THF (TBAF) (Sigma, Cat# 216143)

Ammonium chloride (Sigma, Cat# A9434)

Diethyl ether (Sigma, Cat# 673811)

Ethanol (Greenfield Global, Cat# P210EAAN)

Methanol (Sigma, Cat# 179337)

Glacial acetic acid (Caledon Laboratory Chemicals, Cat# 1000-1-29)

Dichloromethane (Sigma, Cat# D65100)

1-Hydroxybenzotriazole monohydrate (HOBt, TCI America, Cat# H0468)

N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA, Sigma, Cat# D125806)

HATU (Sigma, Cat# 445460)

N-(2-Aminoethyl)maleimide hydrochloride (TCI America, Cat# A2436)

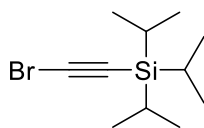
Sodium bicarbonate (Sigma, Cat# S6014)

Ammonium hydroxide (Caledon Laboratory Chemicals, Cat# 1525-1-29)

SiliaFlash silica gel P60 (Silicycle, Cat# R12030B)

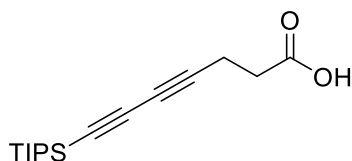
Synthesis and Characterization of TeMal Isotopologues

Reagents and solvents described below were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI America, Caledon laboratory Chemicals, or Greenfield Global (see reagents) and used as supplied unless otherwise indicated. Isotopically enriched tellurium metal was purchased from Trace Sciences. Solvents were degassed by sparging argon through vessels under sonication for at least one hour. Column chromatography was performed using SiliaFlash P60 (Silicycle); a combination of gravity elution and moderate air pressure was employed. NMR spectra were acquired using a 500 MHz Agilent DD2 spectrometer with an XSens C13 Cold Probe or a 400 MHz Bruker Avance III spectrometer with a dual resonance (BBFO) broad band probe. Mass spectra were obtained by positive mode electrospray (ESI+) on an Agilent 6538 Q-TOF mass spectrometer.

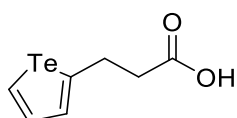


(Bromoethynyl)triisopropylsilane (1). This is a commercially available reagent but can easily be synthesized in-house. To a 250 mL round bottom flask was added acetone (65 mL), TIPS-acetylene (1.9 mL, 8.2 mmol, 1.0 eq), *N*-bromosuccinimide (1.47 g, 8.26 mmol, 1.0 eq), and catalytic silver nitrate (0.136 g, 0.80 mmol, 0.1 eq). The mixture was stirred at room temperature (observed formation of small amounts of white precipitate). After 3 hr, pentanes (~130 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for 30 min to precipitate succinimide and salts. The mixture was gravity filtered into a separatory funnel and the organic filtrate was washed with deionized water (4 x 50 mL) and brine (1 x 50 mL). The remaining organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, gravity filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation until a clear oil remained. The oil was further dried on a high vacuum pump to remove pentanes. As the product is volatile, care was taken not to keep the product under high vacuum for prolonged periods of time or significant losses would occur. Final product was a clear, very pale-yellow oil (1.62 g, 76%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ_H 1.12-1.03 (21H, mult, Si-**CH**-

(CH₃)₂ and Si-CH-(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δC 83.61 (s, Br-C≡C-Si-); 61.87 (s, Br-C≡C-Si-); 18.63 (s, Si-CH-(CH₃)₂); 11.40 (s, Si-CH-(CH₃)₂).



7-(Triisopropylsilyl)hepta-4,6-dienoic acid (2). To a 50 mL RBF on ice was added degassed, deionized H₂O (17.5 mL), *n*-butylamine (8.5 mL), and CuCl (0.039 g, 0.39 mmol, 0.05 eq) which generated a deep blue colour. NH₂OH·HCl was added until reaction changed from blue to colourless (~0.06 g). 4-pentynoic acid (0.870 g, 8.87 mmol, 1.1 eq) was added and the reaction stirred until solids were completely dissolved. The flask was purged with argon and (bromoethynyl)triisopropylsilane (2.04 g, 7.85 mmol, 1.0 eq) was delivered in neat form by syringe; an emulsion was formed which cleared to give a pale-yellow solution after vigorous stirring. After 1.5 hr, the reaction mixture was diluted with deionized water to ~50 mL and extracted with 2 x 50 mL EtOAc. The aqueous phase was acidified with 5% citric acid (~40 mL) and extracted with 2 x 50 mL EtOAc. The combined organic phase was washed with 3 x 40 mL 5% citric acid and 2 x 40 mL brine, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. This yielded a clear yellow oil which formed white crystals upon drying under high vacuum (1.90 g, 6.7 mmol, 91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δH 2.62 (4H, s, COOH-CH₂-CH₂- and COOH-CH₂-CH₂-), 1.07 (21H, s, Si-CH-(CH₃)₂ and Si-CH-(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δC 177.26 (s, COOH); 89.74, 81.41, 75.98, 66.85 (s, four *sp* carbons); 32.68 (s, COOH-CH₂-CH₂-), 18.68 (s, Si-CH-(CH₃)₂), 15.02 (s, (COOH-CH₂-CH₂-), 11.40 (s, Si-CH-(CH₃)₂).



3-(Tellurophen-2-yl)propanoic acid (3). Where isotopically enriched tellurium samples were obtained in an oxidized state, the precursor was stirred overnight at room temperature in hydrazine hydrate (50-60% hydrazine in H₂O, 5mL per 100 mg tellurium). Contents were dried by careful rotary evaporation to yield a coating of

tellurium (0) which was then directly used in the cyclization reaction. The cyclization reaction and the TIPS-deprotection reaction were run concurrently. The deprotected diyne is somewhat unstable and thus no attempts were made to purify or characterize it before use in the cyclization reaction.

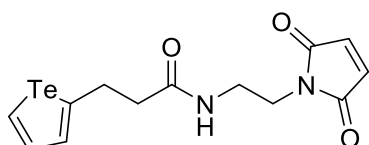
Cyclization Reaction: To a 10 mL RBF was added freshly powdered, isotopically enriched tellurium metal (0.100 g, 0.78 mmol, 1.0 eq) and sodium borohydride (0.237 g, 6.27 mmol, 8.0 eq). The flask was purged using argon for 15 min. Degassed water (3.0 mL) was injected into the flask and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hr, then heated to 40°C. The reduction of tellurium metal results in a series of colour changes from grey to light purple to very deep purple, then back to light purple, to pink/colourless. As soon as the cyclization reaction was set up, the deprotection reaction was begun.

Deprotection Reaction: To a dry 10 mL RBF under argon, on ice, was added **2** (0.284 g, 1.02 mmol, 1.3 eq. to Te metal) in THF (1.7 mL). TBAF (1.7 mL 1M solution in THF) was injected slowly. The mixture was allowed to stir on ice for 1 hour, after which the reaction mixture was partitioned over 5 mL saturated NH₄Cl and 5 mL diethyl ether. The aqueous layer was extracted with 5 mL ether, acidified with ~2.5 mL 5% citric acid (to reach pH ~4) and extract two more times with 5 mL diethyl ether. The combined organic phase as washed with 3 mL 5% citric acid, 3 mL brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation to yield a pale yellow/orange oil. The flask containing TIPS-deprotected **2** was sealed and purged with argon. Contents were dissolved in degassed ethanol (3.0 mL) and transferred by syringe into the cyclization reaction.

Injection of diyne into the tellurium mixture resulted in darkening of reaction colour to purplish brown. After stirring for ~10-20 min, the reaction turned a peachy yellow colour. The mixture was stirred overnight at 40°C. After 15 hr, the cyclization reaction was opened to atmosphere and stirred for 1 hour to precipitate unreacted tellurium. Contents were filtered over a small celite column and the filter cake rinsed with minimal amounts of methanol. 5% citric acid was added to the filtrate until bubbling stopped and solution was acidic (pH~3-4). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with 10 mL 5% citric

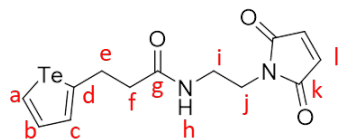
acid, 1 mL brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. Crude was purified by column chromatography using isocratic elution in 20% ethyl acetate in pentanes + 0.1% acetic acid. Due to “tail” of product co-eluting with an impurity, some samples were not completely purified (yellow oil containing traces of TIPS-based impurity; some colourless crystals formed upon cooling; NMR yield 45 to 70%).

Non-NMR active Te isotopologues (¹²², ¹²⁴, ¹²⁶, ¹²⁸, ¹³⁰Te): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δH 8.72 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.3 Hz, -Te-**CH**-CH-), 7.59 (1H, dd, ³J_{HH} = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, -Te-CH-**CH**-), 7.45-7.33 (1H, m, -Te-CR-**CH**-), 3.24 (2H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, COOH-CH₂-**CH**₂-), 2.73 (2H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, COOH-**CH**₂-CH₂-). NMR active Te isotopologues: ¹²³Te: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δH 8.72 (1H, ddd, ²J_{HTe} = 82.8 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.2 Hz, -Te-**CH**-CH-), 7.59 (1H, ddd, ³J_{HTe} = 15.1 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, -Te-CH-**CH**-), 7.45-7.33 (1H, m, -Te-CR-**CH**-), 3.30-3.17 (2H, m, COOH-CH₂-**CH**₂-), 2.73 (2H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, COOH-**CH**₂-CH₂-). ¹²⁵Te: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δH 8.72 (1H, ddd, ²J_{HTe} = 99.8 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.2 Hz, -Te-**CH**-CH-), 7.59 (1H, ddd, ³J_{HTe} = 18.1 Hz, ³J_{HH} = 6.9, 3.8 Hz, -Te-CH-**CH**-), 7.45-7.33 (1H, m, -Te-CR-**CH**-), 3.39-3.05 (2H, m, COOH-CH₂-**CH**₂-), 2.73 (2H, t, ³J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, COOH-**CH**₂-CH₂-).



TeMal (4). To a 25 mL RBF was added DCM (2.1 mL), **2** (0.050 g, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 eq), HOBt (0.097 g, 0.72 mmol, 3.5 eq), DIPEA (0.22 mL, 1.3 mmol, 6.5 eq), and HATU (0.082 g, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 eq); contents were stirred for 10 minutes until completely dissolved. *N*-(2-aminoethyl)maleimide hydrochloride salt (0.037 g, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 eq) was added to begin the reaction. After stirring 3 hr at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM and concentrated to near dryness by rotary evaporation. The crude was redissolved in 7.5 mL EtOAc, washed with 1.5 mL 5% citric acid, 1 mL deionized H₂O, 1.5 mL saturated NaHCO₃, 1 mL deionized H₂O, and 1.5 mL brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, concentrated by rotary

evaporation, and further purified by column chromatography using NH_4OH -pretreated silica (gradient elution of 50→60% EtOAc in pentanes). Isolated yields for isotopologues ranged between 0.040 to 0.063g; 53 to 81%.



Isotopologues with non-NMR active Te (**122**, **124**, **126**, **128**, **130-TeMal**): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δH 8.68 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$ Hz, H^{a}), 7.56 (1H, dd, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$, 3.9 Hz, H^{b}), 7.40-7.31 (1H, m, H^{c}), 6.70 (2H, s, H^{l}), 5.83 (1H, br s, H^{h}), 3.78-3.59 (2H, m, H^{i}), 3.46 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.6$ Hz, H^{l}), 3.20 (2H, td, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.1$ Hz, H^{e}), 2.47 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, H^{f}). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δC 172.16 (s, C^{g}), 171.03 (s, C^{k}), 149.24 (s, C^{d}), 136.98 (s, C^{b}), 135.66 (s, C^{c}), 134.35 (s, C^{l}), 125.04 (s, C^{a}), 39.91 (s, C^{f}), 39.18 (s, C^{i}), 37.61 (s, C^{j}), 32.37 (s, C^{e}).

123 TeMal: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δH 8.67 (1H, ddd, $^2J_{\text{HTe}} = 81.1$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$ Hz, H^{a}), 7.57 (1H, ddd, $^3J_{\text{HTe}} = 14.3$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$, 3.9 Hz, H^{b}), 7.42-7.29 (1H, m, H^{c}), 6.70 (2H, s, H^{l}), 5.80 (1H, br s, H^{h}), 3.78-3.58 (2H, m, H^{i}), 3.46 (2H, q, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 5.6$ Hz, H^{l}), 3.20 (2H, dt, $^3J_{\text{HTe}} = 14.2$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, H^{e}), 2.47 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, H^{f}). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δC 172.16 (s, C^{g}), 171.03 (s, C^{k}), 149.24 (d, $^1J_{\text{CTe}} = 251.2$ Hz, C^{d}), 136.98 (d, $^2J_{\text{CTe}} = 4.3$ Hz, C^{b}), 135.66 (s, C^{c}), 134.35 (s, C^{l}), 125.04 (d, $^1J_{\text{CTe}} = 247.6$ Hz, C^{a}), 39.91 (d, $^3J_{\text{CTe}} = 5.0$ Hz, C^{f}), 39.18 (s, C^{i}), 37.61 (s, C^{j}), 32.37 (d, $^2J_{\text{CTe}} = 25.8$ Hz, C^{e}).

125 TeMal: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δH 8.67 (1H, ddd, $^2J_{\text{HTe}} = 97.8$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{HH}} = 1.2$ Hz, H^{a}), 7.57 (1H, ddd, $^3J_{\text{HTe}} = 17.3$ Hz, $^2J_{\text{HH}} = 6.9$, 3.9 Hz, H^{b}), 7.34 (1H, m, H^{c}), 6.70 (2H, s, H^{l}), 5.80 (1H, br s, H^{h}), 3.78-3.58 (2H, m, H^{i}), 3.51-3.42 (2H, m, H^{l}), 3.20 (2H, dt, $^3J_{\text{HTe}} = 16.0$ Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, H^{e}), 2.47 (2H, t, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, H^{f}). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz): δC 172.16 (s, C^{g}), 171.03 (s, C^{k}), 149.24 (d, $^1J_{\text{CTe}} = 302.9$ Hz, C^{d}), 136.97 (d, $^2J_{\text{CTe}} = 5.1$ Hz, C^{b}), 135.66 (s, C^{c}), 134.35 (s, C^{l}), 125.04 (d, $^1J_{\text{CTe}} = 298.5$ Hz, C^{a}), 39.90 (d, $^3J_{\text{CTe}} = 6.0$ Hz, C^{f}), 39.18 (s, C^{i}), 37.61 (s, C^{j}), 32.37 (d, $^2J_{\text{CTe}} = 31.1$ Hz, C^{e}).