

Supplementary Figure 1. Resolution of mPAM. (**a**) Zemax design of the optical objective for focusing UV light into water. AL, aspheric lens; CCL, concave lens; CVL, convex lens. (**b**) By imaging a sharp edge and fitting the data to the error function, the system's point spread function (PSF), which is a product of two orthogonal line-spread functions, is obtained. The lateral resolution of mPAM, defined by the full-width at half maximum of the PSF, is 0.91 μm.



Supplementary Figure 2. Imaging of a paraffin section of a mouse brain. (a) Label-free mPAM image, where the cell nuclei are enhanced by a Hessian filter and marked in blue. (b) Optical microscopy image acquired after H&E staining. (c),(d) Close-up images of (a) and (b), respectively, corresponding to the yellow dashed regions in (a) and (b). The nuclei are clearly resolved by mPAM.



Supplementary Figure 3. Comparison between mPAM and H&E images of a paraffin mouse brain section. (a) Label-free mPAM image. (b) Nuclei extracted from (a) by a Hessian filter. (c) Optical microscopy image acquired after H&E staining. (d) Superimposed image of (b) and (c), with (b) pseudo-colored in green.



Supplementary Figure 4. Extracting nuclei from label-free mPAM images of a mouse brain embedded in a paraffin block. (a) **Fig. 2c** processed by a Hessian filter. (b) Nuclear mask calculated from **Fig. 2c**, which separates tissue (bright) from paraffin (dark). (c) Nuclear image obtained by masking (a) with (b).



Supplementary Figure 5. Imaging depth of mPAM in a tissue block. (a) mPAM image of a paraffin block surface, with nuclei marked in blue. (b)–(d) H&E images of paraffin sections sliced from the block surface in sequence, each with a 7 μ m thickness. (e)–(h) Nuclear density maps of (a)–(d), respectively. (i) The ratio of the nuclear count in the H&E images within the given depth range to that in the mPAM image. (j) The correlation coefficient between the nuclear density map of the H&E images within the given depth range density map of



Normalized PA amplitude

Supplementary Figure 6. Imaging of paraffin-embedded and deparaffinized sections of a mouse brain. (a) Label-free mPAM image of the paraffin section. (b) Label-free mPAM image of the deparaffinized section. (c) Optical microscopy image of the adjacent section after H&E staining. (d)–(f) Close-up images of (a)–(c), respectively, corresponding to the red dashed regions in (a)–(c). The mPAM image of the deparaffinized section shows cell nuclei clearly without resorting to image processing by Hessian filter.



Optical absorption at 266 nm

Supplementary Figure 7. Imaging of an agarose-embedded mouse brain section by mPAM with dual wavelengths. (a) Label-free mPAM image with 266 nm laser illumination, which mostly shows DNA/RNA (DR) and lipid (L) contrasts. (b) Labelfree mPAM image with 420 nm laser illumination, which shows cytochrome (C) contrast. (c) Overlay image of (a) and (b), where pseudo colors are used to illustrate the optical absorption color contrast of the biomolecules.



Supplementary Figure 8. Representative xz projected 1 mm thick mouse brain image acquired over $6.0 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^2$. The blue dashed line outlines the surface of the mouse brain. With 420 nm light illumination, the deepest cytochrome contrast based structures are ~800 µm in depth measured from the mouse brain surface.