Supporting Information for

Dual Functional Lipid Coating for Nanopillar-based Capture of Circulating Tumor Cells with High Purity and Efficiency

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Table S1

The geometry of quartz nanopillar arrays:

Pillar Diameter	Pillar Spacing	
		Abbreviation
(nm)	(µm)	
500	20	d500p20
700	20	d700p20
1000	20	d1000p20
500	10	d500p10
700	10	d700p10
1000	10	d1000p10
500	5	d500p5
700	5	d700p5
1000	5	d1000p5
500	3	d500p3
700	3	d700p3
1000	3	d1000p3

Table S2

The relative surface area of quartz nanopillar arrays (Pillar height: 1.05 µm)

Calculated total surface area	
	Relative surface area
$(\mu m^2/array)$	
10000	1
10041.23	1.004123
10057.73	1.005773
10082.47	1.008247
10164.93	1.016493
10230.91	1.023091
10329.87	1.032987
10659.73	1.065973
10923.63	1.092363
11319.47	1.131947
11832.6	1.18326
12565.63	1.256563
13665.19	1.366519
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Movie S1: FRAP of supported lipid bilayer

Movie S2: FRAP of SA-488 on supported lipid bilayer

Movie S3: Clustering of SA-488 beneath the captured MCF7 cells



Figure S1. Fluidity of both the lipid molecules and streptavidin molecules on the supported lipid bilayers. **a-b.** FRAP experiment images of lipid (a) and SA-488 (b) on SLB formed on quartz nanopillars. Images were taken directly after bleaching (0sec). (Scale bars 5μ m) **c.** Normalized diffusion coefficients of SLB and SA-488 on the SLB of all quartz nanopillar arrays. (Every experiment was repeated for 3 times (n = 3) and error bars represent the standard deviation (SD).)

Figure S2. The clustering of anti-EpCAM formed beneath captured MCF7 cells on lipid-coated flat surface happened within 20-min incubation (indicated by red arrows).



Figure S3. Capturing spiked MCF7 on lipid-coated quartz nanopillar arrays in undiluted and 100X diluted human whole blood. **a.** The capture efficiency of non-diluted blood is $0.6\pm1.0\%$, while using 100X diluted blood we could get capture efficiency of $72.8\pm3.8\%$. (n=3, the error bars represent standard deviation, SD) **b.** Blood cells and MCF7 cells (stained with Celcein-AM, green) on the anti-EpCAM functionalized support lipid bilayers. For undiluted blood, blood cells formed multi-layers on the SLB and overlapped with MCF7 cells. For 100X diluted blood, blood cells formed monolayer and had no overlap with MCF7 cells. (Scale bar 20 µm)



Figure S4. Three typical images of MCF7-spiked isolated PBMCs samples plated on lipid-coated quartz nanopillar arrays. It was showed that PBMCs had less or no overlap with MCF7 cells (stained with Celcein-AM, green). (Scale bar 40 µm)



Figure S5. Capture efficiency (a) and capture purity (b) of spiked MCF7 cells in isolated PBMCs using quartz nanopillar arrays different diameters and pitches (n=6, the error bars represent standard deviation, SD).