Integrated photodynamic Raman theranostic system for cancer diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment molecular monitoring

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Supplementary Information



Figure S1 | Photosensitisers for Raman-PDT theranostics. (A-C) Chemical structures of photosensitisers investigated for Raman-PDT theranostic system; (A) Protoporphyrin IX (PPIX), (B) Verteporfin, (C) Temoporfin. (D-F) Normalised fluorescence emission spectra (ex 405 nm) of (D) PPIX, (E) Verteporfin, (F) Temoporfin. (G-I) Normalised fluorescence emission spectra (ex 785 nm) of (G) PPIX, (H) Verteporfin, (I) Temoporfin.



Figure S2 | Raw Raman spectra of photosensitiser solutions. (A-C) Raw Raman spectra of (A) PPIX, (B) Temoporfin, and (C) Verteporfin serial dilutions as compared to PBS (n = 5). Major peaks seen in (B) and (C) correspond to background traces of solvents used in preparation of Temoporfin and Verteporfin solutions. (D) Peak fluorescence backgrounds for photosensitizer serial dilutions (mean ± S.D., n = 5).



Figure S3 | Photosensitiser cell viability assays. (**A-C**) Cell viability assays of MDA-MB-231 cells incubated with (**A**) 5-ALA, (**B**) Temoporfin, (**C**) Verteporfin. (**D-F**) Cell viability assays of MDA-MB-436 cells incubated with (**D**) 5-ALA, (**E**) Temoporfin, (**F**) Verteporfin. (mean \pm S.D., N = 3, n = 6) (Error bars: mean \pm STD) (Multiple comparisons *t*-test, Bonferroni post hoc correction, * *P* < 0.05, ** *P* < 0.01, *** *P* < 0.001).



Figure S4 | Raman difference spectra of photosensitiser cells. (A-C) Raman difference spectra (10 s integration time) of cells in the presence of different photosensitisers (phenol red-free DMEM (Control), 5-ALA (10000 μ M), Verteporfin (100 ng/mL), or Temoporfin (10 ng/mL)), calculated as 'PS Cell – Control Cell' for (**A**) A549 cells, (**B**) MDA-MB-231 cells, and (**C**) MDA-MB-436 cells (N = 10, n = 5).



Figure S5 | Raw Raman spectra of photosensitiser cells. (A-C) Raw Raman spectral acquisitions (10 s integration time) of (**A**) A549 cells, (**B**) MDA-MB-231 cells, and (**C**) MDA-MB-436 cells in the presence of different photosensitisers (phenol red-free DMEM (Control), 5-ALA (10000 μ M), Verteporfin (100 ng/mL), or Temoporfin (10 ng/mL)) (N = 10, n = 5).



Figure S6 | Mean spectral coefficient of variation and signal-to-noise ratio of photosensitiser cells. (A-B) Mean spectral coefficient of variation of (**A**) raw and (**B**) processed Raman photosensitiser cell spectra. (**C-D**) Mean SNR of (**C**) raw and (**D**) processed Raman photosensitiser cell spectra (N = 10, n = 5) (Error bars: mean \pm STD) (Two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), Tukey's honest significant differences (HSD) post hoc correction, * *P* < 0.05, ** *P* < 0.01, *** *P* < 0.001).



Figure S7 | Photosensitiser cell Raman spectra PLS-DA. (A-I) Matrix plot of (**A**, **E**, **I**) latent variables 1-3 for PLS-DA of processed Raman spectra performed across the three cell lines, A549, MDA-MB-231, and MDA-MB-436 (blind to the presence or absence of different photosensitisers) (N = 40, n = 5). (**J-L**) PLS-DA latent variables 4-6. Percentages indicate percentage variance explained by each latent variable.



Figure S8 | Confirmation of PPIX uptake in SW1222 tumours *in vivo***.** (A) Mean raw Raman spectra of control flanks and tumours in mice pre-5-ALA induced PPIX and 4 hours post-5-ALA injection (50 mg/kg) (n = 18-20, N = 5). (B) Emission spectra of control tumours and PPIX positive tumours following re-administration of 5-ALA (50 mg/kg) with a 4-hour incubation time 6 days post PDT treatment immediately prior to tumour excision. (C) Quantification of PPIX tumour concentration for control and PPIX positive tumours.



Figure S9 | PPIX+ SW1222 tumours Raman spectra PLS-DA. (A-I) Matrix plot of (**A**, **E**, **I**) latent variables 1-3 for PLS-DA of processed Raman spectra for control tissue and tumour tissue pre-5-ALA induced PPIX and 4h post 5-ALA injection (50 mg/kg) (n = 18-20, N = 5). Percentages indicate percentage variance explained by each latent variable.