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EMT-independent detection of circulating tumor cells in human blood samples and pre-clinical mouse models of metastasis

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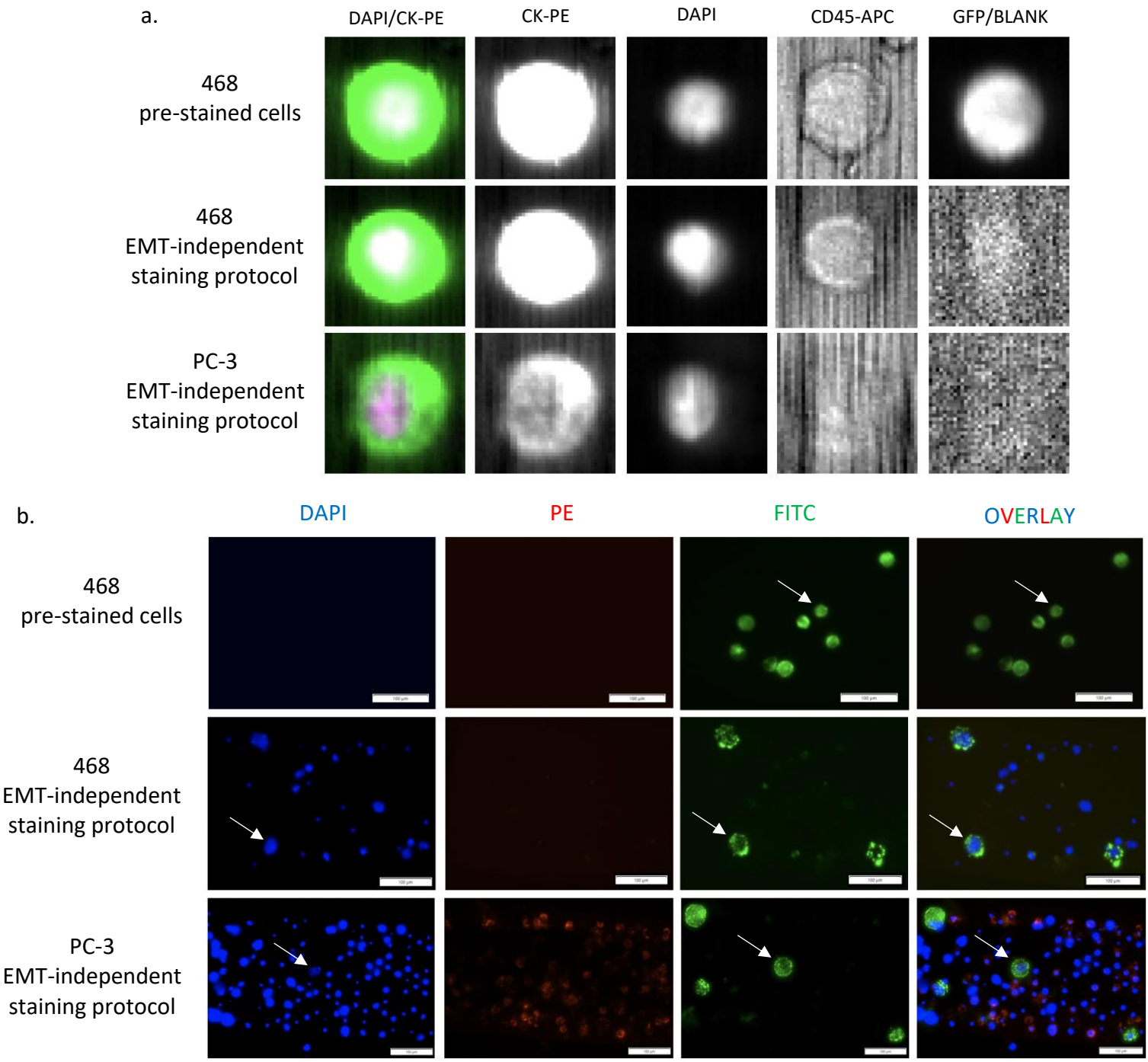

Online Resource 2 *Representative images of positive CTCs isolated from mouse blood using CellSearch® and VyCap.* For baseline recovery experiments, MDA-MB-468 human breast cancer cells (epithelial) were prestained with the CellTrace™ carboxyfluorescein succinimidyl ester (CFSE) Cell Proliferation Kit. For all other experiments, human MDA-MB-468 cells or human PC-3 mesenchymal cells were stained using the mouse staining protocols outlined in the Materials & Methods. *(a)* Representative positive CTCs isolated using the mouse CellSearch® protocol. $DAPI^+/CK^-PE^+/CD45^-/GFP(CFSE)^+$ cells are considered to be positive CTCs in pre-stained samples. $DAPI^+/CK^-PE^+/CD45^-$ cells are considered to be positive CTCs in samples processed with the CellSearch® CTC staining protocol. *(b)* Representative positive CTCs isolated using the mouse VyCap protocol (*white arrows*). $FITC\ (CFSE)^+$ are considered to be positive CTCs in pre-stained samples. For samples stained with the EMT-independent staining protocol, $DAPI^+/PE^-/FITC^+$ cells are considered positive (DAPI (blue) = nuclear stain, PE (red) = CD45, FITC (green) = HLA). Data are presented as the mean ± SEM ($n \geq 3$), * = significantly different than CellSearch® ($p \leq 0.05$)