細胞内代謝を可視化するバイオセンサーの開発

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Fluorescent proteins (FPs) have been proven to be versatile scaffolds for development of biosensors¹⁾. Specifically, GCaMP, a calcium ion (Ca²⁺) biosensor, has been widely employed to monitor neural activities in live model animals. In addition to GCaMP, various FP-based biosensors for non-Ca²⁺ target have been developed. However, few sensors have sensitivity as high as GCaMP, hampering their wide application *in vivo*.

Herein, we present that directed protein evolution and extensive biosensor expression optimization can enable the engineering of FP-based biosensors for a versatile metabolite L-lactate with high sensitivity, specificity, and spatiotemporal resolution in living cultured cells and *in vivo*. L-Lactate, traditionally considered a metabolic waste product, is increasingly recognized as an important intra- and intercellular energy fuel and signaling molecule. This study provides a powerful new optical toolbox, LACCO series, for investigating the emerging roles of extracellular and intracellular L-lactate in live model animals^{2)–5)}.

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