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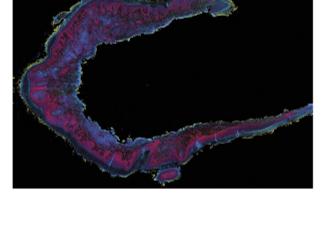
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years, they have provided valuable insights into the composition, structure, and function of cells and subcellular structures, transforming the way researchers and clinicians look at human tissues. Today, thanks to the refinement of photoacoustic microscopy, clinicians and researchers can visually assess cellular-level structures and functional information to better understand cancer and inspect the inner workings of living eyes to evaluate the root causes of blinding diseases. Read Article



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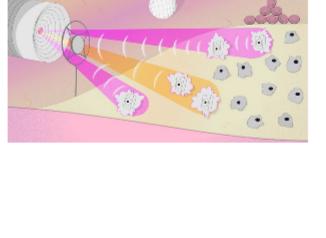


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Researchers at Skoltech are a step closer to a working optoacoustic

making them vibrate like a speaker membrane. This effect would cause the plaques to betray their chemical composition with an ultrasound signature. The method, if it can be achieved, would prove useful for robotic microsurgeries and medical diagnostic procedures. Read Article



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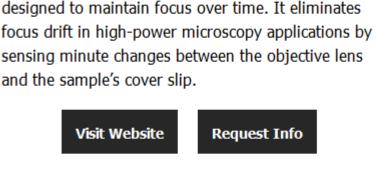
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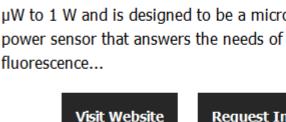
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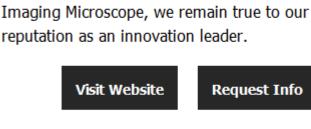


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