

Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Lab on a Chip  
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## Live Human Nasal Epithelial Cells (hNECs) On Chip for In Vitro Testing of Gaseous Formaldehyde Toxicity via Airway Delivery

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### Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

#### I. Donors' medical background

Table S1 - Donors' medical background

Code	Age	Gender	Diagnosis	Sample
No. 62IT	22	Male	Septal deviation	Inferior turbinate
SG04IT	45	Male	Septal deviation	Inferior turbinate
SG12IT	38	Male	Septal deviation	Inferior turbinate

#### II. PrestoBlue<sup>TM</sup> cell viability assay to check the severe toxicity induced by 3.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> FA exposure

Cell viability assay using PrestoBlue<sup>TM</sup> reagent (Invitrogen) was performed following the manufacturer's protocol. The 10X PrestoBlue<sup>TM</sup> dye was diluted with B-ALI<sup>TM</sup> differentiation medium into 1X working solution, and then 100  $\mu$ l of working solution was added into each transwell immediately after the gaseous FA exposure. After incubation with the FA-treated cells for 30 min in a 37 °C incubator, the reaction mixtures were transferred to a 96-well plate and the fluorescence intensity was measured by Synergy<sup>TM</sup> H1 microplate reader (BioTek®, Winooski, Vermont) at excitation and emission wavelengths of 560 nm and 590 nm, respectively. A "no cell" control (1X working solution without incubation with cells) was used as baseline fluorescence value. The fluorescence reading from 0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> FA exposed cells was used as a negative control for normalization. The result as shown in Figure S1 indicated a dose-dependent toxic effect of the FA-treated hNECs. Significant reduced viability or severe toxicity was seen in 3.0 mg/m<sup>3</sup> group (0.59 compared to 1.0).

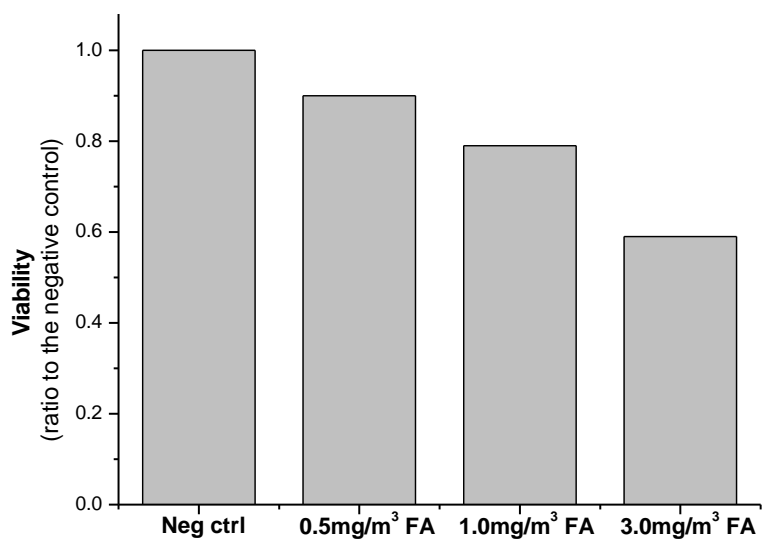


Figure S1. Viability test of FA-exposed hNECs on microfluidic device.