

Additional file 6: **Figure S5**. Despite inter-replicate variability, cultures can be clustered and accurately classified. (a) Representative images of both hippocampal and cortical cultures at different DIV for 3 different replicates; (b) PCA based on different descriptor sets for individual replicates. PCA based on the integrated descriptor set resulted in the best clustering ($n_{bio} = 3 \text{ x}$ $n_{tech} = 6$) (Ellipses show the 67% confidence interval); (c) Confusion matrices of classification

results using a random forest. The misclassification rate (MCR) was lowest using the integrated morphological descriptor set ($n_{bio} = 3 \times n_{tech} = 6$); (d) Confusion matrices of classification results using a linear discriminant analysis. The MCR, compared to RFC, was lower for morphological data, but higher for functional data ($n_{bio} = 3 \times n_{tech} = 6$).