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# Microfluidics analysis of red blood cell membrane viscoelasticity

Giovanna Tomaiuolo, Mario Barra, Valentina Preziosi, Antonio Cassinese, Bruno Rotoli and Stefano Guido\*

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Yong-Seok Choi, Kyung-Won Seo and Sang-Joon Lee\*

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D. Falconnet, A. Niemistö, R. J. Taylor, M. Ricicova, T. Galitski, I. Shmulevich and C. L. Hansen\*

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This paper presents a microfluidic disk to enumerate rare cells *via* immunomagnetic negative selection. Results show 60% recovered cells over sample concentrations from  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-6}$ , superior to that of autoMACS (37.3%) and BD IMagnet (48.3%).

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We describe a three-channel microfluidic device to study the role of chemogradients on neurite outgrowth and guidance in 3D scaffolds, using experimental and computational studies. The stable chemogradients in these devices could also be used to screen potential drugs for neuron pathway regeneration under disease/ injury conditions, cell migration and cell-cell interactions.

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30 µm

Antibody

Coated

Beads

### Bipolar electrode focusing: tuning the electric field gradient

Robbyn K. Anand, Eoin Sheridan, Dzmitry Hlushkou, Ulrich Tallarek\* and Richard M. Crooks\*

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## Hydrogel droplet microarrays with trapped antibody-functionalized beads for multiplexed protein analysis

Huiyan Li, Rym Feriel Leulmi and David Juncker\*

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Craig Priest,\* Philipp J. Gruner, Endre J. Szili, Sameer A. Al-Bataineh, James W. Bradley, John Ralston, David A. Steele and Robert D. Short

A rapid, high-precision method for *localised* plasma-treatment of *bonded* PDMS microchannels is demonstrated. Aligned electrodes were prepared by injection of molten gallium into microchannel guides. Microplasmas were then generated at these electrodes and used for surface patterning of regions (as small as  $100 \ \mu\text{m}$ ) along the length of the microchannel.

### A fast and simple method to fabricate circular microchannels in polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)

Mohamed Abdelgawad, Chun Wu, Wei-Yin Chien, William R. Geddie, Michael A. S. Jewett and Yu Sun\*

A coating of liquid PDMS is applied on the walls of rectangular microchannels to give them a circular cross-section.

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