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Lin-Mei Li, Xue-Ying Wang, Liang-Sheng Hu, Rong-Sheng Chen, Ying Huang, Shi-Jing Chen, Wei-Hua Huang,* Kai-Fu Huo* and Paul K. Chu

A novel gelatin microfluidic chip for vascular lumen simulation and TiC/C NW arrays microelectrode for NO monitoring is reported.

A novel microfluidic microplate as the next generation assay platform for enzyme linked immunoassays (ELISA)

Junhai Kai,* Aniruddha Puntambekar, Nelson Santiago, Se Hwan Lee, David W. Sehy, Victor Moore, Jungyoup Han and Chong H. Ahn

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Assaf Rotem,* Adam R. Abate, Andrew S. Utada, Volkert Van Steijn and David A. Weitz

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Maribel Funes-Huacca, Alyson Wu, Eszter Szepesvari, Pavithra Rajendran, Nicholas Kwan-Wong, Andrew Razgulin, Yi Shen, John Kagira, Robert Campbell and Ratmir Derda

In this paper, we demonstrate that a functional, portable device for the growth of bacteria or amplification of bacteriophage can be created using simple materials.



Portable Culture Devices

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bacteria in paper

Growth of bacteria in

seeding

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On-chip latex agglutination immunoassay readout by electrochemical impedance spectroscopy

Shalini Gupta, Peter K. Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Melvin and Orlin D. Velev*

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P. M. Fordyce,* C. A. Diaz-Botia, J. L. DeRisi and R. Gomez-Sjoberg*

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Seed particle-enabled acoustic trapping of bacteria and nanoparticles in continuous flow systems

Björn Hammarström,* Thomas Laurell and Johan Nilsson

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Brandon S. Razooky, Edgar Gutierrez, Valeri H. Terry, Celsa A. Spina, Alex Groisman* and Leor S. Weinberger*

A micro-device, which enables loading of non-adherent cells into micro-channels by gravity, is used for multiday time-lapse fluorescence microscopy of HIV-1 infected primary, patientisolated CD4+ T lymphocytes with single-cell tracking.

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Non-emissive plastic colour filters for fluorescence detection

M. Yamazaki, S. Krishnadasan, A. J. deMello and J. C. deMello*

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Mustafa Şen, Kosuke Ino,* Hitoshi Shiku and Tomokazu Matsue*

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* time passed since wetting of first spot



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Separation of cancer cells from a red blood cell suspension using inertial force

Tatsuya Tanaka, Takuji Ishikawa,* Keiko Numayama-Tsuruta, Yohsuke Imai, Hironori Ueno, Noriaki Matsuki and Takami Yamaguchi

The circulating tumor cell test has recently become popular for evaluating prognosis and treatment efficacy in cancer patients.

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Microfluidic droplet-array liquid-liquid chromatography based on droplet trapping technique

Ying Zhu, Hong Chen, Guan-Sheng Du and Qun Fang*

We realized liquid–liquid chromatographic separation in a droplet-based microfluidic system using two arrays of picoliter-scale droplets immobilized on both sidewalls of a microchannel as stationary phase.





A microfluidics cytometer for mice anemia detection

Yanrui Ju, Jian Song, Zhaoxin Geng, Hongze Zhang, Wei Wang, Lide Xie, Weijuan Yao and Zhihong Li*

Design and fabrication of a microfluidic cytometer system and its application for reticulocyte detection are described.

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Generating multiplex gradients of biomolecules for controlling cellular adhesion in parallel microfluidic channels

Tohid Fatanat Didar and Maryam Tabrizian*

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Microspheres as resistive elements in a check valve for low pressure and low flow rate conditions

Kevin Ou, John Jackson, Helen Burt and Mu Chiao*

Microsphere-based check valves for low pressure and low flow rate (Re < 1) applications are reported.



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Determining phase diagrams of gas-liquid systems using a microfluidic PVT

Farshid Mostowfi,* Shahnawaz Molla and Patrick Tabeling

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Microsieve lab-chip device for rapid enumeration and fluorescence *in situ* hybridization of circulating tumor cells

Li Shi Lim, Min Hu, Mo Chao Huang, Wai Chye Cheong, Alfred Tau Liang Gan, Xing Lun Looi, Sai Mun Leong, Evelyn Siew-Chuan Koay and Mo-Huang Li*

Circulating tumour cells within whole blood samples can be effectively detected using a silicon microsieve device.







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Open-cell recording of action potentials using active electrode arrays

Dries Braeken,* Danny Jans, Roeland Huys, Andim Stassen, Nadine Collaert, Luis Hoffman, Wolfgang Eberle, Peter Peumans and Geert Callewaert

We present open-cell action potential recording using active multi-electrode array chips. Intracellular access, possible at each of the 16 384 electrodes on the chip, was accomplished by local membrane electroporation using electrical stimulation with subcellular-sized electrodes.

Optofluidic microsystems with integrated vertical one-dimensional photonic crystals for chemical analysis

S. Surdo, S. Merlo, F. Carpignano, L. M. Strambini, C. Trono, A. Giannetti, F. Baldini and G. Barillaro*

All-silicon, integrated optofluidic microsystems for optofluidic/biosensing applications, integrating high aspectratio photonic crystal (PhC) transducers together with microfluidic reservoirs/channels, for the infiltration of liquids in the PhC air gaps, and with fiber grooves, for alignment/ positioning of readout optical fibers in front of the PhC, on the same silicon die.

Droplet sensing by measuring the capacitance between coplanar electrodes in a digital microfluidic system

Biddut Bhattacharjee and Homayoun Najjaran

This paper introduces the method of droplet sensing by measuring the capacitance between two coplanar electrodes in the lower plate.

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Microfabricated mimics of *in vivo* structural cues for the study of guided tumor cell migration

Daniel Gallego-Perez, Natalia Higuita-Castro, Lisa Denning, Jessica DeJesus, Kirstin Dahl, Atom Sarkar and Derek J. Hansford*

A platform was developed to resemble fiber- and conduit-like structural cues that modulate guided tumor cell migration during tumor dissemination/metastasis.

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Integrated capture, transport, and magneto-mechanical resonant sensing of superparamagnetic microbeads using magnetic domain walls

E. Rapoport, D. Montana and G. S. D. Beach*

Magnetic domain walls in ferromagnetic nanotracks can be used to trap, transport, sense and release superparamagnetic microbeads in a simple integrated on-chip system for lab-on-a-bead applications.

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Continuous-flow biomolecule concentration and detection in a slanted nanofilter array

Lih Feng Cheow, Hansen Bow and Jongyoon Han*

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All-optical microfluidic chips for reconfigurable dielectrophoretic trapping through SLM light induced patterning

Lisa Miccio,* Pasquale Memmolo, Simonetta Grilli and Pietro Ferraro

A new all-optical method for fabricating polymer microfluidic channels, and for in-site reconfigurable and electrode-free DEP trapping by a photorefractive effect.

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An integrated PCR microfluidic chip incorporating aseptic electrochemical cell lysis and capillary electrophoresis amperometric DNA detection for rapid and quantitative genetic analysis

Sandeep Kumar Jha, Rohit Chand, Dawoon Han, You-Cheol Jang, Gyu-Sik Ra, Joung Sug Kim, Baek-Hie Nahm and Yong-Sang Kim*

The proposed lab-on-a-chip device can carry out reagentless lysis of most cell types, amplification of target DNA through on-chip PCR and quantitative analysis of DNA amplicon.





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A magnetic cell-based sensor

Hua Wang, Alborz Mahdavi, David A. Tirrell and Ali Hajimiri*

A new magnetic cell-based sensing platform based on a complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) magnetic sensor chip and cardiac progenitor cells enables real-time detection of chemical agents.

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Nanofluidic preconcentration device in a straight microchannel using ion concentration polarization

Sung Hee Ko, Yong-Ak Song, Sung Jae Kim, Myungji Kim, Jongyoon Han* and Kwan Hyoung Kang*

In this paper, we introduce a simple, straight microchannel design for a nanofluidic protein concentration device.



Nafion membrane PDMS Mercethannel Nafion width H

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Droplet electroporation in microfluidics for efficient cell transformation with or without cell wall removal

Baiyan Qu, Young-Jae Eu, Won-Joong Jeong and Dong-Pyo Kim*

An efficient cell transformation method is presented that utilizes droplet electroporation on a microfluidic chip.

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Battery-triggered microfluidic paper-based multiplex electrochemiluminescence immunodevice based on potential-resolution strategy

Shaowei Wang, Lei Ge, Yan Zhang, Xianrang Song, Nianqiang Li, Shenguang Ge and Jinghua Yu*

A battery-triggered microfluidic paper-based electrochemiluminescence (ECL) immunodevice was developed for the first time based on a novel potential-resolution strategy.







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Microfluidic diagnostic tool for the developing world: contactless impedance flow cytometry

Sam Emaminejad,* Mehdi Javanmard, Robert W. Dutton and Ronald W. Davis

We report the use of contactless impedance measurement for significant reduction in cost of micro-fabricated cytometers.

Spatiotemporally controlled delivery of soluble factors for stem cell differentiation

Jiro Kawada, Hiroshi Kimura, Hidenori Akutsu, Yasuyuki Sakai and Teruo Fujii*

Differentiation and cell fate decision of mouse induced pluripotent stem cells can be successfully controlled by the present method to form spatiotemporally non-uniform culture environments in a membrane-based microfluidic device.

Controlling gas/liquid exchange using microfluidics for real-time monitoring of flagellar length in living *Chlamydomonas* at the single-cell level

Xiaoni Ai, Qionglin Liang,* Minna Luo, Kai Zhang, Junmin Pan* and Guoan Luo*

Real-time monitoring of flagellar length in single living cells of *Chlamydomonas* by using a PDMS/glass hybrid microfluidic device.

A microfluidic platform for rapid, stress-induced antibiotic susceptibility testing of *Staphylococcus aureus*

Maxim Kalashnikov, Jean C. Lee, Jennifer Campbell, Andre Sharon and Alexis F. Sauer-Budge*

We present a microfluidic platform for rapid and phenotypic antibiotic susceptibility testing based on stress-activation of biosynthetic pathways that are primary targets of antibiotics.

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Label-free hybridoma cell culture quality control by a chip-based impedance flow cytometer

Arkadiusz Pierzchalski, Monika Hebeisen, Anja Mittag, Jozsef Bocsi, Marco Di Berardino and Attila Tarnok*

We present a novel application of a chip-based impedance flow cytometer (IFC) as a possible alternative to fluorescence-based methods for on-line quality monitoring of hybridoma cells.

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Expanding 3D geometry for enhanced on-chip microbubble production and single step formation of liposome modified microbubbles

Sally A. Peyman, Radwa H. Abou-Saleh, James R. McLaughlan, Nicola Ingram, Benjamin R. G. Johnson, Kevin Critchley, Steven Freear, J. Anthony Evans, Alexander F. Markham, P. Louise Coletta and Stephen D. Evans*

We demonstrate a micro-spray formation regime for the fast production of high concentrations of therapeutic microbubbles.

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Configuration change of liquid crystal microdroplets coated with a novel polyacrylic acid block liquid crystalline polymer by protein adsorption

Waliullah Khan and Soo-Young Park*

Protein adsorption is reported by a configurational change of LC_{PAA} droplets at pH regions where complexes between the PAA and proteins could be formed.

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Thick-tissue bioreactor as a platform for long-term organotypic culture and drug delivery

Dmitry A. Markov, Jenny Q. Lu, Philip C. Samson, John P. Wikswo and Lisa J. McCawley*

Thick-Tissue Bioreactor system for long-term organotypic on-chip cultures and reagent delivery to tissue-like cell densities within low-volume microenvironment.



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Lipid

Biotinylated PEG-lipid









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Enhanced fluorescence detection using liquid–liquid extraction in a microfluidic droplet system

Yan-Yu Chen, Zhao-Ming Chen and Hsiang-Yu Wang*

This study applied liquid–liquid extraction in a microfluidic droplet system to reduce the fluorescence background by 85% and increase the signal to noise ratio by up to 17 fold in the detection of microalgae cellular lipids.

A phaseguided passive batch microfluidic mixing chamber for isothermal amplification

Sydney Hakenberg,* Matthias Hügle, Manfred Weidmann, Frank Hufert, Gregory Dame and Gerald A. Urban

Passive laminar flow mixing of two batches is integrated in a microfluidic chamber for isothermal nucleic acid detection.

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