Supporting Information

Fabrication of monodisperse alginate microgel beads by microfluidic picoinjection: A

chelate free approach

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Fig. S1 A microfluidic chip design used for the production of Ca-alginate beads.



Fig. S2 Ca-alginate beads inside an aqueous medium produced (without using mannitol) by the picoinjection of $CaCl_2$ solution inside aqueous Na-alginate emulsion resulted in the collapsed microgel. Scale bars, 50 μ m. The height and width of the microchannel were 35 and 25 μ m, respectively.