Supporting Information

Polydopamine Surface Functionalization of 3D Printed Resin Material for Enhanced Polystyrene Adhesion Towards Insulation Layers for 3D Microelectrode Arrays (3D MEAs)

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Figure S1. Camera (A) and SEM (B) images of "bubbling," or delamination, of PS from the as printed 3D MEA substrate after incubation for 24 hours.



Figure S2. Images of control, 1-, 12-, and 24-hour PDA treated Asiga MAX printed culture wells coated with PS after incubation for 24 hours. Wrinkling as a result of no thermal annealing.

Table S1. Summary of adhesion tape peel testing on Asiga printed planar substrates, where the ratio is function of delaminated PS instances over the number of peel attempts (N=3).

		FLC	1-hr PDA	12-hr PDA	24-hr PDA
Non-Incubated	As Is	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Thermally Annealed	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Incubated	As Is	1.00	0.33	0.67	0.33
	Thermally Annealed	1.00	1.00	0.33	0.33



Figure S3. Stress versus strain plot for PMMA-PDA-PS and PMMA-PS dog bone samples (A.), delamination of PS observed in PMMA-PS sample (B.)

Sample	Young's Modulus (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)	Tensile strength at breakage (MPa)
PMMA-PDA-PS-T1	29.135	2.88	52.80
PMMA-PDA-PS-T2	15.405	5.48	56.04
PMMA-PDA-PS-T3	19.062	4.04	43.17
PMMA-PDA-PS-T4	17.486	6.04	45.65
Average PMMA-PDA-PS	20.272	4.61	49.415
PMMA-PS-T1	25.035	4.12	54.82
PMMA-PS-T2	18.159	5.21	44.85
PMMA-PS-T3	17.867	5.28	44.45
Average PMMA-PS	20.353	4.87	48.04

Table S2. Mechanical properties of PMMA-PS with/without PDA

(Note: All data reported is an average of at least N=3 samples).



Figure S4. SEM images of (A) PDA-PS covered 3D printed microneedles, (B) mechanically broken 3D printed microneedle tip, and (C) closeup view of adhesion of PDA-PS coating.



Figure S5. Gaussian distribution of nanoaggregates processed from the SEM images in Figure 5. All data reported is an average of at least N=3 samples.



Figure S6. Water contact images of the various surfaces.