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Supporting Information

One-step flow synthesis of size-controlled polymer nanogels in a fluorocarbon microfluidic chip

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Figure S1 – S6

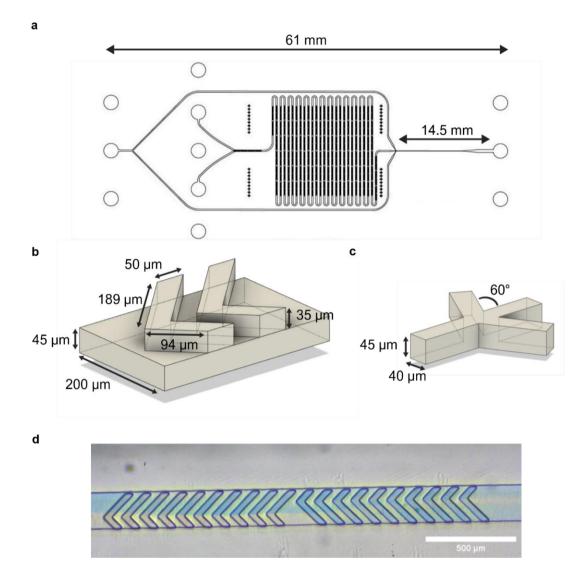


Figure S1. The design of the microfluidic chip. (a) the chip schematic as drawn with AutoCAD software. (b) A 3D rendering of a section of the polymerization channel showing the dimensions of the channel and the SHMs. (c) A 3D rendering of the flow-focusing junction showing its dimensions. (d) A demonstration showing the rapid mixing of blue and yellow food dye across the first set of SHMs.

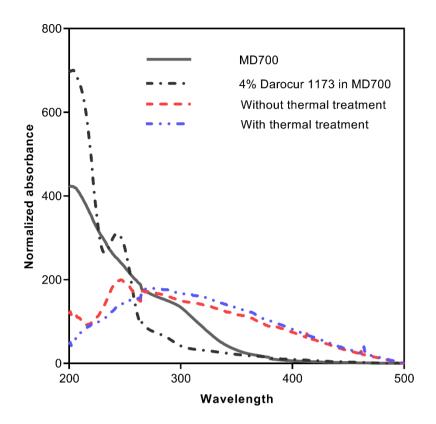


Figure S2. UV-Vis absorbance of MD700, 4% Darocur 1173 in MD700, the fabricated chips with and without thermal treatment. The corresponding peak of Darocur 1173 at ~250 nm is present in both the resin and untreated chip. Disappearance of the peak was observed after thermal treatment.

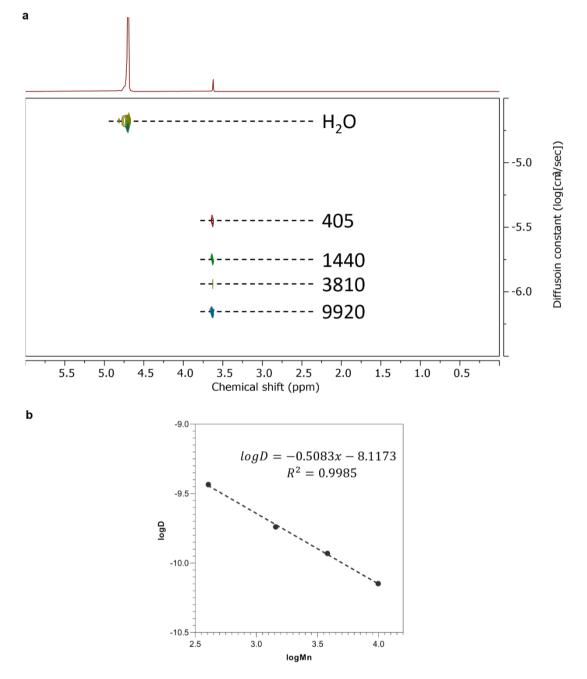


Figure S3. PEG molecular weight standards used for DOSY NMR experiments. (a) 2D NMR contour plot with the PEG signals overlaid. (b) Calibration curve obtained from the molecular weight standards.

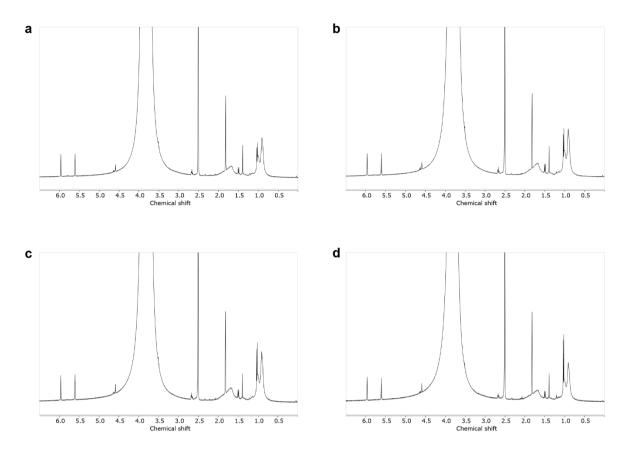


Figure S4. NMR spectra of PMAA synthesized in the chip at residence times of (a) 29s, (b) 36s, (c) 48s, and (d) 71s.

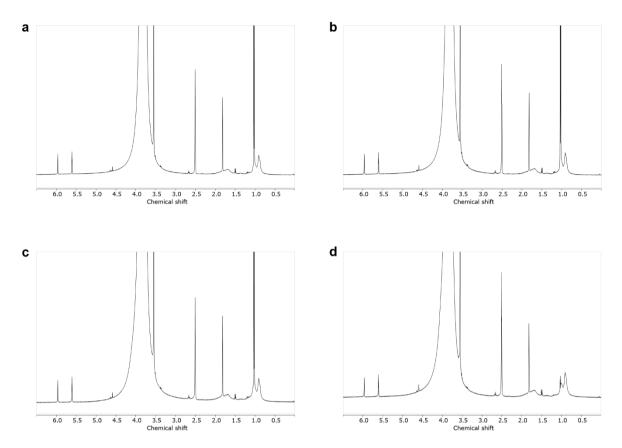


Figure S5. NMR spectra of PMAA synthesized in solution at reaction times of (a) 29s, (b) 36s, (c) 48s, and (d) 71s.

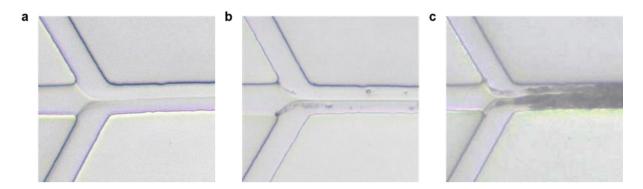


Figure S6. Effect of PEGDA concentration on polymer crosslinking: (a) 0.1 %, (b) 0.5 % and (c) 1 %.