Coated and Uncoated Cellophane as Materials for Microplates and Open-channel Microfluidics devices

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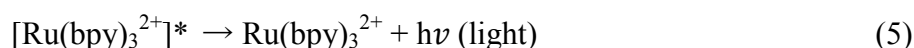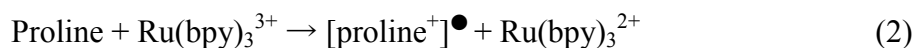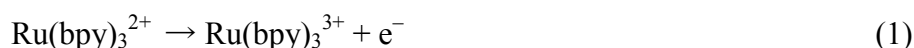
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Mechanisms of proline/Ru(bpy)$_3^{2+}$ based ECL

$$Ru(bpy)_3^{2+} \rightarrow Ru(bpy)_3^{3+} + e^- \tag{1}$$

$$Proline + Ru(bpy)_3^{3+} \rightarrow [proline^+]^\bullet + Ru(bpy)_3^{2+} \tag{2}$$

$$[proline^+]^\bullet \rightarrow [proline]^\bullet + H^+ \tag{3}$$

$$Ru(bpy)_3^{3+} + [proline]^\bullet \rightarrow [Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}]^* + products \tag{4}$$

$$[Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}]^* \rightarrow Ru(bpy)_3^{2+} + h\nu \text{ (light)} \tag{5}$$

Figures and Tables

Table S1. Analytical figures of merit for absorption of different analytes, in PVC coated cellophane well plates (95% CI, n = 7). The absorption measurements were done by placing 10 µL of solution in each well and sealing the wells with an adhesive tape (adhesive silicone film for PCR plates).

Analyte, λ_{max} (nm, Measured range (µg/mL)	Nitrocellulose coated cellophane C^{NS}		PVC coated cellophane C^{PVC}	
	R^2	LOD (µg/mL)[a]	R^2	LOD (µg/mL)[a]
Thiamine (238 nm) (20-500 µg/mL)	0.981	16	0.994	9
Acetaminophen (242 nm) (20-500 µg/mL)	0.977	18	0.973	19
Adenine (260 nm) (2.6-675 µg/mL)	0.997	8	0.996	9
BSA (280 nm) (70-2000 µg/mL)	0.986	527	0.978	670

[a] LOD = 3.3(S_y / S), S_y =Standard deviation of the intercept, S=Slope
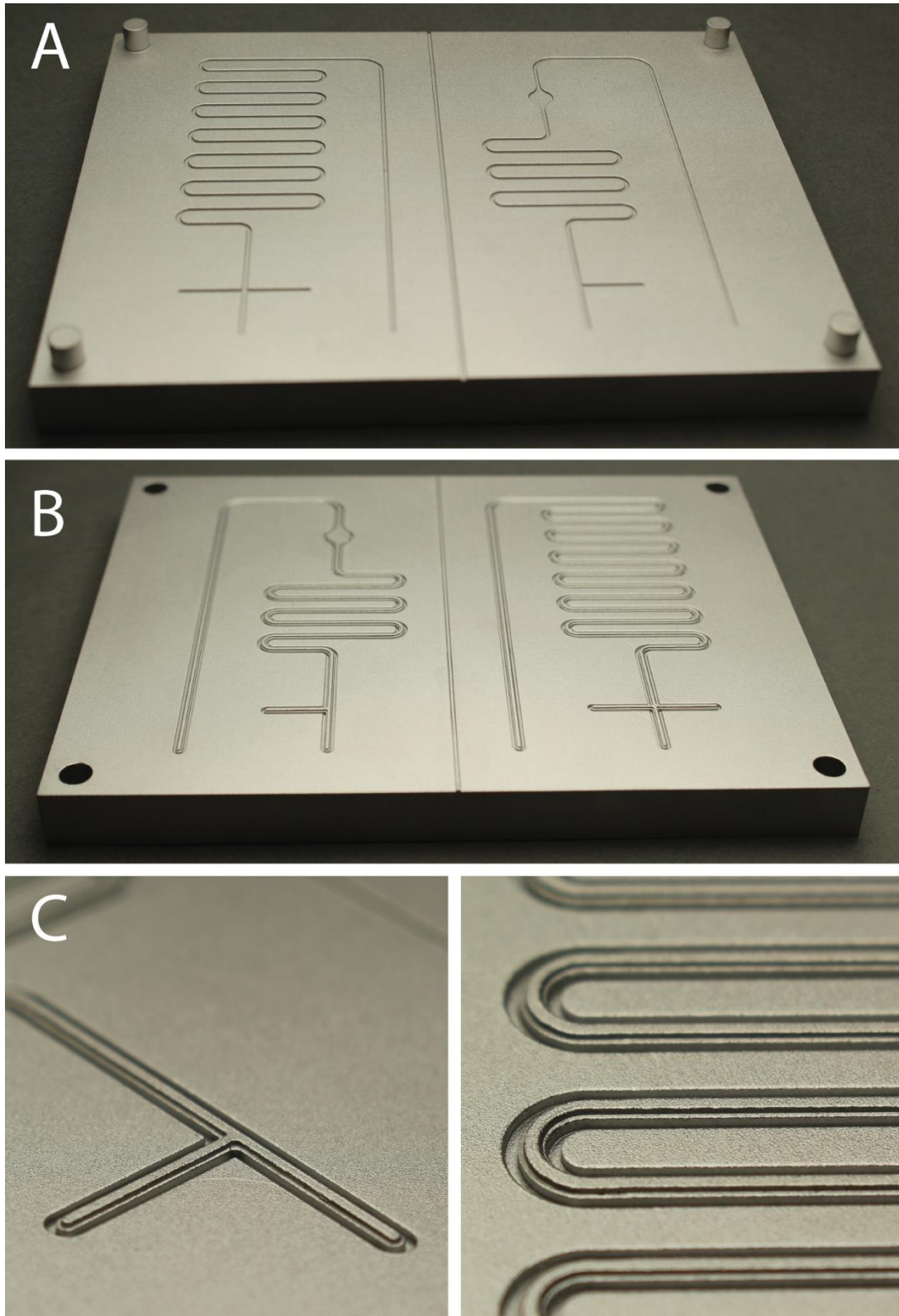
Figure S1. Photographs of molds made in brushed aluminum with CNC machining, used for the fabrication of microfluidic devices (channel width 500 µm). A) Negative mold (indented structures). B,C) Positive mold (protruded structures)
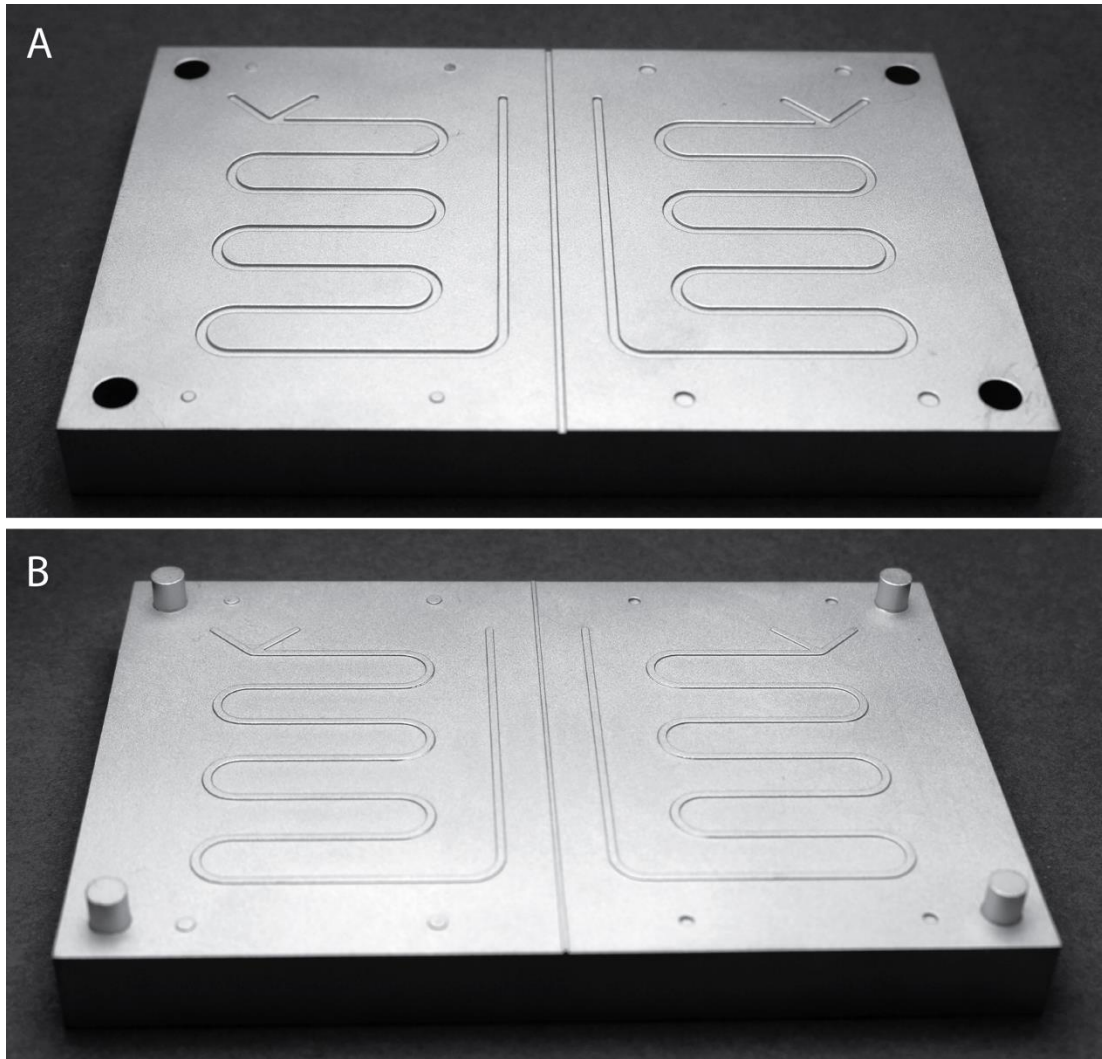
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Figure S2. Photographs of molds made in brushed aluminum with CNC machining, and used for the fabrication of microfluidic devices (channel width 1 mm). A) Negative mold (indented structures). B,C) Positive mold (protruded structures)
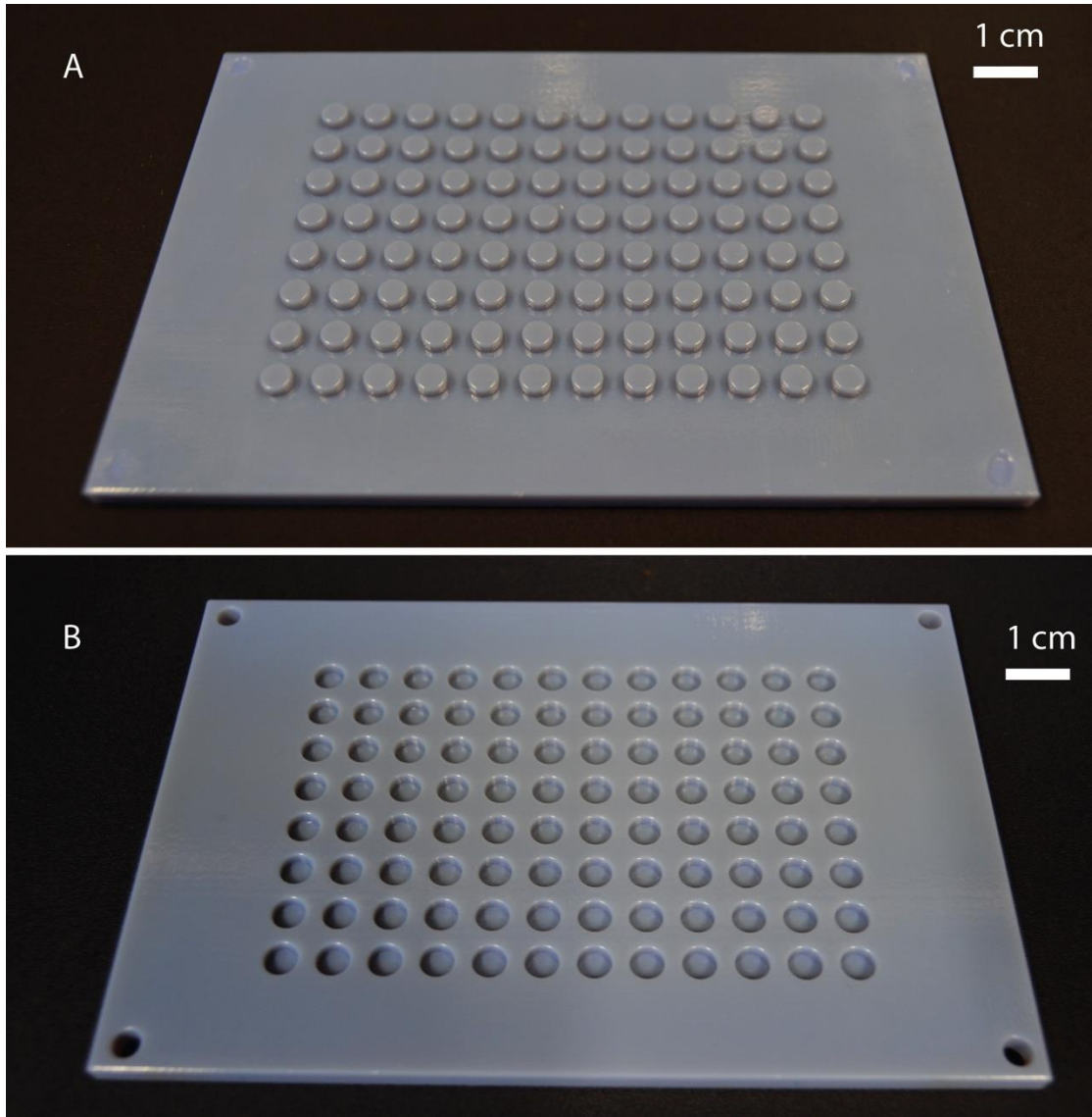
Figure S3. Photographs of molds, fabricated in polyurethane using 3D printing, used for the fabrication of microplates.
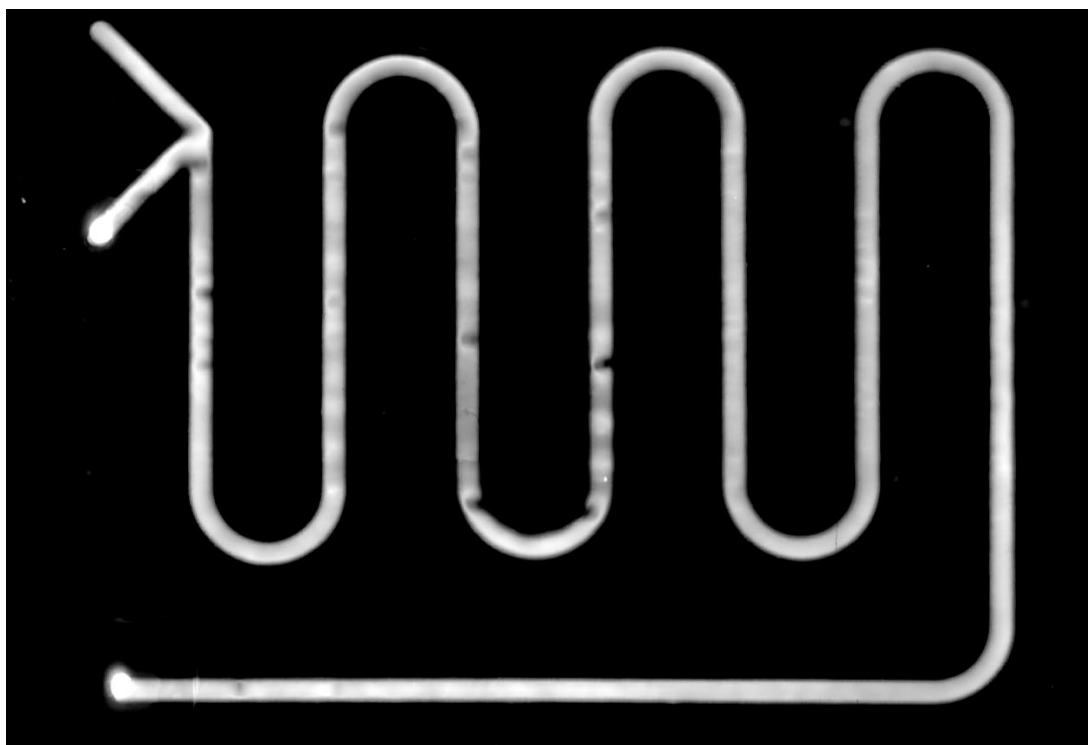
Figure S4. Fluorescence image of a solution (fluorescein 0.001 wt/v % in water) injected into the channels of a nitrocellulose-coated cellophane (C^{NS}) microfluidic device. A Typhoon FLA 9000 instrument was used to image the devices, with a 494 nm emission laser, a filter for 521 nm emission, and an image resolution 40 µm/pixel. The dark spots correspond to bubbles or buckled channels.
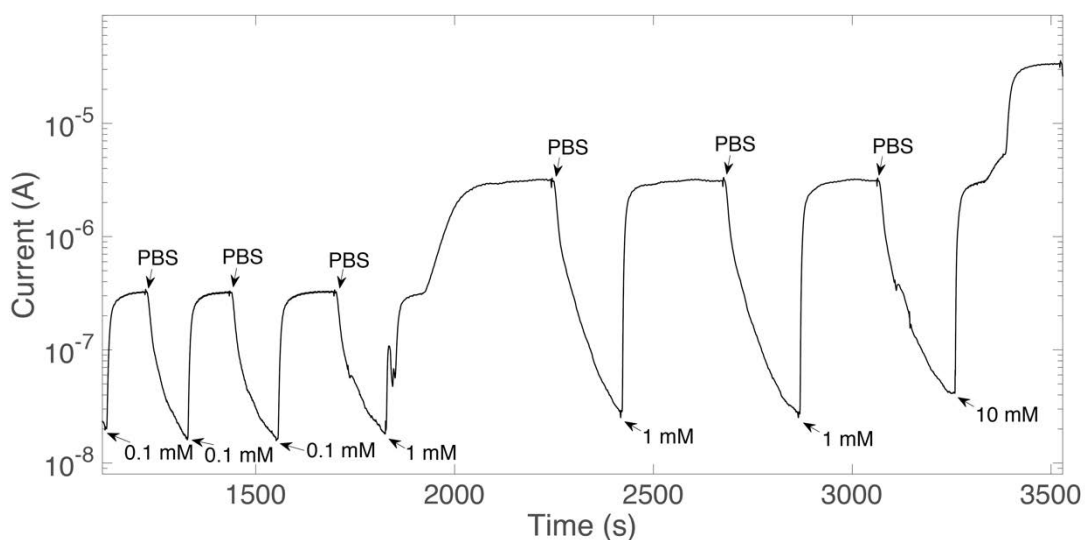
Figure S5. Time-current response of a continuous flow experiment, with an electroanalytical device as in Figure 7. The data were obtained by potentiostatic amperometry (+0.4 V) for potassium ferrocyanide. The ferrocyanide (in phosphate-buffered saline 1xPBS, pH 7.0) was injected from the sample inlet at different concentrations (0.1 mM, 1 mM and 10 mM) at a constant flow rate of 50 µL/min. A buffer solution (1xPBS) was pumped at 50 µL/min between each injected sample solution (the sample was not pumped when the buffer was running), to acquire a baseline current for normalization.
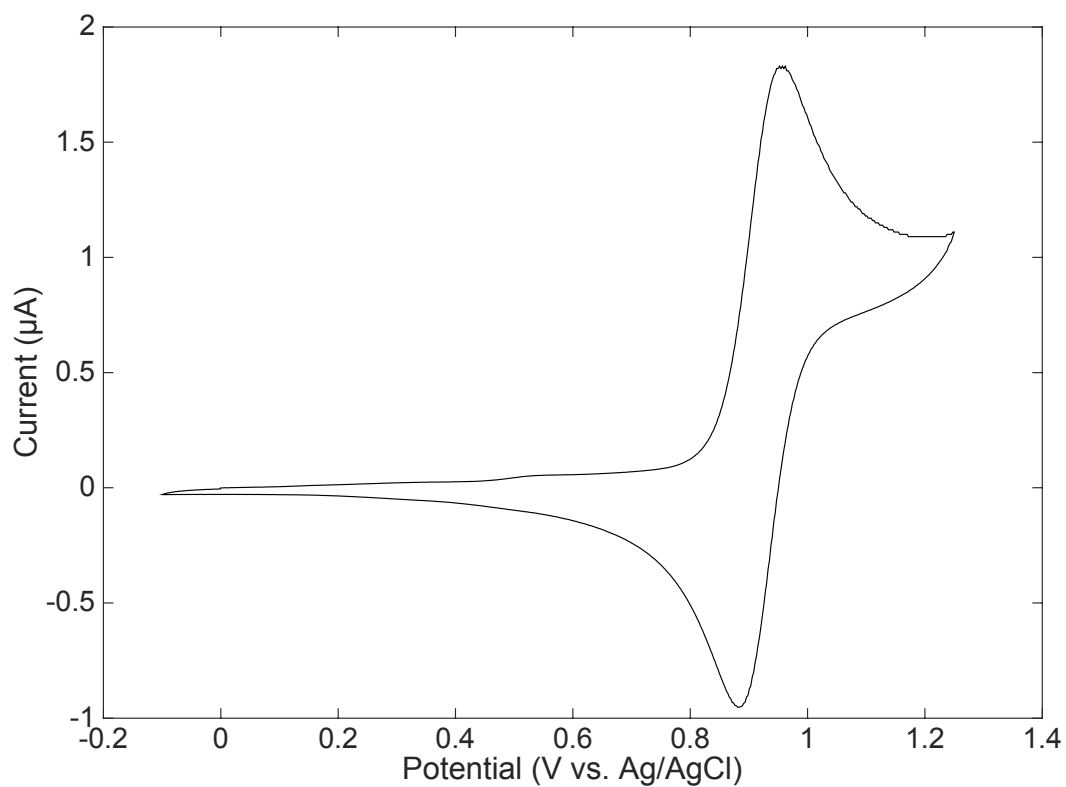
Figure S6. Cyclic voltammograms of Ru(bpy)$_3^{2+}$ (1mM in 1xPBS) measured at 100 mV/s, using a microfluidic device similar to that seen in Figure 7E.