

Supplementary Information

Title: Cyclic block Copolymer Microchannel Fabrication and Sealing for Microfluidics

Application

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Table S1 Comparison of general thermal and mechanical properties of COC, COP and CBC

| Material | COC | COP | CBC |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade name | Topas | Zernor | Puratran |
| Density (g/cm ³) | 1.01 | 1.01 | 0.94 |
| Glass transition temperature (°C) | 62 - 177 | 100 - 102 | 117 - 133 |
| Flexural modulus (GPa) | 2.4 – 3.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 – 2.6 |
| Tensile modulus (GPa) | 1.26 – 3.2 | - | 2.2 – 2.6 |
| Water absorption (%) | 0.01 | <0.01 | <0.01 |

* Property data obtained from the material datasheet [1-3]

| Material | COC | COP | CBC-1 | CBC-2 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Glass transition temperature (°C) | 78 | 100 | 117 | 115 |
| Deflection temperature (°C) | 68 | 80 | 67 | 75 |
| The lowest bonding temperature (°C) | 68 | 90 | 57 | 75 |
| The highest bonding strength (mJ/cm ²) | 0.404 | 1.077 | 6.081 | 1.199 |

Table S2 Comparison of chemical resistance properties of COC, COP and CBC

| Solvent | COC (Topas) | | COP (Zeonor) | | CBC (Puratran) | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------|-----|----------------|-------|
| Hydrochloric acid | O | 36% | O | 10% | O | 36% |
| Sulphuric acid | O | 40% | O | 10% | O | 40% |
| Acetic acid | O | > 99% | O | 10% | O | > 99% |
| Nitric acid (65%) | O | | O | | O | |
| Caustic soda solution (50%) | O | | O | | O | |
| Ammonia solution 33% | O | | – | | O | |
| Methanol | O | | O | | O | |
| Ethanol | O | | O | | O | |
| Isopropanol | O | | O | | O | |
| Acetone | O | | O | | O | |
| Butanone | O | | – | | O | |
| Methylene chloride | X | | – | | – | |
| n-Pentane | X | | X | | – | |
| Heptane | X | | X | | – | |
| Toluene | X | | X | | – | |
| Hexane | X | | X | | – | |
| Naphtha | X | | – | | – | |
| Oleic acid | X | | – | | – | |

O : resistance X : not resistant _ : unknown

* Property data obtained from the material datasheet [1-3]

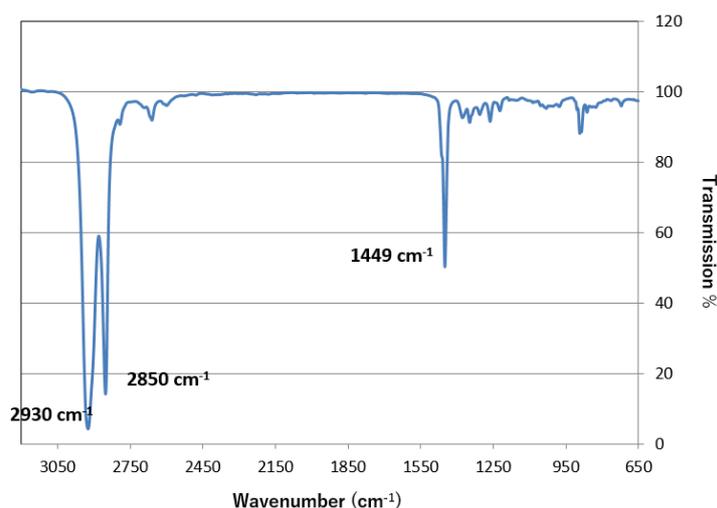


Figure S1. The Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) analysis of CBC. The FTIR analysis was performed on Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-IR) instruments (PerkinElmer Frontier™) and the CBC was dissolved in cyclohexane in 1% weight ratio. The characteristics peak for CBC : sp^3 C-H stretching occur at 2850-2930 cm^{-1} , CH_2 bending at 1449 cm^{-1}

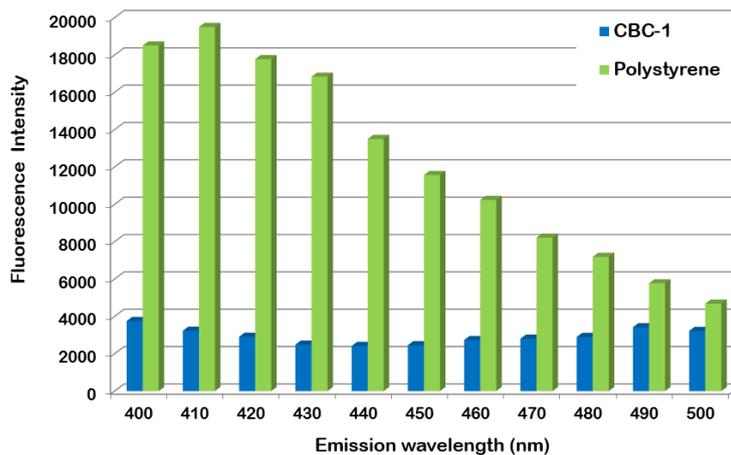


Figure S2. Auto-fluorescence measurement of CBC-1 comparing to polystyrene. The auto-fluorescence data was obtained in spectrofluorometer (HORIBA Scientific, FluoroMax-4) excitation at 350nm.

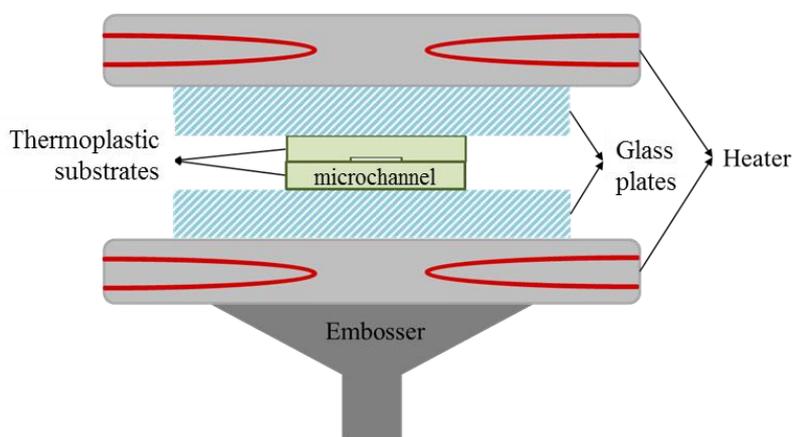


Figure S3. Experiment setup for thermal fusion and UV/Ozone bonding

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