# Single-Monomer Formulation of Polymerized Polyethylene Glycol Diacrylate as a Nonadsorptive Material for Microfluidics

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#### **Supporting Information**

An overview of the polymerization reaction for PEGDA is given in Figure A. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) characterization of rectangular channel features and a reservoir in poly-PEGDA is shown in Figure B. Optical transmission of poly-PEGDA is comparable to PDMS over the UV/visible spectral range (Figure C). Poly-PEGDA shows mechanical flexibility when compressed by pinching (Figure D). Formulation optimization parameters and results are shown in Tables S1-S3.

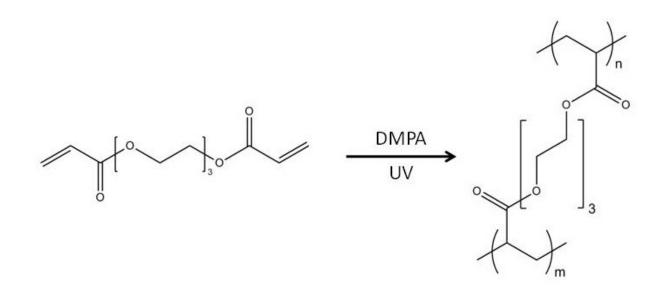
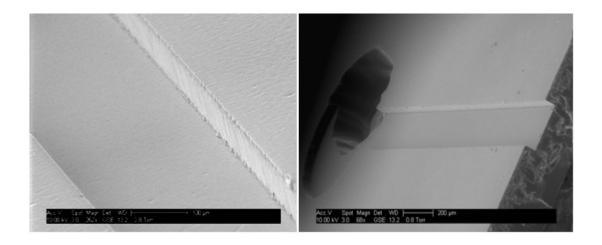


Figure A: Polymerization of PEGDA to form poly-PEGDA.

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**Figure B: SEM images of poly-PEGDA channels.** (left) Channel surface features in poly-PEGDA created using patterned SU8-2025 as a mold. (right) A straight channel feature intersecting with a fluidic input hole (created using a laser cutter). Channel dimensions are 300 µm wide and 70 µm tall.

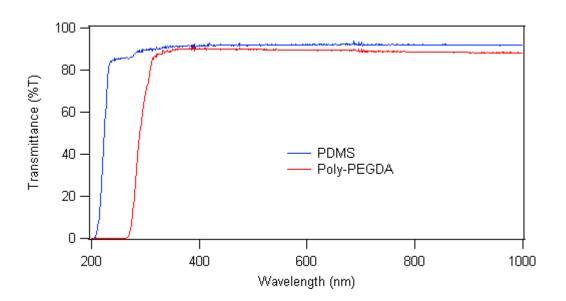


Figure C: Transmission spectra of 200-µm-thick layers of PDMS and poly-PEGDA.



Figure D: Poly-PEGDA mechanical flexibility. Flexibility of poly-PEGDA is demonstrated as

pressure is applied by pinching a 350 µm thick piece.

	%	%	% PEGDA	%	Ratio PEGDA/	
Sample ID	DMPA	PEGMEMA	258 MM/		PEGMEMA	
Α	0.05	16.3	81.6	81.6 2.0 5		
В	0.30	16.1	81.5	2.1	5.1	
С	0.05	15.8	79.1	79.1 5.0 <b>5.0</b>		
D	0.30	15.8	78.8	78.8 5.0 5.0		
E	0.05	8.9	88.9	2.2	10.0	
F	0.31	8.9	88.7	2.1	10.0	
G	0.05	8.7	86.2 5.1		9.9	
Н	0.31	8.6	86.1 5.0		10.0	
Sample ID	% DMPA	% PEGMEMA	% PEGDA 575	% MMA	Ratio PEGDA/ PEGMEMA	
I	0.06	16.2	81.2	2.5	5.0	
J	0.32	16.3	81.3	2.1 <b>5.0</b>		
К	0.05	15.8	79.1 5.0		5.0	
L	0.31	15.6	78.9 5.2		5.1	
м	0.05	8.9	89.0 2.0		10.0	
N	0.30	8.9	88.8	2.0	10.0	
0	0.05	8.6	86.3 5.0 1		10.0	
Р	0.31	8.6	86.0	86.0 5.1 <b>10.</b>		
	%	%	% PEGDA	%	Ratio PEGDA/	
Sample ID	DMPA	PEGMEMA	258	MMA	PEGMEMA	
Q	0.10	-	99.9	-	-	

### Table S1: Compositions Tested in Poly-PEGDA Optimization.

#### Table S2: Results for Poly-PEGDA Optimization with 10 s Exposure Time. The

polymerization scale was 0-5, where 0 = all liquid; 1 = some polymerization with about 50/50liquid/solid; 2 = polymer formed but was soft and could be cut by tweezers using only gravity; <math>3 = polymer formed and was stiffer than 2, but tweezers cut into it with light pressure; 4 = polymer was stiffer than 3, and more pressure was needed to cut; and 5 = well polymerized, such that tweezers did not cut the material even with significant applied pressure. The clarity scale was 0-2, where 0 = clear, 1 = cloudy, and 2 = white.

Sample ID	Polymerization	Clarity	Water Immersion Test	Comments	
Α	1	0	<0.5 min	became white	
В	5	1	>10 min	survived	
С	1	0	<0.5 min	became white	
D	5	0	>10 min	survived	
E	0	0	<0.5 min	became white	
F	5	1	>10 min	survived	
G	0	0	<0.5 min	became white	
Н	5	0	<0.5 min	became white	
I	1	0	>10 min	survived but not completely polymerized	
J	4	0	1:10 min	buckled	
К	1	0	4 min	buckled	
L	3	0	<1 min	buckled	
м	2	2	>10 min	really soft	
N	4	1	4:30 min	buckled	
0	2	0	4 min	buckled	
Р	4	0	1 min	buckled	
Q	5	0	>10 min	survived	

## Table S3: Results for Poly-PEGDA Optimization with 25 s Exposure Time. The

Sample ID	Polymerization	Clarity	Water Immersion Test	Comments
Α	5	1	>10 min	survived
В	5	2	>10 min	survived
с	3	0	>10 min	survived but really soft when removed from wafer
D	5	1	>10 min	survived
E	5	1	>10 min	survived
F	5	2	>10 min	survived
G	3	1	<0.5 min	turned white
н	5	1	>10 min	survived
I	3	0	1:30 min	buckled
J	5	0	7 min	buckled
к	3	0	6:30 min	buckled
L	4	0	2:18 min	buckled
м	5	1	4 min	buckled
N	5	0	>10 min	survived
0	3	0	3 min	buckled
Р	5	0	>10 min	some separation from silicon but no buckling
Q	5	0	>10 min	survived

polymerization and clarity scales were the same as in Table S2.