Supplementary Methods

Using photolithography, we patterned the master with two layers of the negative photoresist, SU-8 (Microchem), containing the microgrooves and compartments. A UV aligner exposed a layer of SU-8 5 (3 m thick) through a 20,000 dpi high-resolution transparency mask (CAD/Art Services), containing the pattern of microgrooves (10 m wide, spaced 60 m apart). After developing, we exposed a second layer of SU-8 50 (100 m thick) through a mask containing the pattern of compartments. After developing, we placed the wafer in a clean Petri dish and treated it with (tridecafluoro-1,1,2,2-tetrahydrooctyl)trichlorosilane for 20 min to facilitate release of the solid PDMS from the master. Several review papers describe the details of fabrication of PDMS-based microfluidic devices.¹⁻³

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