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Rapid Prototyping Methods for Microfluidics and Lab-on-a-Chip

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Researchers such as chemists, medical scientists, and biotechnologists, who traditionally did not have expertise and facilities for prototyping and microfabrication, are now using 3D printing as a research tool. Challenges in this area include materials selection, combination of diverse materials including flexible and rigid plastics, insertion of electrodes and other components such as membranes, interconnects and chip-to-world interfaces, integrated actuation (e.g., pumps) and flow control (valves), on-chip reagent storage, automated operation, and disposability. Further, 3D printers are a fast-evolving technology and range from hobbyist-type versions to very sophisticated commercial equipment, and they are also available manufacturing "mail-order" through digital and microfluidics

This Special Issue on 3D printing for research, development, and production of microfluidic devices will feature articles expanding the scope of 3D printing for laboratory research, clinical trials, and personalized diagnostics, addressing and leveraging some of the issues above













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