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AGILE DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL DEVICES: DESIGN ITERATIONS, CONSUMER ELECTRONICS AND RAPID PROTOTYPING

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Project Summary: Chemical devices are tools able to measure, make or purify chemicals on a small scale, such as in the case of pregnancy tests or laboratory equipment. This work presents the rapid development of three small and cost-effective chemical devices achieved by combining basic principles of chemical product designs, easily available consumer electronics parts and rapid prototyping techniques such as 3D printing. The first device is a fast, stand-alone and ready-to-use quantitative PCR machine fabricated from inexpensive and off-the-shelf components. The second devices combines a commercial DLP projector with a potassium ferrocyanide solution in a one-step photolithographic system that can be used to pattern structures onto gold-coated surfaces. Finally, we demonstrate a simple device able to produce microfluidic patterns in short time by selectively curing a photosensitive resin by means of a small light source combined with a modified LCD screen used as a photomask.

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