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Lab-on-a-Chip (LoC) technologies require the possibility of fabricating devices which include micro down to submicrometre features with high production rate and low cost. In the present study precision injection moulding is performed using a COC Topas 5013 L10 polymer to produce LoC devices for DNA barcoding with functional features in the 100 nm to 10 µm range. Replication quality of produced features (from nickel to polymer) was assessed by calibrated atomic force microscope (AFM) measurements performed on multiple nanochannels test structures arrays placed at different positions in the sample. Design of experiment (DOE) was adopted to characterize the replication fidelity of produced polymer features. Results have shown the possibility of performing quality control of micro- and sub-µm features, taking into account the polymer shrinkage, depending on process conditions at both micro and nano dimensional scales.

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