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# Design and optimization of microfluidic device for generating robust uniform concentration gradients

Running Title: Concentration gradient in microfluidic device

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#### Highlights

- A novel microfluidic device is modeled to generate a robust concentration gradient
- 3D Finite element simulations of fluid flow were employed for device optimization
- Device geometry and flowrate systematically varied to obtain optimal design
- Concentration gradient is largely undisturbed for 25 percent inlet flow difference

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