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UV-Modulated Substrate Rigidity for Multiscale Study of Mechanoresponsive Cellular Behaviors

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Ο Ο OH hν (b) Crosslinker reaction CH_3 CH_3 OH H₃C H₃C CH₃ CH₃ + R CH_3 с-о CH₃ Si H₃C −ⁿ Ši-·CH₃ H₃C CH₃ S H₃C CH₃ H₃C -CH₃ Si ĊH₃ ĊH₃ (R=H or CH₃) (c) Monomer reaction CH₂ ∥ ĊH HO-C−H₂C CH OH H₃C H₃C-Si-CH₃ -CH₃ Si H₃C-Śi-CH₃ + H₃C CH_3 Si H₃C -Si-CH₃ CH H CH₂ H₃C – CH_3 Si CH_2

(a) Benzophenone radical generation

Scheme S1. Benzophenone radical generation mechanism under UV light exposure.

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Figure S1. Bar plot of *Young*'s modulus *E* of 1:30 photoPDMS post-exposure baked for 20 min. Tensile testing was performed either right after sample fabrication or after a 6-month storage at room temperature, as indicated. **, p < 0.01. *NS*, statistically not significant (p > 0.05).



Figure S2. Cell proliferation assays on both PDMS and photoPDMS (with 0 min UV exposure) substrates. NIH/3T3 cells were plated at a density of 3,000 cells/cm². (a) Representative images of NIH/3T3 stained with DAPI (*blue*) after 24, 48, and 96 hr of culture on 1:10 PDMS and photoPDMS (top) and 1:30 PDMS and photoPDMS (bottom) substrates. (b-c) Bar plot showing density of NIH/3T3 cells as a function of culture time. Data represents the means \pm s.e.m from 3 independent experiments. *NS*, statistically not significant (p > 0.05).

Supporting Figure S3



Figure S3. Fabrication process of photoPDMS micropost array.

Supporting Figure S4



Figure S4. Phase (top) and fluorescent (bottom) images showing constant surface protein densities on LRMA and LSMA. 50 µg mL⁻¹ Alexa-488 conjugated BSA was printed onto the tops of LRMA and LSMA using microcontact printing.