## Effect of Formulation on the Binding Efficiency and Selectivity of Precipitation MIPs

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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

Experiments		Incorporated components in the polymers % incorporation (umol)			Polymer Composition T :FM : XL <sup>1</sup>	Degree of Cross- linking <sup>2</sup>	e of Hydro- dynamic size, $d_{\rm H}$	
		EGDMA	MAA	Template	-	B	(PDI)	
TM2	MIP <sub>CAF</sub>	90 ± 1	79 ± 1	70 ± 1	0.44:1:6	$68.1 \pm 0.01$	66 ± 1	
		(375)	(66)	(29)			(1.0)	
_	MIP <sub>THP</sub>	92 ± 1	$75 \pm 1$	$76 \pm 1$	0.51:1:6	$62.3\pm0.01$	$70 \pm 1$	
		(382)	(63)	(32)			(1.0)	
	NIP	$83 \pm 7$	$75 \pm 2$		1:5.58	$70.3\pm0.06$	$104 \pm 1$	
		(347)	(62)				(0.4)	
TM4/	MIP <sub>CAF</sub>	$89 \pm 2$	$80 \pm 2$	$18 \pm 1$	0.06:1:5.53	$71.0\ \pm 0.01$	114	
MX5/		(369)	(67)	(4)			(0.3)	
IM100 <sup>3</sup>	MIP <sub>THP</sub>	$85 \pm 2$	$77 \pm 1$	$49 \pm 2$	0.16:1:5.10	$69.7 \pm 0.01$	$100 \pm 1$	
		(359)	(64)	(10)			(0.3)	
	NIP	$92 \pm 2$	$80 \pm 1$		1:5.77	$71.0\pm0.01$	93 ± )1	
		(384)	(67)				(1.0)	
TM6	MIP <sub>CAF</sub>	$87 \pm 2$	$74 \pm 3$	$35 \pm 1$	0.08:1:5.85	$63.3\pm0.01$	99 ± 2	
		(362)	(62)	(5)			(0.)	
	MIP <sub>THP</sub>	90 ± 2	$77 \pm 2$	$49 \pm 1$	0.11:1:5.82	$60.6\pm0.01$	85 ± 1	
		(373)	(64)	(7)			(0.5)	
	NIP	$92 \pm 2$	$88 \pm 4$		1:5.24	$63.3\pm0.01$	$93 \pm 1$	
		(382)	(73)				(0.2)	
TM8	MIPCAF	$93 \pm 1$	$87 \pm 1$	$64 \pm 1$	0.09:1:5.36	$62.3\pm0.01$	$75 \pm 1$	
		(387)	(72)	(7)			(0.8)	
	$MIP_{THP}$	$93\pm2$	$82 \pm 1$	$77 \pm 1$	0.12:1:5.63	$61.0\pm0.01$	$98 \pm 2$	
		(386)	(69)	(8)			(0.3)	
	NIP	$86\pm2$	$79 \pm 1$		1:5.57	$68.7\pm0.01$	89 ± 1	
		(360)	(65)				(0.5)	
MX10	$MIP_{CAF}$	$88\pm1$	$70 \pm 1$	$35 \pm 1$	0.08:1:12.60	$63.8\pm0.1$	$117 \pm 1$	
		(409)	(32)	(4)			(0.2)	
	MIP <sub>THP</sub>	$86 \pm 2$	61 ± 1	$32 \pm 1$	0.13:1:14.15	$75.7 \pm 0.1$	$114 \pm 1$	
		(392)	(28)	(4)			(0.2)	
	NIP	86 ± 2	$79 \pm 2$		1:10.89	$63.3 \pm 0.1$	$128 \pm 1$	
		(390)	(36)				(0.5)	

**Table S1.** Imprinting results of polymers synthesized from various template:functional monomer (TM), functional monomer:cross-linker (MX) and initiator:total monomer (IM) ratios.

 $^{1}$ T:fM:X = template : functional monomer : cross-linker (mol) ratio in the polymers,  $^{2}$ Degree of cross-linking compared to the initial ratio -C=Cand -C=O- and in the polymers.  $^{3}$  Polymers produced using T:fM = 1:4, fM:X = 1:5 and I:tM of 1:100.

**Table S1 (continuation).** Imprinting results of polymers synthesized from various template:functional monomer (TM), functional monomer:cross-linker (MX) and initiator:total monomer (IM) ratios.

Experiments		Incorporated components in the			Polymer	Degree of Hydro-	
-		polymers			Composition	Cross-	dynamic size,
		% incorporation (µmol)			T :FM : XL <sup>1</sup>	linking <sup>2</sup>	$d_{ m H}$
		EGDMA	MAA	Template	-		(PDI)
MX2	MIP <sub>CAF</sub>	$93 \pm 2$	$78\pm2$	$10 \pm 2$	0.03:1:2.41	$49.6 \pm 0.1$	$84 \pm 1$
		(311)	(130)	(4)			(0.1)
	$MIP_{\text{THP}}$	$93 \pm 2$	$83\pm2$	$31 \pm 0$	0.09:1:2.26	$57.7\pm0.1$	$67 \pm 1$
		(310)	(138)	(13)			(0.1)
	NIP	$93 \pm 2$	$84\pm1$		1:2.21	$59.1\pm0.1$	$89 \pm 1$
		(366)	(57)				(0.5)
IM5	$MIP_{CAF}$	$98 \pm 1$	$92\pm2$	$26 \pm 1$	0.07:1:5.33	$67.5\pm0.01$	$136 \pm 1$
		(410)	(77)	(12)			(0.2)
	$MIP_{\text{THP}}$	$98 \pm 1$	$93\pm2$	$50 \pm 1$	0.13:1:5.33	$68.4\pm0.01$	$132 \pm 1$
		(410)	(77)	(10)			(0.2)
	NIP	$98 \pm 1$	$88\pm2$		1:5.58	$73.6\pm0.06$	$122 \pm 1$
		(409)	(73)				(0.3)
IM10	$MIP_{CAF}$	$96 \pm 1$	$84\pm2$	$21 \pm 1$	0.06:1:5.75	$72.2\pm0.01$	$121 \pm 1$
		(401)	(70)	(4)			(0.6)
	$MIP_{\text{THP}}$	$96 \pm 0$	$82 \pm 1$	$52\pm3$	0.16:1:5.81	$73.1\pm0.01$	$102 \pm 1$
		(398)	(69)	(11)			(0.6)
	NIP	$97 \pm 1$	$83 \pm 1$		1:5.83	$69.4\pm0.01$	$83 \pm 2$
		(404)	(69)				(1.0)
IM500	$\operatorname{MIP}_{\operatorname{CAF}}$	$64 \pm 2$	$56\pm0$	$16 \pm 1$	0.10:1:5.37	$67.3\pm0.01$	$104 \pm 1$
		(266)	(47)	(3)			(0.3)
	$MIP_{\text{THP}}$	$61 \pm 2$	$57 \pm 2$	$22\pm0$	0.07:1:5.69	$65.2\pm0.01$	$94 \pm 1$
		(256)	(48)	(5)			(0.3)
	NIP	$88\pm2$	$69 \pm 1$		1:6.41	$67.3\pm0.01$	$140 \pm 1$
		(366)	(57)				(0.3)
IM1000	$MIP_{CAF}$	$40\pm0$	$39 \pm 2$	$8 \pm 1$	0.05:1:5.16	$66.6\pm0.01$	$107 \pm 1$
		(165)	(32)	(2)			(0.3)
	MIP <sub>THP</sub>	$43 \pm 2$	$38 \pm 2$	$12 \pm 1$	0.08:1:5.64	$67.4\pm0.01$	90 ± 1
		(179)	(32)	(3)			(0.3)
	NIP	$75 \pm 3$	$39\pm 2$		1:9.70	$62.3 \pm 0.01$	$119 \pm 1$
		(314)	(32)				(0.3)

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EXPT/Polymers	[template] (µmol)	[FM] (µmol)	[XL] (µmol)	[initiator] (µmol)	Volume of porogen (mL)	T:FM:XL	I:TM
IM1000				0.50			1:1000
IM500	_			1.0		_	1:500
IM100, MX5, TM4	20.80	83.33	416.67	5.00		1:4:20	1:100
IM10				50.00			1:10
IM5				100.00	5.00	_	1:5
MX2	42.00	167.00	333.00			1:4:8	
MX10	14.00	45.00	455.00	-		1:40:40	
TM2	42.00			5.00		1:2:10	1:100
TM6	21.00	83.00	416.67			1:4:20	
TM8	10.00					1:8:40	

**Table S2.** Polymer feed composition of the systems investigated from various template:functional monomer (TM), functional monomer:cross-linker (MX) and initiator:total monomer (IM) ratios.



**Figure S1.** SEM images of microspheres synthesized from various template:functional monomer (T:fM) ratios: (**A**) TM2<sub>NIP</sub>, (**B**) TM2<sub>CAF</sub>, (**C**) TM2<sub>THP</sub>, (**D**) TM4<sub>NIP</sub>, (**E**) TM4<sub>CAF</sub>, (**F**) TM4<sub>THP</sub>, (**G**) TM6<sub>NIP</sub>, (**H**) TM6<sub>CAF</sub>, (**I**) TM6<sub>THP</sub>, (**J**) TM8<sub>NIP</sub>, (**K**) TM8<sub>CAF</sub> and (**L**) TM8<sub>THP</sub>. Scale bar represents 200  $\mu$ m at 100000x magnification. Insets are the hydrodynamic size of the microspheres with the corresponding polydispersity indexes (PDI) measured by DLS.



**Figure S2.** Hydrodynamic sizes,  $d_{\rm H}$ , of microspheres synthesized from various T:fM ratios. Measurements were conducted using Dynamic Light scattering (DLS) and acetonitrile as the dispersant.



**Figure S3.** CAF and THP incorporated in the polymers from various T:fM ratios measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,4-dioxane in DMSO- $d_6$  as the reference standard.



**Figure S4.** CAF and THP incorporated in the polymers from various fM:X ratios. Measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,4-dioxane in DMSO- $d_6$  as the reference standard.



**Figure S5.** CAF incorporation and rebinding of MIPs and NIPs prepared from various fM:X ratios. Polymers were incubated for 18 hours in  $100\mu$ M template rebinding solution and the post rebinding solutions were analyzed by HPLC.



**Figure S6.** THP incorporation and rebinding of MIPs and NIPs prepared from various fM:X ratios. Polymers were incubated for 18 hours in  $100\mu$ M template rebinding solution and the post rebinding solutions were analysed by HPLC.



**MIP-CAF** 

**MIP-THP** 



**Figure S7.** SEM images of microspheres synthesized from various initiator:total monomer (I:tM) ratios: (A) IM1000<sub>NIP</sub>, (B) IM1000<sub>CAF</sub>, (C) IM1000<sub>THP</sub>, (D) IM500<sub>NIP</sub>, (E) IM500<sub>CAF</sub>, (F) IM500<sub>THP</sub>, (G) IM100<sub>NIP</sub>, (H) IM100<sub>CAF</sub>, (I) IM100<sub>THP</sub>, (J) IM10<sub>NIP</sub>, (K) IM10<sub>CAF</sub>, (L) IM10<sub>THP</sub>, (M) IM5<sub>NIP</sub>, (N) IM5<sub>CAF</sub> and (O) IM5<sub>THP</sub>. Scale bar represents 200  $\mu$ m at 100000x magnification. Insets are the hydrodynamic size of the microspheres with the corresponding polydispersity indexes (PDI) measured by DLS.



**Figure S8.** CAF and THP incorporation the polymers from various I:tM ratios measured by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,4-dioxane in DMSO- $d_6$  as the reference standard.



**Figure S9.** An example of a <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the caffeine pre-polymerization solution. Peaks of the components are as follows; cross-linker (EGDMA, O-CH<sub>2</sub> signal) at 4.32 ppm, functional monomer (the combination of the signals of -CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>- of MAA and EGDMA) at 5.96 and 6.39 ppm and for caffeine at 4.23 ppm (-N-CH<sub>3</sub>).