

MAPTrix™ HyGel, 3D Synthetic Extracellular Matrix

Product Overview

Hydrogels have emerged as biomimetic *in vitro* culture systems that allow cells to be grown in chemically or physically-defined microenvironments that recapitulate many critical aspects of native tissue^{1,2,3}.

Hydrogel biofunctionality should be engineered predictably and precisely by tailoring biochemical and mechanical properties of hydrogel, each of which directly influences cellular behavior¹.

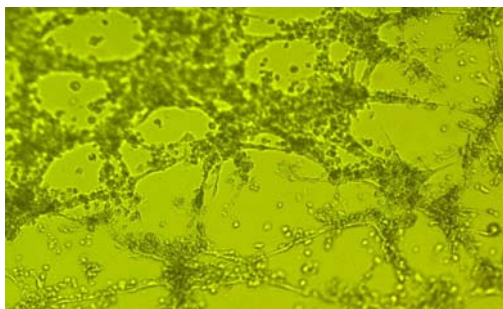
MAPTrix™ HyGel is a recombinant mussel adhesive protein-based biosynthetic three dimensional (3D) extracellular matrix (ECM) line of products that are tailored to mimic biochemical and mechanical properties of native ECM. The MAPTrix™ HyGel line of products generates well-controlled and reproducible extracellular microenvironments as evidenced in HUVEC tube formation in serum free conditions.

Product Description

The MAPTrix™ HyGel products consist of two components: MAPTrix™ ECM, a mussel adhesive protein based ECM mimetic; and, MAPTrix™ Linker, a multi-arm polyethylene glycol derivative with a molecular weight ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 Da.

Due to the ECM derived peptide motifs recombinantly incorporated into mussel adhesive proteins (for example, the RGD motif), use of the MAPTrix™ ECM products provide biochemically well-defined extracellular microenvironments.

Figure1: HUVEC tube formation on MAPTrix™ HyGel



Human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC) (40,000 viable cells/cm²) were seeded on a 48-well plate coated with MAPTrix™ HyGel (100 µL/cm²) that presents peptide motifs activating integrins αvβ3 and α2β1. The combinatorial activation of αvβ3-α2β1 induced endothelial tube formation in serum free conditions.

Features & Applications

MAPTrix™ HyGel can be used to engineer *in vivo* like 3D ECM microenvironments by presenting combinations of MAPTrix™ ECM products to induce combinatorial integrin-mediated signaling for integrated processes similar to an *in vivo* environment.

Highlighted Features:

- Ready-to-use formula to create biochemically defined hydrogel *in situ*
- Easy-to-use. No freezing required. Stable under refrigerator conditions for 6 months
- Fully compatible with existing cell culture protocols

Applications:

- 3D cell culture for primary or stem cells including HUVEC
- 3D coating for a variety of substrates such as tissue engineering scaffolds

Quality Control

· Purity	93% by SDS PAGE
· pH	6.0 ~ 7.5
· Endotoxin	Less than 20 EU/mL per LAL assay.
· Sterility	Tested and found negative for the presence of bacteria, fungi and mycoplasma
· Functionality	The biological activity of ECM derived peptide is determined in a cell culture assay under serum free conditions

Hydrogel formation protocol:

- Dissolve MAPTrix™ ECM and MAPTrix™ Linker at a concentration of 20 mg in 1mL of PBS (1x) buffer, pH 7.4, respectively
- Vortex mix the two above solutions for 30 to 60 seconds. Alternatively, pipette up and down thoroughly to mix.
Note: Once the MAPTrix™ Linker is added to MAPTrix™ ECM solution, you have less than 20 minutes before the hydrogel forms and it is difficult to pipette the solution.
- The prepared MAPTrix™ gelling solutions of at least 100µL per well were added to a 24-well plate and allowed to gel in a humidified incubator at 37 °C for 2~3 hours.
Note: Pipette slowly to avoid air bubble formation in the gelling solution.
- Refer to the Standard Hydrogel Protocol for details, which can be downloaded at www.kollodis.com

Products

Cat. No	Peptide Motifs	Cat. No	Peptide Motifs
361011 - 361254	Fibronectin derived peptide motif: RGD, GRGDSP, PHSRN-RGDSP, REDV, SPPRRARVT, WQPPRARI	362011 - 364614	Laminin derived peptide motif: RQVFQVAYIIIIKA, IKVAV, NRWHSIYITRFG, TWYKIAFQRNRK, YIGSR, RYVVLPR
365011 - 366444	Collagen derived peptide motif: GLPGER, GFPGER, DGEA, GTPGPQGIAGQRGV, GEFYFDLRLKGDK	367011 - 367184	Cadherin derived peptide motif: ADTPPV, SHAVSS, LFSHAVVSSNG, DQNDN, HAVDI, LRAHAVDING
368011 - 368044	Vitronectin derived peptide motif: FRHRNRKGY, KKQRFHRNRKGYRSQ, RGDV	368111 - 369714	Other ECM related protein derived peptide motif: Elastin, Tenascin-C, Nidogen, BSP, etc.

Storage Conditions:

For MAPTrix™ ECM

- Stable for a minimum of 6 months from the day of shipment when stored unopened at 2-8 °C.
- For long term storage (six months to one year), it is highly recommended that opened MAPTrix™ ECM be stored at -20°C. Opened vials can be stored at 2-8 °C for short term periods of storage (approximately several months).

For MAPTrix™ Linker

- Stable for a maximum of one year from the day of shipment when stored unopened at -20 °C.
- It is highly recommended that opened vials be stored at -20 °C

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