

Product Name 3-D Life PVA-PEG Hydrogel FG

## Catalog Number FG80-1

Description The *3-D Life* PVA-PEG Hydrogel FG Kit provides reagents for setting up fast gelling, cell-compatible hydrogels. Its major components are maleimide-functionalized polyvinyl alcohol (Mal-PVA) and the crosslinker PEG-Link. When the two reagents are combined, thiol groups on PEG-Link form stable thioether bonds with maleimide groups on Mal-PVA, which results in the formation of the gel.

Prior to the crosslinking step, cell adhesion peptides (e.g. *3-D Life* RGD Peptide, Cat. No. 09-P-001) can be covalently attached to a portion of the maleimide groups of Mal-PVA to provide a cell-adhesive matrix.

For more information and instructions, please consult the General Protocol GP-1 "Preparation of *3-D Life* Fast Gelling Hydrogels" and the *3-D Life* Hydrogels User Guide on www.cellendes.com.

Quantity Allows formation of up to 2 ml *3-D Life* Hydrogel depending on the stiffness of the gel.

## Material Components Quantity **Concentration of** Storage reactive groups Mal-PVA<sup>#</sup> -80°C (avoid frequent freeze-170 µl 30 mmol/L maleimide groups thawing) PEG-Link, lyophilized 200 µl\* 20 mmol/L\* thiol Lyophilisate and after reconstitution: -20°C to -80°C groups 10x CB (pH 5.5) 200 µl Short term (≤2 months): 4°C n.a Long term: -20°C to -80°C Water 2x 1500 µl Room temperature or lower n.a

All materials are filter-sterilized.

<sup>#</sup>Keep on ice while in use.

\*Volume/concentration after reconstitution of lyophilisate.

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Reconstitution PEG-Link:

- 1. Briefly centrifuge vial containing the PEG-Link lyophilisate to make sure that the entire material is at the bottom of the reaction tube.
- 2. Add 188  $\mu$ I *3-D Life* Water per tube for a concentration of 20 mmol/L thiol groups. This results in a 200  $\mu$ I PEG-Link solution.
- 3. Close tube and briefly vortex.
- 4. Incubate for 5 min.
- 5. Briefly vortex and centrifuge again.
- 6. PEG-Link is now ready for use.

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