

HyStem® 12.5 mL Kit

THIOL-MODIFIED HYALURONAN HYDROGEL KIT

Catalog Number: **GS1004**

OVERVIEW

HyStem® kits are based on cross-linking thiol-modified hyaluronan technology. Hyaluronic acid is a naturally occurring component of the extracellular matrix found in connective, epithelial, and neural tissues. With HyStem®, researchers can create customizable 3D hydrogels for culturing cells whose natural environment is rich in hyaluronic acid. The HyStem® Hydrogel Kit includes:

- Glycosil® (thiol-modified hyaluronic acid)
- Extralink®-Lite (PEGDA, polyethylene glycol diacrylate)
- DG Water (degassed, deionized water)

HyStem® Kit components form a transparent hydrogel when mixed. Components, except for DG water, are packaged as lyophilized solids that are blanketed by nitrogen and under a slight vacuum for long term storage.

Kit Components	Units Per Kit	Material Amount Per Vial	Reconstitution Volume Per Vial
Glycosil – GS220	2	50 mg	5.0 mL
Extralink-Lite – GS3008	1	12.5 mg	2.5 mL
DG Water – GS241	1	20 mL	-

CELL ATTACHMENT

The HyStem® hydrogel system provides a viscoelastic matrix of variable rigidity that supports the expansion of stem cells (human embryonic, CD34+, and hepatic progenitors have been tested to date). HyStem® hydrogels DO NOT support surface cell attachment. Cells must be encapsulated within the hydrogel. Extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins or peptides may be mixed with the Glycosil prior to crosslinking to provide attachment signals and allow for cells to be plated on the hydrogel surface. However, the type of ECM protein added depends upon the cell type and the desired outcome (expansion without differentiation or with differentiation). HyStem®-C and HyStem®-HP kits support cell attachment and can be found at AdvancedBioMatrix.com

STORAGE

Glycosil: Store at -20°C for up to one year. Reconstituted solutions must be used same day and cannot be refrozen.

Extralink-Lite: Store at -20°C for up to one year. Reconstituted solutions can be stored at -20°C for one month.

DG Water: Store at -20°C, 4°C or RT for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Glycosil and Extralink-Lite solutions are prepared by dissolving the lyophilized solids with DG Water. When reconstituted, Glycosil and Extralink-Lite will be in 1X phosphate buffered saline (PBS) at a pH of ~7.4. When reconstituted according to instructions, this kit will be able to produce 12.5 mL of material to form 3D hydrogels.

- 1) Allow kit components to come to room temperature for 1 hour.
- 2) Reconstitute kit components using DG water with a syringe and needle. If vial stopper is removed during reconstitution, minimize exposure to oxygen to avoid potential autocrosslinking. Follow reconstitution chart below.

Kit Components	DG Water to Add Per Vial
Glycosil – GS222	5.0 mL
Extralink-Lite – GS3009	2.5 mL

- 3) Immediately vortex each vial for a few seconds after the addition of DG water. Place vials horizontally on a rocker or shaker. Quickly vortex samples every 15 minutes. It may take ~60 minutes for some components to fully dissolve. Warming to not more than 37 °C and/or gently vortexing will speed dissolution. Components will be clear and slightly viscous.
- 4) A 3D hydrogel is formed when Extralink-Lite is added to Glycosil in a 1:4 volume ratio (0.25 mL Extralink-Lite to 1.0 mL Glycosil). Mix by pipette.
 - a) If encapsulating cells, resuspend cell pellet in Glycosil solution *prior* to the addition of Extralink-Lite. Pipette back and forth to mix.
 - b) After mixing all components together, wait for 5 minutes, then mix again by pipette to ensure even distribution of cells.
- 5) Dispense HyStem into desired well-plate. Gelation will begin within ~15 minutes and full gelation will occur by ~90 min.

Additional HyStem® information, white papers, applications, references, and certificates, can be found by our visiting at www.AdvancedBioMatrix.com