# PeptiGel<sup>®</sup> Protocol:

## General Guidance for Handling and Use of PeptiGels®

#### Storage:

PeptiGels<sup>®</sup> are supplied in plastic vials that should be stored in a standard laboratory fridge at 4°C. It is recommended that once the vials are opened in a sterile environment (e.g. a class II flow cabinet) they should be used within 12 months

#### Air Bubbles:

Prior to starting work with PeptiGels<sup>®</sup>, any visible air bubbles can be removed by one or more rounds of centrifugation  $(1,600 \times g \text{ for } 1 \text{ minute at room temperature})$ . When mixing cells into PeptiGels<sup>®</sup> for 3-dimensional (3D) cell culture, the formation of air bubbles should be minimised. This can be achieved by releasing cells slowly into the hydrogel, while gradually bringing the pipette upwards, in a stirring motion. In addition, ensure the pipette tip never leaves the hydrogel while mixing.

## **Pipetting:**

It is recommended to use a positive displacement pipette (such as the Gilson piston pipette) to facilitate accurate PeptiGel<sup>®</sup> handling and for mixing the cells into PeptiGel<sup>®</sup> for 3D cell culture.

## **Diluting PeptiGels<sup>®</sup>:**

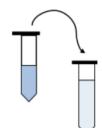
PeptiGels<sup>®</sup> can be diluted with HPLC-grade water. For a detailed method, refer to the <u>"How to Dilute PeptiGels<sup>®</sup></u>" protocol.

## **Using PeptiGels:**

Depending on the experimental requirements PeptiGels<sup>®</sup> can be utilised for 2-dimensional (2D) or 3-dimensional (3D) cell culture. For detailed methods, refer to the <u>"2D Cell Culture"</u> or <u>"3D Cell Culture"</u> protocols.

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