



## ViaGlue™ *Thick 2 Cell Type Stacked MultiLayer Tissue* Assembly Protocol

Reagent A – Grey cap

Reagent B – Red cap

- 1) Have multiple plates of two cell populations grown for cell assembly into a tissue in high densities (two 10 cm plates of cell types 1 and 2).
- 2) Remove the pair of vials from 4°C storage and warm to room temperature.
- 3) Aspirate the cell growth media and wash once with PBS or fresh media or other suitable solution.
- 4) Aspirate the cleaning solution and replace with a minimal amount of typical growth media. Eg. 5 mL in a 10 cm culture plate, 2 mL in 6 well plate.
- 5) To the 5 mL of growth media (10 cm culture plate), add 250 µL of **Reagent A (5% v/v)** and 250 µL of **Reagent B (5% v/v)** to cell population 1 growth plates separately. To cell population 2 (10 cm cell plate) add 5 mL of growth media, and add 250 µL of **Reagent B (5% v/v)** and 250 µL of **Reagent A (5% v/v)**. Swirl the plates gently to mix.
- 6) Incubate the cells under optimal growth conditions for 1 hour. Eg. 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 7) Aspirate the growth media from both cell population plates 2 containing the Reagents, while leaving the two treated cell population 1 plates under growth conditions.
- 8) Immediately remove the cell population 2 from the culture plate surfaces. Eg. Treat with 3 mL 0.25% trypsin for 3-5 minutes, quench with 6 mL of serum containing growth media, centrifuge and decant media.
- 9) With the two cell pellet populations (**2** and **2**) in separate tubes. The cell density should be measured accurately (to obtain a desired cell A: cell B ratio) if two different cell lines are use, to produce a tissue with specific cell composition ratios.
- 10) Combine and mix **2** and **2**, then deposit the cells onto the desired surface, allowing the cells to incubate in optimal conditions (Eg. 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>) undisturbed for 4-6 hours to allow cells to adhere and create natural adhesion connections.
- 11) Check cells under Brightfield microscopy to confirm the cells have adhered and have begun spreading out on each other.
- 12) Add additional amounts of media to keep tissues healthy and covered.
- 13) After 6 hours or overnight, remove the cell **1** and **1** populations from growth conditions and remove from the culture plate surfaces. Eg. Treat with 3 mL 0.25% trypsin for 3-5 minutes, quench with 6 mL of serum containing growth media, centrifuge and decant media.
- 14) With the two cell pellet populations (**1** and **1**) in separate tubes. The cell density should be measured accurately (to obtain a desired cell A: cell B ratio) if two different cell lines are use, to produce a tissue with specific cell composition ratios.
- 15) Combine and mix **1** and **1**, then deposit the cells onto the previously deposited cell population 2 tissue, then incubate in optimal conditions (Eg. 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>) undisturbed for 4-6 hours to allow cells to adhere and create natural adhesion connections.
- 16) Check cells under Brightfield microscopy to confirm the cells have adhered and have begun spreading out on each other.
- 17) Add additional amounts of media to keep tissues healthy and covered.

18) Cells can be used for assays or experiments with no further special manipulation.

**Tissue Assembly Considerations:**

- High amounts of cells are necessary to produce 3D tissue in the prescribed area of the culture well.
- For wells with approx. 1cm<sup>2</sup> surface area, a combined 4 cell populations of approximately 18 million cells are required for 9-12 cell layers (40-70 μm thick tissue). Cells not seeded with high enough density will not result in continuous layers but rather separate spheroids on the culture surface.

