

GUIDELINES FOR USE

PRODUCT: BD Matrigel™ Basement Membrane Matrix, 5 ml vial

CATALOG NUMBER: 356234

BACKGROUND: Basement membranes are thin extracellular matrices underlying cells *in vivo*. BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix is a solubilized basement membrane preparation extracted from the Engelbreth-Holm-Swarm (EHS) mouse sarcoma, a tumor rich in extracellular matrix proteins. Its major component is laminin, followed by collagen IV, heparan sulfate proteoglycans, entactin/nidogen.^{1,2} BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix also contains TGF-beta, epidermal growth factor, insulin-like growth factor, fibroblast growth factor, tissue plasminogen activator,^{3,4} and other growth factors which occur naturally in the EHS tumor. BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix is effective for the attachment and differentiation of both normal and transformed anchorage dependent epithelioid and other cell types. These include neurons,^{5,6} hepatocytes,⁷ Sertoli cells,^{8,9} chick lens,¹⁰ and vascular endothelial cells.¹¹ Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix will influence gene expression in adult rat hepatocytes^{12,13} as well as three dimensional culture in mouse¹⁴⁻¹⁷ and human^{18,19} mammary epithelial cells. It is the basis for several types of tumor cell invasion assays,^{20,21} will support *in vivo* peripheral nerve regeneration,²²⁻²⁴ and provides the substrate necessary for the study of angiogenesis both *in vitro*^{25,26} and *in vivo*.²⁷⁻²⁹ BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix also supports *in vivo* propagation of human tumors in immunosuppressed mice.³⁰⁻³² For further information, please visit our website at www.bdbiosciences.com.

SOURCE: Engelbreth-Holm-Swarm (EHS) Mouse Tumor

FORMULATION: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 50 µg/ml gentamycin
Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix is compatible with all culture media

STABILITY: Stable for a minimum of three months from day of shipment when stored at -20°C
KEEP FROZEN

**RECONSTITUTION
AND USE:**

Color variations may occur in frozen or thawed vials of BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix, ranging from straw yellow to dark red due to the interaction of carbon dioxide with the bicarbonate buffer and phenol red. Variation in color is normal, does not affect product efficacy, and will disappear upon equilibration with 5% CO₂.

Once Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix is thawed, swirl vial to be sure that material is evenly dispersed. Handle using sterile technique. Place thawed vial of Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix in sterile area, spray top of vial with 70% ETOH and air dry. Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix may be gently pipetted using a pre-cooled pipette to ensure homogeneity.

Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix may be used as a thin gel layer (0.5mm), with cells plated on top. Cells may also be cultured inside the Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix, using a 1 mm layer. Extensive dilution will result in a thin, non-gelled protein layer. This may be useful for cell attachment, but may not be as effective in differentiation studies.

Dispense remaining material into appropriate aliquots, using pre-cooled tubes, and refreeze immediately. Avoid multiple freeze thaws. **DO NOT STORE IN FROST-FREE FREEZER.**

CAUTION:

BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix will gel rapidly at 22°C to 35°C. Thaw overnight at 4°C on ice (Matrigel may gel at slightly elevated temperatures in a refrigerator). Keep product on ice before use, and use pre-cooled pipettes, tips, and tubes when preparing BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix for use. Gelled BD Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix may be re-liquified if placed at 4°C on ice for 24-48 hours.

COATING PROCEDURES:

Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix may be used in several ways. The Thin Gel Method is useful for plating cells on top of the gel, the Thick Gel Method allows you to grow cells within a three dimensional matrix, and the Thin Coating Method (no gel) provides you with a complex protein layer on top of which to grow your cells. Make your selection based on the final result that you wish to achieve, whether it is cell growth, attachment or differentiation.

NOTE: Some investigators prefer to dilute Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix. If you wish to maintain a gelled consistency, do not dilute more than 1:3. Use serum-free medium to dilute Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix. Once gelled, Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix should be used immediately.

Thin Gel Method

1. Thaw Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix as recommended. Using cooled pipettes, mix the Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix to homogeneity.
2. Keeping culture plates on ice, add 50 µL per square centimeter of growth surface.
3. Place plates at 37°C for 30 minutes. Plates are now ready to use.

Thick Gel Method

1. Thaw Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix as recommended. Using cooled pipettes, mix the Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix to homogeneity.
2. Keep culture plates on ice. Add cells to Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix and suspend using cooled pipettes. Add 150-200 µL per square centimeter of growth surface.
3. Place plates at 37°C for 30 minutes. Culture medium may now be added. Cells may also be cultured on top of this gel.

Thin Coating Method

1. Thaw Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix as recommended. Using cooled pipettes, mix the Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix to homogeneity.
2. Dilute Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix to desired concentration using serum-free medium. Empirical studies should be completed to determine the optimal coating concentration for your application.
3. Add diluted Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix to vessel being coated. Quantity should be sufficient to cover entire growth surface easily. Incubate at room temperature for one hour.
4. Aspirate unbound material and rinse gently using serum-free medium. Plates are now ready to use.

CELL RECOVERY:

Dispase (Catalog No. 354235), BD Cell Recovery Solution (Catalog No. 354253)

Most efficient recovery of cells growing on Matrigel Basement Membrane Matrix is accomplished using BD Cell Recovery Solution that depolymerizes the Matrigel Matrix within 7 hours on ice or with Dispase, a metalloenzyme which gently releases the cells allowing for continuous culture.

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Component: Chloroform

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