

## Development of functionalized multi-walled carbon-nanotube-based alginate hydrogels for enabling biomimetic technologies

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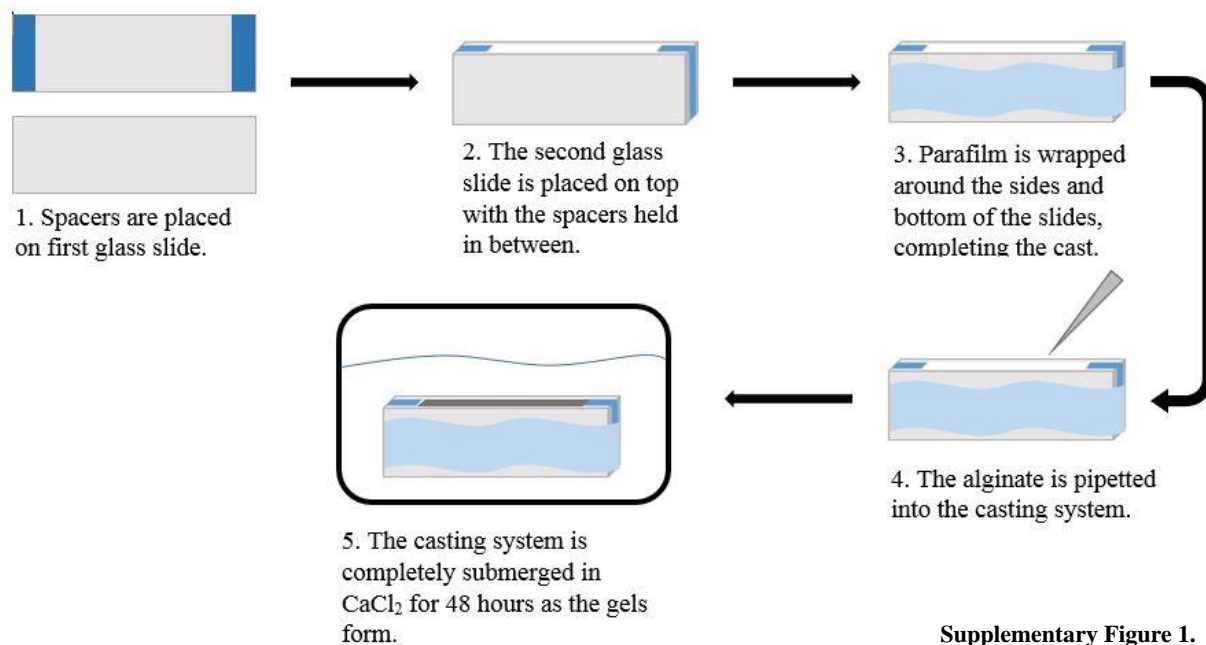
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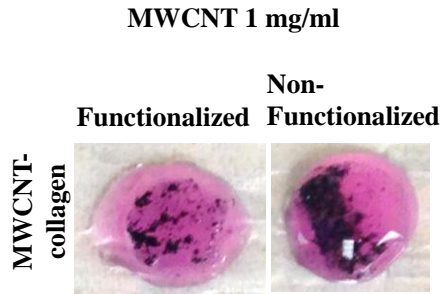
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### Supplementary Figures

#### Schematic for gel formation

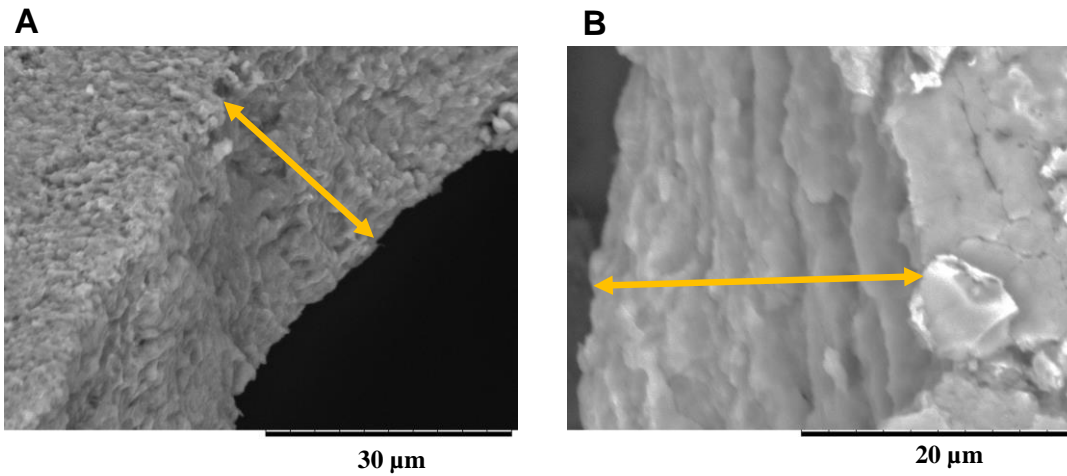


Supplementary Figure 1.



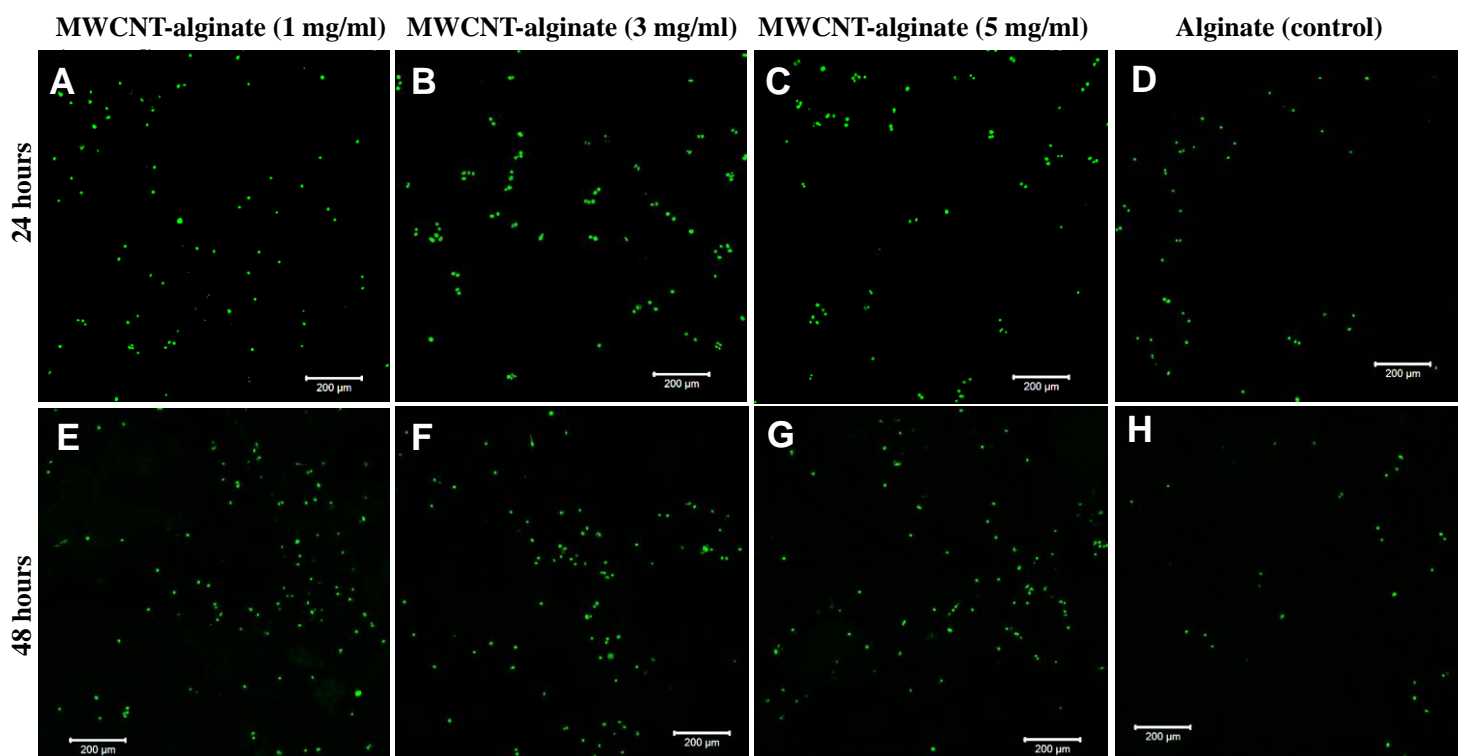
Representative *en-face* images of MWCNT-collagen (1 mg/ml) gels, functionalized (left) and non-functionalized (right) shown for comparison.

Supplementary Figure 2.



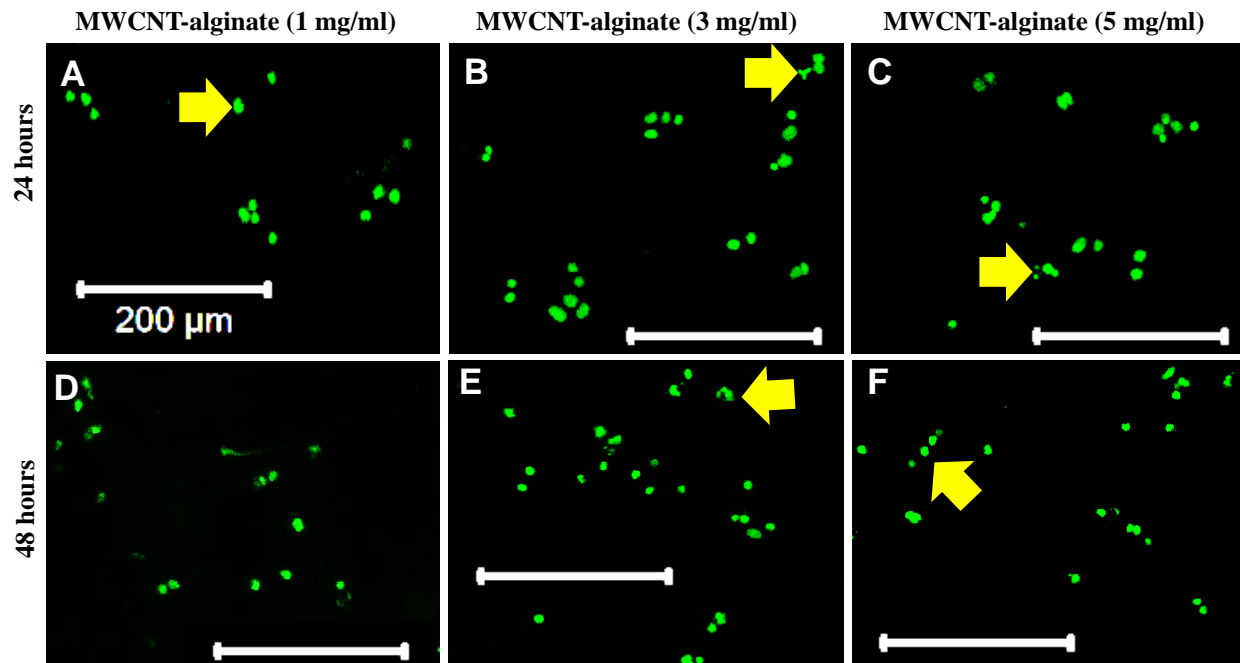
SEM image of the edge of MWCNT-alginate (1 mg/ml) showing laminated sheet-structure of the gels on their edge.

Supplementary Figure 3.



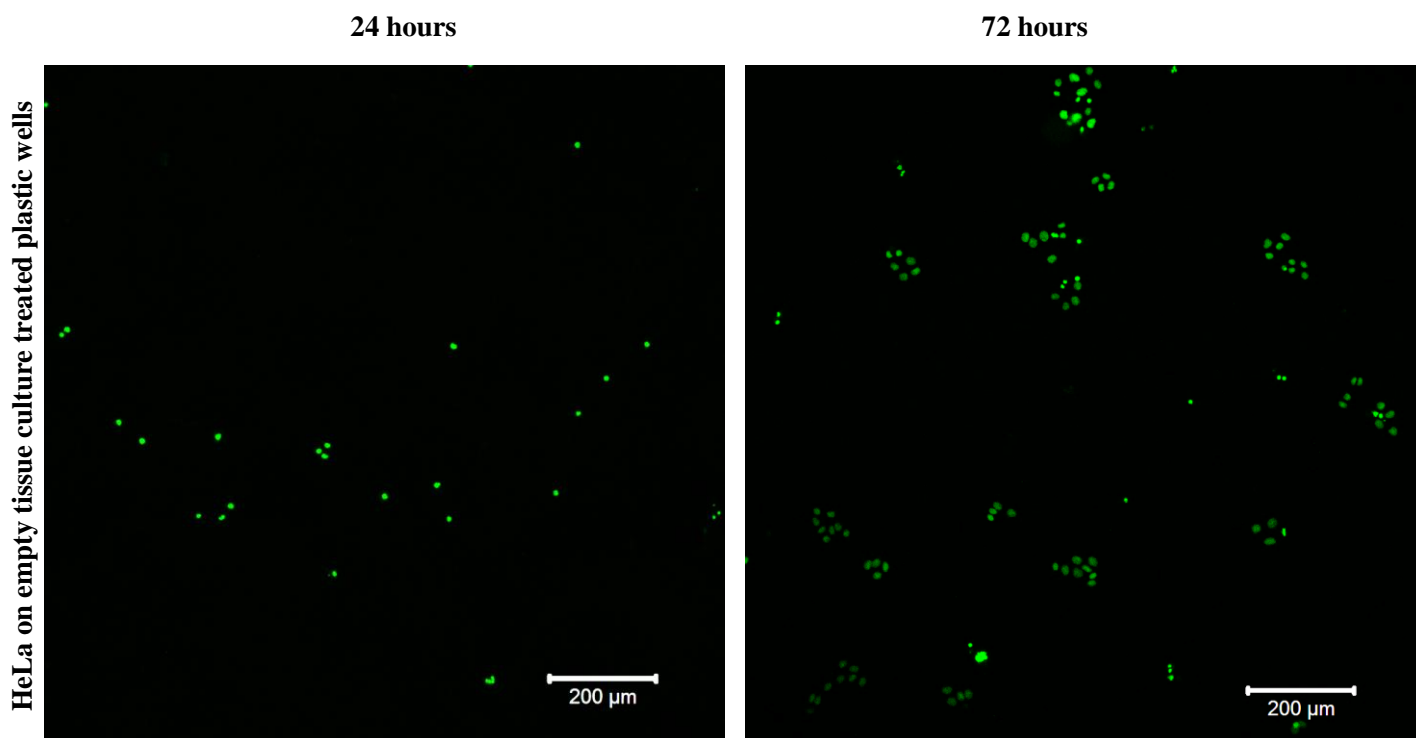
Low magnification images of HeLa-GFP cells cultured on MWCNT-alginate (1, 3, 5 mg/ml) showed agglomeration compared to cells on alginate; in addition, the cells continued to look healthy after 48h.

Supplementary Figure 4.



High magnification images of HeLa-GFP cells cultured on MWCNT-alginate (1, 3, 5 mg/ml). Arrows indicate cells actively dividing for proliferation.

Supplementary Figure 5.



Supplementary Figure 6.