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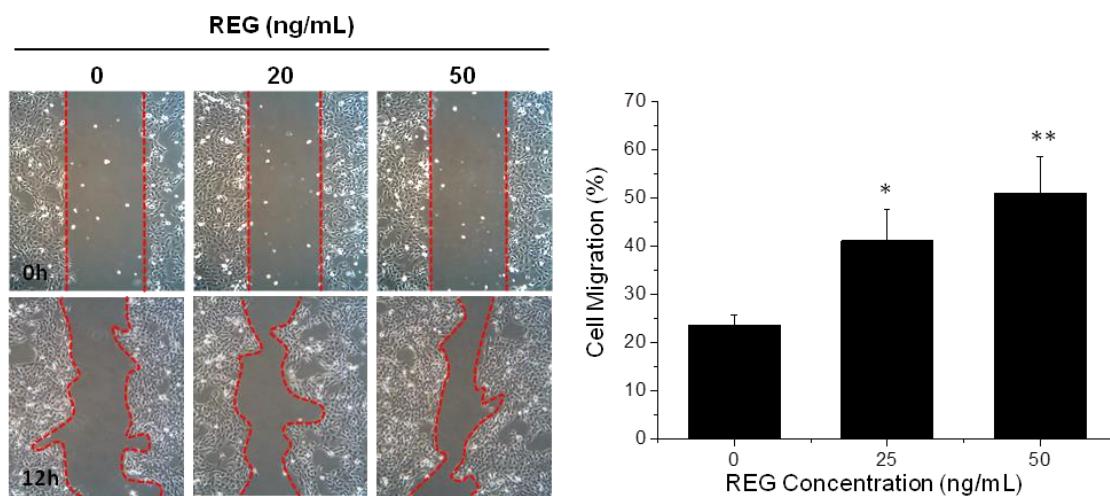
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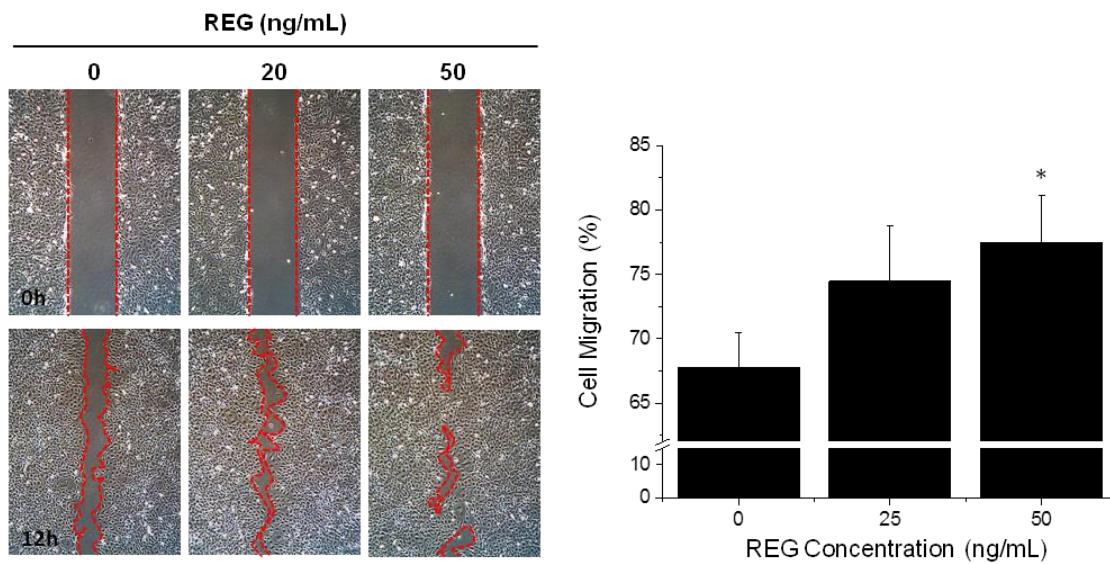
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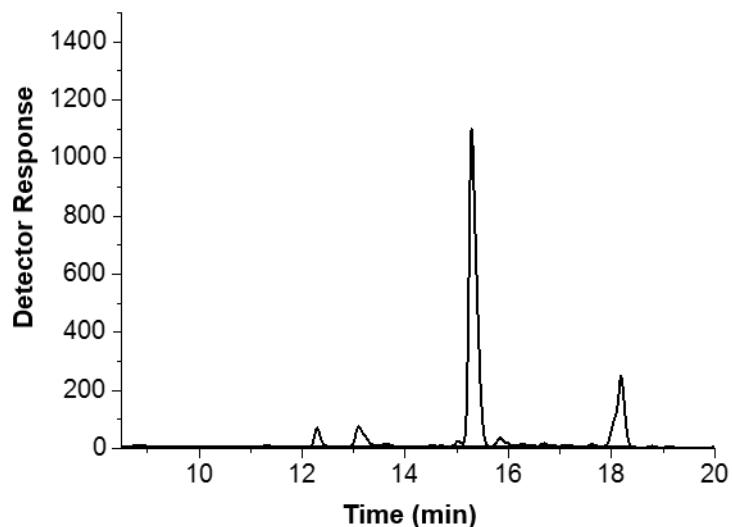
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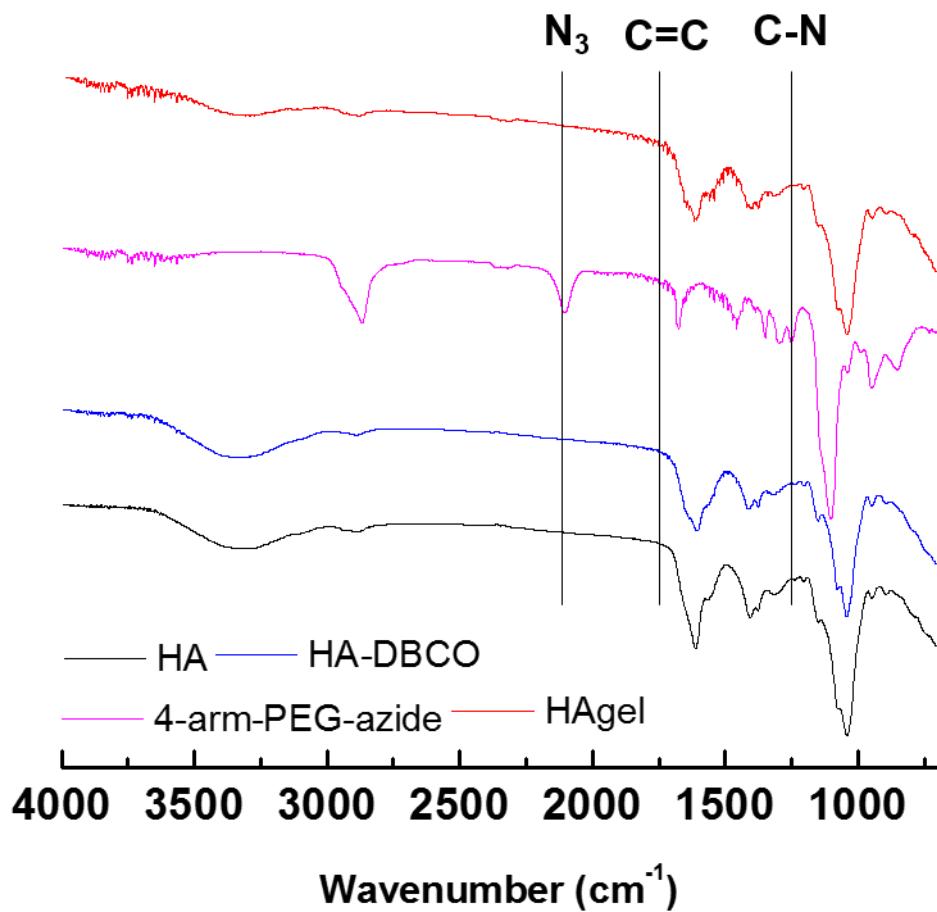
**Figure S1.** Wound scratch assay with HaCat keratinocytes and quantification of migrated cells.  $n = 4$ , \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$  vs saline-treated cells.



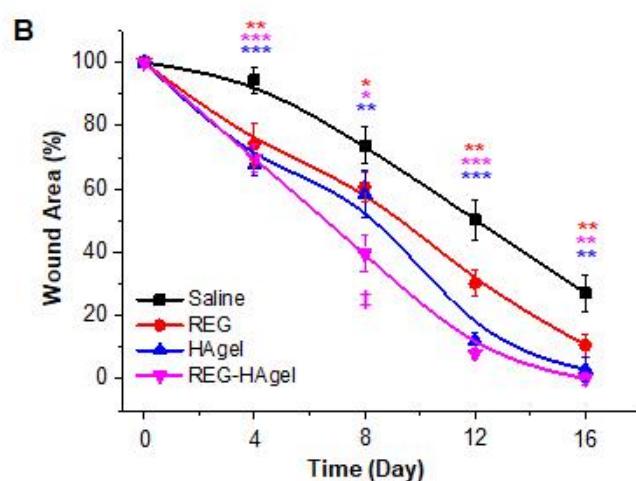
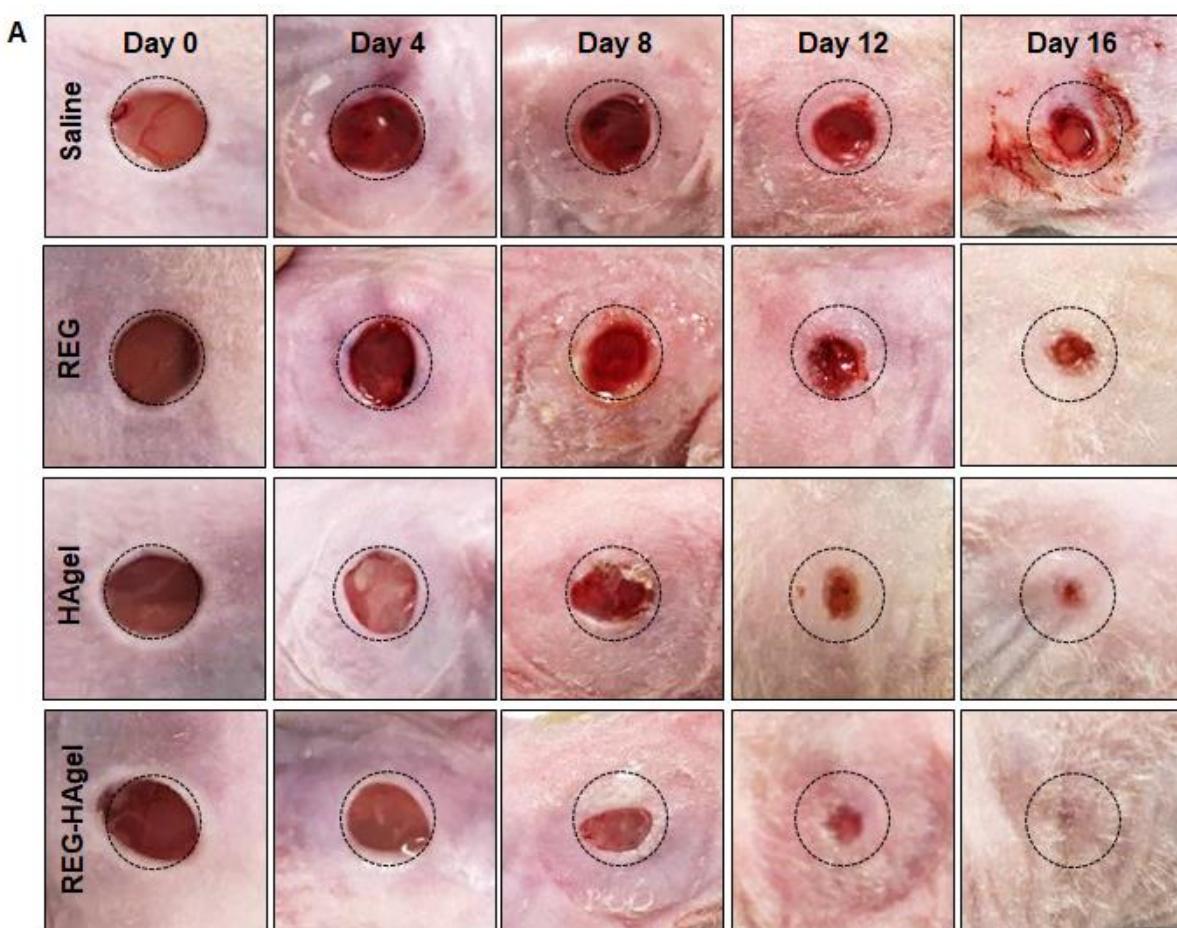
**Figure S2.** Wound scratch assay with SVEC4 endothelial cells and quantification of migrated cells.  $n = 4$ , \*  $p < 0.05$  vs saline-treated cells.



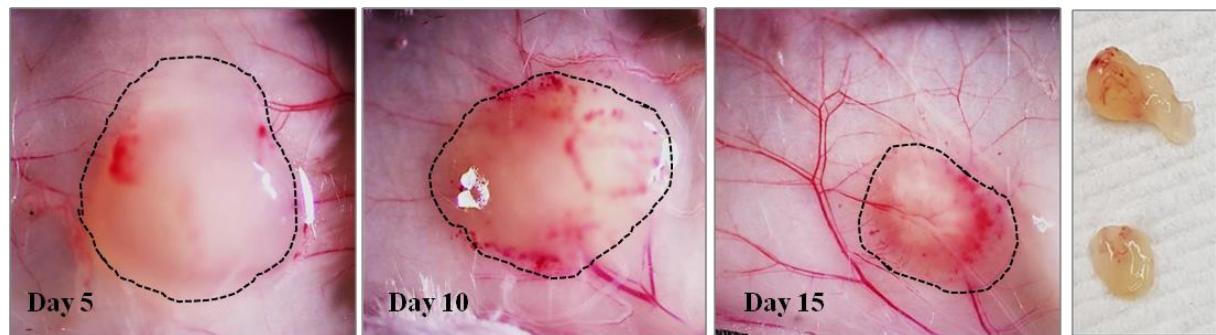
**Figure S3.** HPLC analysis of MMP2-activatable probe. The peak at 15.3 min retention time indicates a successful conjugation of MMP2 peptide probe.



**Figure S4.** ATR FT-IR spectra of HA, HA-DBCO, 4-arm-PEG-azide and HAgel in the range of 4000 to 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S5.** Therapeutic effect of REG, HAgel and REG-HAgel in Balb/c nude mouse. A) Representative photographic images of 6 mm wide full-thickness wounds over 16 days of experiment, and B) quantification of wound sizes.  $n = 3$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.005$  vs Saline. ‡  $p < 0.01$  vs HAgel.



**Figure S6.** Optical images of subcutaneously implanted HAgel observed over 15 days.