## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Incorporation of a Collagen-Binding Chondroitin Sulfate Molecule to a Collagen Type I and II Blend Hydrogel for Cartilage Tissue Engineering

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Gene of Interest	Accession number		$5' \rightarrow 3'$ sequence	Product length (bp)	Primer efficiency	Reference
Collagen Type I	<b>NM</b> 001195668.1	Forward	<b>ATGGATGAGGAAA</b> <b>CTGGCAACT</b>	114	101.9%	Liao, $20101$
		Reverse	<b>GCCATCGACAAGA</b> <b>ACAGTGTAAGT</b>			
Collagen Type II	<b>NM</b> 001195671.1	Forward	<b>GCCACCGTGCCCA</b> <b>AGAAGAACT</b>	160	103.1%	Yuan, $2016^2$
		Reverse	ACAGCAGGCGCAG <b>GAAGGTCAT</b>			
Collagen Type $X$	<b>XM</b> 002714724.3	Forward	<b>GCCAGGACCTCCA</b> <b>GGACTATCA</b>	103	100.0%	Zheng, $2009^3$
		Reverse	CCCAATGTCTCCTT <b>TCGGTCCA</b>			
Aggrecan	<b>XM</b> 008251723.2	Forward	<b>CCTACCAGGACAA</b> <b>GGTCTCG</b>	163	98.1%	Chen, 2016 <sup>4</sup>
		Reverse	<b>ACACCTTTCACCA</b> <b>CCACCTC</b>			
SOX9	<b>XM</b> 008271763.2	Forward	<b>GGAAGCTCTGGAG</b> <b>ACTGCTG</b>	135	96.8%	Zhang, $2012^{5}$
		Reverse	CGTTCTTCACCGA <b>CTTCCTC</b>			
<b>GAPDH</b>	<b>NM</b> 001082253.1	Forward	CGCCTGGAGAAAG <b>CTGCTA</b>	104	96.0%	Morigele, 2013 <sup>6</sup>
		Reverse	<b>ACGACCTGGTCCT</b> <b>CGGTGTA</b>			

Table S1. Primer sequences utilized for quantitative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction.



Figure S1. Percentage of encapsulated CS retained in the hydrogel over time after a 12-hour polymerization. CS Encapsulation after a wash or 7-day period are shown. Single factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Tukey post hoc tests were performed (n=4). Data that share the same letter do not have statistically significant differences ( $p > 0.05$ ) whereas data that do not share the same letter have statistically significantly differences ( $p < 0.05$ ). Data is represented as the mean  $\pm$  the standard deviation.



Figure S2. Storage and loss moduli of hydrogels with the addition of CS or CS-SILY molecules. Frequency sweeps from 0.01 to 10 Hz were performed. Data  $(n=3)$  is represented as the mean  $\pm$  the standard deviation.



Figure S3. The storage modulus (G') of hydrogels with the addition of CS or CS-SILY molecules. Frequency sweeps from 0.01 to 10 Hz were performed. Single factor analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Tukey post hoc tests were performed (n=3) at 0.01 and 10 Hz. Data that share the same letter do not have statistically significant differences ( $p > 0.05$ ) whereas data that do not share the same letter have statistically significantly differences ( $p < 0.05$ ). Data is represented as the mean  $\pm$  the standard deviation.



Figure S4. The mass of (A) DNA or (B) dry weight (DW) of the cell-hydrogel constructs with or with added CS or CS-SILY molecules after a 21-day or 28-day culture period. Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  the standard deviation  $(n = 4)$ . An ANOVA and Tukey's post hoc test were performed. Data that share the same letter do not have statistically significant differences ( $p > 0.05$ ) whereas data that do not share the same letter have statistically significantly differences ( $p < 0.05$ ).



Figure S5. The addition of CS-SILY molecules increases normalized sulfated GAG production after 28 days in culture and has no change on normalized collagen content in scaffolds. GAG/DNA ratio of the cellhydrogel constructs ( $n = 4$ ) with or with added CS or CS-SILY molecules after a (A) 21-day or (B) 28-day culture period. Total collagen/DNA ratio of the cell-hydrogel constructs ( $n = 3$ ) with or with added CS or CS-SILY molecules after a (C) 21-day or (D) 28-day culture period. Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$ standard deviation. ANOVA and Tukey's post hoc tests were performed. Data that share the same letter do not have statistically significant differences ( $p > 0.05$ ) whereas data that do not share the same letter have statistically significantly differences ( $p < 0.05$ ).

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