

Supplementary Materials for
**Microfluidic bioprinting of tough hydrogel-based vascular conduits for
functional blood vessels**

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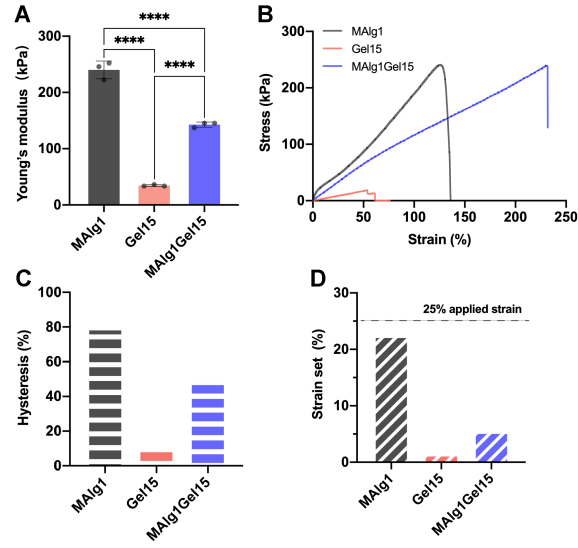


Fig. S1. Effect of components on DN hydrogel mechanical properties. **(A)** Young's moduli, **(B)** Uniaxial tensile stress-strain curves, **(C)** hysteresis ratios, and **(D)** strain sets after applying a maximum strain of 25% for MAIg1, Gel15, and MAIg1Gel15. **** $p < 0.0001$.

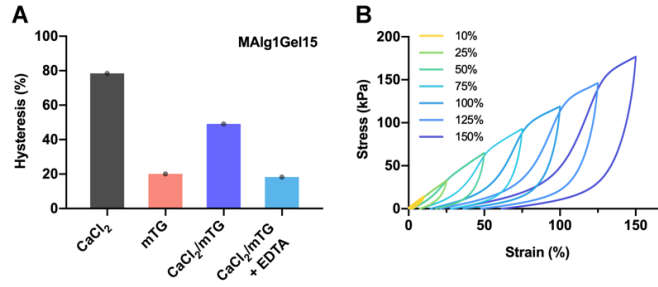


Fig. S2. Effect of curing conditions on DN hydrogel mechanical properties. **(A)** Hysteresis ratio of hybrid hydrogel (MAIg1Gel15) with different curing conditions and post-treatment. **(B)** Successive loading–unloading stress–strain curves of MAIg1Gel15 DN hydrogel with different maximum applied strains from 10% to 150%.

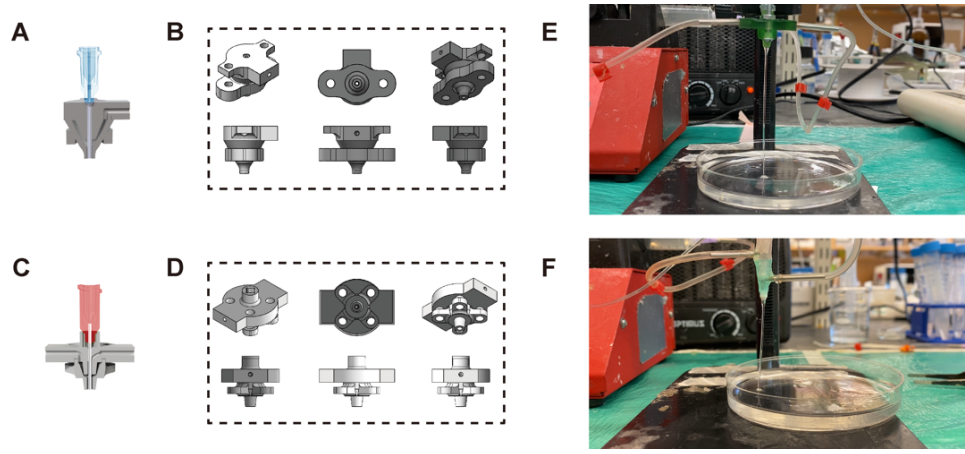


Fig. S3. Two types of multichannel coaxial extrusion systems. **(A)** General view of the two-channel nozzle for (bio)printing of mono-layered tubes. **(B)** Additional views of the two-channel nozzle. **(C)** General view of three-channel nozzle for (bio)printing of dual-layered tubes. **(D)** Additional views of the three-channel nozzle. Vascular conduit printing using **(E)** a coaxial extrusion nozzle assembled assisted by the 3D-printed BNS, and **(F)** a coaxial extrusion nozzle made entirely from commercial needles.

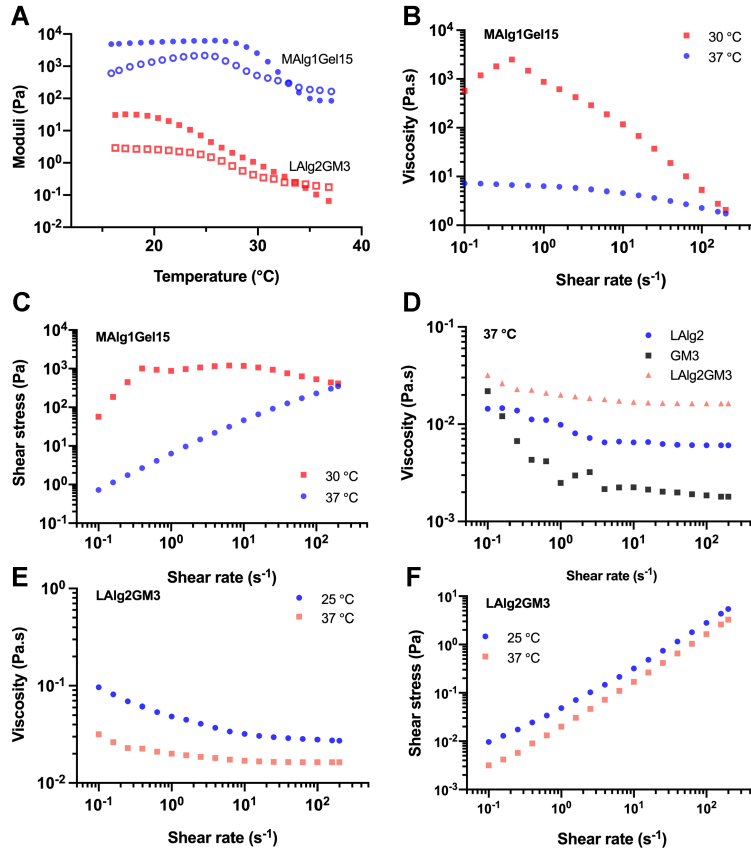


Fig. S4. Rheological measurements of the two hybrid (bio)inks. **(A)** Storage moduli (solid marks) and loss moduli (open marks) as a function of temperature for the two different (bio)inks. **(B)** Apparent viscosities and **(C)** shear stresses of the hybrid (bio)ink MAIg1Gel15 as a function of shear rate at 30 and 37 °C measured by flow-sweep. **(D)** Apparent viscosities of LAIg2, GM3, and LAIg2GM3 as a function of shear rate at 37 °C. **(E)** Apparent viscosities and **(F)** shear stresses of the hybrid (bio)ink of LAIg2GM3 as a function of shear rate at 25 and 37 °C measured by flow-sweep.

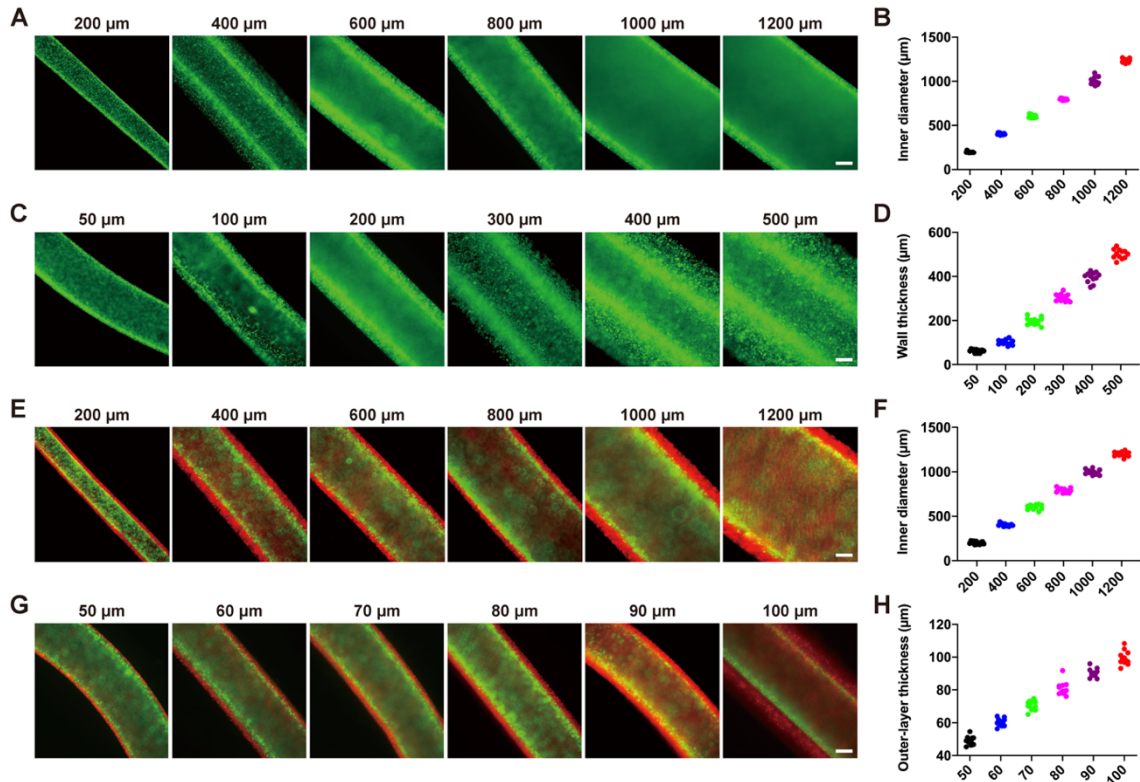


Fig. S5. Demonstration of (bio)printed size-tunable vascular acellular conduits. **(A)** Diameter-tunable mono-layered conduits. **(B)** Inner diameter of mono-layered conduits. **(C)** Wall thickness-tunable mono-layered conduits. **(D)** Wall thickness of mono-layered conduits. **(E)** Diameter-tunable dual-layered conduits. **(F)** Inner diameter of dual-layered conduits. **(G)** Wall thickness-tunable dual-layered conduits. **(H)** Outer-layer thickness of dual-layered conduits. Scale bars, 200 μm .

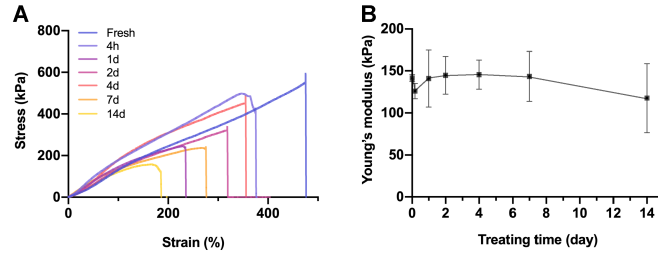


Fig. S6. Mechanical properties of (bio)printed MAlGel15 tubes after treatment with SMC culture medium at 37 °C. **(A)** Tensile stress–strain curves and **(B)** Young’s moduli of (bio)printed tubes after treatment in SMC culture medium for different times.

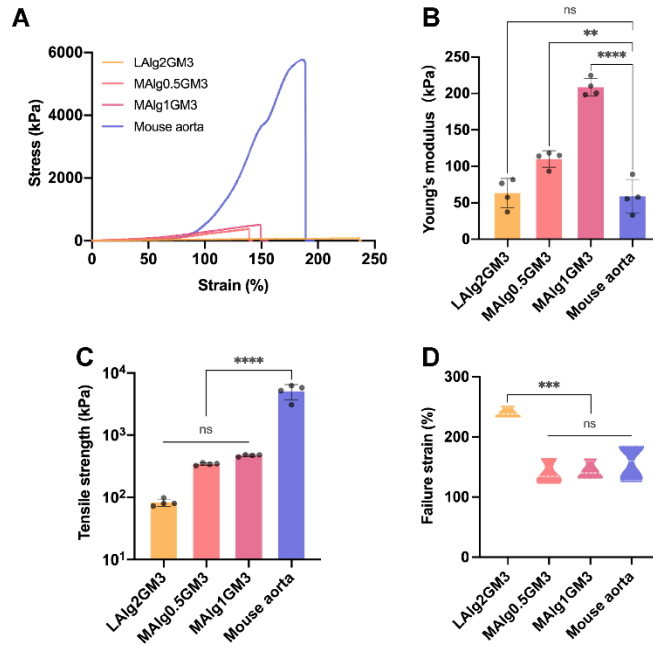


Fig. S7. Comparisons of mechanical properties of the (bio)printed dual-layered vascular tubes with different (bio)inks and the mouse aorta: **(A)** tensile stress–strain curves, **(B)** Young’s moduli, **(C)** tensile strengths, and **(D)** failure strains. ns: no significant difference, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$.

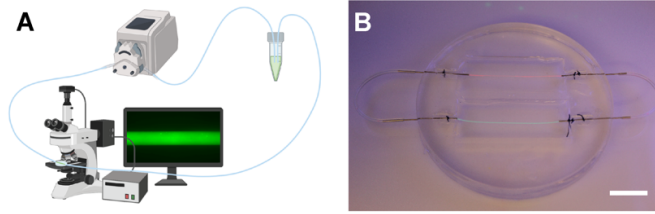


Fig. S8. The circulation and bioreactor setup for diffusion tests. **(A)** Schematic of the circulation system including a peristaltic pump connected to a tube containing FITC-Dex solution perfused through the chip-fitted vascular conduit, observed under a microscope. **(B)** Photograph of a two-channel bioreactor with two (bio)printed conduits connected. Scale bar, 2 cm.

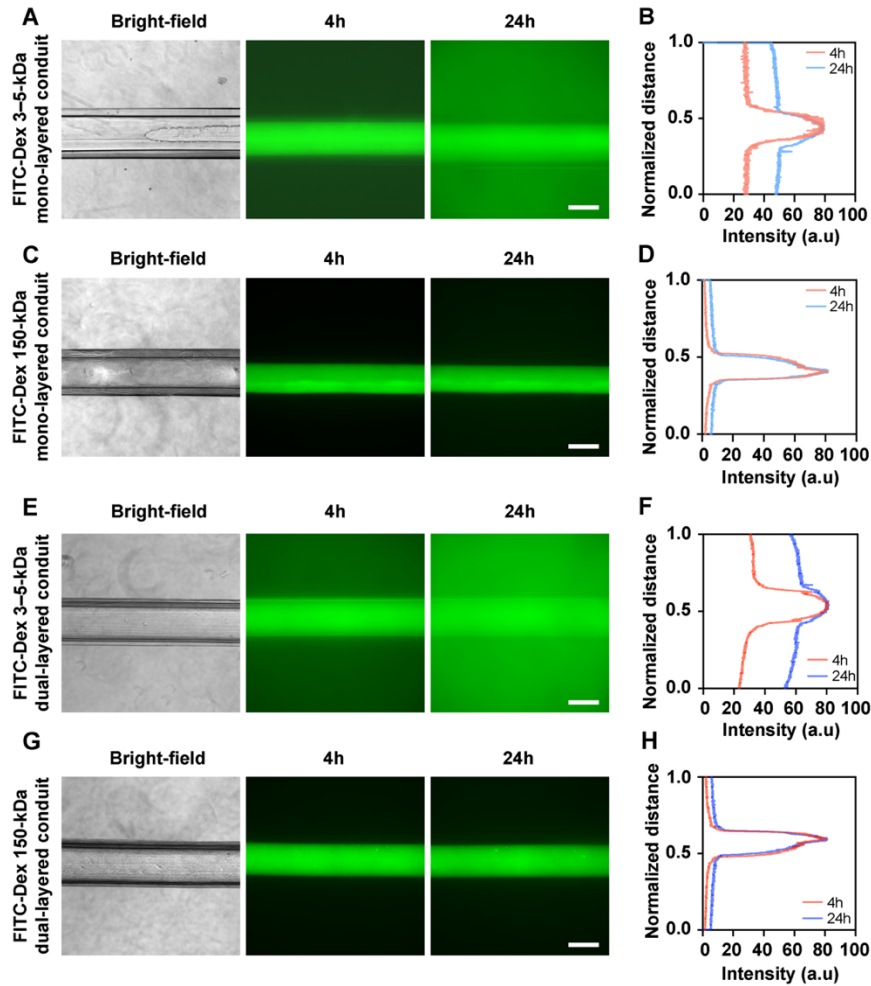


Fig. S9. Diffusion and permeability measurements of (bio)printed mono-layered and dual-layered conduits. (A, C) Bright-field and fluorescence images and (B, D) fluorescence intensity profiles of 3–5-kDa and 150-kDa FITC-Dex permeability tests in mono-layered conduits. (E, G) Bright-field and fluorescence images and (F, H) fluorescence intensity profiles of 3–5-kDa and 150-kDa FITC-Dex permeability tests in dual-layered conduits. Scale bars, 500 μm .

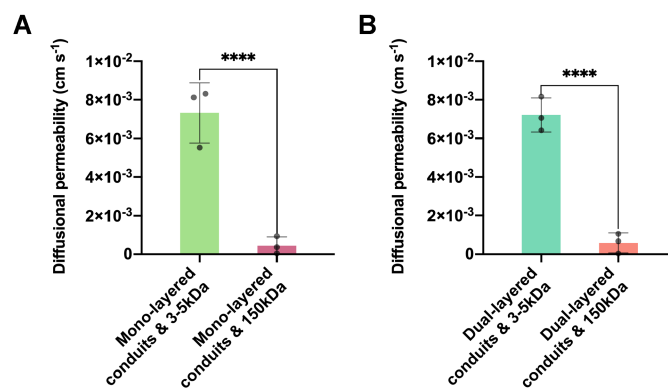


Fig. S10. Quantified diffusional permeability of small- and large- M_w fluorescence molecules. Diffusional permeability values in **(A)** mono-layered conduits and **(B)** dual-layered conduits. **** $p < 0.0001$.

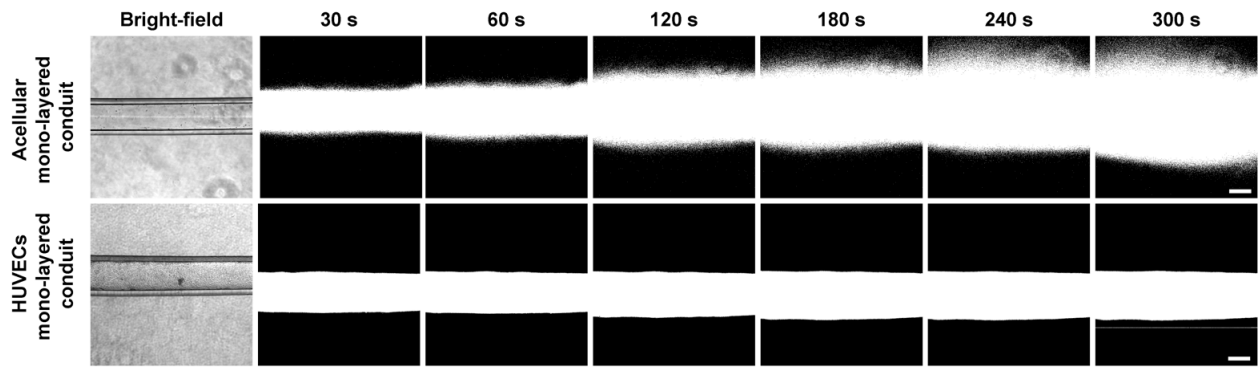


Fig. S11. Diffusion profiles of 3–5-kDa FITC-Dex from (bio)printed mono-layered conduits with and without HUVEC layer in the lumen at selected time points. Scale bars, 200 μm .

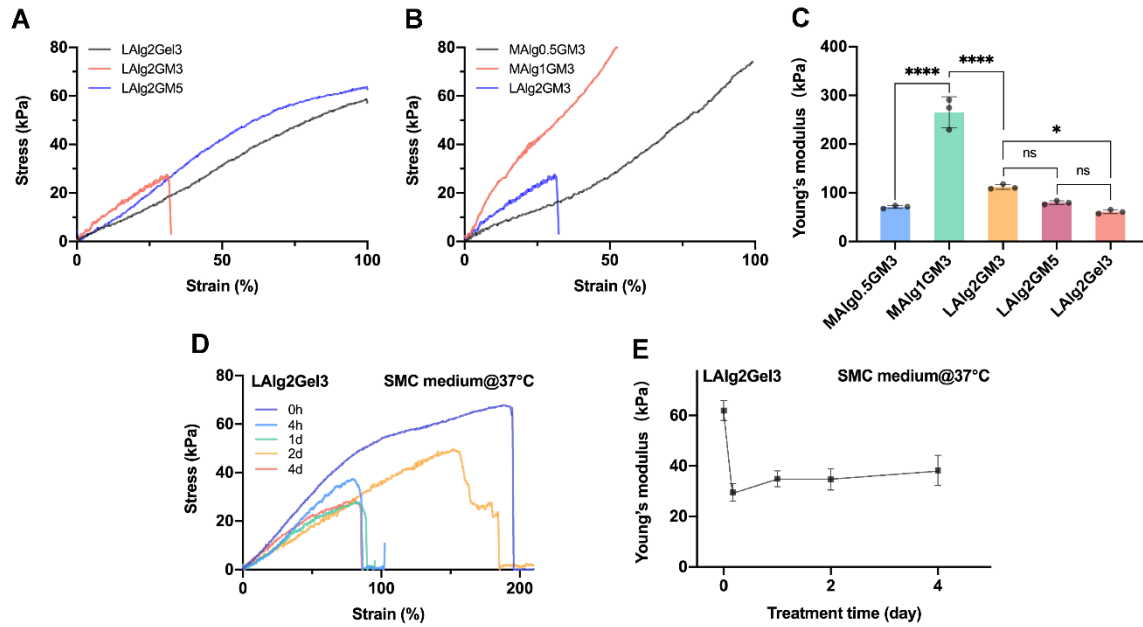


Fig. S12. Mechanical properties of (bio)printed acellular mono-layered tubes featuring different outer-layer (bio)inks. Tensile stress–strain curves of **(A)** (bio)printed tubes consisting of 2% low-viscosity alginate and different contents of GelMA or gelatin, and **(B)** (bio)printed tubes consisting of 3% GelMA and different types and contents of alginate. **(C)** Young's moduli of all the samples in (A) and (B). **(D)** Tensile stress–strain curves and **(E)** Young's modulus variations of (bio)printed LAlg2Gel3 tubes immersed in SMC medium at 37 °C for indicated times. ns: no significant difference, * $p < 0.05$, **** $p < 0.0001$.

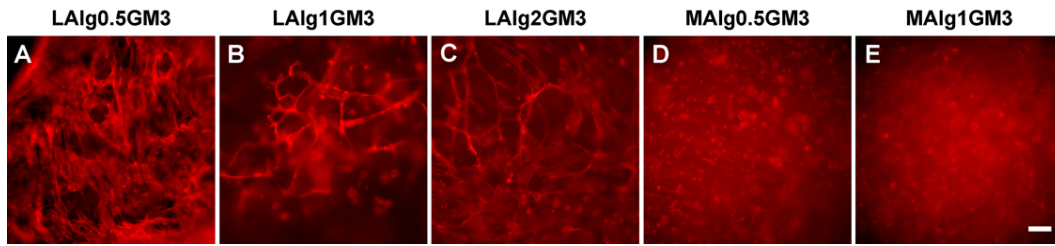


Fig. S13. F-actin staining of encapsulated HUASMCs in different bioinks at day 7. (A) LAIg0.5GM3, (B) LAIg1GM3, (C) LAIg2GM3, (D) MAIg0.5GM3, and (E) MAIg1GM3 bioinks. Scale bars, 100 μm .

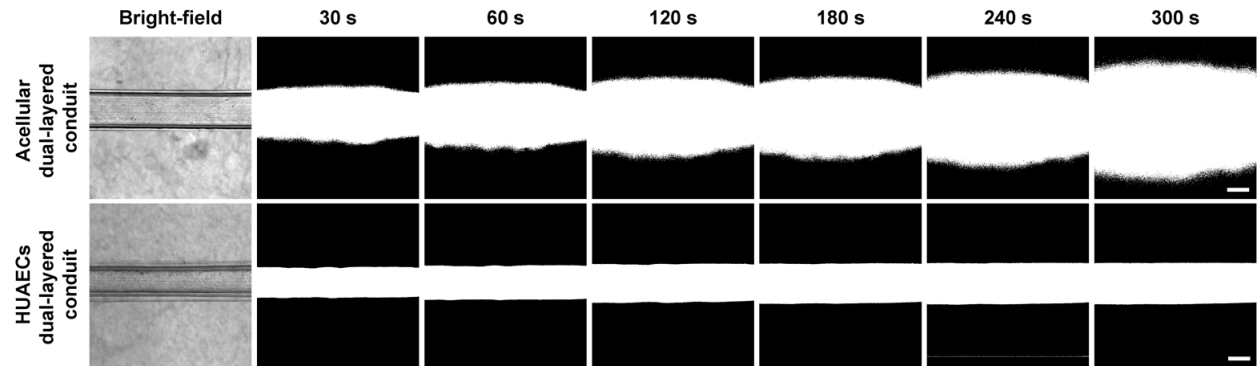


Fig. S14. Diffusion profiles of 3–5-kDa FITC-Dex across the walls of the (bio)printed dual-layered conduits in the absence (top) and the presence (bottom) of HUAEC layer in the lumen at selected time points. Scale bars, 200 μm .

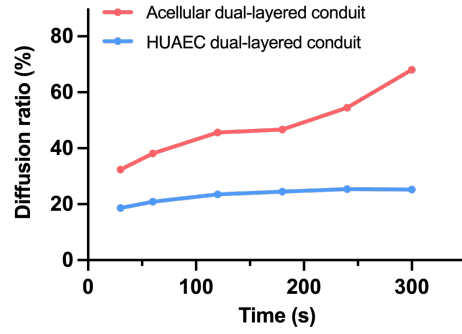


Fig. S15. Quantified diffusion ratios of 3–5-kDa FITC-Dex as a function of time in the absence and presence of HUAEC layer in the lumen of dual-layered conduits.

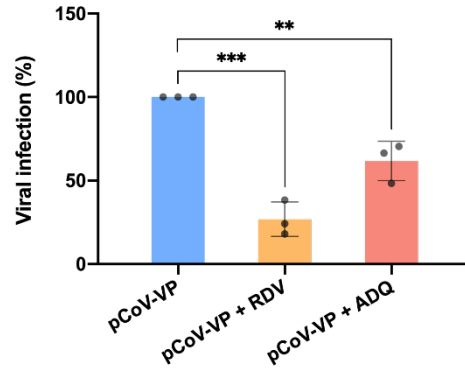


Fig. S16. Quantified infections of the venous conduits with pCoV-VPs. ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S1. Comparisons of mechanical and biological performances for (bio)printed vascular conduits.

Materials	Young's Modulus (kPa)	Ultimate Tensile Strength (kPa)	Failure Strain (%)	Burst Pressure (mmHg)	Perfusability	Barrier Performance	Vasoactivity	Biomarker Expressions	Applications	Study*
Alginate	105–341	110–382	69–82	43–303	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang 2015 (29)
Alginate	-	46–116	155–96	-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Gao 2015 (70)
GelMA, alginate, PEGTA	24–51	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	CD31, α -SMA	-	Jia 2016 (26)
VdECM, alginate, PLGA microspheres	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	CD31, α -SMA	<i>In vivo</i> grafts, <i>in vitro</i> models	Gao 2017 (71)
VdECM, alginate	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	CD31, VE-cadherin, laminin	<i>In vitro</i> models	Gao 2018 (24)
GelMA, alginate, PEGOA	\approx 12	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	ZO-1, VE-cadherin, α -SMA, VE-cadherin	-	Pi 2018 (27)
VdECM, alginate	-	47–195	-	63–174	Yes	-	Contraction	Elastin, R-COL-1, H-COL-1, H- α -SMA, CD31	<i>In vivo</i> grafts	Gao 2019 (72)
Gelatin, PEG, tyramine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Hong 2019 (22)
Alginate	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Contraction	α -SMA, CD31, Laminin, Tubulin	-	Andrique 2019 (23)
F127, BUM	-	-	-	-	Yes	-	-	CD31	-	Millik 2019 (73)
VdECM, alginate	-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	-	α -SMA, CD31, H-COL-1	<i>In vitro</i> models	Gao 2021 (25)
GelMA, nanoclay, NAGA	\approx 21,000	\approx 22,000	\approx 500	\approx 2,500	Yes	Yes	-	CD31, vWF	-	Liang 2020 (28)
GelMA, gelatin	1–6	-	-	-	-	-	-	CD31	<i>In vitro</i> models	Shao 2020 (74)
Alginate, gelatin (or GelMA)	171 (mono-layered), 63 (dual-layered)	538 (mono-layered), 82 (dual-layered)	184 (mono-layered), 240 (dual-layered)	1,113–1,498 (mono-layered), 1,138 (dual-layered)	Yes	Yes	Contraction, Dilatation	ZO-1, VE-cadherin, Laminin, Tubulin, ACE-2, α -1a adrenergic, acetylcholine	<i>In vivo</i> grafts, <i>in vitro</i> models	This study

Movie S1. Tensile tests applied on (A) a (bio)printed mono-layered conduit and (B) a mouse *vena cava*. Replayed at 16× speed.

Movie S2. Burst pressure tests for (A) a (bio)printed vascular conduits, (B) a mouse *vena cava*, and (C) a mouse aorta. Replayed at 1× speed.

Movie S3. Perfusion of RBC suspension into a (bio)printed long mono-layered conduit. Replayed at 1× speed.

Movie S4. Demonstration of a bioreactor for permeability experiments. Replayed at 8× speed.

Movie S5. Permeability tests applied on (bio)printed vascular conduits in the presence or absence of endothelial cells within the first 10 min. (A) an acellular mono-layered conduit, (B) a mono-layered conduit with confluent HUVECs in the lumen, (C) an acellular dual-layered conduit, (D) a dual-layered conduit with confluent HUAECs in the lumen. Replayed at 8× speed.

Movie S6. Anastomose tests of (bio)printed vascular conduits and native blood vessels by perfusing fluorescent beads. (A) a small-sized (bio)printed vascular conduit anastomosed with a mouse aorta on a 3-cm petri dish, (B) a large-size (bio)printed vascular conduit anastomosed with a human popliteal vein on a 10-cm petri dish. Replayed at 1× speed.

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