# INX

### GEL-MAINX X-SERIES

#### The gold standard since 2000



GEL-MA INX<sup>©</sup> is a gelatin-based ink exhibiting ideal extracellular matrixmimicking properties as it is derived from natural collagen, the main component of the natural extracellular matrix. GEL-MA INX© is based on gelatinmethacrylamide, originally developed in 2000. Gel-MA derived from gelatin type B shows ideal properties as it is cellinteractive due to the presence of RGD its backbone. motifs in lt is biodegradable, can be remodeled by cells, and can be printed by taking

advantage of its temperature-dependent physical gelation behavior. It becomes physiologically stable after photo-crosslinking, thereby forming a non-soluble network. As a result of all these beneficial properties Gel-MA has emerged to be one of the gold standards in the field of tissue engineering and biofabrication.

With GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup>, the benefits of Gel-MA are combined with a high degree of reproducibility and ease of use by offering the material in ready-to-print cartridges (100-series) or a freeze-dried material in vials (210-series), which are subjected to strict quality control.

#### **BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS**

GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> is a very versatile bioink due to its strong resemblance to the natural extracellular matrix and cell interactive behavior. As a result, it has already shown compatibility for a whole range of tissues including blood vessels, adipose, brain, cartilage, bone, connective, skin and ocular tissue. For more information on the biological applications of GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> and the parameters used to generate these 3D cellular structures, contact us on <u>info@bioinx.com</u>





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#### BENEFITS OF GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> X-SERIES

- Biocompatibility
  Supports cell adhesion and proliferation
- ✓ Biodegradability Enables cellular remodeling of the printed matrix
- ✓ Easy Handling Delivered in a ready-to-use cartridge
- V UV-curable Efficient UV-based crosslinking
- ✓ Reproducibility Production under strict quality control

Table 1: Typical benefits of GEL-MA INX® X-SERIES over conventional bioinks

	Conventional Alginate-based bioink	GEL-MAINX X100	GEL-MAINX X210
Temperature-controlled gelation	(2)	$\bigcirc$	
Cell-interactivity		$\bigotimes$	
Biodegradability	(13)	$\bigcirc$	$\bigotimes$
Biocompatibility	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$
Shear-thinning	${ \oslash }$	8	(1)

#### **PROPERTIES & PROCESSING**

GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> is a transparent gel at room temperature, which turns into a liquid after heating above 30°C. Some physical characteristics of GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> are listed in Table 2.

GEL-MA INX<sup>®</sup> is a photo-crosslinkable material as shown in Figure 1. This means that after crosslinking, the material becomes physiologically stable, while still being biodegradable. At the end of the irradiation process, the ink exhibits storage moduli in the range of 6 to 15 kPa, meaning that the material exhibits sufficient mechanical integrity to maintain shape retention, while being suitable for a whole range of soft tissue applications.



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Table 2: Physical properties of GEL-MA INX®

Physical Properties	GEL-MA INX®	
рН	6.5 – 8.5	
Viscosity (high shear) (Pa.s)	< 10	
Total degree of functionalization	70 – 80 %	
Storage modulus after UV crosslinking (kPa)	6 - 15	



Figure 1: Storage and loss moduli of GEL-MA INX® recorded via a rheometer during UV irradiation

#### **3D PRINTER COMPATIBILITY**

Our resins have been used repeatedly and successfully with the following printers:

- ✓ Regemat3D
- ✓ FelixBio
- ✓ Cellink BIOX

For optimal processing, a heated nozzle insulator and cooled printbed are recommended.

If you would like to discuss your printer's compatibility with our bioinks, please contact us at info@bioinx.com

