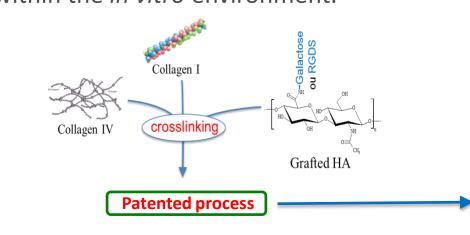


# BIOMIMESYS<sup>®</sup>Liver, a 3D cell culture model for maintaining and promoting hepatocytes functions for metabolism and toxicity studies

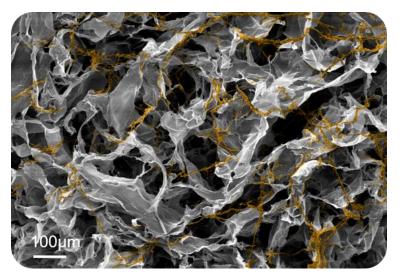
#### BIOMIMESYS® Liver is physiological

BIOMIMESYS® range are hyaluronan based hydroscaffold developed to overcome the 2D flat culture limitations by recreating an *in vivo-like* physiology within the *in vitro* environment.

BIOMIMESYS® Liver hydroscaffold is made of RGDS and galactosamine-grafted Hyaluronic acid, Adipic acid dihydrazide crosslinker and extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins (collagen type I and collagen type IV) to mimic liver-ECM composition.

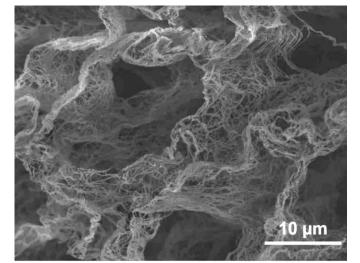


Biomimetic structure



SEM observation of a **BIOMIMESYS**\**Liver* section, highlighting the collagen chain, (artificially coloured)

# In comparison to *in vivo* decellularized liver tissue



SEM observation of a human decellularized liver tissue (from Mazza et al. 2015<sup>(1)</sup>)

#### BIOMIMESYS<sup>®</sup>Liver is ready to use and compatible with all analytical technologies

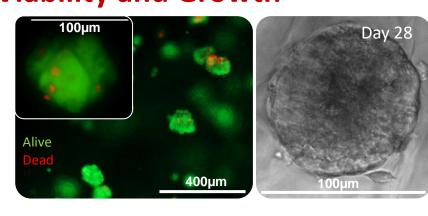
- Available in a ready-to-use format (96 well plates) it enables the culture of hepatocytes under physiological conditions that are representative of the microenvironment found in liver tissue<sup>(2)</sup>.
- Hepatocytes are simply seeded on top of the hydroscaffold and placed in the incubator.
- The media can be refreshed easily by pipetting. Being transparent makes it suitable for microscopy (immunofluorescence, bright field) and use in plate readers (OD, fluorescence & luminescence).
- Thanks to its mechanical properties, the hydroscaffold can be easily handled with fine forceps and proteins, nucleic acid can be extracted by directly adding the lysis buffer to the hydrogel, due to its high porosity.

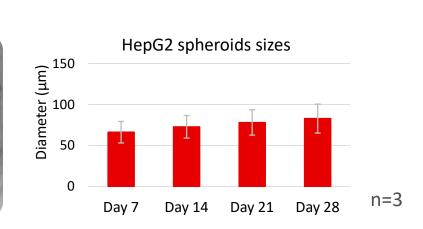




## HepG2

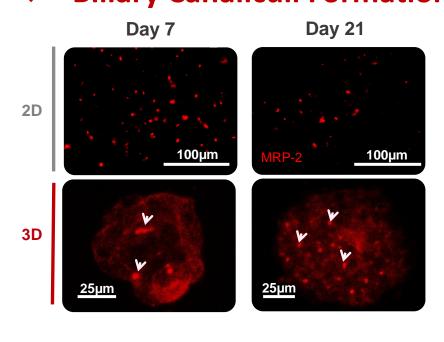
#### Viability and Growth

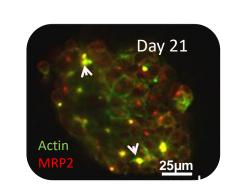


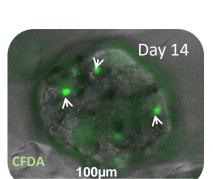


• HepG2 form spheroids with an average diameter of 80 to 100  $\mu m$  after one month of cultivation.

### Biliary Canaliculi Formation

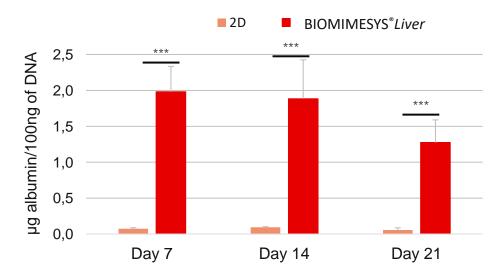






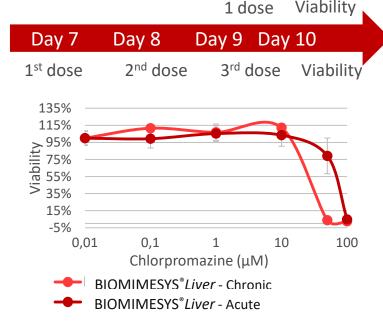
MRP2 expression, its colocalization with actin and CFDA fluorescence confirms the presence of active biliary canaliculi in HepG2 during 3 weeks.

#### Albumin Secretion



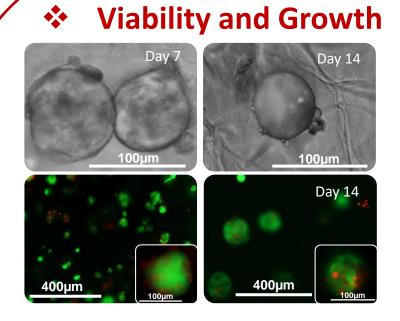
The amount of albumin secreted by HepG2 is 20 to 30 times higher in BIOMIMESYS® Liver compared to 2D.

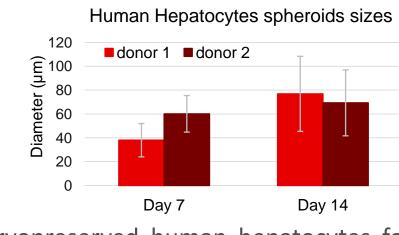
#### Toxicity study



 HepG2 grown in BIOMIMESYS<sup>®</sup>Liver allow acute and chronic dose (3 doses) drug exposure.

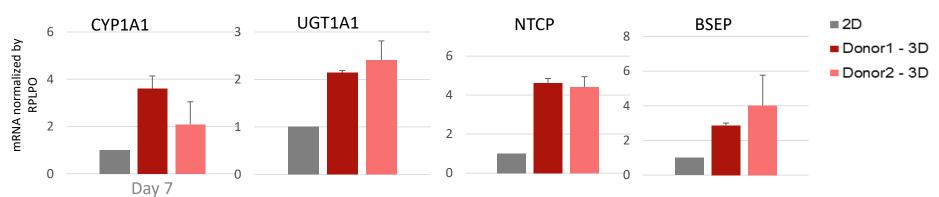
# Human Hepatocytes





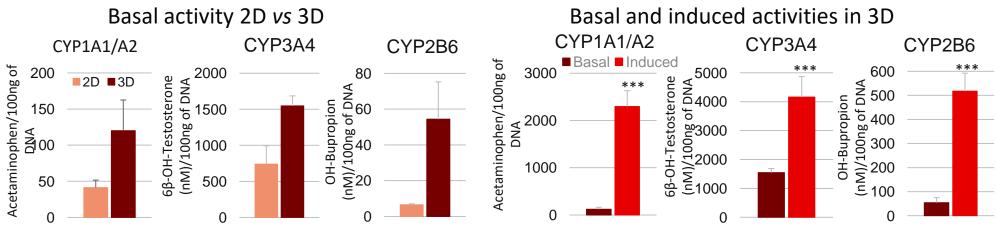
Cryopreserved human hepatocytes form small aggregates, 40 to 80  $\mu$ m, which have a very good viability until day14.

#### Key genes expression levels



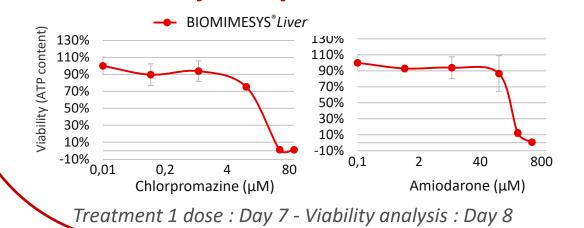
Better expression of phase I & II enzymes and transporters genes in 3D

#### CYP activities



• Basal and induced CYP1A1/A2, CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 activities are higher in BIOMIMESYS® *Liver* compared to 2D collagen sandwich.

#### Toxicity study



Cryopreserved human hepatocytes grown in BIOMIMESYS® Liver represent model for routine drug testing in 96-well format.

BIOMIMESYS<sup>®</sup> Liver has been tested on **HepG2** and on **cryopreserved Human Hepatocytes**. It makes 3D cell culture easy and provides a robust *in vitro* and reliable model for metabolism & toxicological studies.

To know more about BIOMIMESYS® Liver visit our website: www.biomimesys.com

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