

## **GUIDELINES FOR USE**

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**PRODUCT:** Corning® Matrigel® Basement Membrane Matrix High Concentration Phenol Red Free, 10 ml vial

**CATALOG NUMBER:** 354262

**BACKGROUND:** Basement membranes are thin extracellular matrices underlying cells *in vivo*. Corning Matrigel Matrix High Concentration (HC) Phenol Red Free is a solubilized basement membrane preparation extracted from the Engelbreth-Holm-Swarm (EHS) mouse sarcoma, a tumor rich in extracellular matrix proteins. Its major component is laminin, followed by collagen IV, heparan sulfate proteoglycans, entactin/nidogen.<sup>1,2</sup> Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free also contains TGF-beta, epidermal growth factor, insulin-like growth factor, fibroblast growth factor, tissue plasminogen activator,<sup>3,4</sup> and other growth factors which occur naturally in the EHS tumor. Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is effective for the attachment and differentiation of both normal and transformed anchorage dependent epithelioid and other cell types. These include neurons,<sup>5,6</sup> hepatocytes,<sup>7</sup> Sertoli cells,<sup>8,9</sup> chick lens,<sup>10</sup> and vascular endothelial cells.<sup>11</sup> Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free will influence gene expression in adult rat hepatocytes,<sup>12,13</sup> vascular endothelial cells,<sup>14</sup> as well as three dimensional culture in mouse<sup>15-18</sup> and human<sup>19,20</sup> mammary epithelial cells. It is the basis for several types of tumor cell invasion assays,<sup>21,22</sup> will support *in vivo* peripheral nerve regeneration,<sup>23-25</sup> and provides the substrate necessary for the study of angiogenesis both *in vitro*<sup>26,27</sup> and *in vivo*.<sup>25, 28-30</sup> Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free also supports *in vivo* propagation of human tumors in immunosuppressed mice.<sup>31-33</sup> Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free can be used for the transplantation of unsorted mammary cells,<sup>34</sup> as well as sorted epithelial subpopulations embedded in Corning Matrigel Matrix.<sup>35,36</sup> This matrix has also been used as a cancer stem cell model and shown to enhance tumor growth rates *in vivo*.<sup>37</sup>

**SOURCE:** Engelbreth-Holm-Swarm (EHS) Mouse Tumor

**FORMULATION:** Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 50 µg/mL gentamycin.  
Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is compatible with all culture media.

**STORAGE:** Stable when stored at -20°C. Freeze thaws should be minimized by aliquotting into one time use aliquots. Store aliquots in the -20°C freezer until ready for use. **DO NOT STORE IN FROST-FREE FREEZER. KEEP FROZEN.**

**EXPIRATION DATE:** The expiration date for Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is lot specific and can be found on the product Certificate of Analysis.

**CAUTION:** It is extremely important that Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free and all cultureware or media coming in contact with Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is pre-chilled/ice-cold since Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free will start to gel above 10°C. Keep Corning Matrigel Matrix on ice at all times.

## RECONSTITUTION AND USE:

Thaw Corning® Matrigel® Matrix HC Phenol Red Free by submerging the vial in ice in a 4°C refrigerator, in the back, overnight. Once Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is thawed, swirl vial to ensure that material is evenly dispersed. Keep Corning Matrigel Matrix on ice at all times. Handle with sterile technique. Place thawed vial of Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free in sterile area, spray top of vial with 70% ethanol and air dry.

Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free may be gently pipetted using a pre-cooled pipet to ensure homogeneity. Aliquot Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free to tubes, switching tips whenever Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is clogging the tip and/or causing the pipet to measure inaccurately. Gelled Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free may be re-liquified if placed at 4°C in ice for 24-48 hours.

Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free may be used as a thin gel layer (0.5 mm), with cells plated on top. Cells may also be cultured inside the Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free, using a 1 mm layer. Extensive dilution will result in a thin, non-gelled protein layer. This may be useful for cell attachment, but may not be as effective in differentiation studies. Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free can be used to assess *in vivo* angiogenic activity of different compounds by subcutaneous injection into mice (Corning Matrigel Plug Assay).<sup>2,8,26</sup> The high protein concentration augments the growth of tumors<sup>37-39</sup> and also allows the Corning Matrigel Plug to maintain its integrity after injection. This keeps the injected tumor and/or angiogenic compounds localized for *in situ* analysis and/or future excision.

**NOTE:** Application specific protocols are posted on the Corning support web page.\* The protein concentration for Corning Matrigel Matrix products is lot specific and provided on the Certificate of Analysis. For consistent results dilute Corning Matrigel Matrix products by calculating the specific protein concentration (mg/mL) required. To maintain a gelled consistency we recommend not diluting Corning Matrigel Matrix to less than 3 mg/mL. Use ice-cold serum-free medium to dilute Corning Matrigel Matrix. Ice-cold medium can be added directly to the frozen vial of Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free and thawed as recommended in the 'reconstitution and use' section. Mix by pipetting up and down or by swirling the vial in ice.

## INJECTION PROTOCOL:

1. It is critical to keep the Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free and the Corning Matrigel Matrix/Cell suspension as cold as possible, without freezing, prior to injecting into the mice. It is very important to keep the Corning Matrigel and the Corning Matrigel Matrix/Cell suspension as aseptic as possible throughout the procedure.
2. For each recipient mouse, mix cells ( $2 \times 10^5$  or greater) and Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free together in a final volume of 0.5 mL on ice.
3. The cells should be in as small a volume as possible. Typically, 250  $\mu$ L ice cold medium containing  $2 \times 10^6$  cells/mL is mixed with 250  $\mu$ L ice cold Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free.
4. Inject the cells subcutaneously in athymic mice using a 19G needle for tissue samples and a 23G needle for cultured cells. The injections should be done quickly to prevent the Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free from solidifying.

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5. Rotate the syringe when withdrawing to prevent leakage. The needles will need to be changed frequently due to blockage.

NOTE: For more details on this application go to [www.corning.com/lifesciences](http://www.corning.com/lifesciences) to access Document No. CLS-DL-CC-036. (Technical Bulletin 455: Methods for Implantation of Corning® Matrigel® Matrix into Mice and Tissue Fixation.)

#### CELL RECOVERY:

Corning Dispase (Cat. No. 354235), Corning Cell Recovery Solution (Cat. No. 354253).

Most efficient recovery of cells growing on Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free is accomplished using Corning Cell Recovery Solution that depolymerizes the Corning Matrigel Matrix HC Phenol Red Free within 7 hours on ice or with Corning Dispase, a metalloenzyme which gently releases the cells allowing for continuous culture.

**\*NOTE:** For technical resources please visit support page at [www.corning.com/lifesciences](http://www.corning.com/lifesciences)

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