

# The Electrospinning Company

### Overview October 2015

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#### ELECTROSPINNING COMPANY

- UK SME
- Design, develop and manufacture advanced biomaterial scaffolds
- Sales of product and service
- R&D collaborations supported by EU and UK grants
- ISO 13485 medical device quality certification







#### What we do



Electrospinning of polymers



Scaffolds for 'in vivo-like' 3D cell culture



Tools for cell-based assays



Implantable materials



**Bioreactor inserts** 





### Electrospun Scaffold Resembles Extracellular Matrix

#### Extracellular matrix





T. Nishida et al., Invest. Ophthalmol. Vis. Sci. 29, 1887–1890, 1988.



#### Mimetix scaffold

- highly porous architecture
- synthetic polymer (PLLA)



MCF7 breast cancer cells growing in Mimetix scaffold (nuclei stained blue, fibres stained green)



## Translation of Research to the Clinic



- Translation into clinic ready prototypes or products
  - Design concept
  - Product development
  - Regulatory support
  - Manufacturing scale-up
  - Clinical grade production
- Range of business models
  - Fee-for-service
  - Collaborative R&D projects

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Translation

Medtech products

#### Scaffolds Tailored to Range of Applications

- Material Choice
  - Degradation rate
  - Mechanical properties
  - Chemical functionality
  - Multi-component systems
  - Additives or coatings
- Scaffold Architecture
  - Fibre diameter
  - Pore size and porosity
  - Fibre orientation
  - Scaffold thickness
  - Macroscopic format



Bone regeneration: Human MSCs in a composite electrospun scaffold showing mineral deposition on the surface of osteoblast-like cells (Courtesy of Dr Raghavendran, University of Malaya.)



## **Quality Testing**

#### Physical/Biomechanical

- Fibre diameter
- Pore size
- Thickness
- Tensile strength

- Chemical, e.g. residual solvent
  - Molecular Weight (GPC)
  - TGA, GC-MS, GPC, DSC, etc.
- Functional
  - Cell growth and behaviour





### **Post Processing Services**

#### Processing

- Vacuum drying
- •Thermal annealing
- Plasma treatments
- Die cutting or laser machining
- Combination/assembly with other materials
- Packing and sterilisation
  - Vacuum heat sealing
  - Labelling
  - E-beam/gamma irradiation
  - Sterility testing
  - Shelf-life/stability studies







### **Quality Management**

- ISO Class VII clean room
- ISO-13485 Quality Management System
- SOPs for all processes ensure reproducibility and traceability
- QC on all materials
- Regulatory Documentation







### **Case Studies**

- Rapidly degrading scaffolds for corneal transplant for clinical trials (University of Sheffield)
- Membranes for repair of oral defects (University of Freiburg)
- Medical devices for repair of tendons (University of Manchester)
- Devices for minimally invasive tendon reconstruction (US company)
- Biosynthetic hybrid membranes for hernia repair (InnovateUK)
- Bioartificial liver organoids (EU FP7 ReLiver)
- Bioreactor inserts for production of stem cells (EU FP7 HESUB)





# **MIMETIX** Laboratory Consumables

- Laboratory research tools for more predictive drug discovery assays
- "3D cell culture made easy"
  - Compatible with standard lab equipment
  - Reproducible results
- Proprietary technology to ensure uniform, flat base with excellent optical clarity



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• Your partner of choice for translation of electrospun scaffolds to the clinic



