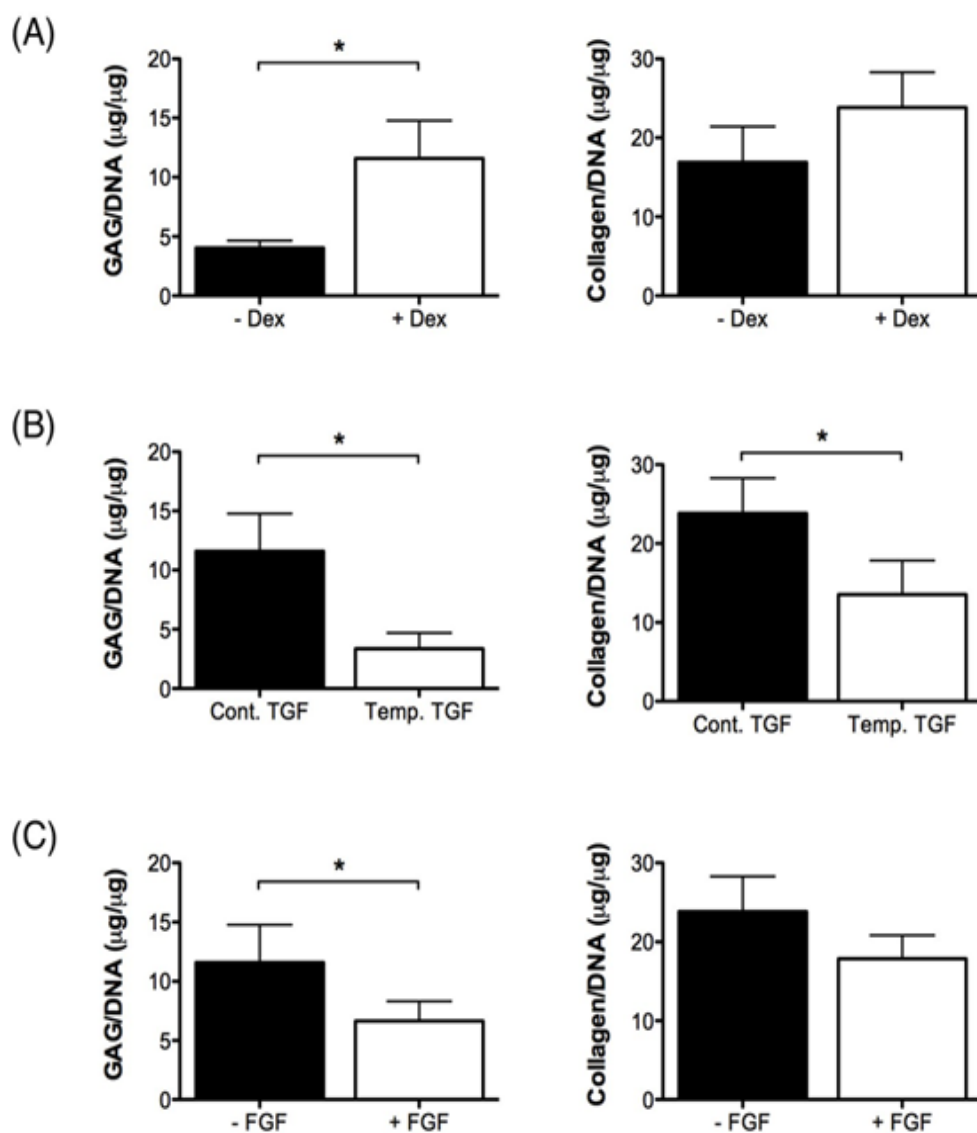


Supplemental Figure



Effect of alternative media conditions on GAG and collagen synthesis. (A) The influence of removal of dexamethasone from the culture media (B) The influence of temporal exposure to TGF- β 3 (i.e. the growth factor was withdrawn from the media after 2 weeks of culture). (C) The influence of additional supplementation with FGF-2 (10ng/ml). For this study hydrogels were seeded at 20×10^6 cells/ml.