

## A simple multi-array stretching device to induce inflammatory responses of vascular endothelial cells

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### Section S-1

The calculation of deformation of spherical cap (the diameter of each culture well is 6 mm)

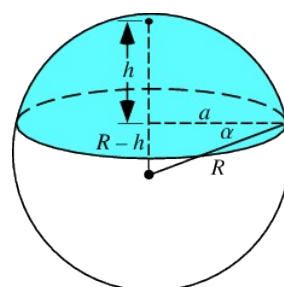


Figure S-1. A spherical cap diagram

A spherical cap is the region of a sphere which lies above (or below) a given plane. Let the sphere have radius  $R$ , then the volume  $V$  of a spherical cap of height  $h$  and base radius  $a$  is given by the equation of a spherical segment,

$$V = \pi h^2 \left( R - \frac{h}{3} \right) \quad (\text{S-1.1})$$

The surface area of the base circle gives

$$S_0 = \pi a^2 \quad (\text{S-1.2})$$

The curved surface area of the spherical cap gives

$$S_i = 2\pi R h \quad (\text{S-1.3})$$

Let  $\varepsilon$  denote the change in surface area on the middle layer between the stretched and unstretched status. The relationship can be described as by

$$S_i = (1 + \varepsilon) S_0 \quad (\text{S-1.4})$$

Combining the formula 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, the equation gives

$$2Rh = (1 + \varepsilon)a^2 \quad (\text{S-1.5})$$

Using the Pythagorean Theorem gives

$$(R - h)^2 + a^2 = R^2 \quad (\text{S-1.6})$$

Combining the equations 2.5 and 2.6,  $R$  and  $h$  can be solved as

$$R = \frac{a(1 + \varepsilon)}{2\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \quad (\text{S-1.7})$$

$$h = a\sqrt{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{S-1.8})$$

Substituting R and h, the equation (2.1) can be rewritten

$$V = \frac{1}{6}\pi a^3(3+\varepsilon)\sqrt{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{S-1.9})$$

## Section 2

**Table S-1. The Theoretical and Calibrated volume of the formed spherical cap**

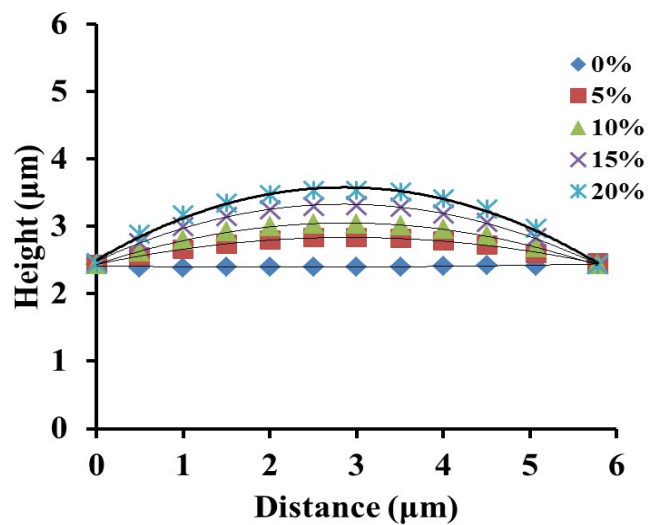
Degree of deformation (%)	Corresponding height of spherical cap (mm)	Theoretical volume ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Calibrated volume ( $\mu\text{L}$ )
5	0.67	9.6	18.0
10	0.94	13.8	22.0
15	1.16	17.2	26.0
20	1.34	20.2	30.0

**Table S-2. The sequence of primers**

Gene	Sequences of primers	Products
MCP-1	Forward: 5'cca gca gca agt gtc cca aag 3' Reverse: 5'tgc ttg tcc agg tgg tcc atg 3'	115 bp
IL-6	Forward: 5'gcc act cac ctg ttc aga acg 3' Reverse: 5'ttt cac cag gca agt ctg ctg 3'	208 bp
IL-8	Forward: 5'ttc agg aat tga atg ggt ttg c 3' Reverse: 5'cac tgt gag gta aga tgg tgg c 3'	234 bp
ICAM-1	Forward: 5'ttg gaa gcc tca tcc g 3' Reverse: 5'caa tgt tgc gag acc c 3'	231 bp
eNOS	Forward: 5'gca acc aca tca agt atg cca cc 3' Reverse: 5'tgt tcc aga ttc gga agt ctg ctg 3'	102 bp
Rel-A	Forward: 5'gac gac tgt tcc ccc tc 3' Reverse: 5'cct cgc act tgt agc gg 3'	110 bp
GAPDH	Forward: 5'tca acg acc act ttg tca agc tca 3' Reverse: 5'gct ggt ggt cca ggg gtc tta ct 3'	118 bp

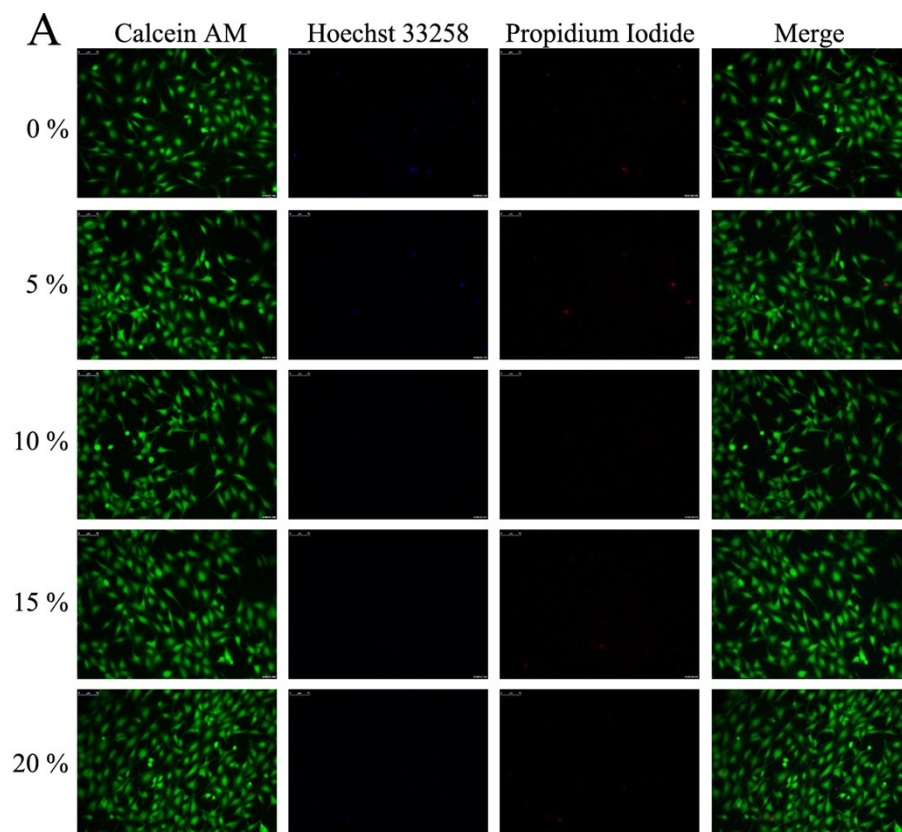
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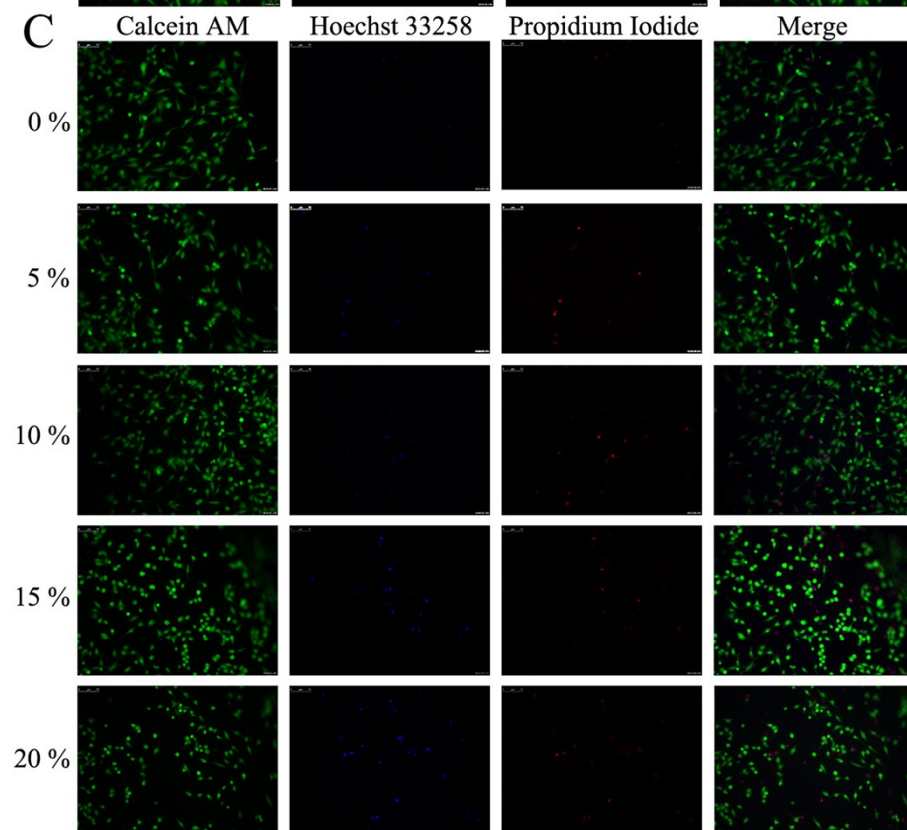
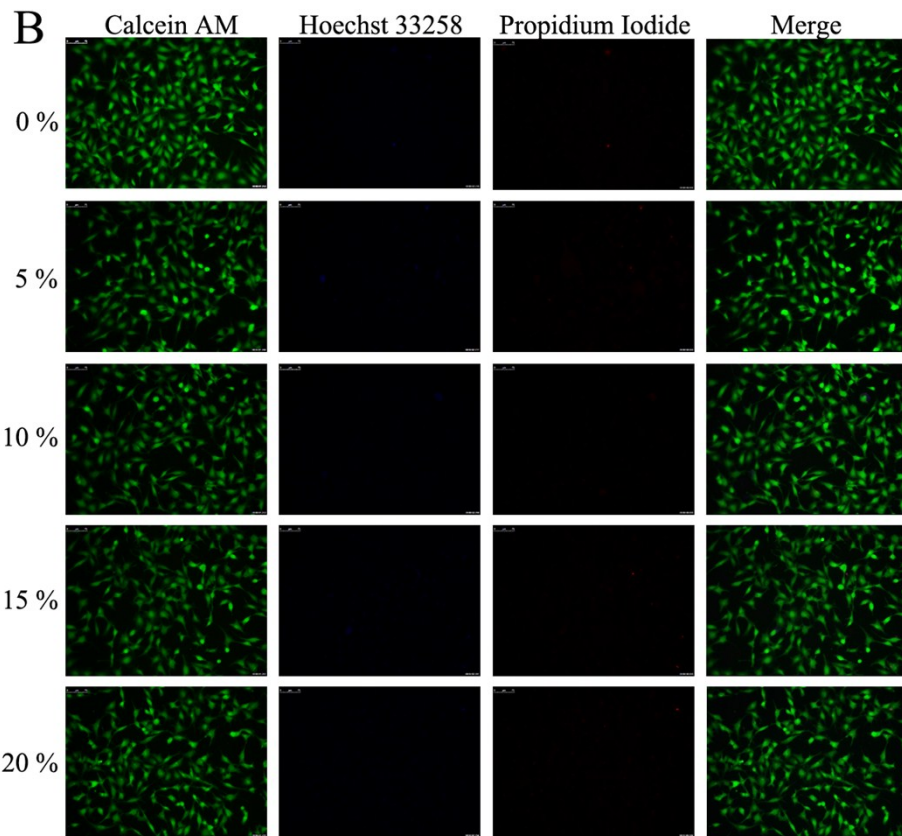
The round surface of the well bottom was formed after injection of water into chamber.

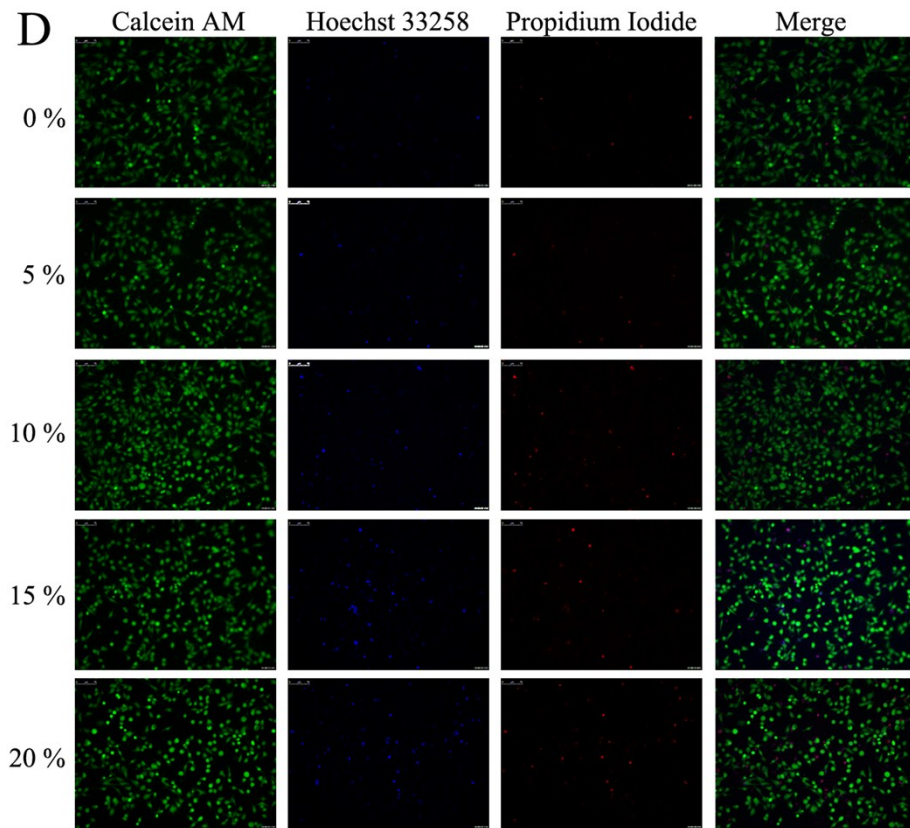


**Figure S-2.** The round shape of well bottom was verified by plotting the height of the focus plate of the points distributed on a longitude line under the different degrees of the deformation.

**Cell viability of peripheral region and intermediate region after 6 h and 12 h stretch**







**Figure S-3.** Fluorescent images (20× objective) of the cells in the peripheral regions and intermediate regions in the membranes under the different degrees stretch for 6 h and 12 h. The scale bar is 75  $\mu\text{m}$ . A) The peripheral regions after 6 h stretch; B) the intermediate regions after 6 h stretch; C) the peripheral regions after 12 h stretch; D) the intermediate regions after 12 h stretch.