

# Long-term Interleukin-4 Release from 3D Printable Affinity Hydrogels Promotes M2-like Macrophage Polarisation In-vitro

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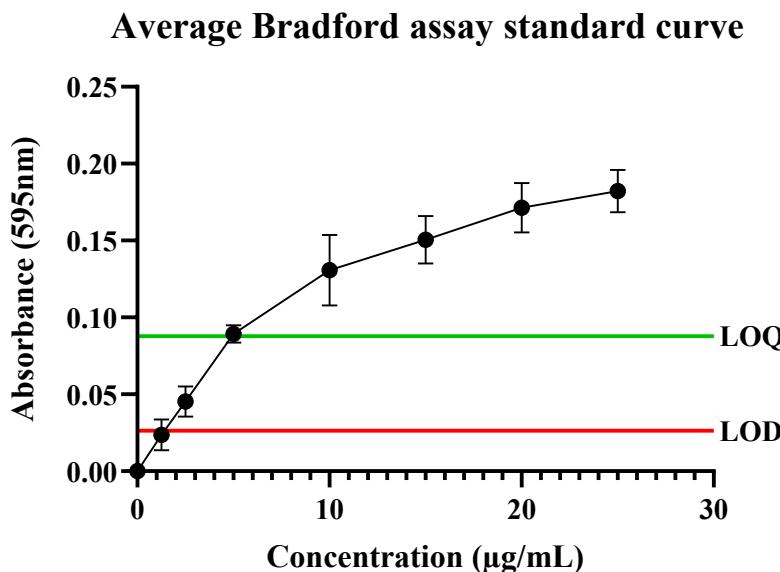
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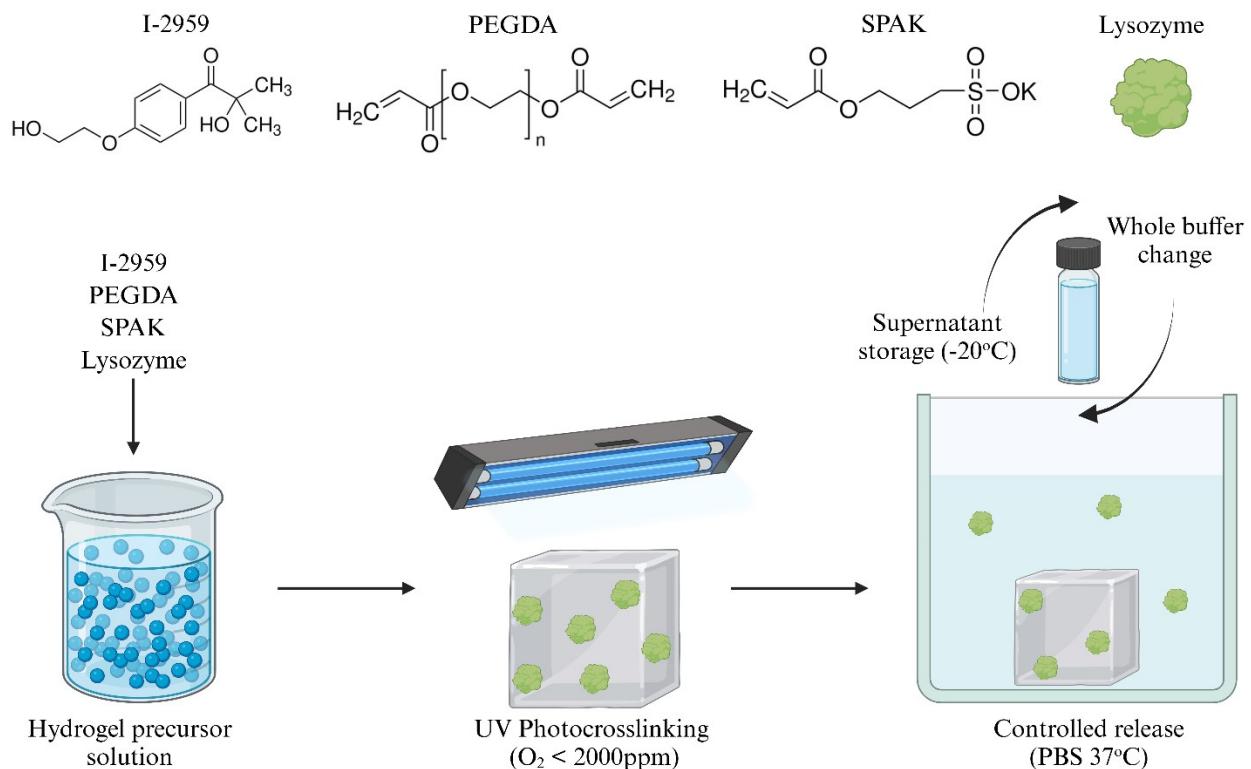
## Supplementary data

### Bradford assay standard curve



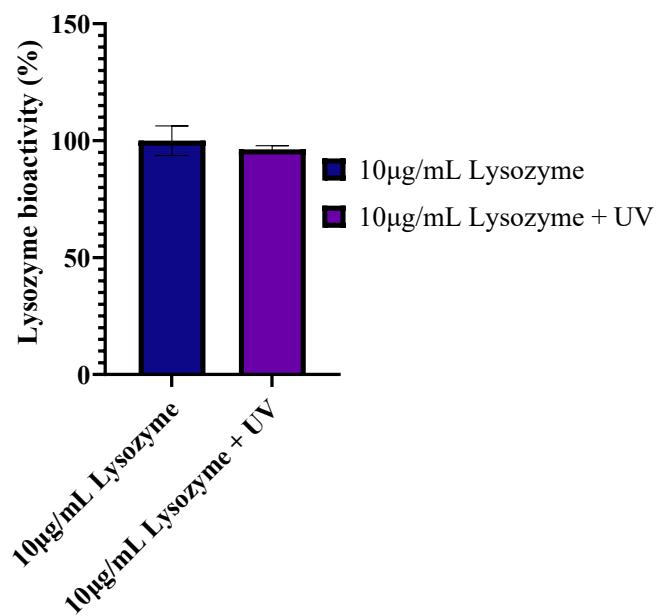
**Figure S1: Average Bradford assay standard curve.** Values presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (N=7, n=3).

## Lysozyme controlled release method



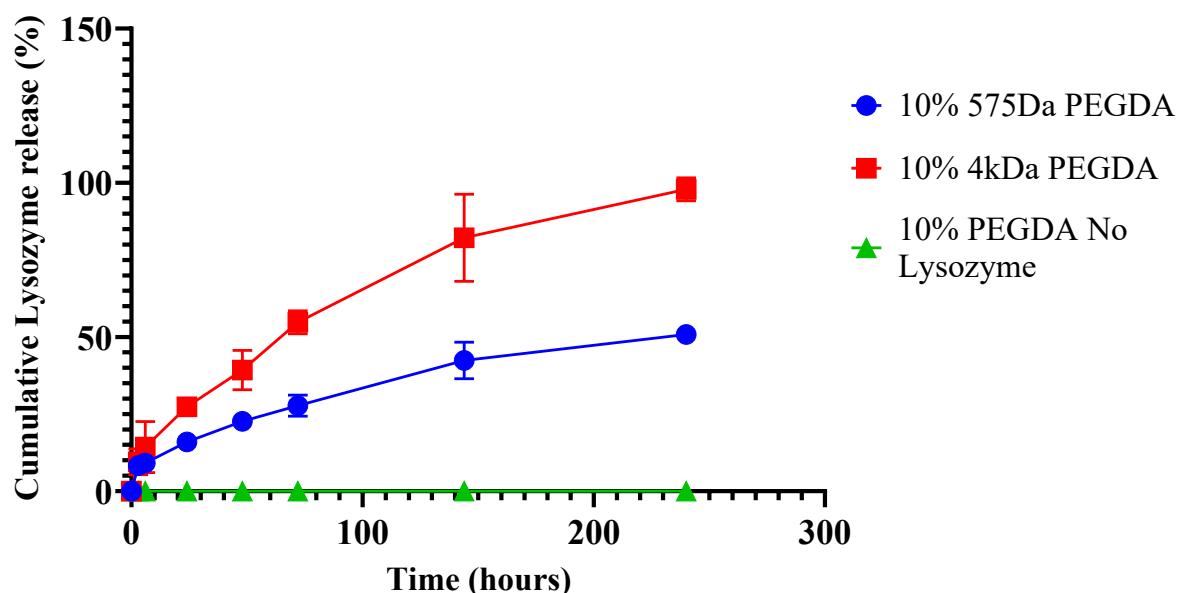
**Figure S2: Schematic showing methodology for 70 day controlled release of lysozyme from SPAK-PEGDA**

## Effect of 10 minutes UV exposure on lysozyme bioactivity



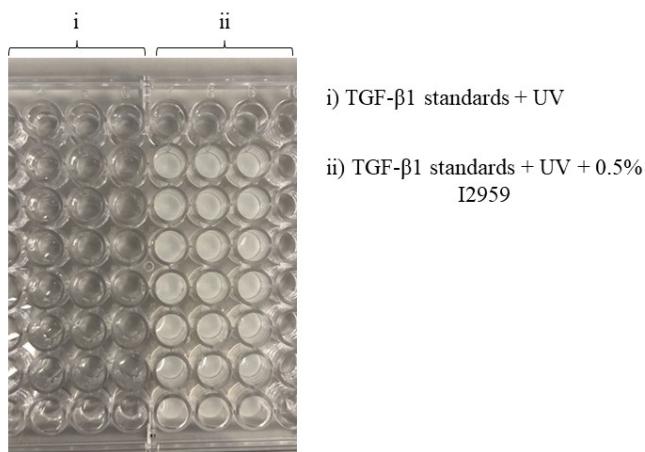
**Figure S3: Effect of 10 minutes 365nm UV light irradiation on the bioactivity of 10 $\mu$ g/mL lysozyme.** Values presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (N=3, n=3).

## Effect of PEGDA molecular weight



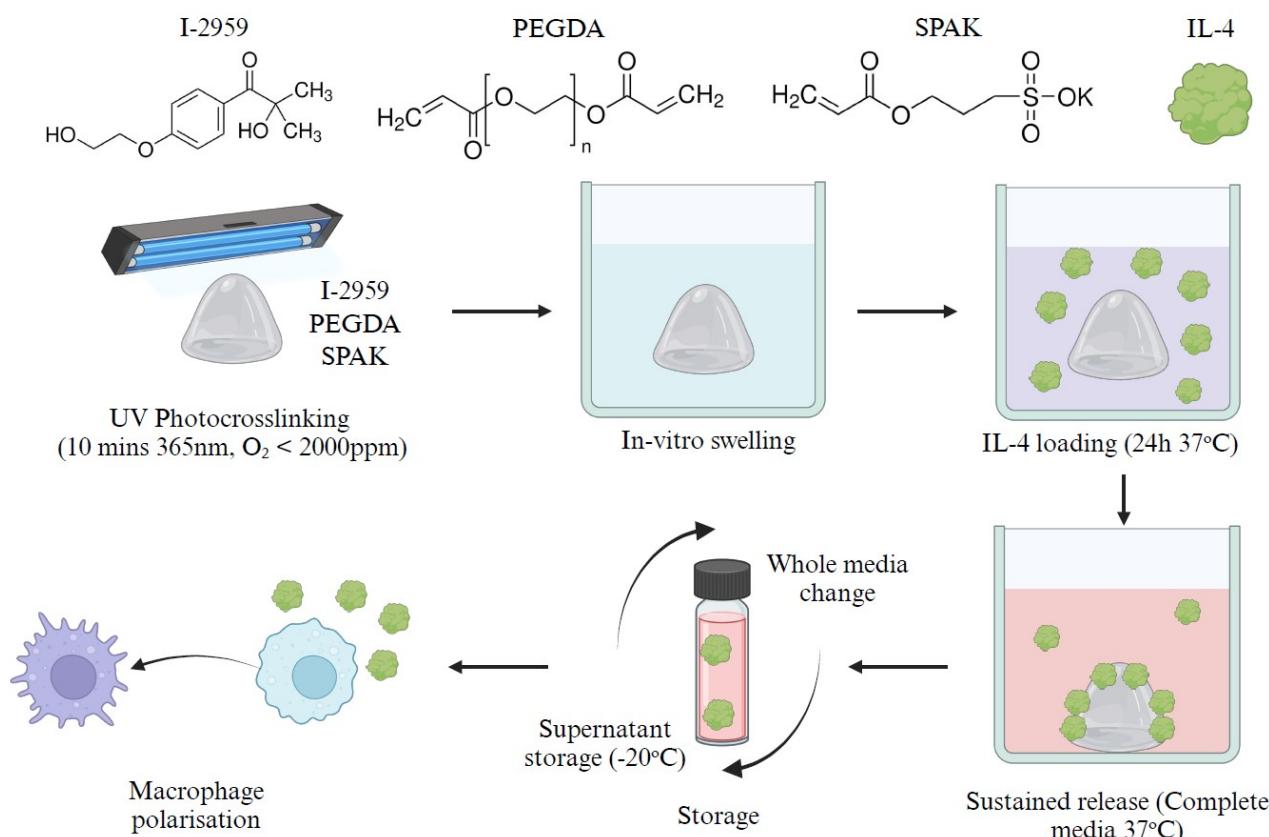
**Figure S4 : Effect of PEGDA molecular weight on lysozyme release in 500 $\mu$ L 10% PEGDA hydrogels loaded with 1mg/mL lysozyme.** Values presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (N=2, n=3).

Effect of UV irradiation on TGF-  $\beta$ 1 ELISA standards in the presence of 0.5% w/v irgacure-2959 photoinitiator

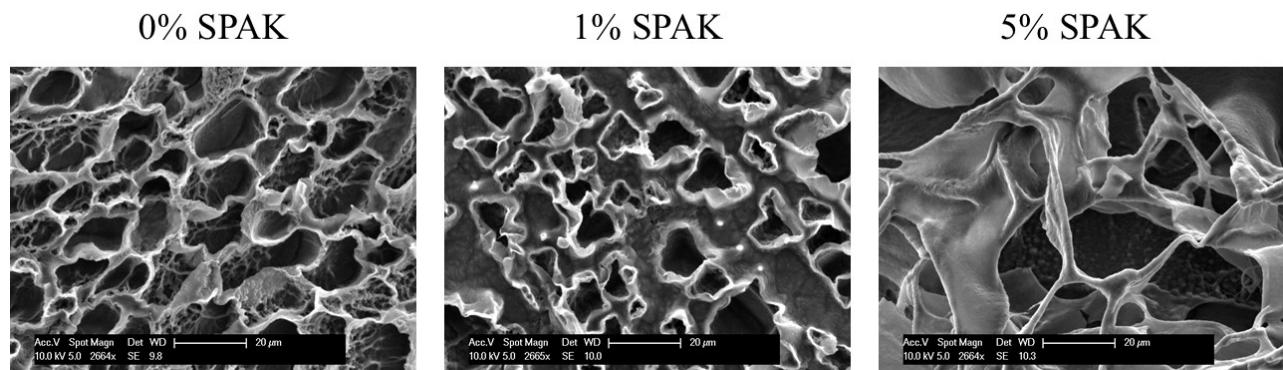


**Figure S5 : Macroscopic image of TGF-  $\beta$ 1 ELISA standards following 10 minutes 365nm UV light irradiation.** i) TGF-  $\beta$ 1 standards. ii) TGF-  $\beta$ 1 standards containing 0.5% w/v Irgacure-2959 photoinitiator.

## Interleukin-4 controlled release method

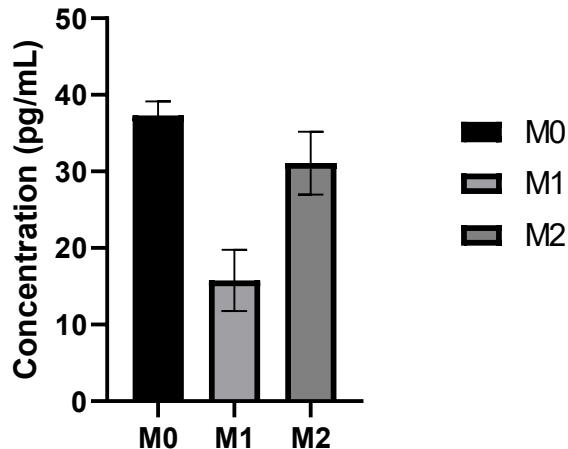


**Figure S6: Schematic showing methodology for 73 day sustained release of Interleukin-4 from SPAK-PEGDA**



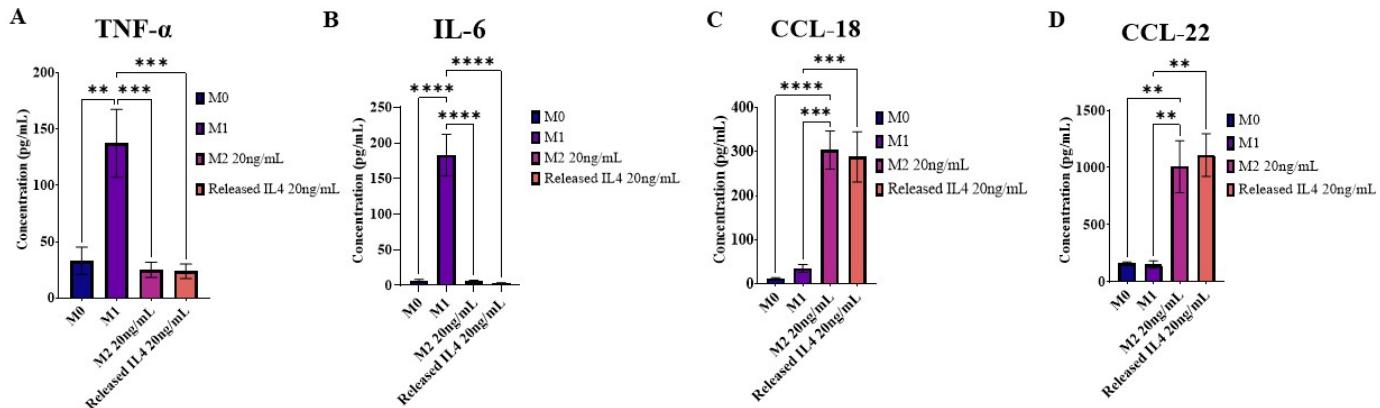
**Figure S7: Scanning electron microscopy of 0%, 1%, and 5% SPAK-PEGDA hydrogels.**  
Pore size was investigated in 10% 4kDa PEGDA hydrogels containing 0%, 1%, and 5% SPAK after 5 days of in-vitro swelling.

## THP-1 macrophage IL-10 secretion



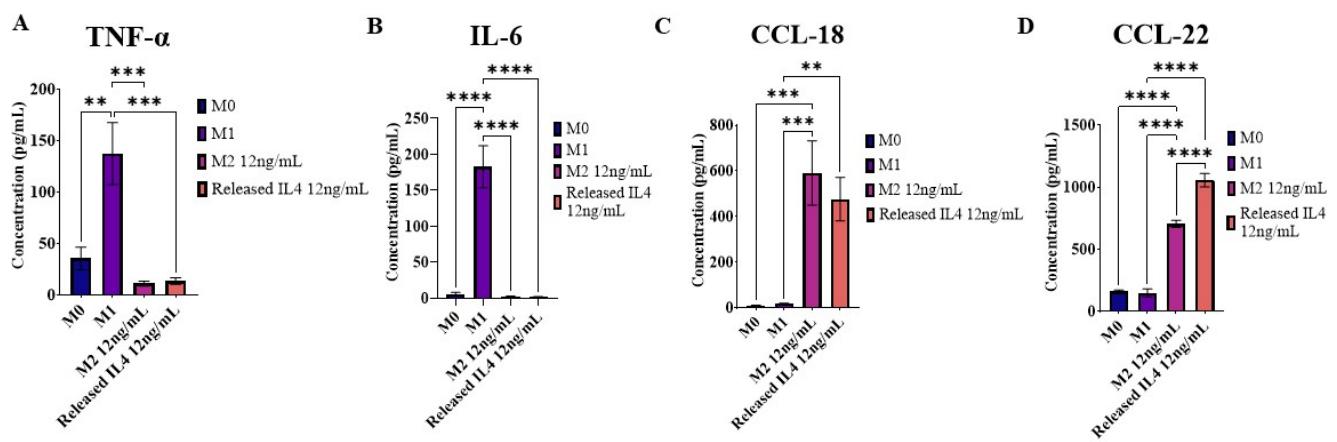
**Figure S8: IL-10 secretion from THP-1 macrophages following 6 days of culture.** M0 was polarised with 50ng/mL M-CSF, M1 was polarised with 50ng/mL GM-CSF + 20ng/mL IFN- $\gamma$ , M2 was polarised with 50ng/mL M-CSF + 20ng/mL IL-4. Values presented as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (n=3).

THP-1 macrophage polarisation using IL-4 controlled release supernatant from days 1 and 2 of in-vitro release from 5% SPAK 10% PEGDA



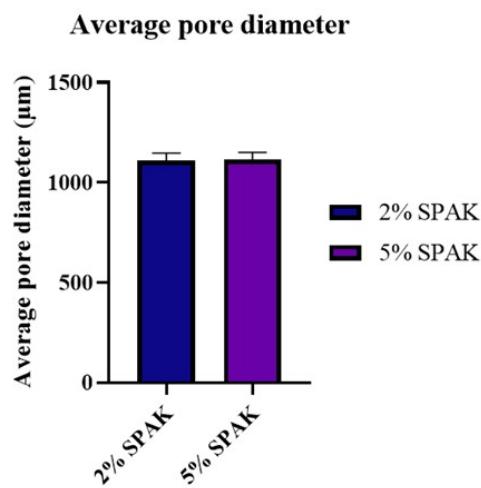
**Figure S9: Secreted macrophage polarisation markers of THP-1 cells polarised with IL-4 released from 5% SPAK-10% PEGDA at days 1 and 2 of in-vitro release.** TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6 were selected as M1 markers. CCL-18 and CCL-22 were selected as M2 markers. Secreted markers were compared between released IL-4 and stock IL-4 at a concentration of 20ng/mL. Control groups of M0 and M1 polarisation were included. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean from two independent experiments which used media samples from day 1 and day 2 of controlled release respectively. (N=2, n=3). Following one-way ANOVA and Tukey's post hoc multiple comparisons test, pairs with significant differences were labelled as \* P $\leq$ 0.05, \*\* P $<$ 0.01, \*\*\* P $<$ 0.001 and \*\*\*\* P $<$ 0.0001.

**THP-1 macrophage polarisation using IL-4 controlled release supernatant from days 12 and 15 of in-vitro release from 5% SPAK, 10% PEGDA**



**Figure S10: Secreted macrophage polarisation markers of THP-1 cells polarised with IL-4 released from 5% SPAK-10% PEGDA at days 12 and 15 of in-vitro release.** TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-6 were selected as M1 markers. CCL-18 and CCL-22 were selected as M2 markers. Secreted markers were compared between released IL-4 and stock IL-4 at a concentration of 12ng/mL. Control groups of M0 and M1 polarisation were included. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean from two independent experiments which used media samples from day 1 and day 2 of controlled release respectively. (N=2, n=3). Following one-way ANOVA and Tukey's post hoc multiple comparisons test, pairs with significant differences were labelled as \*  $P \leq 0.05$ , \*\*  $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $P < 0.001$  and \*\*\*\*  $P < 0.0001$ .

Average diameter of macropores in 3D printed SPAK PEGDA hydrogels



**Figure S11: Average pore diameter from 3D printed SPAK PEGDA hydrogels.** Mean calculated from measuring 5 pores from 5 separate hydrogels expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (N=5 n=5).