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I. EDUCATION

1995-2001 **Ph.D. Macromolecular Sci. and Eng.** University of Michigan

1993-1995 **M.S. Industrial Chemistry Eng.** Hanyang Univ. Seoul Korea

1988-1992 **B.S. Industrial Chemistry Engineering (Honor Student)**

Hanyang University Seoul Korea

II. RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2007-present **Assistant Professor**

Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Department of Bioengineering

Center for Biophysics program

Institute for Genomic Biology (Regenerative Biology and Tissue Engineering)

Micro Nano Research Laboratory

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2004-2006 **Research Associate**

School of Eng. and Applied Sci. (Bioengineering) Harvard University

2001-2004 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**

Dept. of Biological and Materials Sci. Univ. of Michigan

1997-2001 **Research Assistant**

Dept. of Chemical Eng. & Civil & Environmental Eng. Univ. of Michigan

III. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 Fall Biotransport (Ranked as an excellent teacher)

2009 Spring Thermodynamics for Chemical Engineers (University of Illinois)

2008 Fall Principles of Chemical Engineering (University of Illinois)

2008 Spring Thermodynamics for Chemical Engineers (University of Illinois)

2007 Fall Principles of Chemical Engineering (University of Illinois)

2007 Spring Thermodynamics for Chemical Engineers (University of Illinois)

IV. HONORS/AWARDS

- 2012-2013 UIUC Center for Advanced Study Fellow (pending for Board of Trustees approval)
- 2011 Korean Institute for Chemical Engineers- Young Investigator Award
- 2011 Teacher Ranked as Excellent, UIUC Center for Teaching Excellence
- 2010 Teacher Ranked as Excellent, UIUC Center for Teaching Excellence
- 2009 NSF Career Award
- 2008 American Heart Association, Scientist Development Grant
- 1995-1997 Hanyang University Fellowship Award for students studying abroad
- 1992 Honor Prize from Hanyang University Seoul Korea
- 1990-1991 Samnam Foundation Fellowship Award
- 1988-1989 Hanyang University Fellowship Award

V. PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Jeong, J., Cha, C., Kaczmarowki, A., Oh, S., **Kong, H.J.** Polyaspartamide Micelle-to-Vesicle Transition Driven by Metallic Nanoparticles. *Soft Matter* (In press, 2012).
2. Jeong, J., Cha, C., Chan, V., Zorulutuna, P., Bashir, R., & **Kong, H.J.** Stereolithographic assembly of proangiogenic microvascular stamp. *Advanced Materials* (In press, 2012), – An image chosen for a front cover
3. Cha, C., Jeong, J., Tang, X., Zill, A., Zimmerman, S.C., Prakash, Y., Saif, T., & **Kong, H.J.** Top-down synthesis of polyaspartamide linker. *Bioconjugate Chemistry* (In press, 2012)
4. Cha, C., Kim, S.R. Jin, Y.S. & **Kong, H. J.** Tuning structural durability of yeast-encapsulating alginate gel beads with interpenetrating networks for sustained bioethanol production. *Biotechnology & Bioengineering* 109, 63-73 (2012). – Featured by an editor.
5. Chan, V., Jeong, J., **Kong, H.J.** & Bashir, R. Multi-Material Bio-Fabrication of Hydrogel Cantilevers and Actuators with Stereolithography. *Lab on a Chip* 12, 88-98 (2012).
6. Liang, Y., Jeong, J., DeVolder, R., Cha, C., Wang, F., Tong, Y., & **Kong, H.J.** A Cell-Instructive Hydrogel to Regulate Malignancy of 3D Tumor Spheroids with Matrix Rigidity. *Biomaterials* 32, 9308 (2011).
7. Schmidt, J., Jeong, J.H. & **Kong, H.J.** Interplay of cell adhesion cues and curvature of a cell Adherent alginate microgel for multipotent stem cell culture. *Tissue Engineering* 17, 2687-2694 (2011).
8. Cha, C., Jeong, J.H., Shim, J. & **Kong, H.J.** Tuning the dependency between stiffness and permeability of cell-encapsulating hydrogel with hydrophilic pendant chains. *Acta Biomaterialia* 7, 3719-3728 (2011).
9. DeVolder, R., H. Bae, J. Lee, & **Kong, H.J.** Directed blood vessel growth using angiogenic microfiber/microparticle composite patch. *Advanced Materials* 23, 3139-3143 (2011).
10. Cha, C., Kim, E.S., Kim, I.W. & **Kong, H.J.** Integrative design of a Poly(Ethylene Glycol)-Poly(Propylene Glycol)-Alginate hydrogel to control three dimensional biomineralization. *Biomaterials* 32, 2695 (2011).

11. Liang Y. Jensen, T.W., Roy, E. J., Cha, C., DeVolder, R., J., Kohman, R.E., Zhang, B.Z., Textor, K.B., Rund, L.A., Schook, L.B., Tong, Y.W., & **Kong, H.J.** Tuning the non-equilibrium state of a drug-encapsulated poly(ethylene glycol) hydrogel for stem and progenitor cell mobilization *Biomaterials* 32, 2004 (2011).
12. Zorlutuna, P., Jeong, J., **Kong, H.J.**, & Bashir, R. Stereolithography-based hydrogel microenvironments for examining cellular interactions. *Advanced Functional Materials* 21, 3642-3651 (2011).
13. Jeong, J.H., Schmidt, J., Cha, C. & **Kong, H.J.** Tuning responsiveness and structural integrity of the pH responsive hydrogel using poly(ethylene glycol) cross-linker *Soft Matter* 6, 3930 (2010).
14. Devolder, R. & **Kong, H.J.** Colloidal microgels for neovascularization. *Biomaterials* 31, 6494 (2010).
15. Kohman, R., Cha, C., Zimmerman, S. G. & **Kong, H.J.** Tuning hydrogel properties and function using substituent effects. *Soft Matter (Communication)* 6, 2150 (2010).
16. Cha, C., Kim, S., Cao, L. & **Kong, H.J.** Decoupled control of stiffness and permeability of cell-encapsulated poly(ethylene glycol) hydrogel. *Biomaterials* 31, 4864-4871 (2010).
17. Chan, V., Zorlutuna, P., Jeong, J. **Kong, H.J.** & Bashir, R. Three-Dimensional photopatterning of hydrogels using stereolithography for long-term cell encapsulation *Lab on a Chip* 10, 2062 (2010).
18. Hahn, L., **Kong, H.J.** & Mooney, D.J. Polycation structure mediates expression of lyophilized polycation-pDNA complexes. *Macromolecular. Biosciences* 10, 1210-1215 (2010).
19. Kim, D., Monaco, E., Maki, A., Sobriera de Lima, A., **Kong, H.J.** & Wheeler M.B. Morphologic and transcriptomic comparison of adipose- and bone-marrow-derived porcine stem cells cultured in alginate hydrogels. *Cell & Tissue Research* 341, 359-370 (2010).
20. Zill, A., Rutz, A.L., Kohman, R.E., Alkilany, A.M., Murphy, C.J., **Kong, H.J.**, & Zimmerman S.C. Clickable polyglycerol hyperbranched polymers and their application to gold nanoparticles and acid-labile nanocarriers. *Chemical Communication* 47, 1279-1281 (2010).
21. Chu, C., Devolder, R., Scaffer, B. & **Kong, H.J.** Quantitatively analyzing the cross-linked structure of microgels using fluorescent probes. *Polymer* 50:5288-5292 (2009).
22. Cha, C. Kohman, R., & **Kong, H.J.** Biodegradable Polymer Cross-linker: Independent control of stiffness, toughness and degradation rate of hydrogel. *Advanced Functional Materials* 19; 3056-3062 (2009).
23. Fischbach, C., **Kong, H.J.** Hsiong, S., Evangelista, M., Yuen, W., & Mooney, D.J. Cancer cell angiogenic capability is regulated by 3-D culture and integrin engagement. *Proceedings of the National Academy Sciences (USA)* 106, 399-404 (2009).
24. Orive G., De Castro¹, M., **Kong, H. J.** Hernández, R.M., Ponce, S. Mooney, D.J. Pedraz, J.L. Bioactive cell hydrogel microcapsules for cell-based drug delivery, *Journal of Controlled Release* 135, 203-210 (2009).
25. Chu, C., Schmidt, J.J., Carne, K., Zhang, Z., **Kong, H.J.**^{*}, Hofmann, M-C.^{*} Three-Dimensional synthetic niche components to control germ cell proliferation. *Tissue Engineering A* 15, 255-262 (2009) [^{*}Co-corresponding authors]

26. Sung, J., Barone, P., **Kong, H.J.**, Strano, M. Sequential delivery of dexamethasone and VEGF to control local tissue response for carbon nanotube fluorescence based micro-capillary implantable sensors *Biomaterials* 30, 622-631 (2009)
27. Schmidt, J.J. Rowley, J. **Kong, H.J.** "Hydrogels used for cell-based drug delivery," *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 87A 1113-1122 (2008).
28. Silva, E., Kim, E.S., **Kong, H. J.**, & Mooney, D. J. Deployment of progenitor cells *Proceedings of the National Academy Sciences (USA)* 105, 14347-14352 (2008)
29. **Kong, H. J.**, Kim, E.S., Huang, Y. C., & Mooney, D. J. Design of biodegradable hydrogel for the local and sustained delivery of angiogenic plasmid DNA *Pharmaceutical Res.* 25: 1230-1238(2008).
30. Hsiong, S., Cooke, P.H., **Kong, H.J.**, Fishman, M.L., Ericsson, M., & Mooney, D.J. AFM imaging of RGD presenting synthetic extracellular matrix using gold nanoparticles *Macromolecular Biosciences* 8, 469-477 (2008).
31. Hsiong, S., Huebsch, N., Fischbach, C., **Kong, H.J.** & Mooney, D.J. Integrin-adhesion ligand bond formation of preosteoblasts and stem cells in 3D RGD presenting matrices, *Biomacromolecules*, 9:1843-1851 (2008)
32. Lee, K.Y., **Kong, H.J.**, & Mooney, D.J. Quantifying interactions between cell receptors and adhesion ligand-modified polymers in solution. *Macromolecular Biosciences* 8:140-145 (2008).
33. Boontheekul, T., **Kong, H.J.**, Hsiong, S.X., Huang, Y.C., Mahadevan, L, Vandenberg H. & Mooney, D. J. Quantifying the relation between bond number and myoblast proliferation, *Faraday Discussions* 139, 53-70 (2008).
34. Hsiong, S., Karampin, P., **Kong, H. J.**, Lee, K. Y., & Mooney, D. J. Differentiation stage alters matrix control of stem cells. *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research* 85, 140 (2008).
35. **Kong, H. J.** & Mooney, D. J. Cellular microenvironments to regulate biomacromolecular therapies. *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* 6:455-463 (2007).
36. **Kong, H. J.**, Kim, C.J., Huebsch, N. D., Weitz, D., & Mooney, D. J. Non-invasive probing of the spatial organization of polymer chains in hydrogels using Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET). *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 129: 4518-4519 (2007).
37. **Kong, H. J.**, Hsiong, S., & Mooney, D. J. Nanoscale cell adhesion ligands presentation regulates non-viral gene delivery and expression. *Nano Letters* 7:161-166 (2007).
38. Riddle, K. W., **Kong H. J.**, Leach, J. K., Fischbach, C., Cheung, C., Anseth, K. S., & Mooney, D. J. Modifying the proliferative state of target cells to control DNA expression and identifying cell types transfected *in vivo*. *Molecular Therapy* 15: 361-368 (2007).
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40. Oest, M.E., Dupont, K.M., **Kong, H.J.**, Mooney, D. J., Guldberg, R.E. Quantitative assessment of scaffold and growth factor-mediated repair of critically sized bone defects. *Journal of orthopedic Research*. 25:941-950 (2007).

41. Evangelista, M. B., Hsiong, S. X. Fernandes, R. Sampaio, P. **Kong, H. J.**, Barrias' C. C. Salema, R., Barbosa, M. A., Mooney, D. J. & Granja, P. L. Upregulation of bone cell differentiation through immobilization within a synthetic extracellular matrix. *Biomaterials* 28: 3644-3655 (2007).
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45. **Kong, H.J.**, Bike S.G., & Li, V.C. Effects of a strong polyelectrolyte on the rheological properties of concentrated cementitious suspensions. *Cement and Concrete Research* 36:851-857 (2006).
46. Augst, A. D., **Kong, H. J.**, & Mooney, D. J. Alginate hydrogels as Biomaterials. *Macromolecular Bioscience* 6:623-633 (2006).
47. Comisar, W., Hsiong, S. **Kong, H. J.**, Mooney, D. J., & Linderman J. J. Multi-scale modeling to predict ligand presentation within RGD nanopatterned hydrogels. *Biomaterials* 27:2322-2329 (2006).
48. **Kong, H. J.**, Liu, J., Riddle, K., Matsumoto, T., Leach, K., & Mooney D.J. Gene delivery regulated by substrate rigidity *Nature Materials* 4:460 (2005) – *Highlighted by Nature* 435:250 (2005).
49. **Kong, H. J.**, Polte, T., Alsberg, E., & Mooney D.J. FRET measurements of cell-traction forces and nano-scale clustering of adhesion ligands varied by substrate stiffness, *Proceedings of the National Academy Sciences (USA)* 102:4300 (2005).
50. Boonthekul, T., **Kong, H.J.**, & Mooney, D. J. Controlling alginate gel degradation utilizing partial oxidation and bimodal molecular weight distribution. *Biomaterials* 26: 2455 (2005).
51. **Kong, H.J.**, Alsberg, E., Darnell, K., Lee, K. Y., & Mooney, D. J. Controlling degradation of hydrogels via the size of cross-linked junctions. *Advanced Materials* 16:1917 (2004).
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53. Grimmer, J. F., Gunnaugsson, C. B., Alsberg, E., Murphy, H. S., **Kong, H.J.**, Mooney, D. J., & Weatherly, R. A. Tracheal Reconstruction Using Tissue-Engineered Cartilage. *Archives of Otolaryngology Neck Surgery* 130: 1191 (2004).
54. **Kong, H.J.**, Lee, K.Y., & Mooney D. J. Non-destructively probing the cross-linked structure of polymeric hydrogels. *Macromolecules* 36:7887 (2003).
55. **Kong, H.J.** & Mooney, D.J. The effects of poly(ethyleneimine) molecular weight on reinforcement of alginate hydrogels. *Cell Transplantation* 12: 779 (2003).
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59. Alsberg, E., **Kong, H.J.**, Hirano, Y., Smith, M.K., Alberiruti, A., & Mooney, D.J. Regulating bone formation via controlled scaffold degradation. *Journal of Dental Research* 82:903 (2003).
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61. **Kong, H.J.**, Bike S.G., & Li, V.C. Development of self-compacting engineered cementitious composite reinforced with hydrophilic poly(vinyl alcohol) fiber using electrosteric stabilization technique. *Cement and Concrete Composites* 25:333 (2003).
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63. **Kong, H.J.**, Lee, K.Y., & Mooney, D.J. Decoupling effects of solids concentration on rheological properties of pre-gelled alginate solution and mechanical properties of post hydrogel by utilizing binary molecular weight distribution. *Polymer* 43:6239 (2002).

VI. Book (Edited)

1. Stem cells and revascularization therapies. Edited by Kong, H.J., Putnam, A.J. & Schook L.B. CRC Press (2012).

VII. Book Chapters

1. Devolder, R. & Kong, H. J. Quantifying integrin-ligand engagement and cell phenotype in 3D scaffolds in *Comprehensive Biomaterials* Edited by by Ducheyne, Healy, Hutmacher, Grainger & Kirkpatrick (ISBN: 978-0-08-055302-3). Elsevier (2011).
2. Devolder, R. & Kong, H.J. Biomaterials for Studies in Cellular Mechanotransduction in *Mechanobiology of cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions*. Springer (2011).
3. Chu, C. Schmidt, J.J. Carnes, K., Zhang, Z, **Kong, H.J.** Hofmann M-C Three-Dimensional Synthetic Niche Components to Control Germ Cell Proliferation (Chapter 39) *Advances in Tissue Engineering, Volume 2: Stem Cells* (2010).
4. **Kong, H. J.** & Mooney, D.J, Polysaccharide hydrogels in tissue engineering. *Polysaccharides* 2nd Ed. Edited by Dmiutri S, Marcel & Dekker Chapter 36 (2005).

VIII. PATENTS

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2. Mooney, D. J., Ali, O., Eduardo, S., **Kong, H. J.**, Hill, E.E., & Boonthekul, T. Scaffolds for cell transplantation (US Patent Application Number: 11/638,796).
3. Kim, Y.Y., **Kong, H.J.**, & Li V.C. Development of high performance sprayable engineered cementitious composite (US Patent No. 7,241,338, 2007).

4. **Kong, H.J.** & Li. V.C., Development of high performance self-compacting engineered cementitious composite (US Patent No. 6,809,131, 2004)

IX. Research Grants

1. NIH-NHLBI Modular assembly of nanocell for vascular repair \$1,980,000 [Sep. 2011 –Aug. 2016] Role: PI
2. NIH-NHLBI Nano-sized Cell Guidance System for Ischemic Tissue Repair \$400,000 [Aug. 2009 –Jul. 2011] Role: PI
3. NSF-Career Integrating biology and biomaterial to regulate cell function in a 3D matrix \$500,000 [Sep. 2009 –Aug. 2014] Role: PI
4. US Army Research Laboratory. “Spatial control of nanosized catalytic particles in a fuel cell” \$200,000 [Aug. 2009-Jul. 2011] Role: PI
5. American Heart Association (Scientist Development Grant, 0830468Z) “Synthetic Extracellular Matrix to Engineer Revascularization” \$214,500 [Jan. 2008-Dec. 2010]. Role: PI
6. U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity, “Micro and Nano-mediated 3D Cardiac Tissue Engineering” \$ 2,546,000 [Aug. 2008-Aug. 2011] Role: Co-PI
7. Amore Pacific Inc. “Artificial Skin” \$110,000 [Jun. 2009-May. 2011] Role: PI
8. NSF Science Technology Center, Cellular machinery \$250,000,000 [Aug. 2010-July 2015] Role: Co-I
9. NSF-CBET Engineering skin tissues \$400,000 [Sep. 2010 –Aug. 2013] Role: co-PI

X. Presentations (Invited)

1. Kong, H.J. Biomaterials for revascularization TERMIS-AP, Singapore, August. 2011 (Keynote speaker).
2. Kong, H.J. Decoupled control of stiffness and permeability of cell-encapsulating hydrogel. Sidney, TERMIS-AP, Sep. 2010 (Keynote speaker).
3. Kong, H.J. Hydrogels and Neovascularization. Bioengineering Program, Choongang University, May 2010 (Invited).
4. Kong, H.J. Hydrogels and Neovascularization. Bioengineering Program, Kangwon National University, May 2010 (Invited).
5. Kong, H.J. Biomaterials and Regenerative Therapy. Bioengineering Program, Seoul National University, May 2009 (Invited).
6. Kong, H.J. Matrix-Mediated Non-Viral Gene Delivery CHINA-JAPAN-KOREA FORESIGHT SYMPOSIUM ON GENE THERAPY AND BIOMATERIALS, Seoul, Korea, May, 2009 (Invited).
7. Kong, H.J. Biomaterials and Regenerative Therapy. College of Medicine, Ihwa Womens University, May 2009 (Invited).
8. Kong, H.J. Biomaterials and Regenerative Therapy. College of Medicine, Choongnam National University, May 2009 (Invited).
9. Kong, H.J. Biomaterials and Regenerative Therapy. Chemical Engineering, Choongang University, May 2009 (Invited).

10. Kong, H.J. Synthetic Extracellular Matrix in Tissue Engineering, R & D Systems (2008) (Invited).
11. Kong, H.J. Design of Polysaccharide Hydrogel in Tissue Engineering, US Army Research Lab (2008) (Invited)
12. Kong, H.J Synthetic Extracellular Matrix to regulate efficiency of non-viral gene delivery, EPFL, Swiss (2008) (Invited)
13. Kong, H.J. Synthetic extracellular matrix to regulate cell phenotype. Drexel University (2008) (Invited)
14. Kong, H. J. Synthetic extracellular matrix to regulate cell phenotype and gene delivery. Orthopedic Meeting, Hawaii October (2007) (Invited)
15. Kong, H. J. Synthetic extracellular matrix to regulate cell phenotype and gene deliver. Cornell University, September 13. 2007 (Invited).
16. Kong, H. J. Synthetic extracellular matrix to regulate cell phenotype and gene delivery. Rush Medical University, June 8. 2007 (Invited).
17. Kong, H.J. Engineering Cellular Microenvironment for Drug Delivery, American Vacuum Society Meeting, University of Michigan, May, 9. 2007 (Invited).
18. Kong, H.J. Analysis of cross-talk between cells and ECM, Biophysics Seminar, Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mar. 2007 (Invited).
19. Kong, H. J. FRET analysis of cell-material interactions. The First Annual Charelston Bioprinting, Biopatterning, and Bioassembly Symposium, Medical University of South Carolina, Jul. 2006 (Invited).
20. Kong, H.J. Mooney, D. J. Engineering cell niches to regulate non-viral gene delivery. Poster Presentation at Gordon Conference (Signal Transduction by Engineered Extracellular Matrices), Jul. 2006.
21. Kong, H.J. Functionalized hydrogels. American Association of Anatomists Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology San Francisco Apr. 2006 (Invited)
22. Shiong, S. H., Kong, H.J. Mooney, D. J. AICHE Annual Meeting at San Francisco Nov. 2006.
23. Shiong, S. H., Kong, H.J. Mooney, D. J. MRS National fall meeting at Boston Nov. 2006
24. Kong, H.J. Shiong, S. H., Mooney, D. J. Engineering cellular microenvironments to regulate nonviral
25. gene delivery. AICHE Annual Meeting at San Francisco Nov. 2006.
26. Kong, H.J. Cross-Talk between Cells and Functionalized hydrogels. University of Florida Jan. 2006 (Invited)
27. Kong, H.J. Functionalized hydrogels to regulate cellular phenotype. Purdue University Dec. 2005 (Invited).
28. Kong, H.J., & Mooney, D.J. Non-viral gene delivery regulated with substrate stiffness. Oral presentation at MRS Meeting Boston Dec. 2005.
29. Kong, H.J. Functionalized hydrogels to regulate cellular phenotype. University of Iowa Nov. 2005 (Invited).
30. Kong, H.J., & Mooney, D.J. FRET measurements of cell-traction forces and nano-scale clustering of adhesion ligands varied by substrate stiffness. Oral presentation at Biomedical Engineering Meeting Baltimore Sep. 2005.

31. Kong, H.J., & Mooney, D.J. Substrate stiffness regulates traction forces in parallel with cellular phenotype: Evaluation using FRET. Poster presentation at Gordon Conference (Organic Thin Film) July 2005.
32. Kong, H.J. Visualizing interactions between cells and biomimetically designed extracellular matrices. University of CA-Irvine May 2005 (Invited).
33. Kong, H.J., & Mooney, D.J. Independent control of rigidity and toughness of hydrogels. Oral presentation at MRS meeting Boston Dec. 2004.
34. Kong, H.J., Alsberg, E., & Mooney, D.J. Imaging and exploiting the degradation of hydrogels. Oral presentation at ACS meeting Anaheim Mar. 2004.
35. Boontheekul, T. Kong, H.J., & Mooney, D.J. Degradable alginate scaffolds for skeletal muscle tissue engineering. Poster presentation at Tissue Engineering Society Orlando Dec. 2003
36. Kong, H.J. Design of Hydrogels for Tissue Engineering. Pohang Institute of Technology Korea Nov. 2003 (Invited).
37. Kong, H.J. Visualizing cell-material interactions. Korean Institute of Science and Technology Nov. 2003 (Invited).
38. Kong, H.J. Visualizing cell-material interactions. Hanyang University Korea Nov. 2003 (Invited). 8
39. Kong, H.J. Design of hydrogels for tissue engineering. National Institute of Standard and Technology May 2003 (Invited).
40. Kong, H.J. & Mooney D.J. Constitutive design of hydrogels in tissue engineering. Oral Presentation at American Institute of Chemical Engineering (AIChE) meeting. Indianapolis Nov. 2002.
41. Kong, H.J. & Mooney D.J. Constitutive control of rheological/mechanical/ degradation properties of hydrogels in tissue engineering. Poster presentation at Gordon Conference (Signal Transduction by ECM) Aug. 2002.
42. Kong, H.J. & Mooney D.J. Controlling degradation of hydrogels by adjusting intermolecular binding forces. Poster presentation at Biomaterials Society Meeting, Apr. 2002.
43. Kong, H.J. & Mooney, D.J. Controlling material properties of ionically cross-linked alginate hydrogels by varying molecular weight distribution. Oral Presentation at Materials Research Society (MRS) Meeting Boston Nov. 2001.