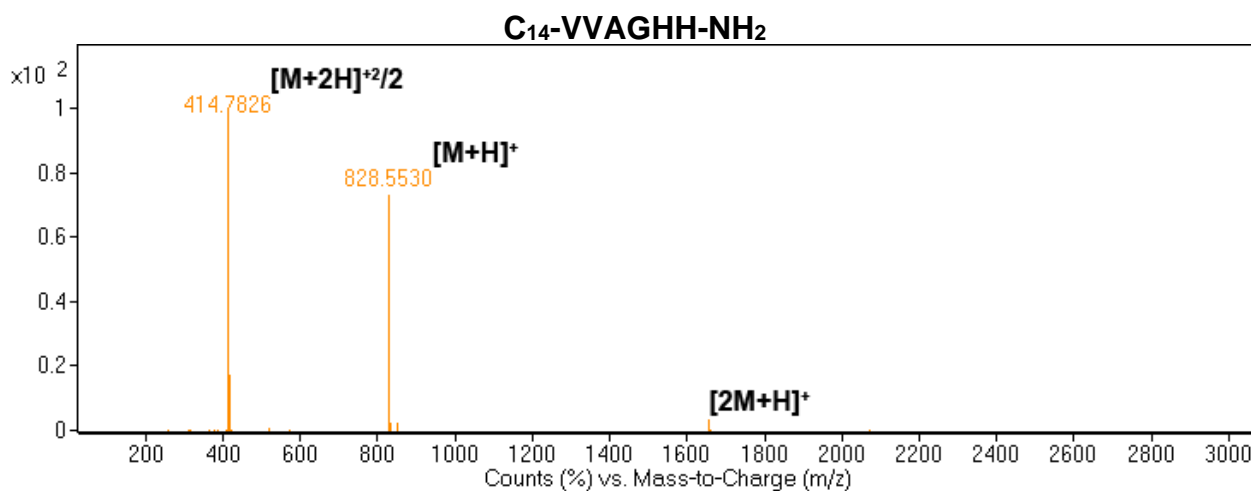
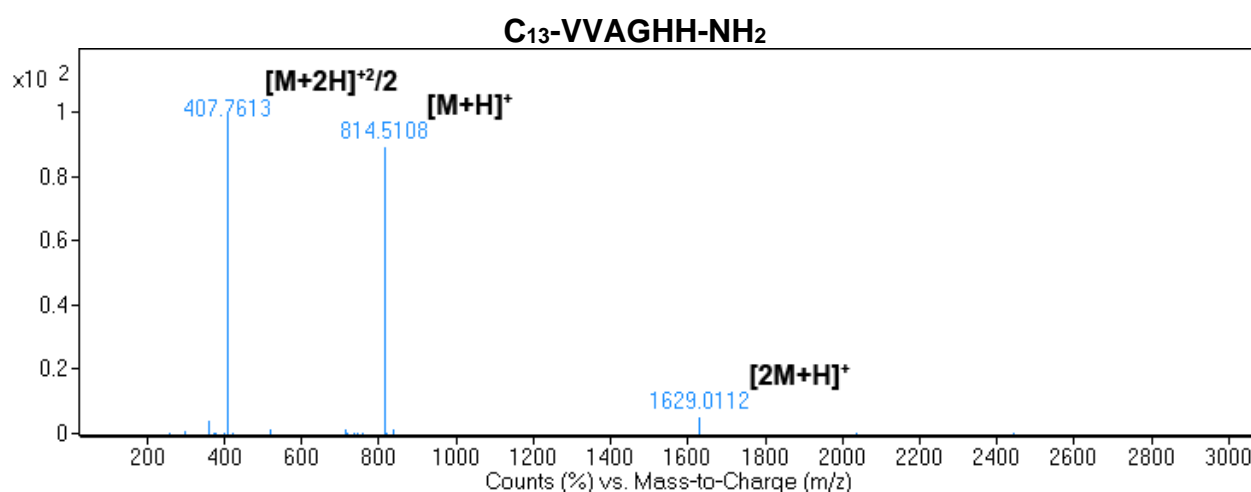
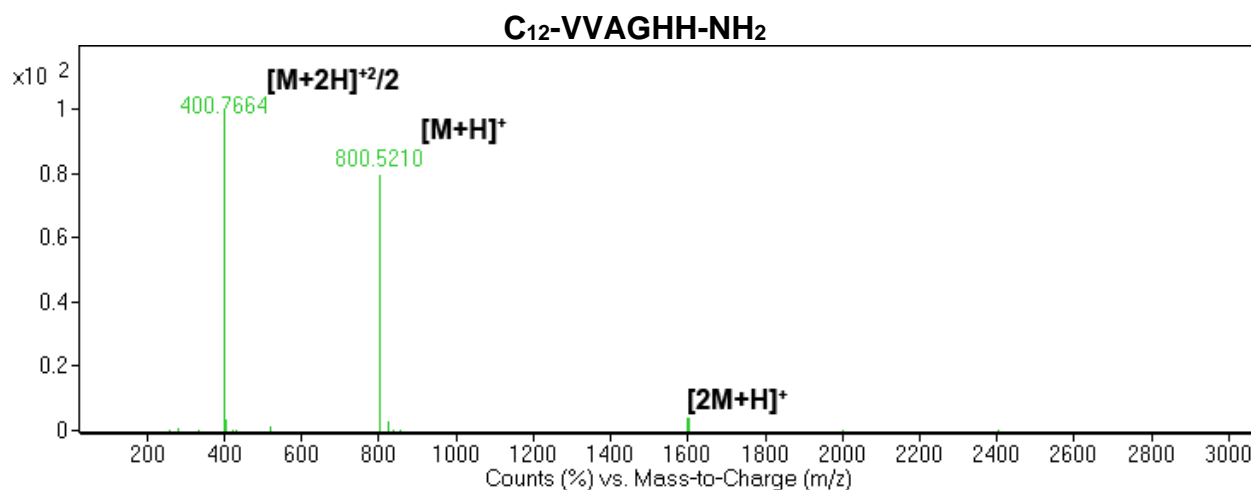


Supplementary Material

Metal Chelating Self-assembling Peptide Nanofiber Scaffolds for Modulation of Neuronal Cell Behavior



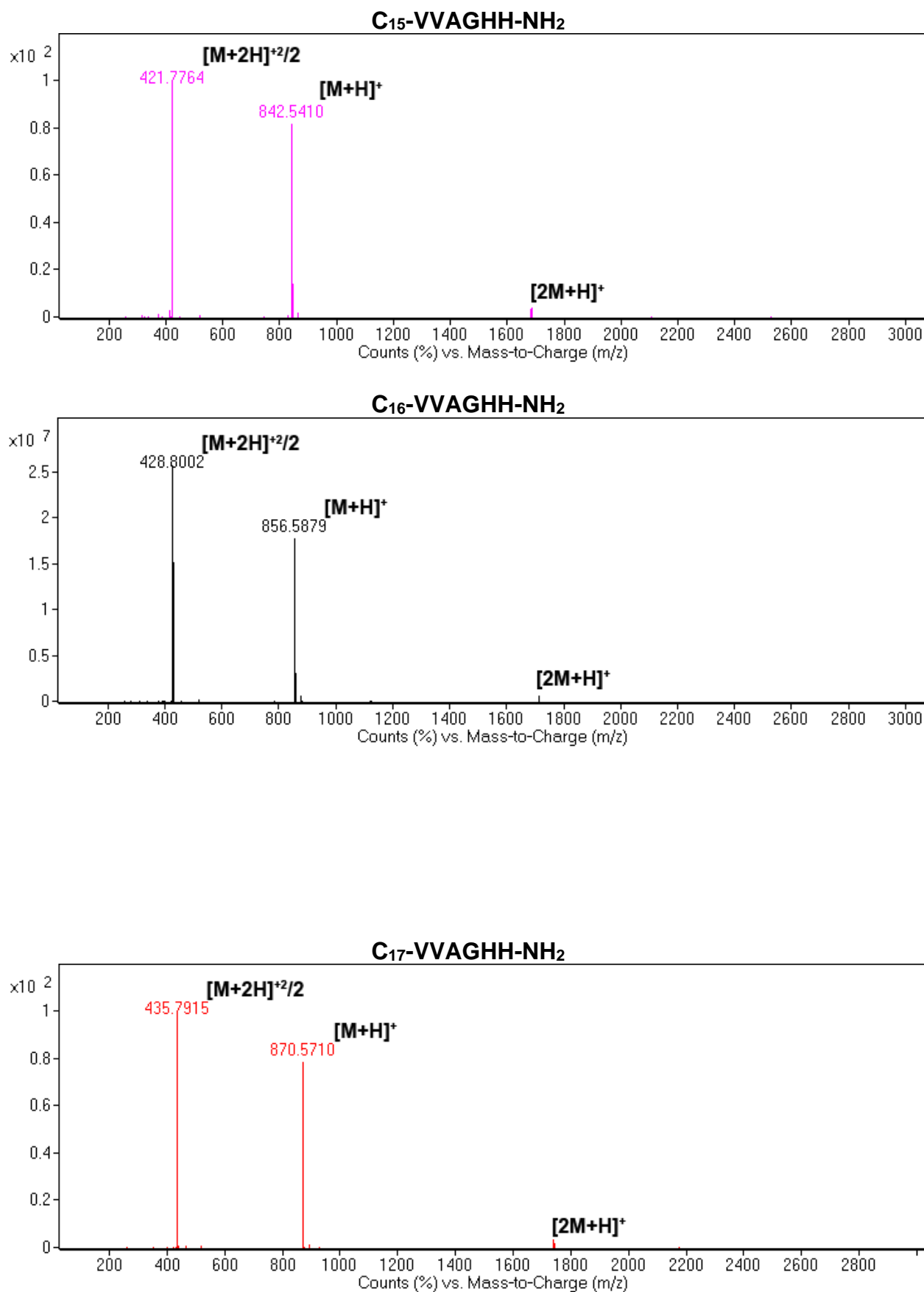


Figure S1. Mass spectra of synthesized peptide amphiphiles. The m/z values corresponding to [M+H]⁺ (target peak), [M+2H]²⁺/2, and [2M+H]⁺ ionized species are detected.

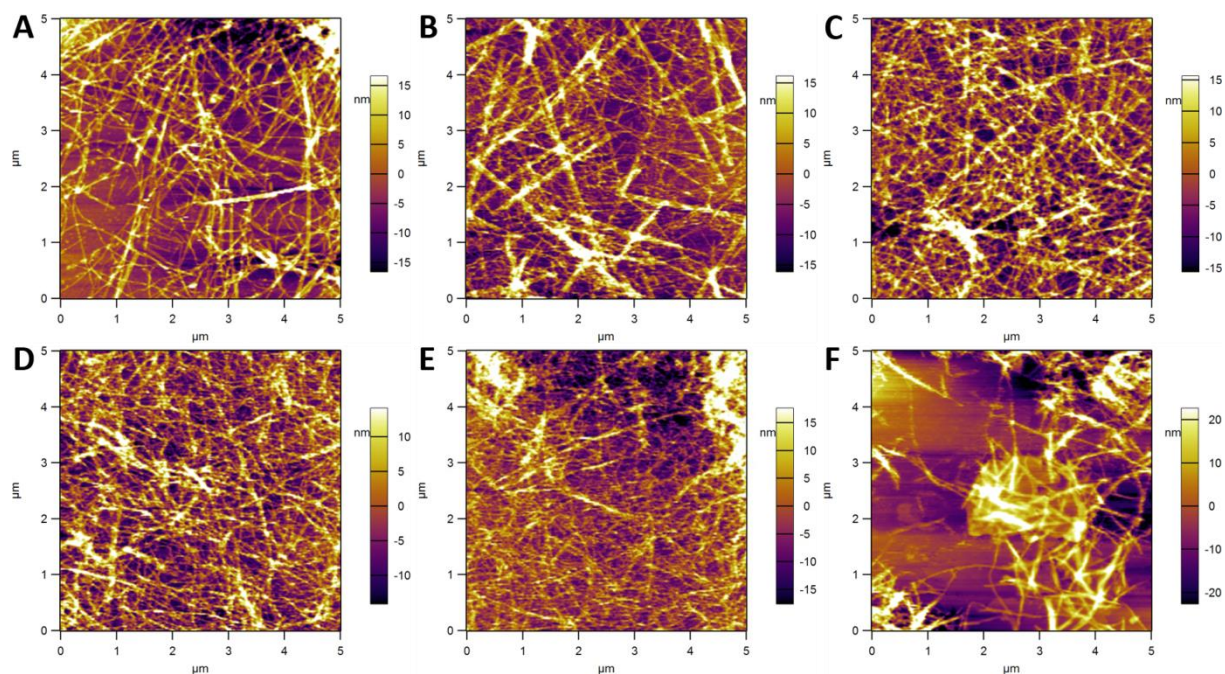


Figure S2. Atomic force microscopy images of C₁₂PA (A), C₁₃PA (B), C₁₄PA (C), C₁₅PA (D), C₁₆PA (E), and C₁₇PA (F).

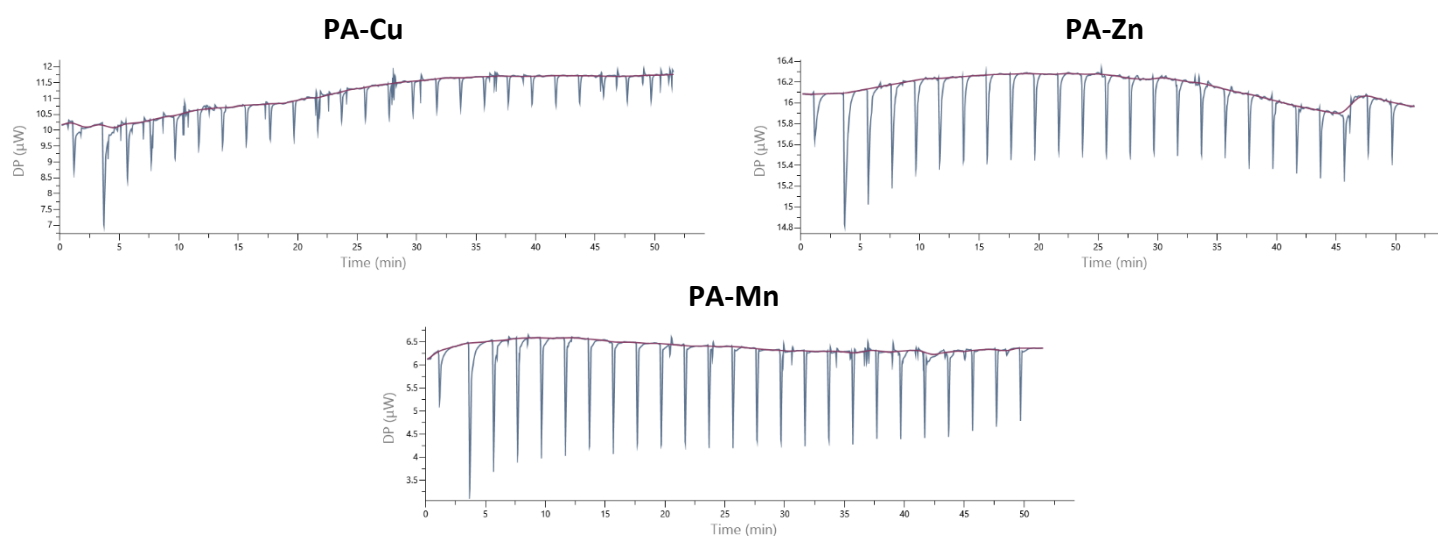


Figure S3. Binding of amphiphilic peptides to divalent metals (Cu, Zn, or Mn) according to isothermal titration calorimetry (50 mM HEPES, pH = 5.5, 37 °C). Integrated data for the titration after subtraction of control are shown.

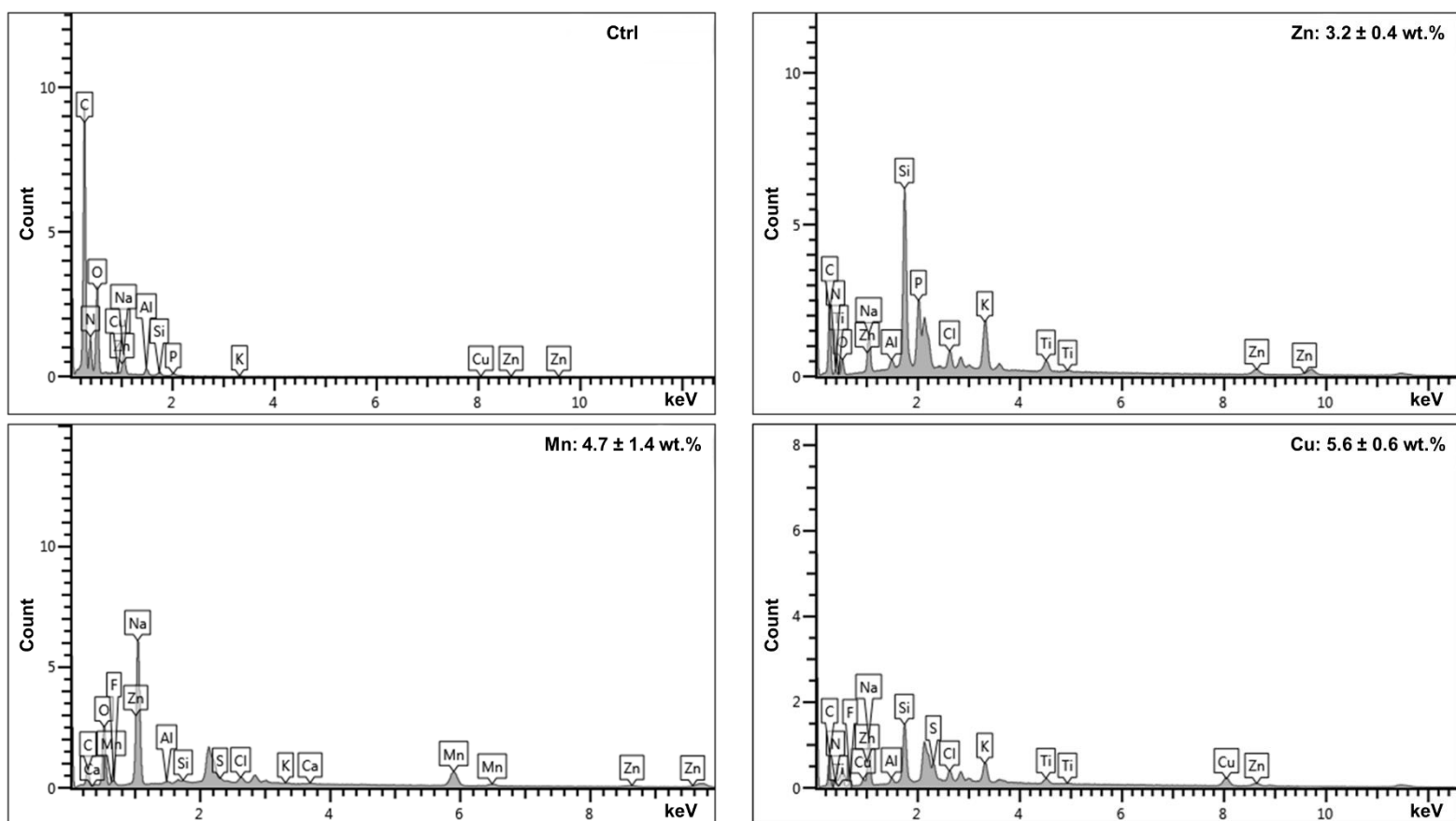
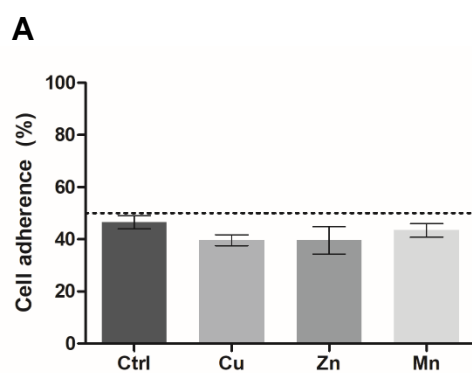


Figure S4. SEM-EDX analysis of elemental composition of TM-modified PA gels.



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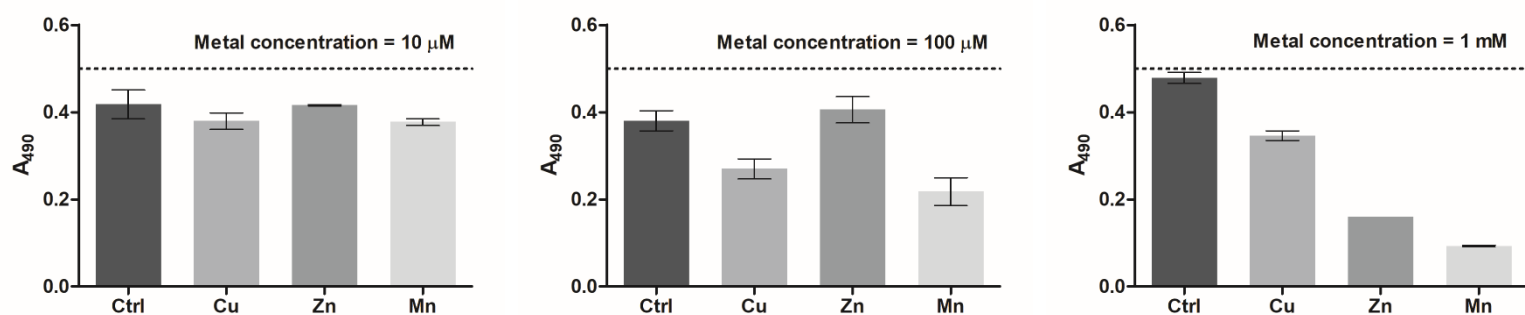


Figure S5. **A.** Adherence of 3T3 fibroblasts on the surface of trace metal-modified PA matrices after 4 h incubation (% of the total cell number). **B.** Viability of 3T3 fibroblasts cultured on trace metal-modified PA matrices (metal concentration was 10, 100, or 1000 μ M), according to MTS test, 24 h post-seeding. Dotted line shows the cell adherence (%) (A) or cell viability signal (B) on the polystyrene surface of tissue culture plate.

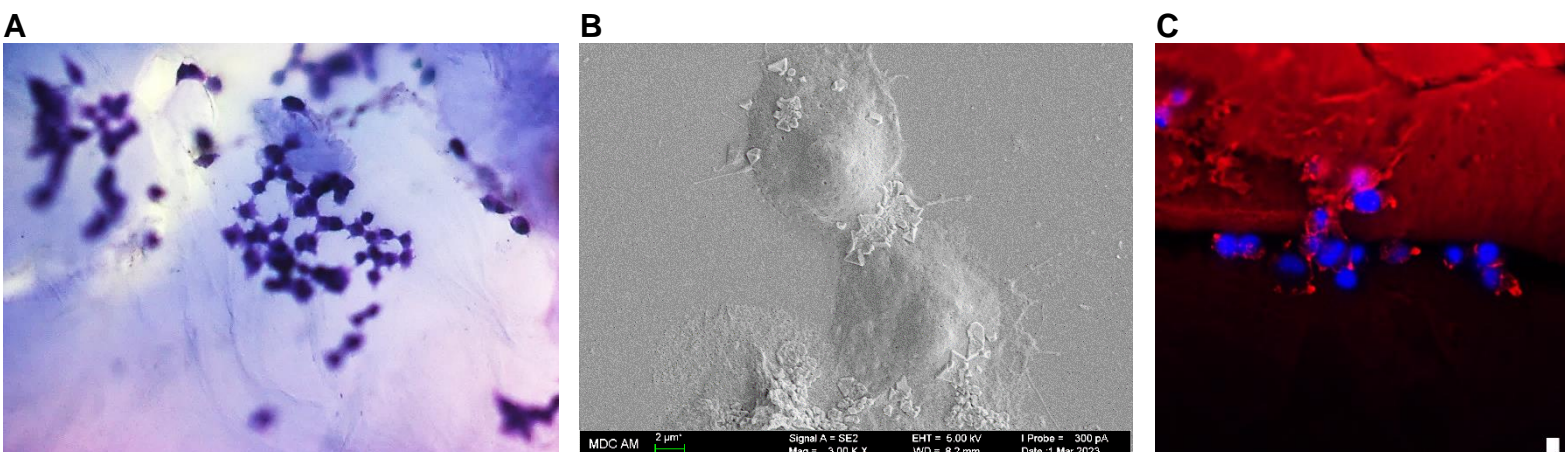


Figure S6. Images of fixed PC-12 cells on TM-modified PA matrices visualized at 24 h post-seeding using bright-field microscopy (A), scan electron microscopy (B), and laser scan confocal microscopy (C). The cells were stained with cresyl violet (bright-field microscopy) or phalloidin CruzFluor™ 647 conjugate (LSCM) prior visualization.