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P.S.E.4.

TESTING THE ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY OF HYDROXYAPATITE NANOPARTICLES IN VITRO

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Antimicrobial materials based on hydroxyapatite are very attractive for wide application in medicine and stomatology. The goal of this work was to test antimicrobial activity of hydroxyapatite nanoparticles Co/Ca- hydroxyapatite and biphasic calcium phosphate/ poly (lactide-co-glycolide) composite biomaterial. Antimicrobial activity of the samples was tested using dilution method and disk diffusion. The results of antimicrobial tests were obtained by determining the reduction percentage the number of bacteria in physiological solution where bacteria cells were exposed to the samples. It can be concluded that synthesized HAp biomaterials have satisfactory antimicrobial activity against tested bacteria strains.

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PGA CAPPED SILVER NANOPARTICLES FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATION

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Metallic nanoparticles possess unique electrical, optical and biological performances that have attracted considerable attention due to their potential use in many applications, such as catalysis, drug delivery, nanodevice fabrication, etc. Capped silver nanoparticles (AgNPs) have many biomedical applications due to its excellent biocompatibility, antiviral and antibacterial properties. However, in the literature it has been reported that bare silver nanoparticles can be toxic. This supports the idea that the toxicity is associated to the presence of bare metallic nanoparticle surfaces, while particles protected by the organic layer are much more biocompatible and thereby less toxic. Poly (α , γ , L-glutamic acid) (PGA) is a hydrophilic, biodegradable, and naturally available biopolymer. Its biological properties such as nontoxicity, biocompatibility, and nonimmunogenicity qualify it as an important biomaterial in drug delivery applications. In this study we used PGA as organic layer for silver nanoparticles. PGA capped silver nanoparticles were prepared by chemical reduction method with saccharides as reducing agent. The samples were characterized by particle analyzer, X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Ultraviolet Spectroscopy (UV).