

Bioceramic Materials



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Introduction to Bioceramics

Bioceramic:

Any ceramic, glass, or glass-ceramic used as a biomaterial, which is a material intended to interface with biological systems to evaluate, treat, augment, or replace any tissue, organ, or function of the body.

bio-

greek [*bios*]

— **life** —



-ceramic

greek [*keramikos*]

— relating to products made from clay,
pottery and brick —



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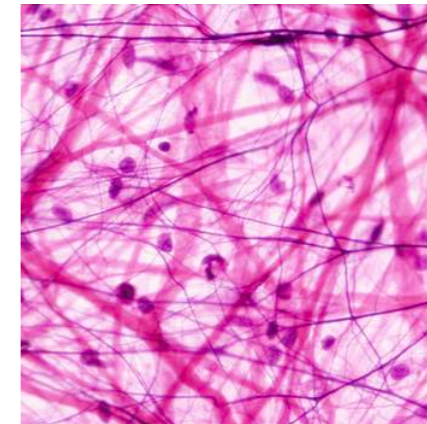
A large class of specially designed ceramics for the repair and reconstruction of diseased or damaged parts of the body



BONES



TISSUES



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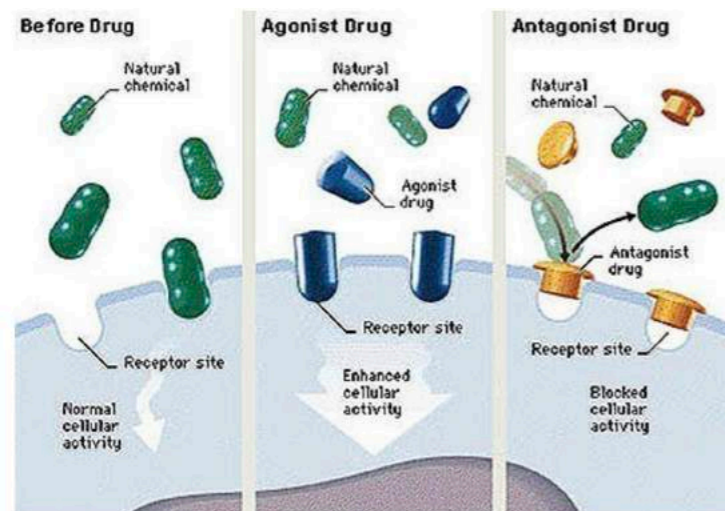
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DISEASE TREATMENTS



■ *Causes: virus, bacteria, autoimmune, cancer, genetic diseases*

■ *Target identification*

■ *Treatment*



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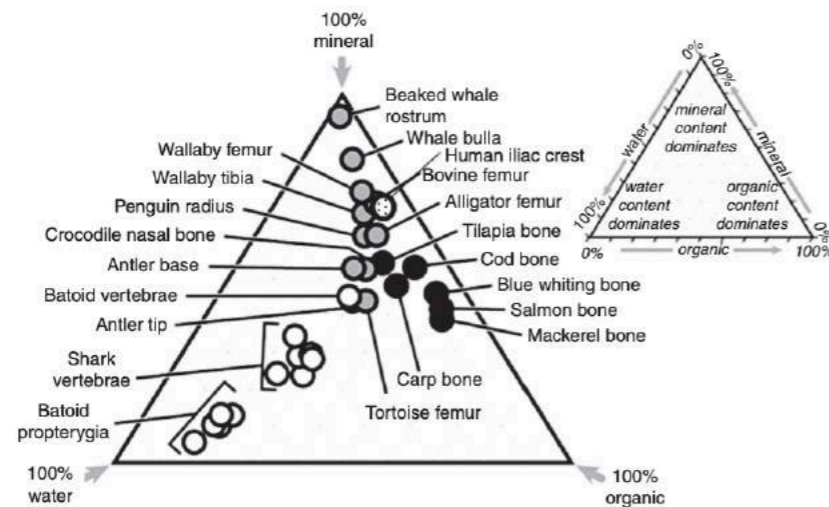
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Diseases

- Fractures
- Osteoporosis
- Osteomyelitis
- Osteosarcoma (cancer)
- Hyp dysplasia

capable to regenerate tissues

What was the solution for these diseases?

Time or amputation

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Composition

- 25 % water
- 30 % Organic mineral:
cells (osteoblast, osteoclast, osteocytes,
connective tissue) and **collagen**
- 45 % Inorganic mineral
calcium phosphates (HA) and **carbonates**

capable to regenerate tissues

Diseases

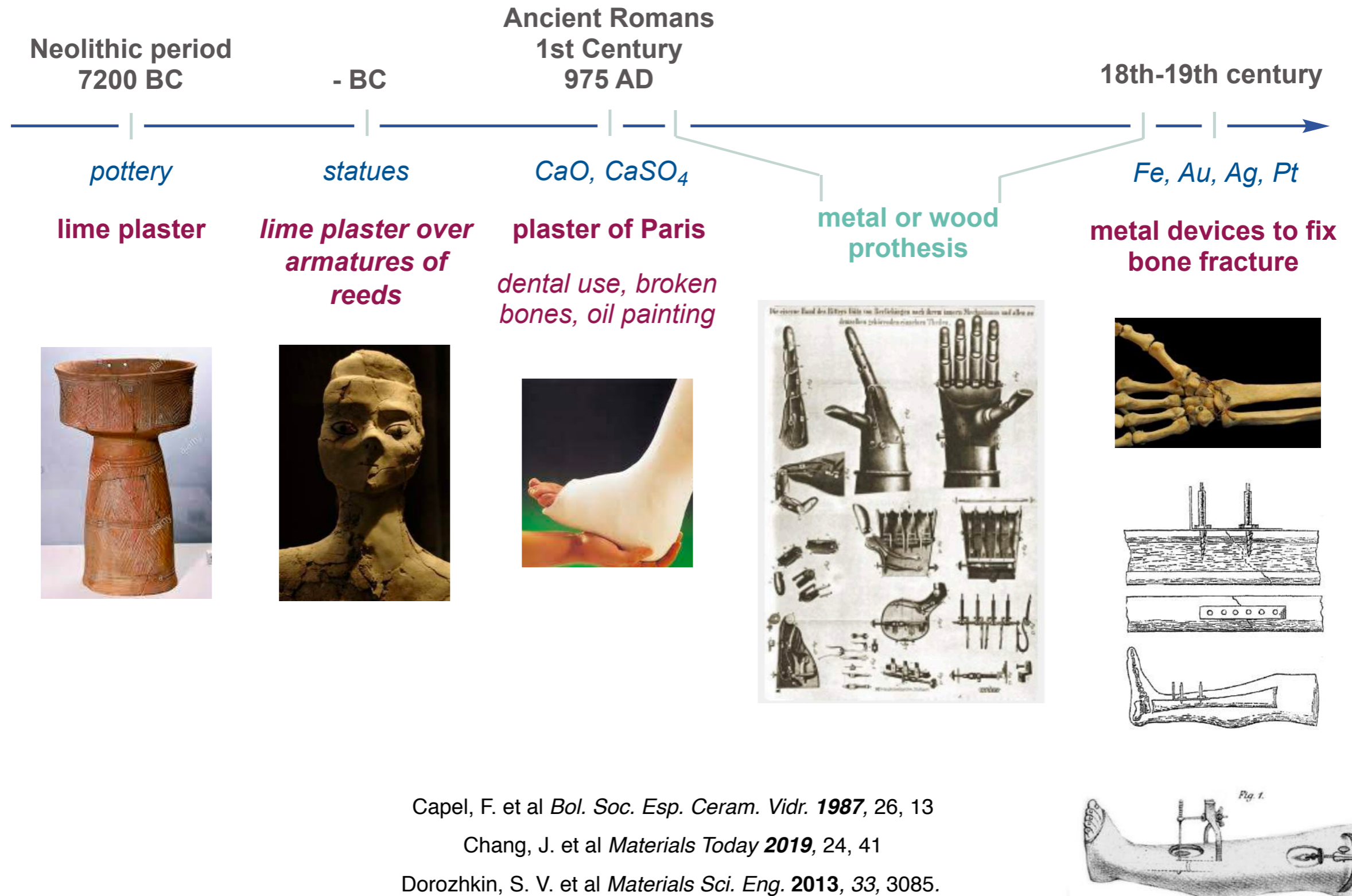
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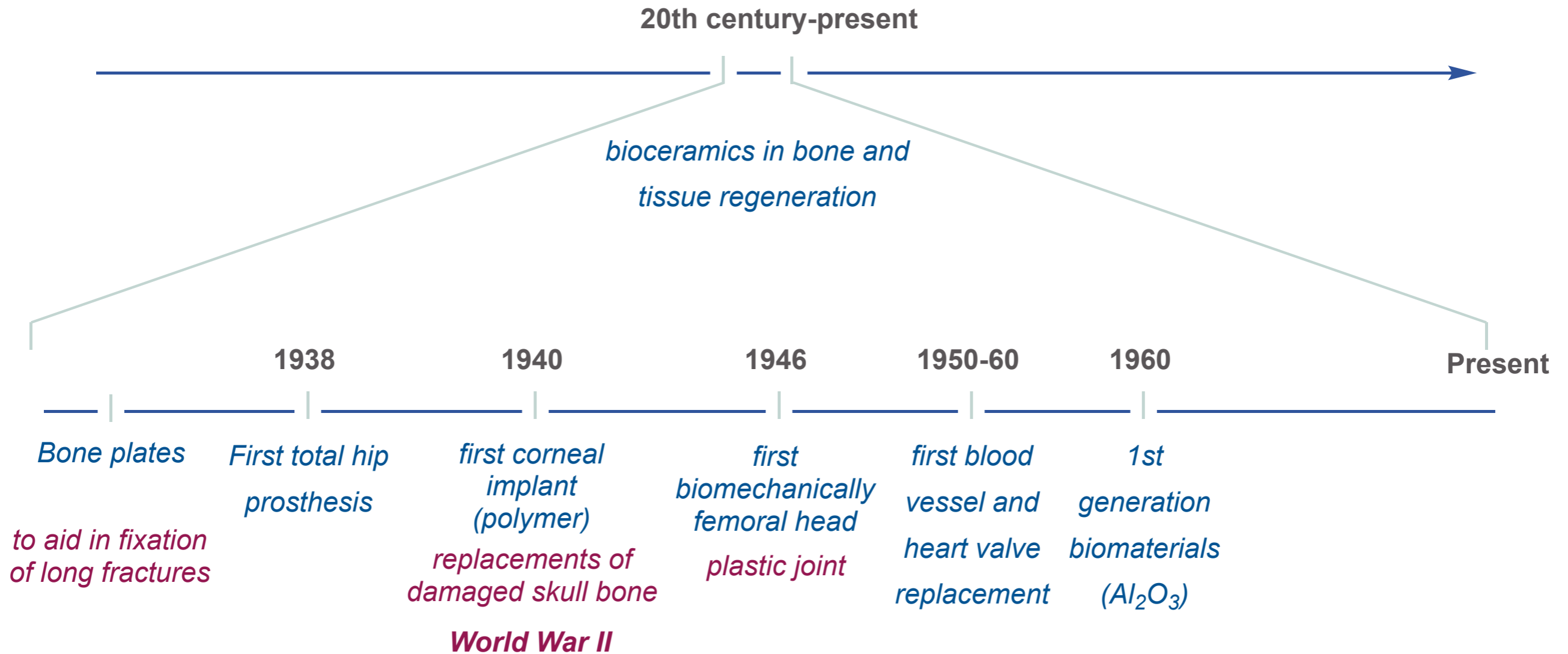
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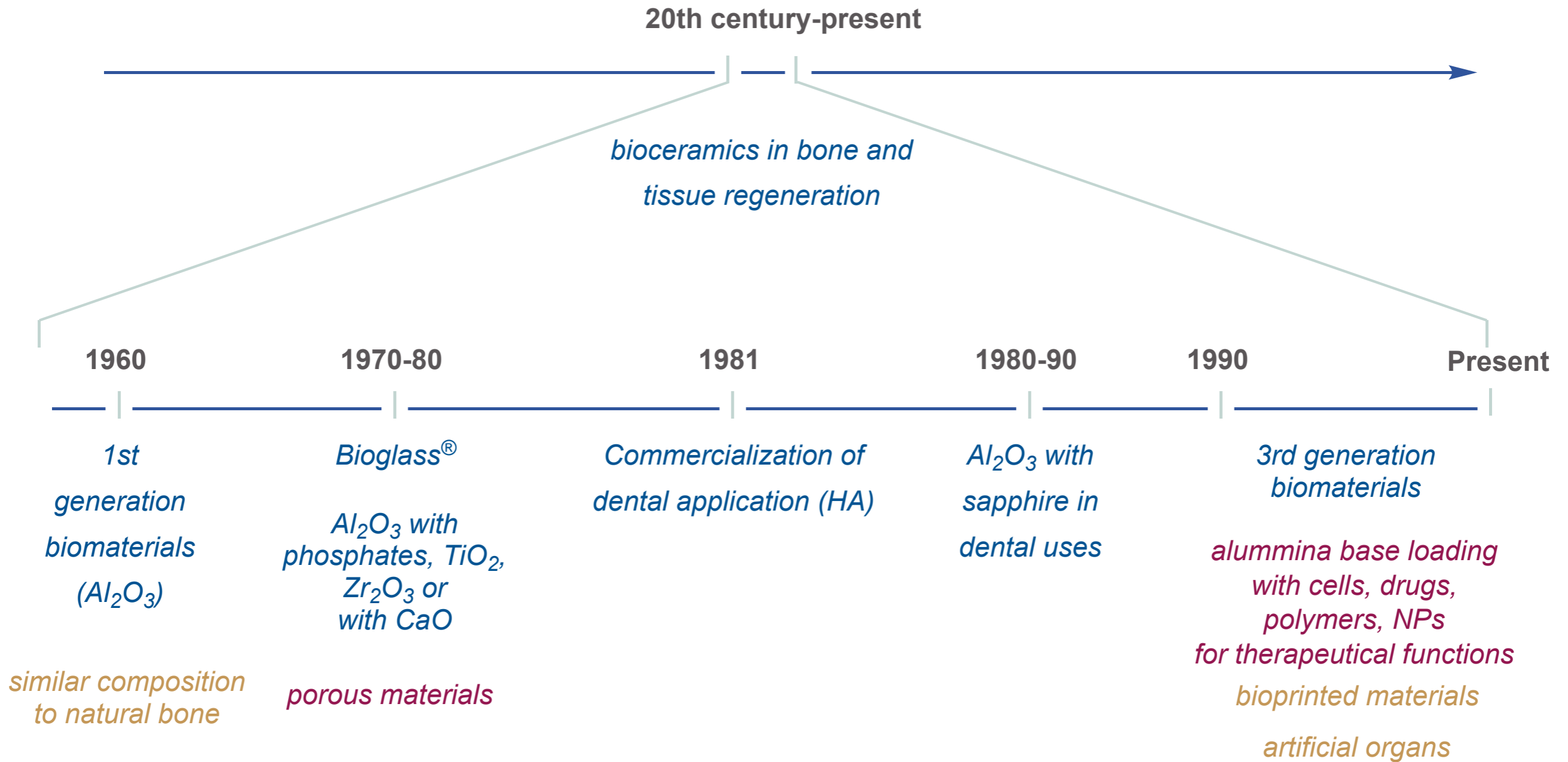
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Requirements and critical issues

Including foreign material into the body, we need to consider different parameters.

Different according with the time

■ **Geometry.**

— *Must fill the defects and guide during the regeneration process* —

■ **Bioactivity.**

— *Rapid tissue attachment and stable long-term bonding* —

■ **Biocompatibility.**

— *Ability to support normal cellular activity* —

■ **Chemical & biological stability/ Biodegradability.**

— *for indefinitely high stability, temporal devices must degrade gradually and be replaced by natural tissue*—

■ **Porous structure.**

— *interconnected porous structure to allow cell penetration, tissue in-growth*—

■ **Biological properties.**

— *angiogenesis, antibacterial effect, etc by release of appropriate ions*—

■ **Mechanical competence/compliance.**

— *adequate elastic compliance* —

■ **Fabrication & Commercialization potential.**

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Classification

1st generation

- Al_2O_3 or ZrO_2
- **Synthetic HA** $(Ca_{10})PO_4)_6(OH)_2$
as cement, granules or in the form of coatings on metallic joint prostheses

- *Cristalline ceramics, similar structure, composition to bone*
 - *inert, osteoconductivity: biocompatible, bonds with the host without scar tissue*

- *low mechanical properties*
 - *slow resorption rate*



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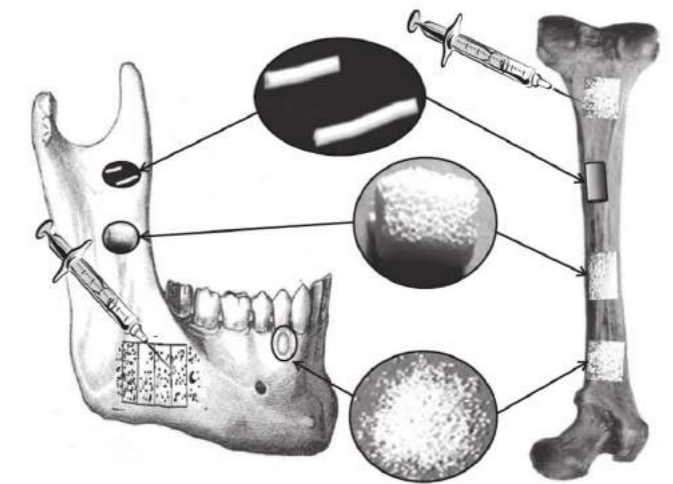
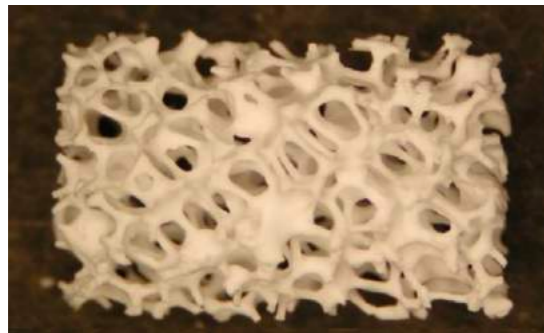
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Classification

2nd generation

- **Synthetic HA, calcium phosphate and silica-based BG.**
- **Bioglass (bioactive glasses)**
porous scaffolds, glass fibers

- *bond with the host, stimulate the cells to produce new tissue*
- *osteoconductivity: biocompatible, bioactive*
 - *partially crystalline materials*
- *better mechanical properties: higher elasticity, hardness, wear resistance*



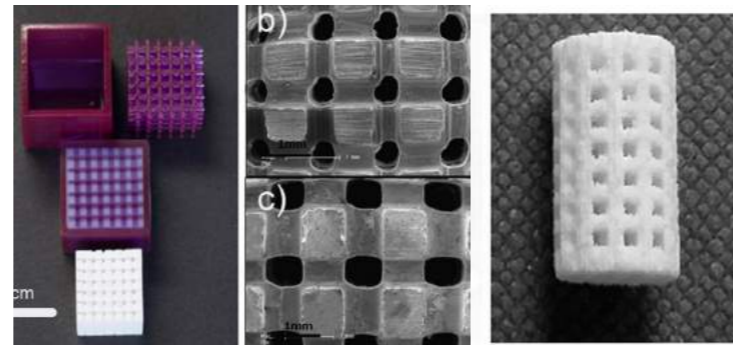
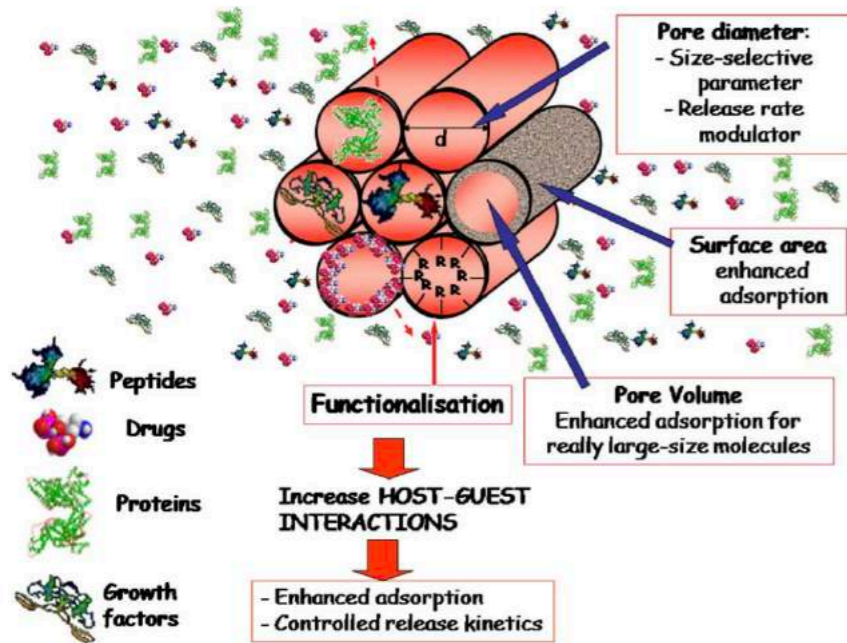
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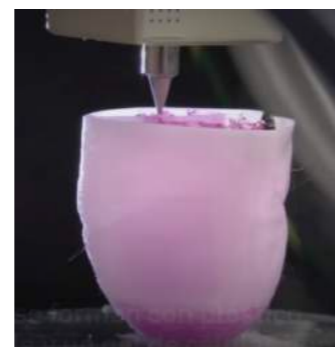
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3rd, (4th) generation

- **Synthetic HA, Bioglass-derived**
- **Composites, porous foams**
mesoporous glass particles, scaffolds with polymers, proteins, metal, NPs, drugs, stem cells
- *capable to functionalize surface, activate genes for regeneration*
- *bond with proteins, release cells, drugs*
- *degradation rates match with generation of new tissue*
 - *high fatigue resistance*



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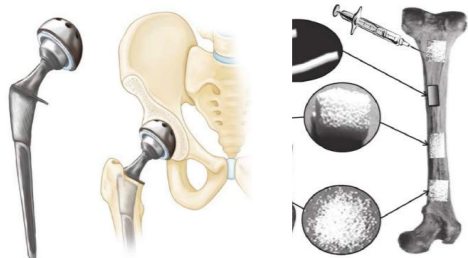
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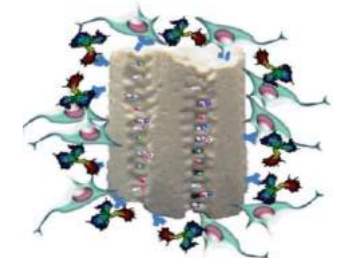
fabrication of prosthesis
and implants

tissue engineering
cell therapy

Bionic Approach



Regeneration Medical Approach



The human body repair

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Similar material with different properties. How can we synthesize them?

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Fabrication Technologies of bioceramic scaffolds

- **Solid-state reaction.** *Repeated cycles of milling and calcination of the powders*

1st generation

high crystallinity

non-porous material

- **Wet-state reaction.**

Foaming Methods

General method

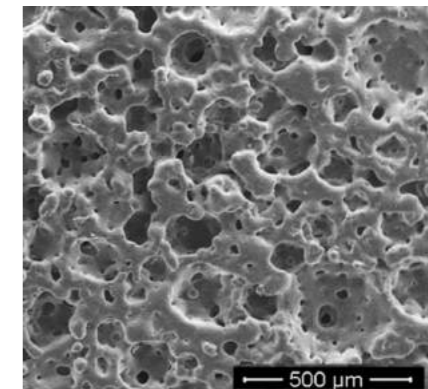
dispersion of gas into a ceramic suspension/colloidal sols.
Follow by solidification



porous from 20um to 2 mm

poor interconnectivity

non-porous external surface



— bioactive glasses, Ca scaffolds. porosity can be modulated —

H₂O₂ foaming

mixing ceramic powder with aqueous sol. of H₂O₂.
It's moulded and stored at 60 °C

gel-cast foaming (polymerization)

an organic monomer with an initiator and a catalyst, then add the surfactant

sol-gel foaming

sol-gel technology and mechanical frothing

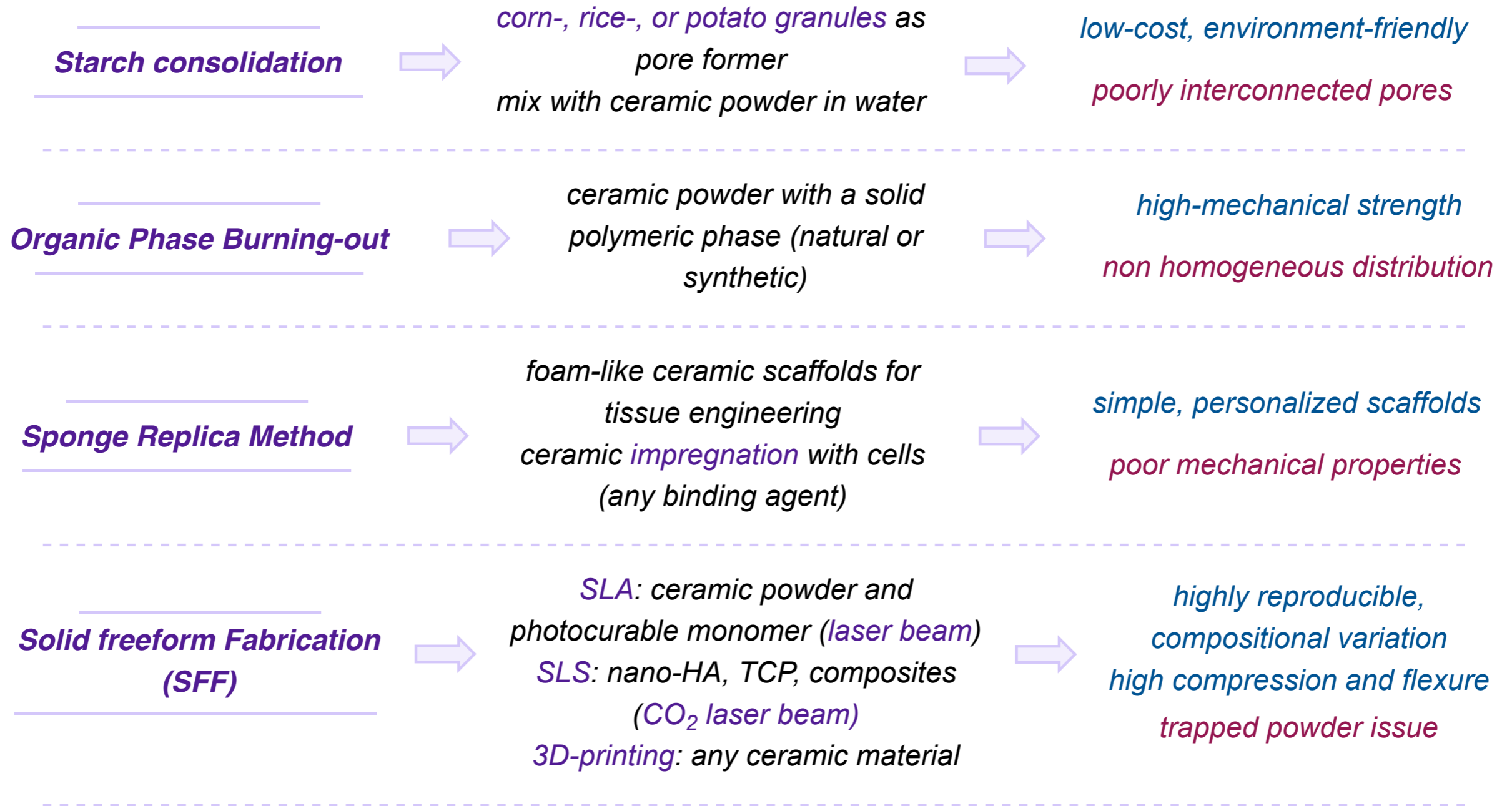


hierachical structure with interconnected macropores (promotes cell adhesion)

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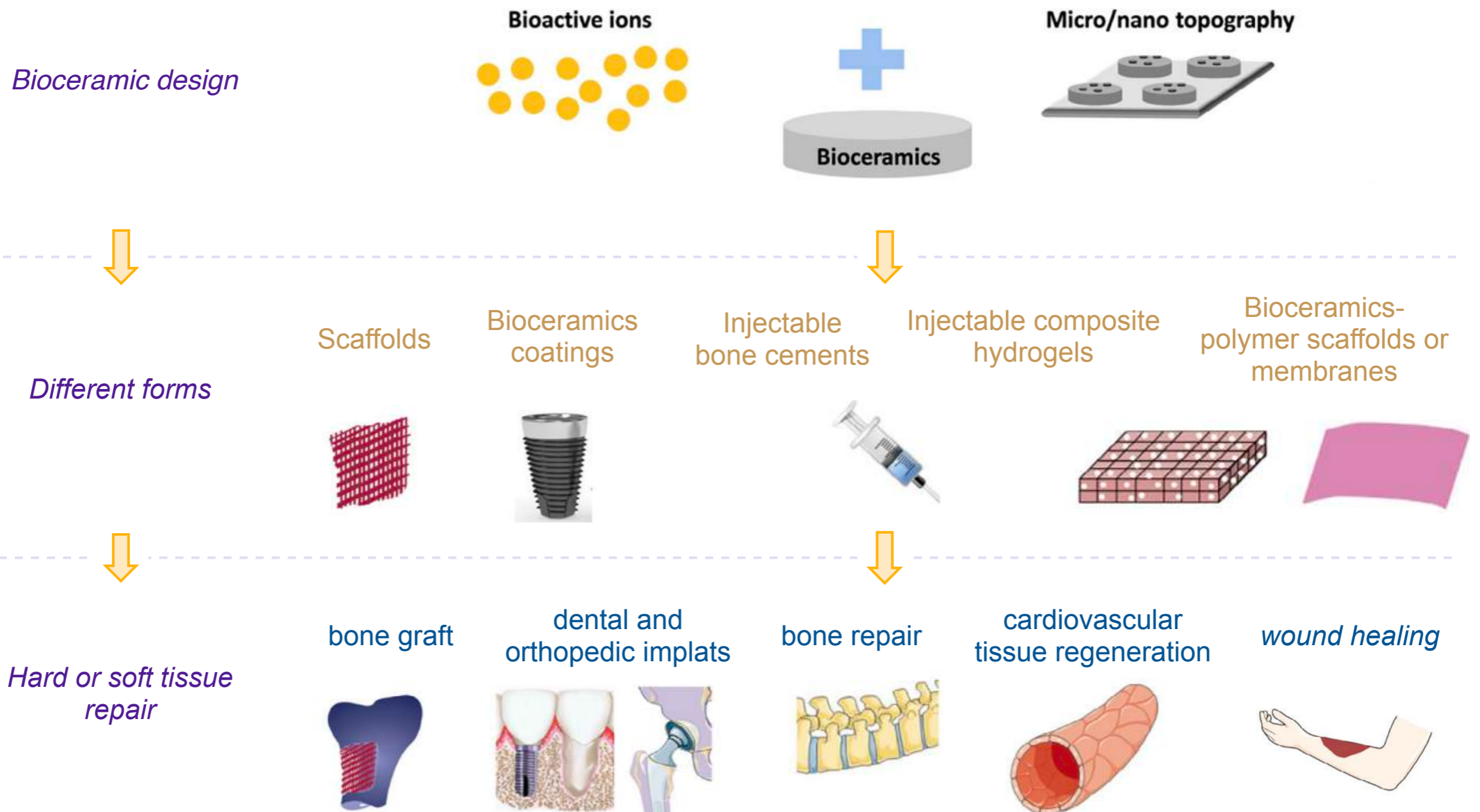
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From the scaffold design to the application



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Application in tissue engineering

HA, calcium phosphates, Bioglass

Bioactive glass (polymers, phosphates) or MBG (mesoporous bioactive glass)

Bone defect repair

Skin tissue engineering

Joint prosthesis

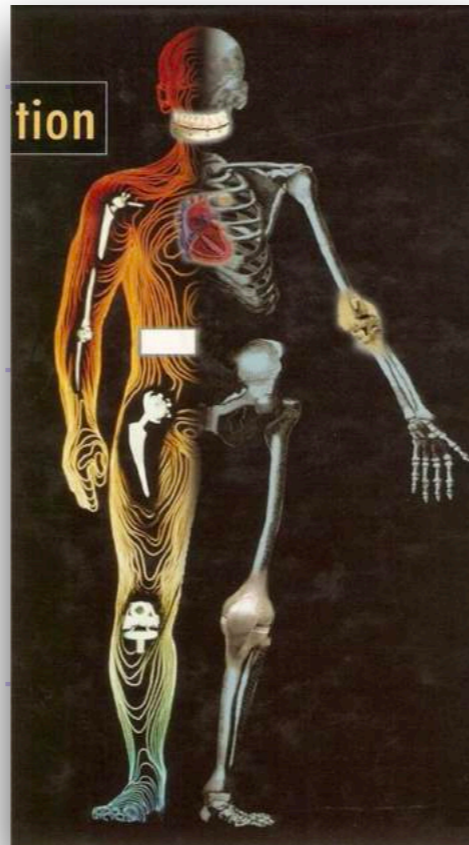
Lung tissue engineering

Orbital implant

Muscle tissue engineering

Wound healing

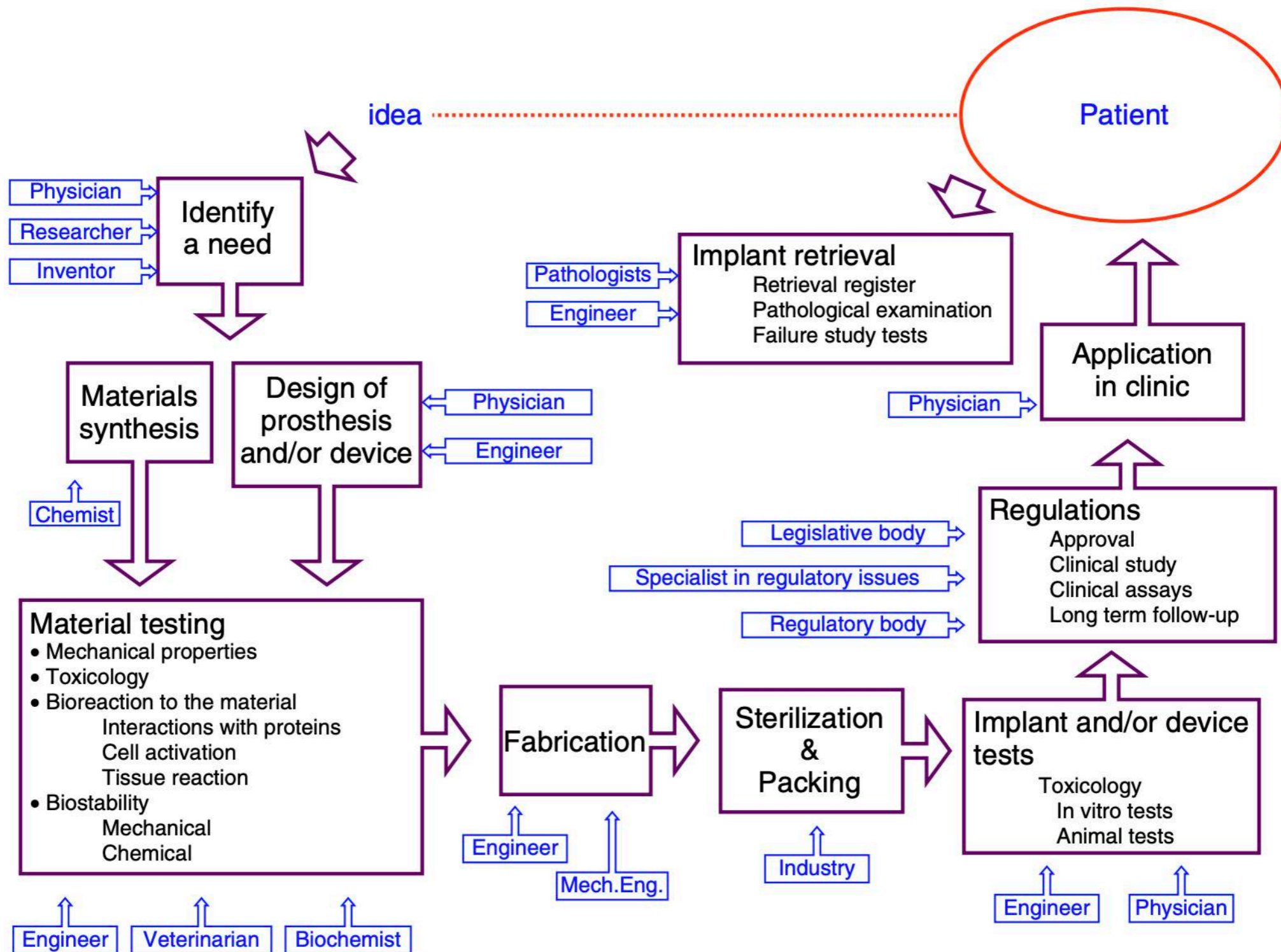
Peripheral nerve repair



non-osseous applications: gastric ulcers, injectable radioactive glasses for killing cancer cell in liver tumor, cardiac tissue engineering, nerve regeneration

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Workflow



Bone regeneration with micro/nano hybrid-structured BCP bioceramics

Segmental bone defect and induced immunoregulation of MSCs

■ Synthesis of bioceramics.

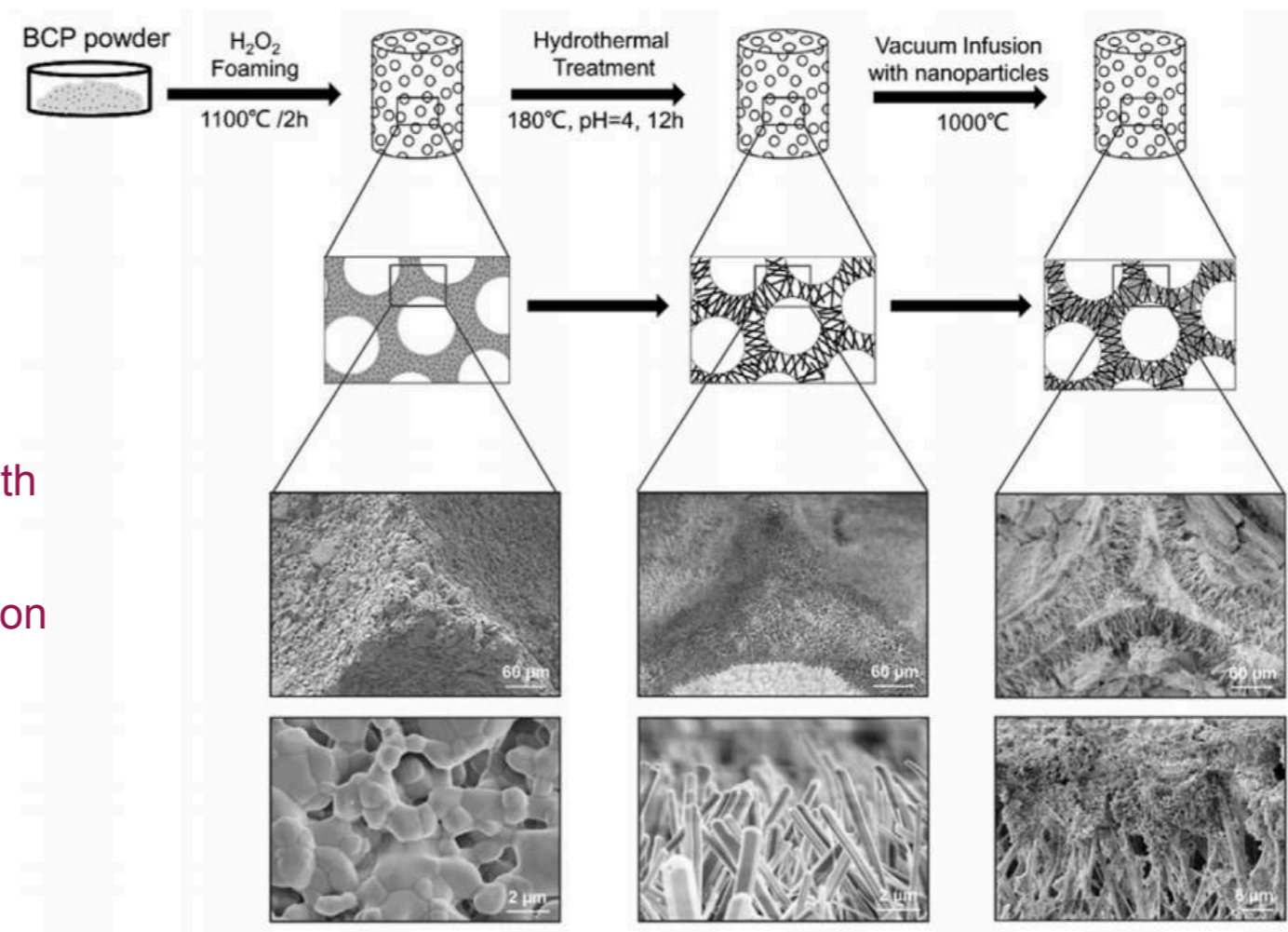
HA: hydroxyapatite

β -TCP: tricalcium phosphate

BCP: biphasic calcium phosphate
(combination of HA, TCP)

hBCP: micro-whisker scaffold BCP and nanoparticles

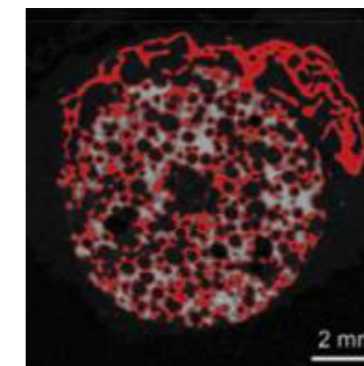
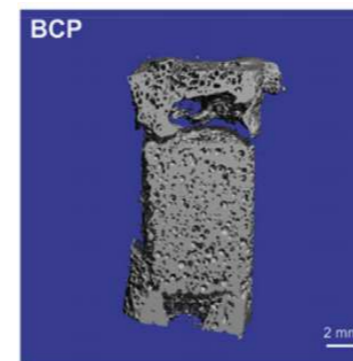
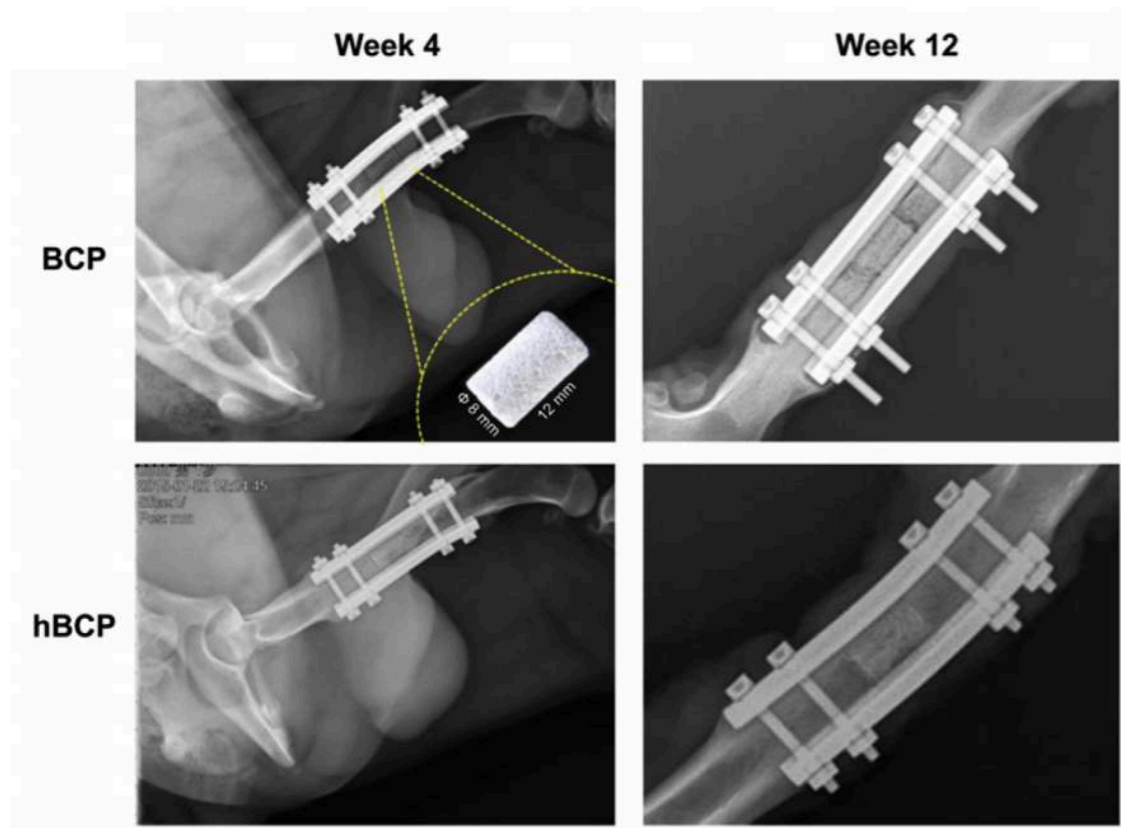
1. Chemical precipitation
2. Porous BCP by H_2O_2 foaming
3. Hydrothermal treatment to growth of micro-whiskers
4. BCP-Nanoparticle slurry adsorption



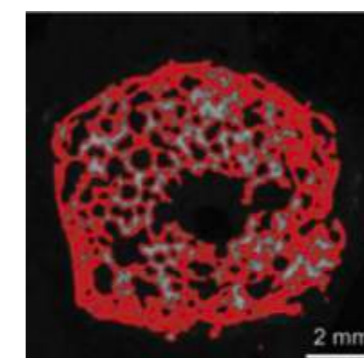
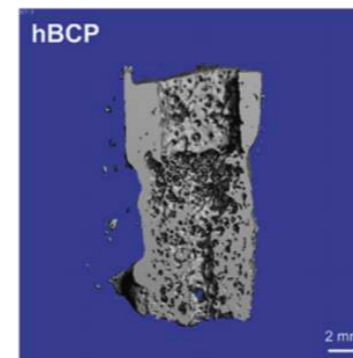
Bone regeneration with micro/nano hybrid-structured BCP bioceramics

Segmental bone defect and induced immunoregulation of MSCs

■ Result for bone regeneration.



control group: uneven amount of bone material at periphery (callus formation)



hBCP group: tissue tightly enfolded

the contour of the ends were no longer distinguishable from the host bone for hBCP

better integration with host bone tissue

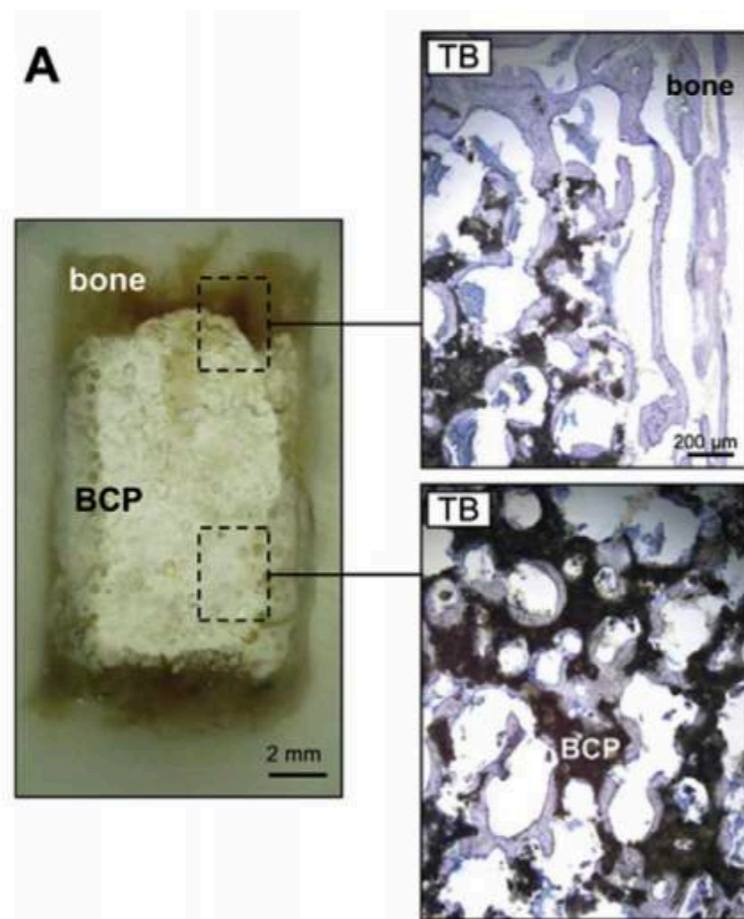
bone substitution in both groups due to the interconnected porous structure.

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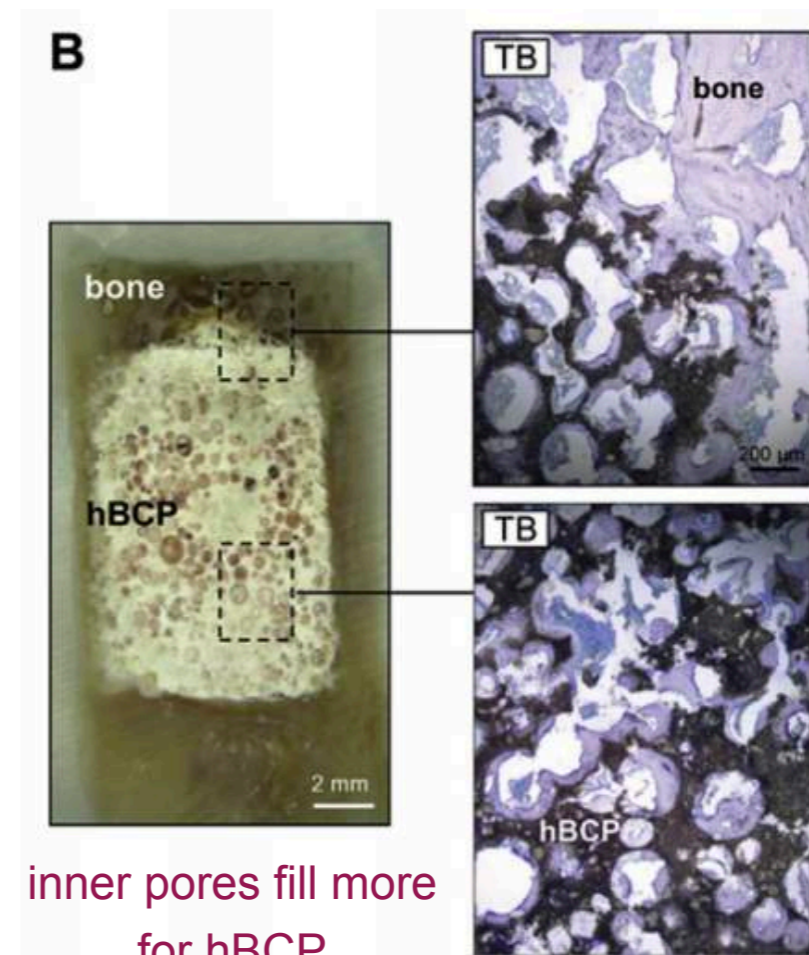
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good host bone integration and osteoconductive ability



in blue:
newly formed bone



inner pores fill more
for hBCP

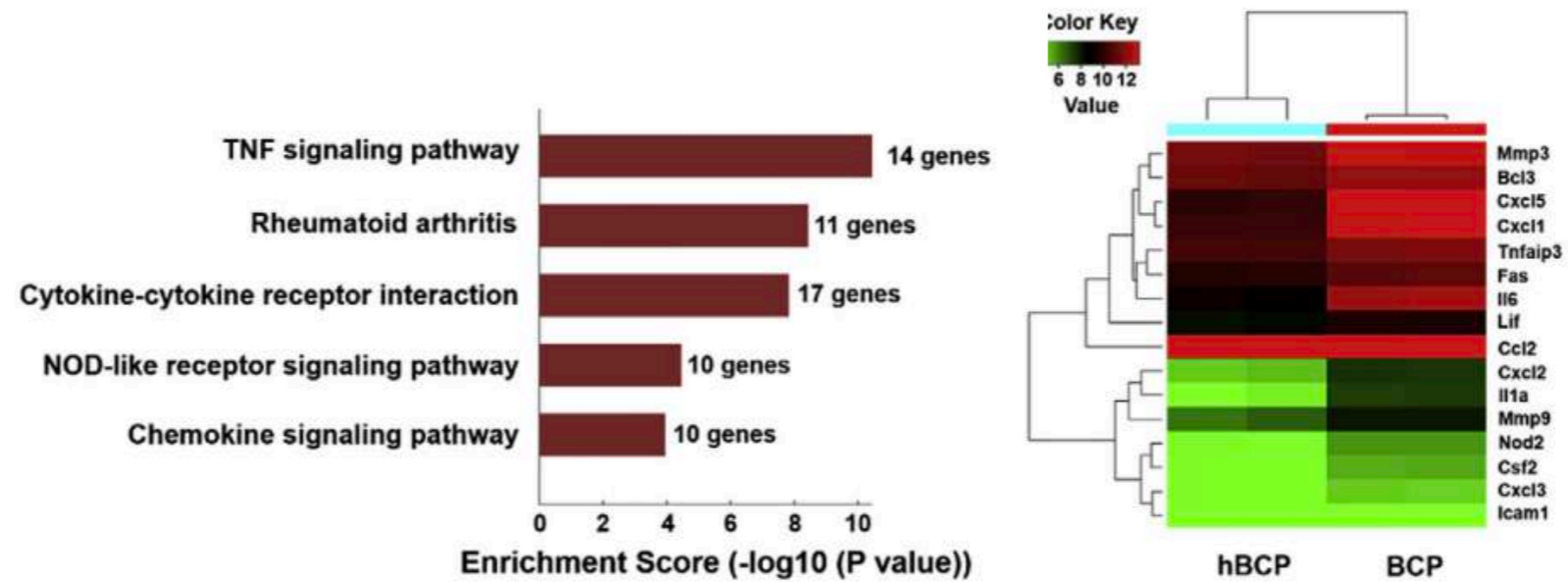
*closely attached to the wall of
inner pores of the bioceramics*

**lower elasticity for newly
formed bone**

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■ Result for gene expression.



27,255 genes were evaluated

(594 genes upregulated and 287 downregulated).

Genes associated with inflammatory response. TNF (tumor necrosis factor) was the most involved

micro/nano hBCP could be a potential alternative for regeneration of bone at early stage of implantation and for the treatment of massive bone defects

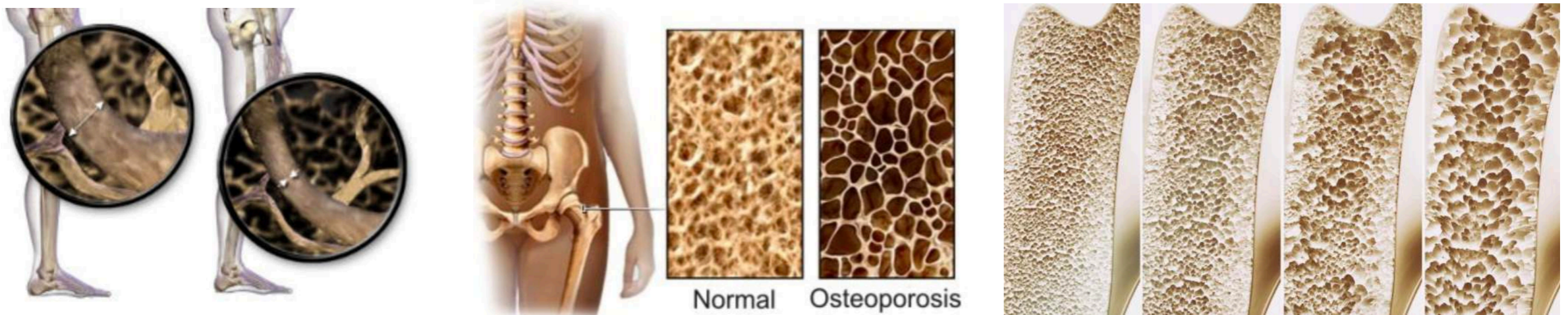
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Osteogenesis, angiogenesis for osteoporotic bone regeneration

■ Osteoporosis.

*Osteoporosis (porous bones) is a condition that affects the bones, causing them to **become weak and more likely to fracture**.*

It is characterized by low bone mass, poor bone strength and microarchitectural deterioration of bone. Osteoporosis occurs when the creation of new bone doesn't keep with the removal of old bone (osteoclast and osteoblast function) and there is loss of calcium ions.



■ invisible disease

■ depends on the sex, age, raze, country

■ estrogen deficiency

treatments for fractures and pains, not to regenerate the bones

— *Osteogenesis and angiogenesis are the formation of new bones and blood vessels* —

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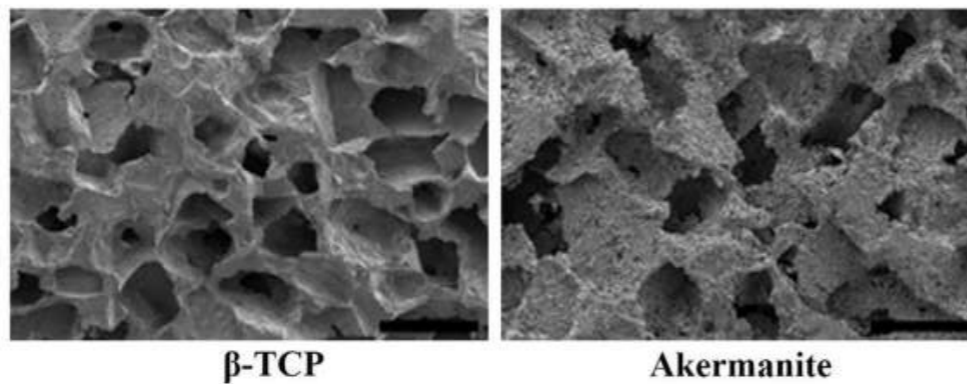
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β -TCP or akermanite scaffolds (using PEG as porogens)

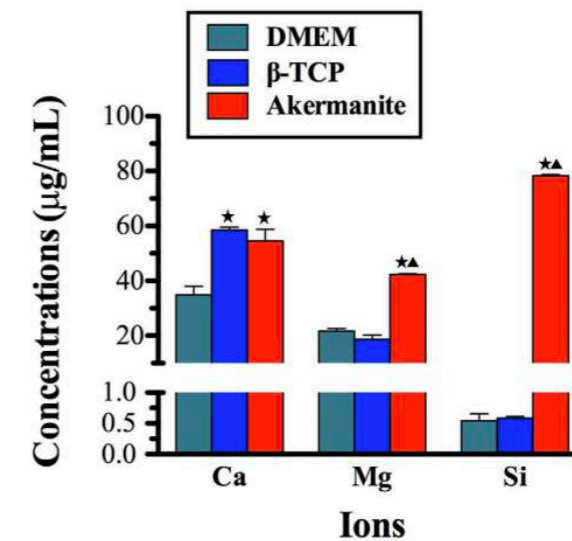


culture cell in akermanite or β -TCP extract (BMSCs-OVX) or in vivo experiments (fill the defect with the bioceramics)

- synthesis -



porous material



composition

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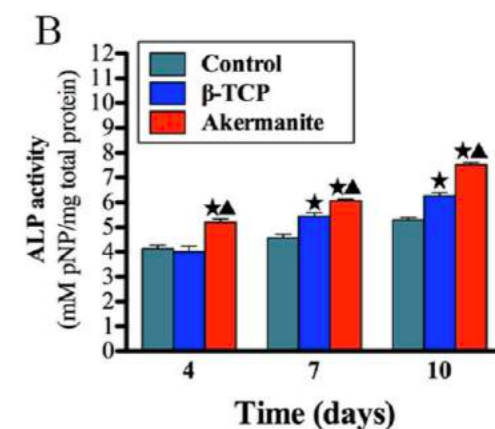
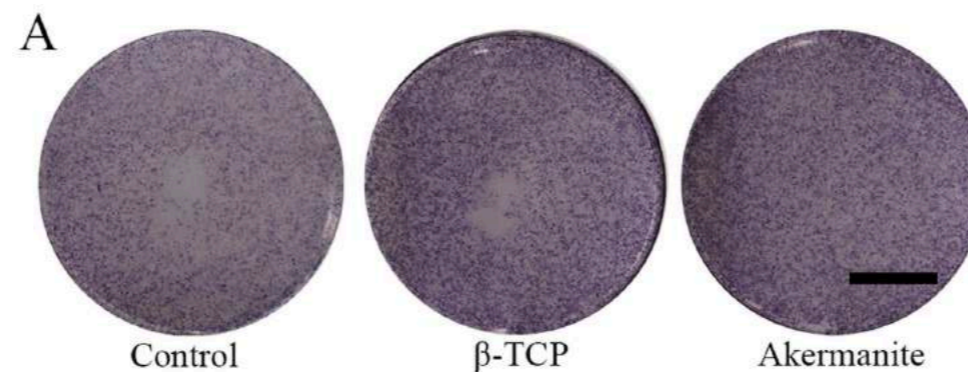


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- in vitro assay -

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good response for
osteogenesis and
angiogenesis



Increase the osteoblast formation with the culture cell time

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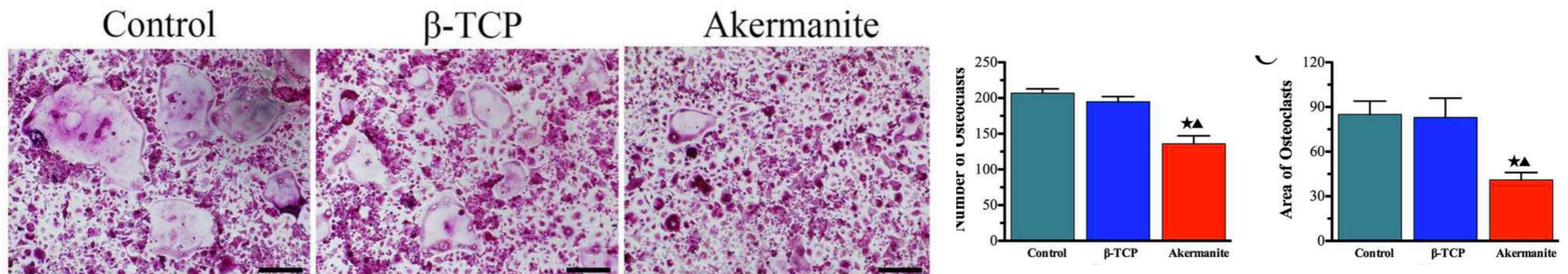
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great response for suppression of osteoclastogenesis

Decrease the osteoclast formation with the culture cell time
Inhibit bone degradation

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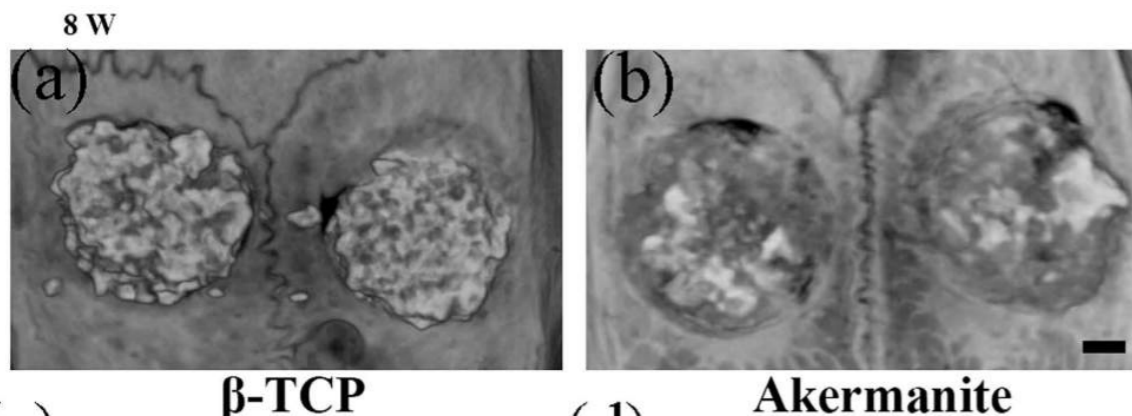
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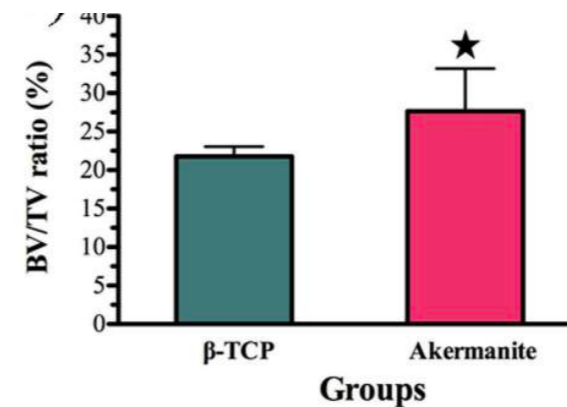
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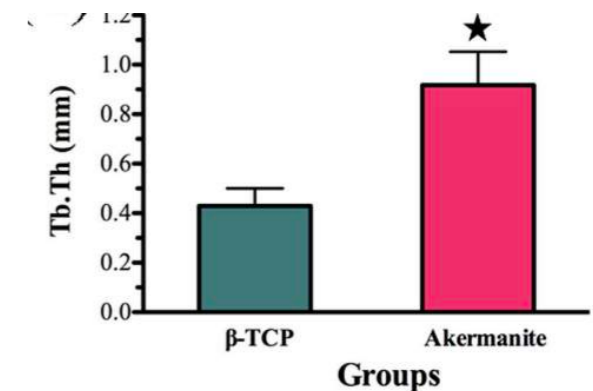
8 weeks postoperation



bone reconstruction more effective for akermanite scaffold



bone volume/tissue volume



3-D measure of trabecular thickness

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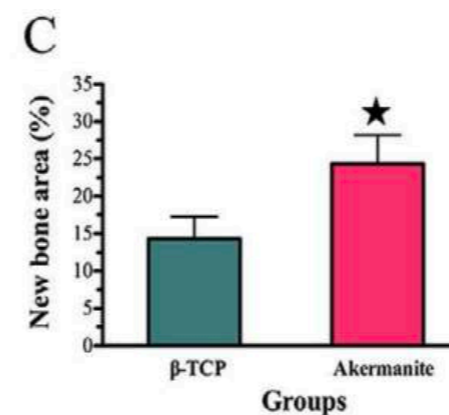
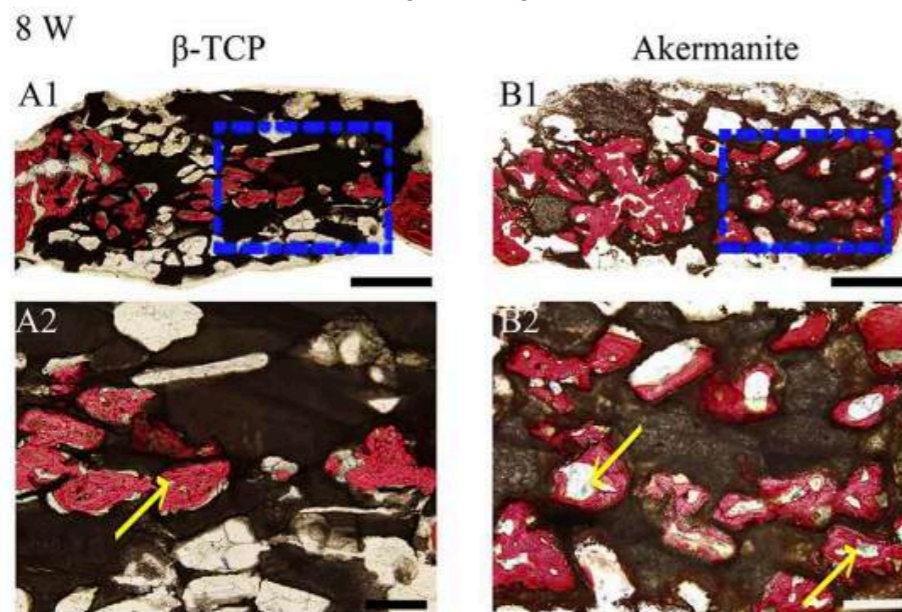
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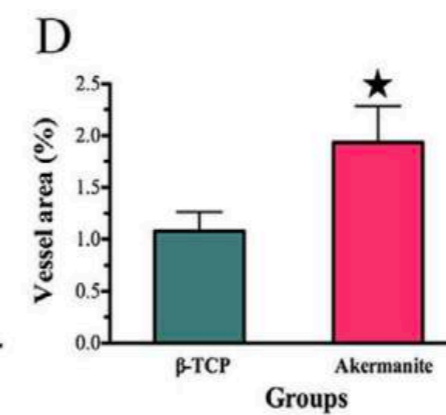
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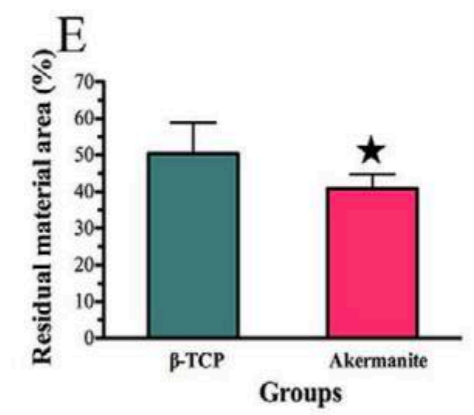
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new bone area



new vessel area



residual material

new blood vessel formation

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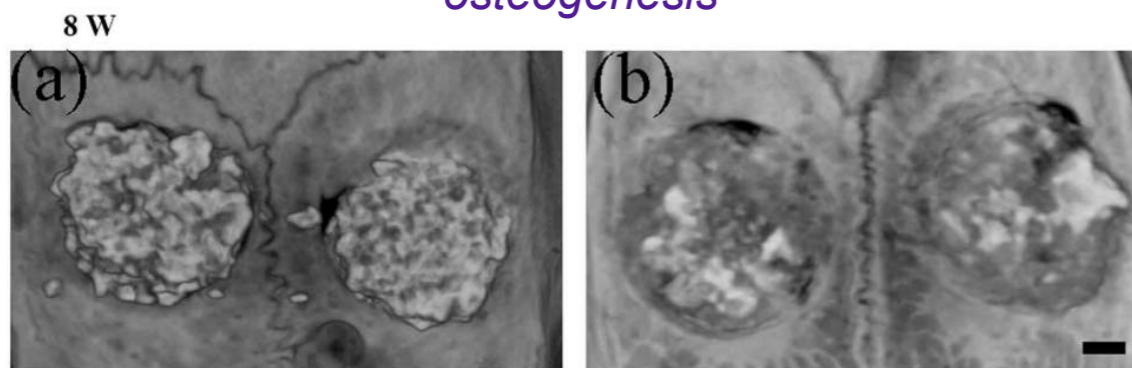
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- conclusion -

osteogenesis



β -TCP

Akermanite



angiogenesis

■ Akermanite bioceramics improve cell proliferation, osteogenic differentiation of OVX-BMSCs and expression of angiogenic factors.



High osteoinductive activity, stimulated angiogenesis and inhibited osteoclastogenesis



The effect of Mg and Si ions on osteogenesis, angiogenesis and osteoclastogenesis



promising for osteoporotic bone regeneration

Mesenchymal stem cells on porous β -TCP ceramic scaffolds

Bone regeneration and angiogenesis by gene transfer

■ Gene transfer technology.

Gene therapy can be defined as the deliberate transfer of DNA for therapeutic purposes.

The transplantation of normal genes into cells in place of missing or defective ones in order to correct genetic disorders

■ Mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs).

primitive cells that can be differentiated into bone-forming cells, adipocytes, hemocytoblast, mastocytes or fibroblast.

■ Basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF).

Accelerate bone healing (osteogenesis and angiogenesis) by promoting the proliferation and differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) and the regeneration of capillary vasculature.



Gene-based delivery systems



bFGF-modified gene transfected MSCs seeded on biodegradable porous β -tricalcium phosphate ceramics



for Bone regeneration and Angiogenesis

Mesenchymal stem cells on porous β -TCP ceramic scaffolds

Bone regeneration and angiogenesis by gene transfer

- β -TCP as ceramic scaffolds ($\text{CaO}(49\%) \cdot \text{P}_2\text{O}_5(48.8\%) \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{O}(1.3\%) \cdot \text{MgO}(0.4\%)$).



each β -TCP was seeded with gene-transfected cells

control group:
DNA transfected MSCs/TCP

experimental group:
DNA-bFGF-transfected MSCs/TCP

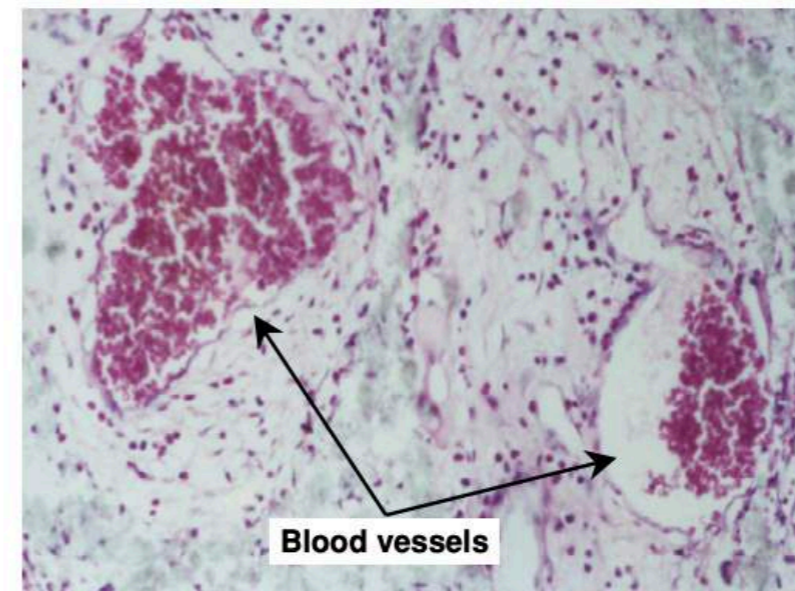


2 weeks
callous around defects

8 weeks
fixation was united

12 weeks
bony union. no defects

- in vivo -



2 weeks post-operation.
Capillary vasculature in the porous

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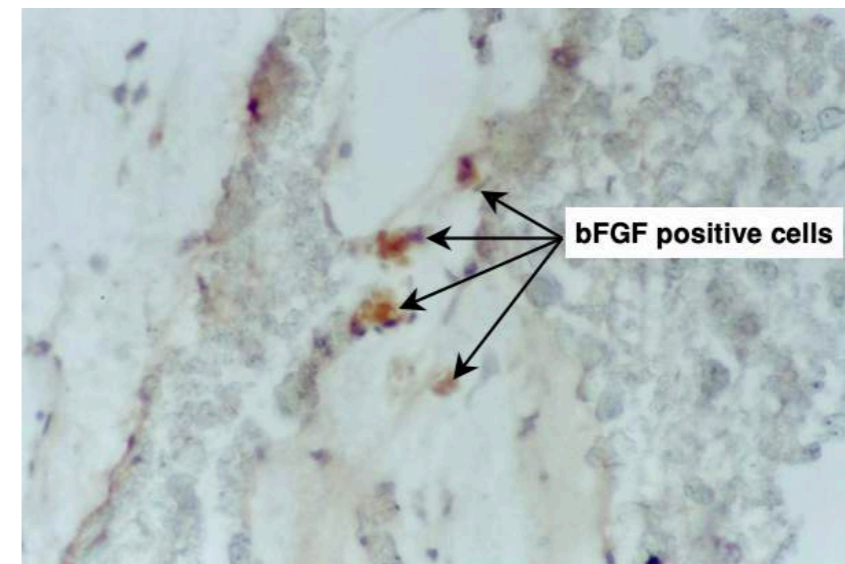
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staining cells can be seen in
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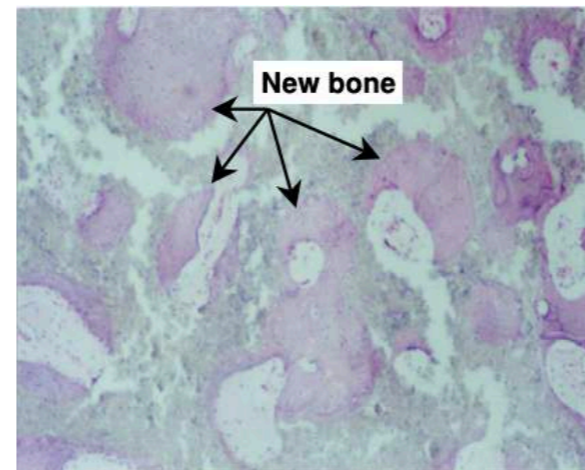


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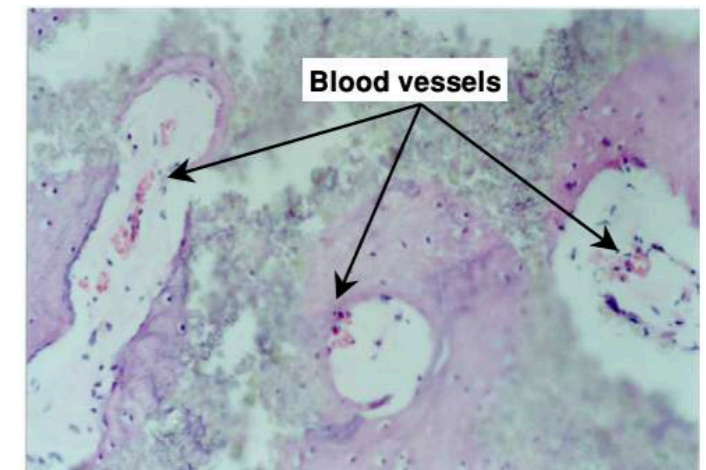
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new bone generated in
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capillary vasculature
formation in the central
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- angiogenic capacity of bFGF
- blood supply for the life of seeded cells
- great for bone regeneration



large bone defect therapies

transfer of bFGF encoding gene into MSCs increases the osteogenic and angiogenic properties



Benefit to accelerate bone healing, especially caused atrophic nonunion and avascular necrosis of the femoral head

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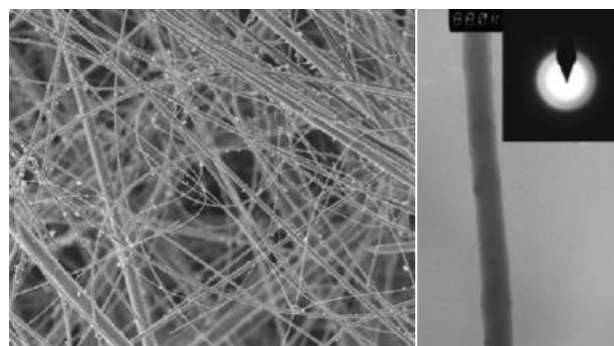


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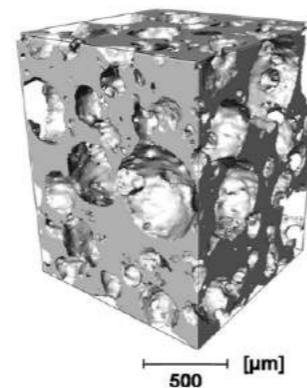


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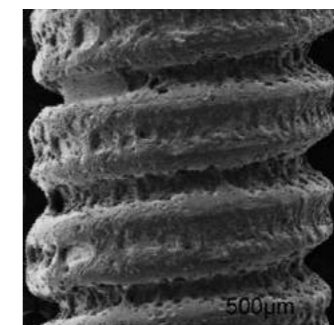
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bioactive glass nanofibers



X-ray.
BG by gel cast foaming



Ti₆Al₄V dental implant with bioglass coating

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commercial available for BonAlive

bone regeneration *benign bone tumor surgery*
trauma, spine surgery *inhibiting bacterial growth*
mastoid surgery *bone infection surgery*

BonAlive S53P4

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Aneurysmal bone cyst



pre-operative



post-operative



long-term follow up



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remnants of glass granules in the bone

BonAlive®

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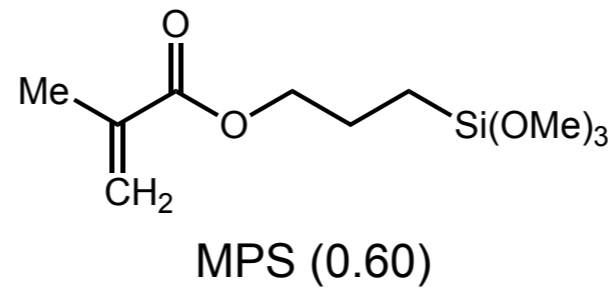
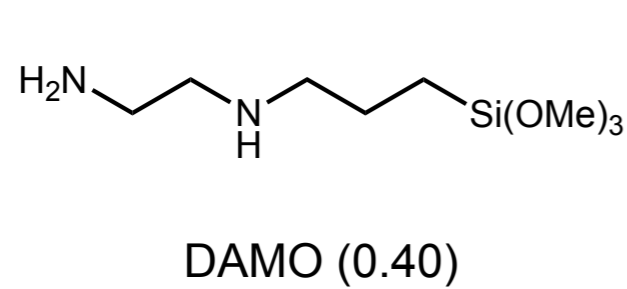
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Other biomaterials

Drug delivery, 3-D printing

- Drug encapsulated in hybrid bioceramics.



sol-gel precursors

gelation

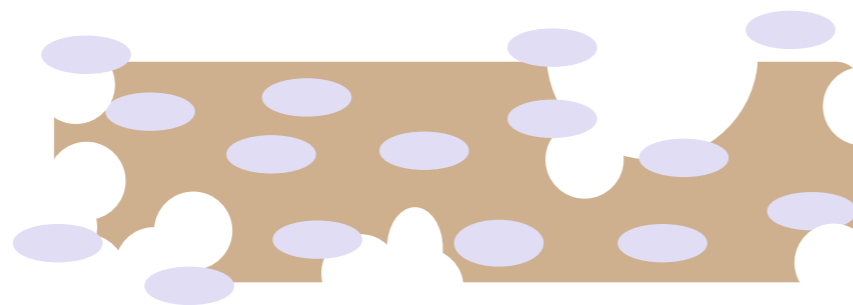
Biological Entity
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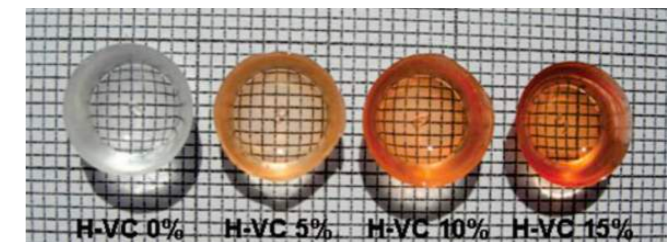
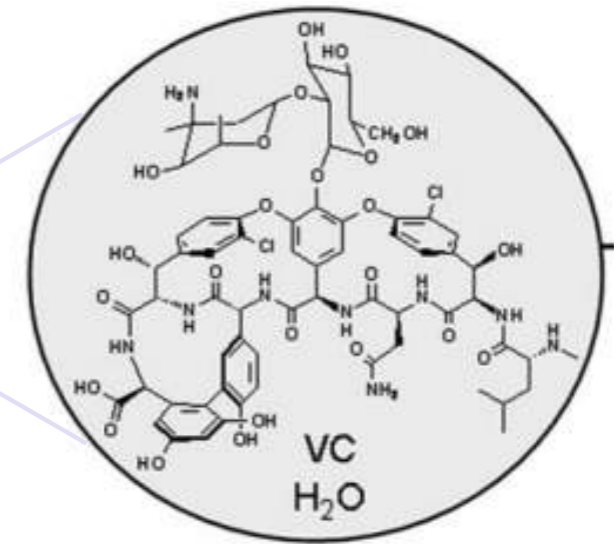
lag time

Swelling Process

Glassy to Rubber Transition



in vitro release



Xerogel with different concentrations of vancomycin

Zero-release period up to 38 h
VC release during 8 days

Current-future bioceramics

Drug delivery, 3-D printing

- Bone fixation and organ design.



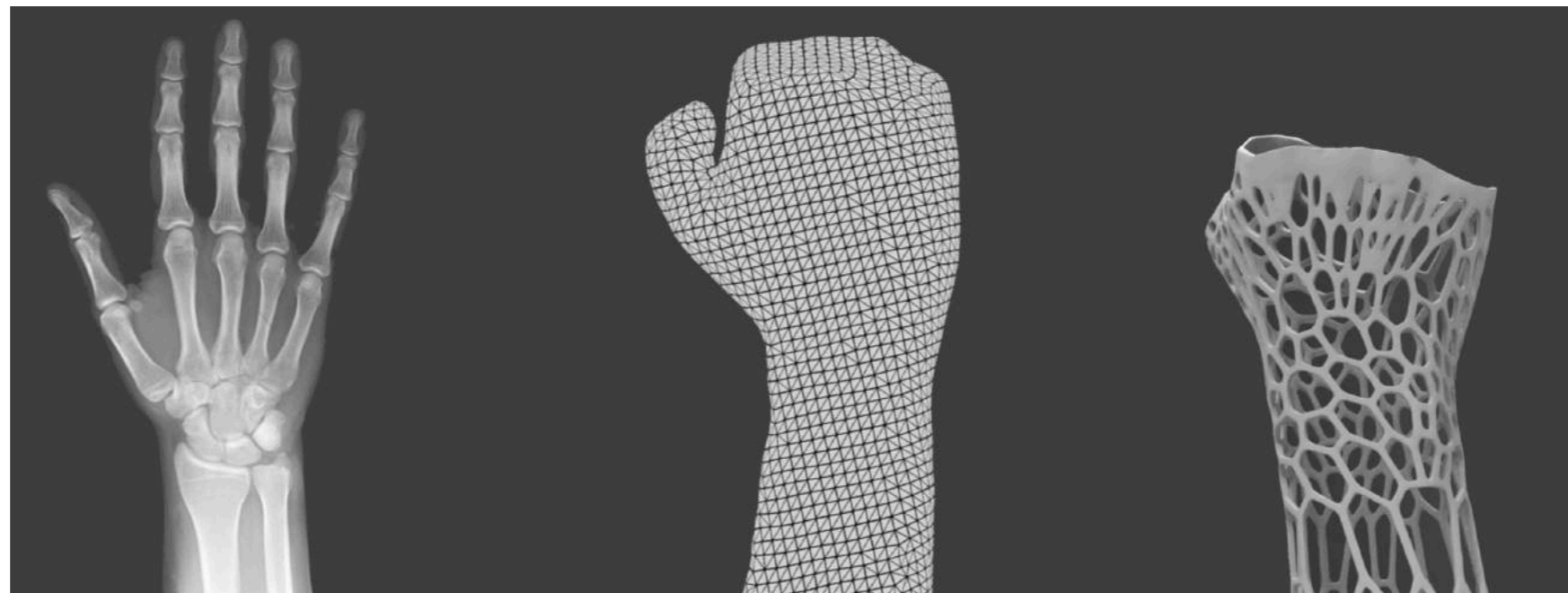
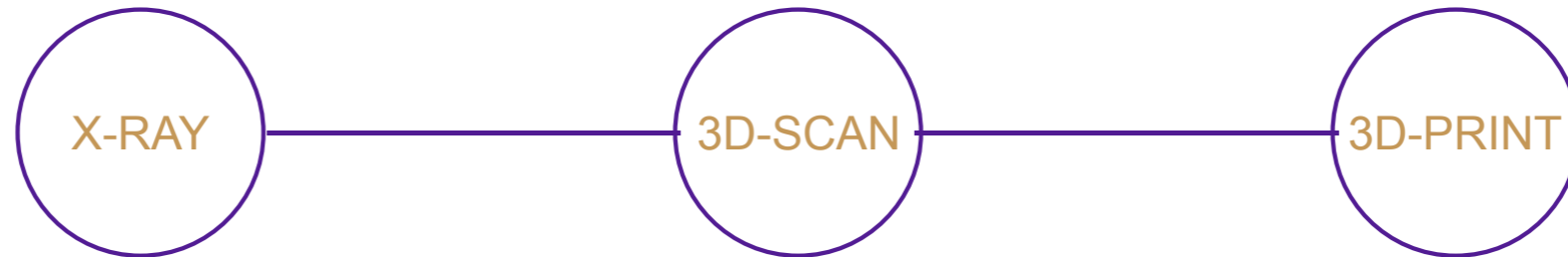
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Cortex®

3D impressions

treatment process



Current-future bioceramics

Drug delivery, 3-D printing

- Organ design. 3D-print transplantable.

Issues

- *Not enough transplantable organs*
- *After a transplant, the patient is treated with drugs or immunosuppressants*



3D-Organ

- *Printing cells in a small area we can build a 3D-organ*
- *Need to use the desired cells*
- *Bioinks which provide a porous structure*

- First approach for kidney transplant. Using a donor kidney with patient culture cells.

Clean the healthy kidney removing the donor cells

Collagen preserve the organ structure

cultured patient cells placed on the kidney

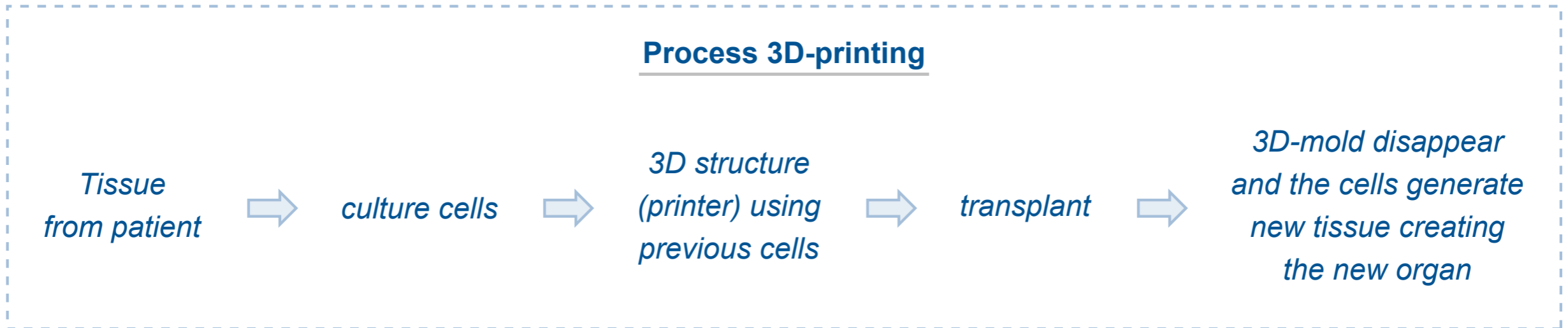


rat kidney

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- Second approach for organ transplant.

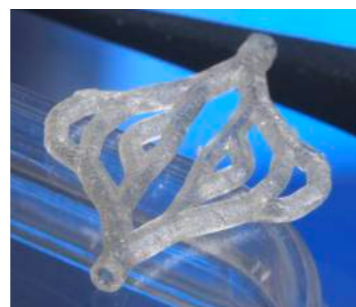


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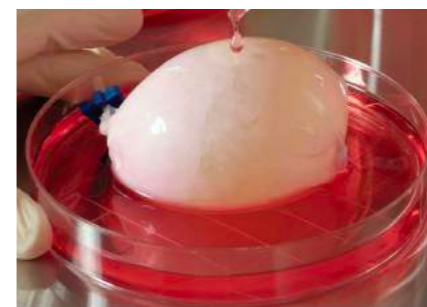
Flat structures

skin tissues



Tubular structures

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Hollow non-tubular organs

bladder, stomach



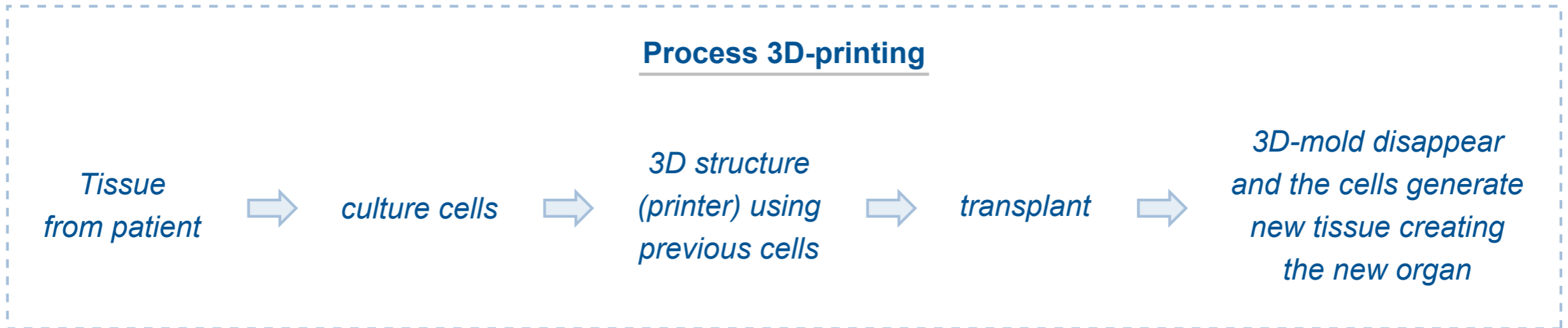
Organs level 4

*lung, heart
high complexity
only for study
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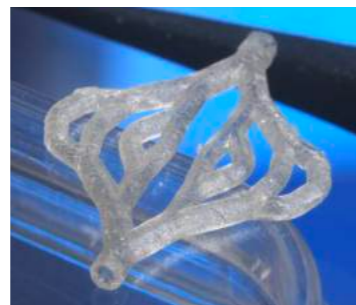


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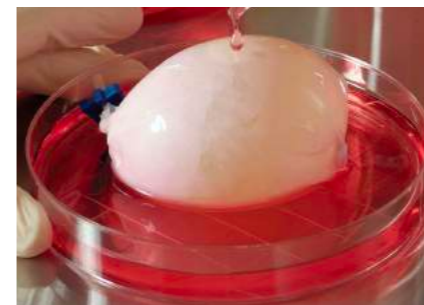
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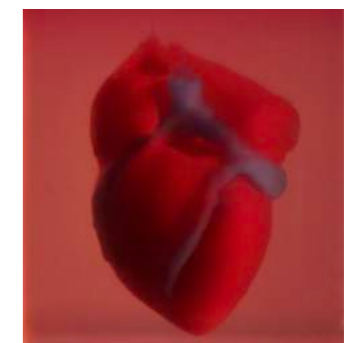
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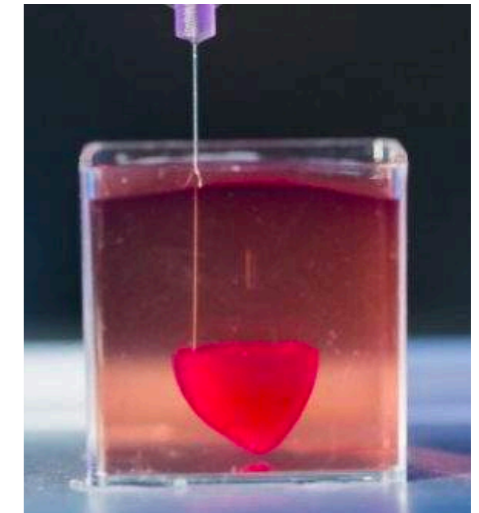
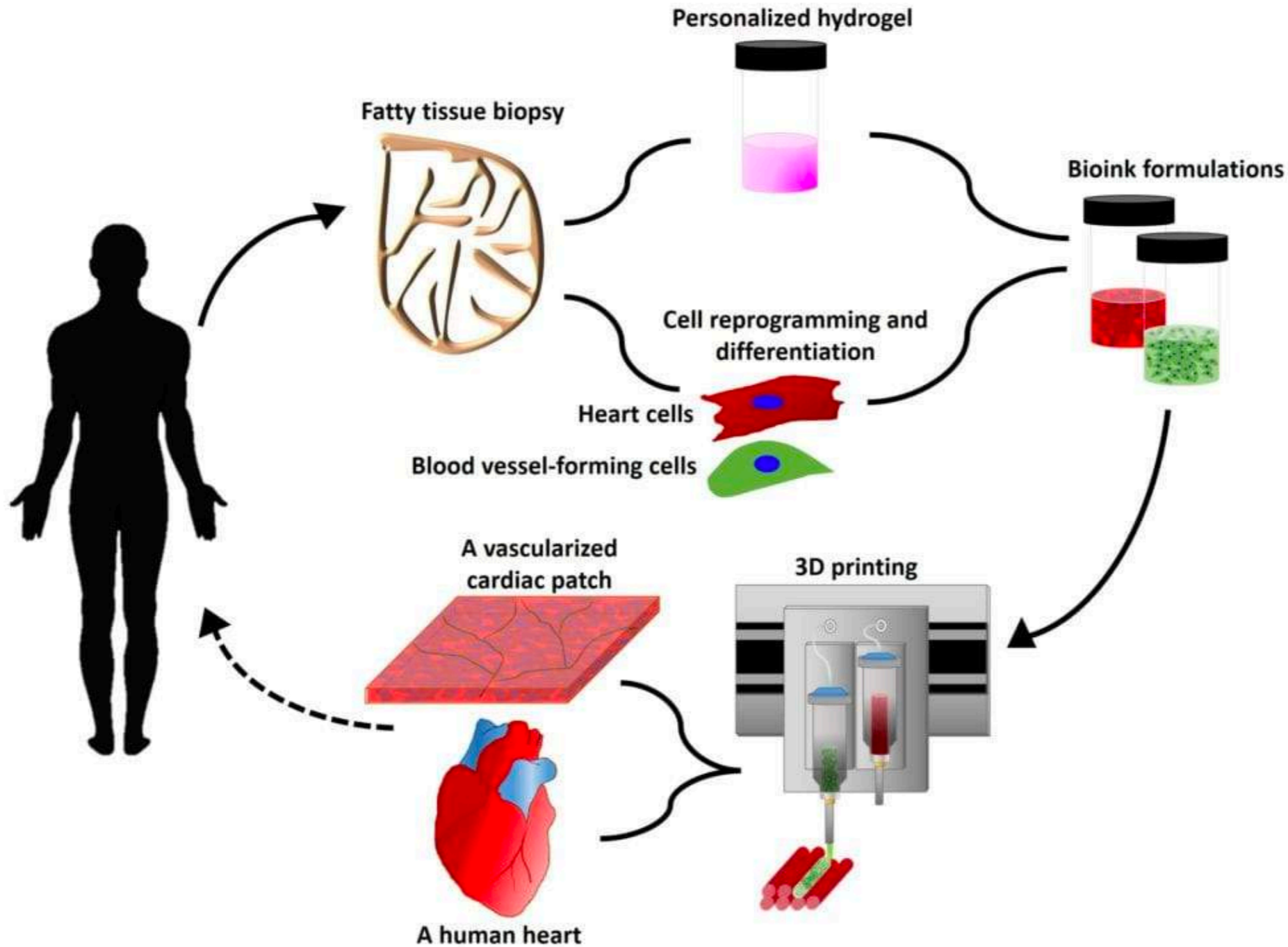
**first useful heart
for transplant**



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Bioceramic Materials



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