

# Mass spectrometry imaging of biomaterials

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## Supplementary materials

In the supplementary materials we would like to present a tabulation of the main aspects of articles discussed in the review such as the analyzed materials, MSI technique, analytes, and character of the results, which could be helpful for the interested readers.

Ref	Analysed item	Analyzed materials	technique	analytes
<b><i>MSI of biomaterials in the vascular system: models and therapies</i></b>				
[1]	drug-eluting stents (DES)	tissue sections	MALDI	everolimus – an eluted drug
[2]	drug-eluting stents (DES)	stents (cobalt-chromium scaffolding with different polymer coatings) and stented tissue area	MALDI	sirolimus an eluted drug, drug-related degradation products and polymer-related degradation products
[3]	drug-eluting stent coating composed of sirolimus in a PLGA matrix	alloy coupons (metal samples) coated with sirolimus in a PLGA	SIMS	sirolimus, PLGA (repeat units of lactic and glycolic acid)
[4]	drug-eluting stent coating composed of sirolimus in a PLGA matrix	MP35N metal alloy coupons and bare metal stents coated with sirolimus in a PLGA	SIMS	sirolimus ( $C_5H_{10}N^+$ and $CN^-$ ), PLGA ( $C_3H_4O^+$ and $C_3H_5O_2^-$ )
[5]	drug-eluting stents (DES)	stents (cobalt-chromium scaffolding with different polymer coatings) and stented tissue area	SIMS	analysis of polymeric coatings and eluted drug
[6]	searching of the presence of collagen on the modified poloxamine matrix	the surface of collagen-modified poloxamine hydrogel	SIMS	different amino acid fragments, corresponding to the collagen, and PEO and PPO blocks
[7]	biodegradable vascular implants	expanded polytetrafluorethylene (ePTFE) and thermoplastic polyurethane (TPU) grafts	MALDI	protein and lipid deposition on polymers
[8]	vascular graft	polyethylene	DESI	lipids deposition inside

		terephthalate (Dacron) InterGard® vascular graft		and on the graft surface
<b>MSI of bone implant biomaterials</b>				
[9]	implant (titanium)-tissue (bone) interface: mineralization process	implant – tissue section (special kind of low-speed saw (Isomed™))	SIMS	hydroxyapatite fragment ions
[10]	brushite forming calcium phosphate cement with Cr <sup>3+</sup>	implant region and the surrounding bone tissue	SIMS	calcium and chromium ions
[11]	strontium releasing bone cements	implant and healthy and osteoporotic rat bone tissue – Sr <sup>2+</sup> diffusion	SIMS	calcium and strontium ions
[12]	synovial lipid adsorption on acetabular cup	Ultrahigh molecular weight polyethylene (PE-UHMW) materials (GUR-1050 and vitamin E-doped)	MALDI	lipids
[13]	bone and bone marrow	bone and fat tissue sections	OrbiSIMS	strontium ions, hydroxyapatite, fatty acids
[14]	titanium-niobium (Ti- <sup>40</sup> Nb) implant with strontium surface functionalization	strontium-containing coatings composition	SIMS	different ions such as: SrO <sup>+</sup> , SrCl <sup>+</sup> , FeO <sup>+</sup> , F <sup>+</sup> , Ti <sup>+</sup> , Nb <sup>+</sup> , NbO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> , TiO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> , <sup>37</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup> , FeO <sup>-</sup> , SrO <sup>-</sup> , TiO <sup>-</sup> , NbO <sup>-</sup> , O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> , F <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>
[15]	implantation of MgO (resorbable biomaterial) into bone marrow cavity	bone tissue sections	SIMS	Ca, Mg P and hydroxyapatite related species
[16]	analysis of impurities on ceramic oral implants	packaging material and implant surface	SIMS	talc, DBSA, and fatty acid ester
<b>Evaluation of biomaterials influence on the adjacent tissue by MSI</b>				
[17]	interaction between the biomaterial (hydrogel drug delivery carriers) and the tissue (renal capsule)	the sections of tissue with implanted hydrogel	SIMS	polymer-specific signals and biologically relevant peaks identified by PCA analysis
[18]	interaction between collagen hydrogel and non-contractile scar tissue in mice myocardium	the sections of tissue with implanted collagen hydrogel	MALDI	peptides
<b>MSI of biomaterials used for in vitro cell cultures.</b>				
[19]	observation of generated surfaces with peptide gradient for the cell culture	glass surface prepared for the cell culture with peptides liberated by applying NH <sub>4</sub> F.	MALDI	MS peaks corresponding to the tethered peptide mass and linker
[20]	controlling the fabrication	fibril-coated and UV-	MALDI	peaks for precursor

	of gradient of integrin-binding peptide RDG on the surface for the cell culturing	irradiated surface of the ITO slide		peptide characteristic for non-irradiated and microwave irradiated surface (fragment ion)
[21]	confirmation of the presence of nanoparticles inside the cells <i>in vitro</i>	the cells were cultured with nanoparticles on silicon wafers	SIMS	cellulose sulfate-related peaks identified by PCA analysis
<b><i>Studying the implant formulation and active pharmaceutical ingredient release from biomaterials such as LAP and microspheres with the aid of MSI</i></b>				
[22]	elution of entecavir from polymeric implants containing 40% (w/w) entecavir and poly(D,L-lactide) (PLA)	the intact and radial implant sections	DESI	entecavir ions and contaminants
[23]	drug release process from non-conductive polymeric based LAP implants	LAP implants were smoothed using microtomes and measured with special holder	MALDI	Islatravir, sodiated and protonated
[24]	lysozyme released from PLGA microspheres	microspheres on double sided tape attached to aluminium blocks and their ultramicrotome sections	SIMS	reference ions for lysozyme and PVA
<b><i>Analysis of designed nanofibers by MSI</i></b>				
[25]	analysis of the surface of biotin-(PEG) <sub>n</sub> modified PLGA nanofibers	reticulated PLGA nanofiber arrays electrospun onto Al foil	SIMS	the fragment ions of PLGA and characteristic signals from the secondary ions of biotin-(PEG) <sub>7</sub> -amine
[26]	PLGA and PVP modified with hydrochlorothiazide (HCT) and felodipine micro-dots	HCT/polymer and felodipine/polymer printed spots	SIMS	ions characteristic of the hydrochlorothiazide, felodipine and the polymer matrix
[27]	polymers manufactured by plasma lithography	the analysis of homogeneous plasma polymers, and patterned surfaces	SIMS	ions characteristic of used substrates
<b><i>Dialyzer polymer membranes and modified surfaces analyzed by MSI</i></b>				
[28]	evaluation of blood adsorption onto dialysis	the hollow fiber membranes before and	SIMS	the known fragment ions of lipids proteins

	membranes	after blood circulation		and those related to polysulfone (PSf) or the main additive polyvinylpyrrolidone
[29]	characterization polymeric dialyzer membranes, consisting of polysulfone (PS) and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)	membranes fixed with adhesive tape onto glass slides	MALDI	ions corresponds to polyvinylpyrrolidone and the polysulfone repeating unit
[30]	characterization polymeric dialyzer membranes, with polysulfone (PS) and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)	surface of membranes	SIMS	the pyrrolidone side group $C_6H_{10}NO^+$ , and $C_4H_6NO^+$ , for PVP and repetition unit $C_{15}H_{14}O^+$ for PS
[31]	Surfaces covalently modified by carbohydrates	printed microarray chips	SIMS	ions characteristic for carbohydrates indicated by PCA
[32]	self-assembled monolayers (SAMs)	biotin–streptavidin–biotin SCK nanoparticle construct on Si wafers	SIMS	ions characteristic for self-assembled monolayers and biotinquali
[33]	analysis of the grafted expanded poly(tetrafluoroethylene) (ePTFE) membranes	expanded poly(tetrafluoroethylene) (ePTFE) membrane	SIMS	the $F^-$ ion - fluoropolymer substrate, the $PO_3^-$ fragment represent the grafted copolymer
[34]	investigation of biomolecular adsorption on polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP), and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC) membrane	membranes after 11 and 42 days of implantation	SIMS	peaks characteristic of different biomolecules

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