

Special Issue

Biomimetic Drug Delivery Coating

Message from the Guest Editor

Biomimetic coatings have been developed for bone regeneration and repair because of their biocompatibility and osteoconductivity. They can be rendered osteoinductive by incorporating an osteoinductive agent such as bone morphogenetic protein 2 (BMP-2) into the crystalline lattice in physiological situations. The biomimetic calcium phosphate coating enables a controlled, slow, and local release of growth factors when it undergoes cell-mediated coating degradation induced by multinuclear cells such as osteoclasts and foreign body giant cells, which mimics a physiologically similar release mode. The goal of this Special Issue is to present the major current areas of research and development in biomimetic coatings for biomaterials. The coating techniques, physico-chemical properties, and potential as drug carrier should be discussed, and the periclinical research results and the clinical related applications in implant dentistry as well as in orthopedics will be discussed. Biomimetic coatings may open a way forward for drug delivery and tissue engineering.

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