

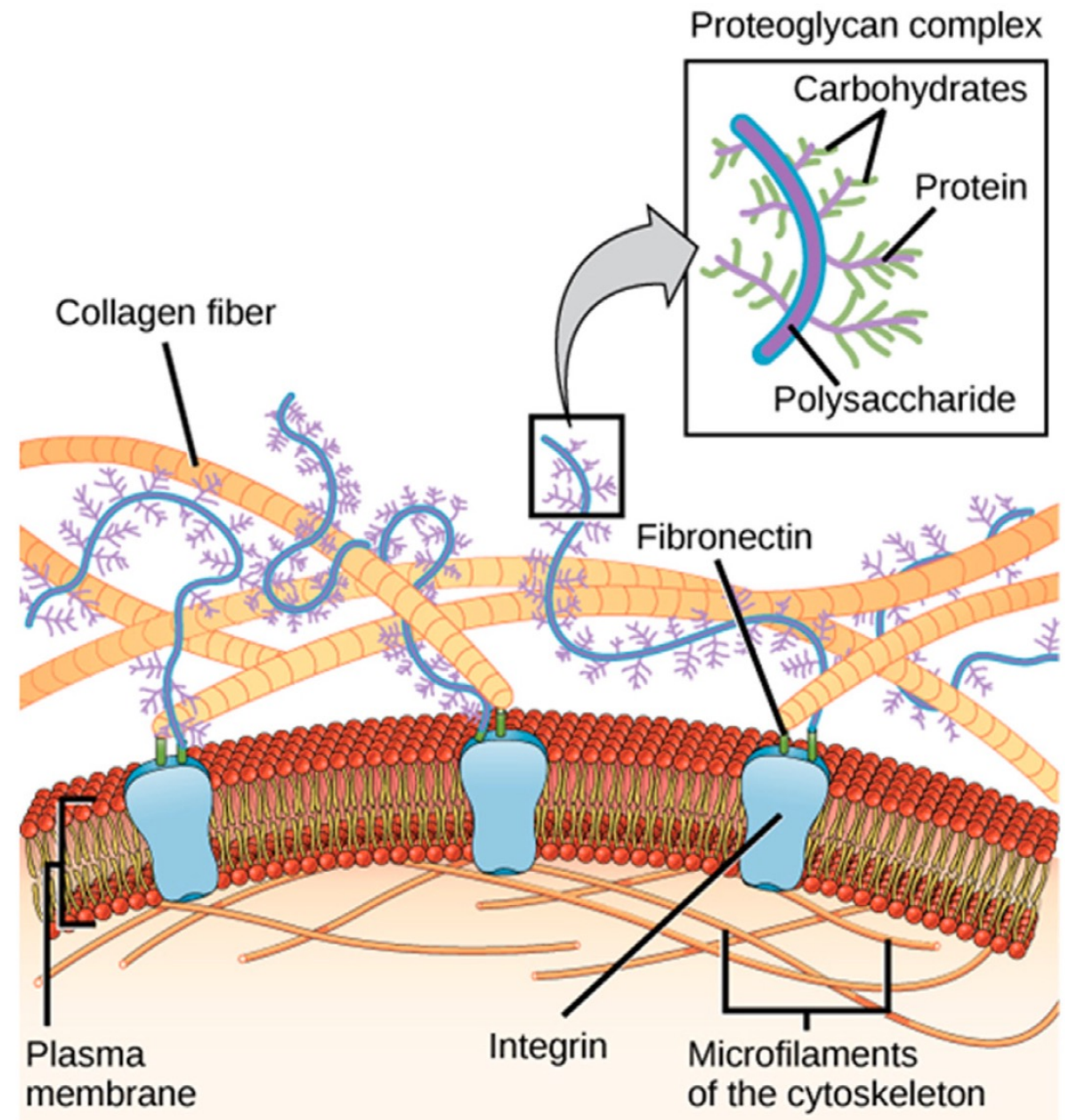


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Functionalization Techniques of Medical Devices

- Prepare **scaffolds** with **biomimetic properties** in respect to those of the **ECM of the tissue to be engineered**, including: biomimetic mechanical properties, chemical composition, and architecture.
- Main ECM proteins include **structural** and **cell adhesion proteins** able to interact with cell surface receptors.
- **Glycosaminoglycans** and **proteoglycans** mainly regulate the level of hydration of natural ECM, its permeability and the traffic and activity of soluble molecules secreted by cells.
- Each ECM has its proper composition, architecture, and topography.



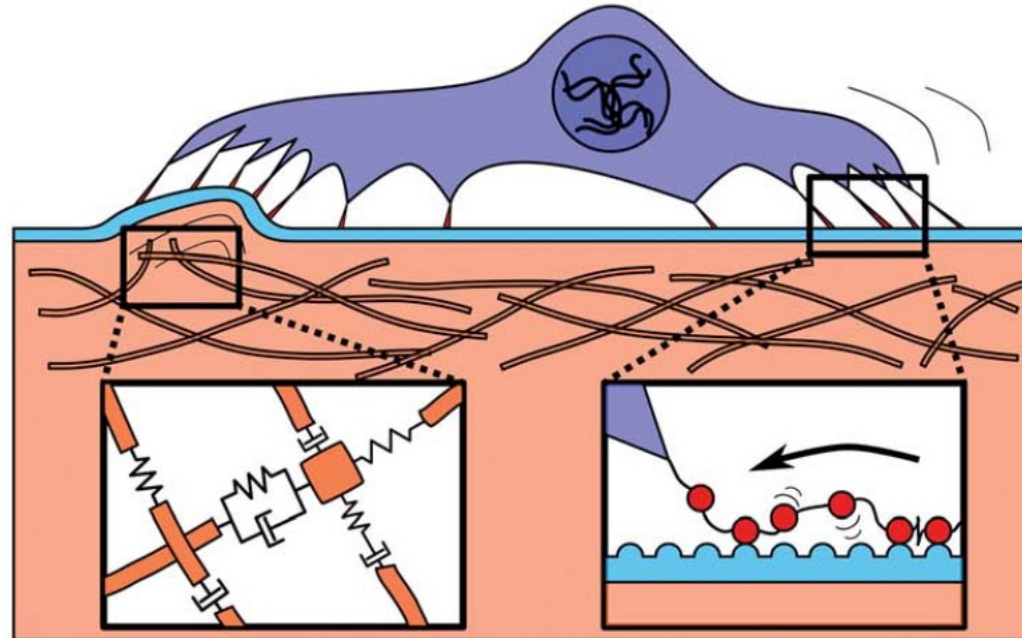
Dissipative Cell-Matrix Interaction

Cell Behaviour

- receptor / ligand mobility
- adhesion site formation
- cytoskeletal reorganization
- traction force modulation
- phosphorylation in intercellular signalling
- differentiation potential
- ... (to be explored !)

Bulk

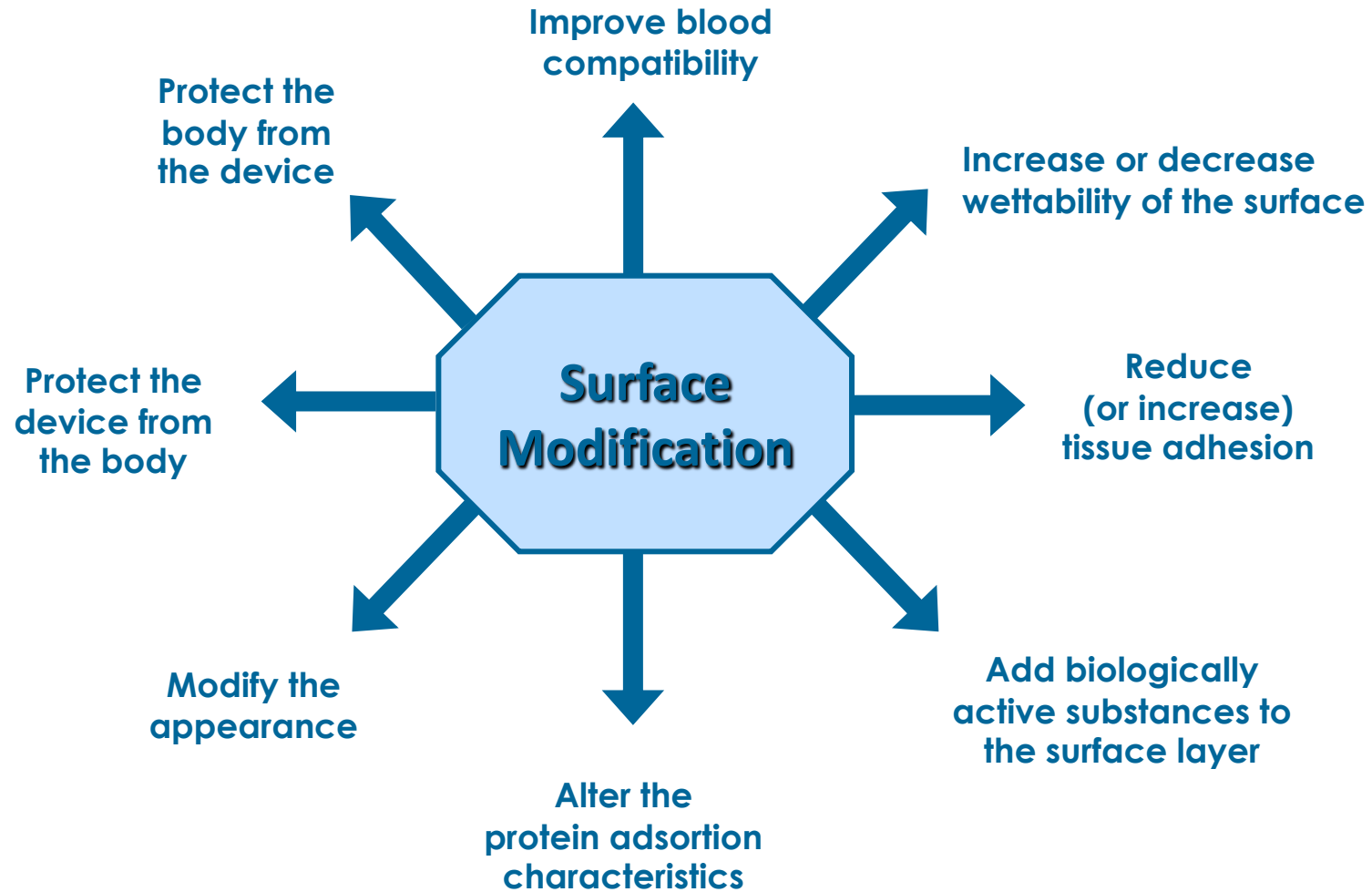
- viscosity
- polymer type
- crosslinks
- network topology



Surface

- ligand affinity
- adsorption / desorption
- ligand viscoelasticity

Müller et al. 2013, Soft Matter, DOI: 10.1039/c3sm50803j

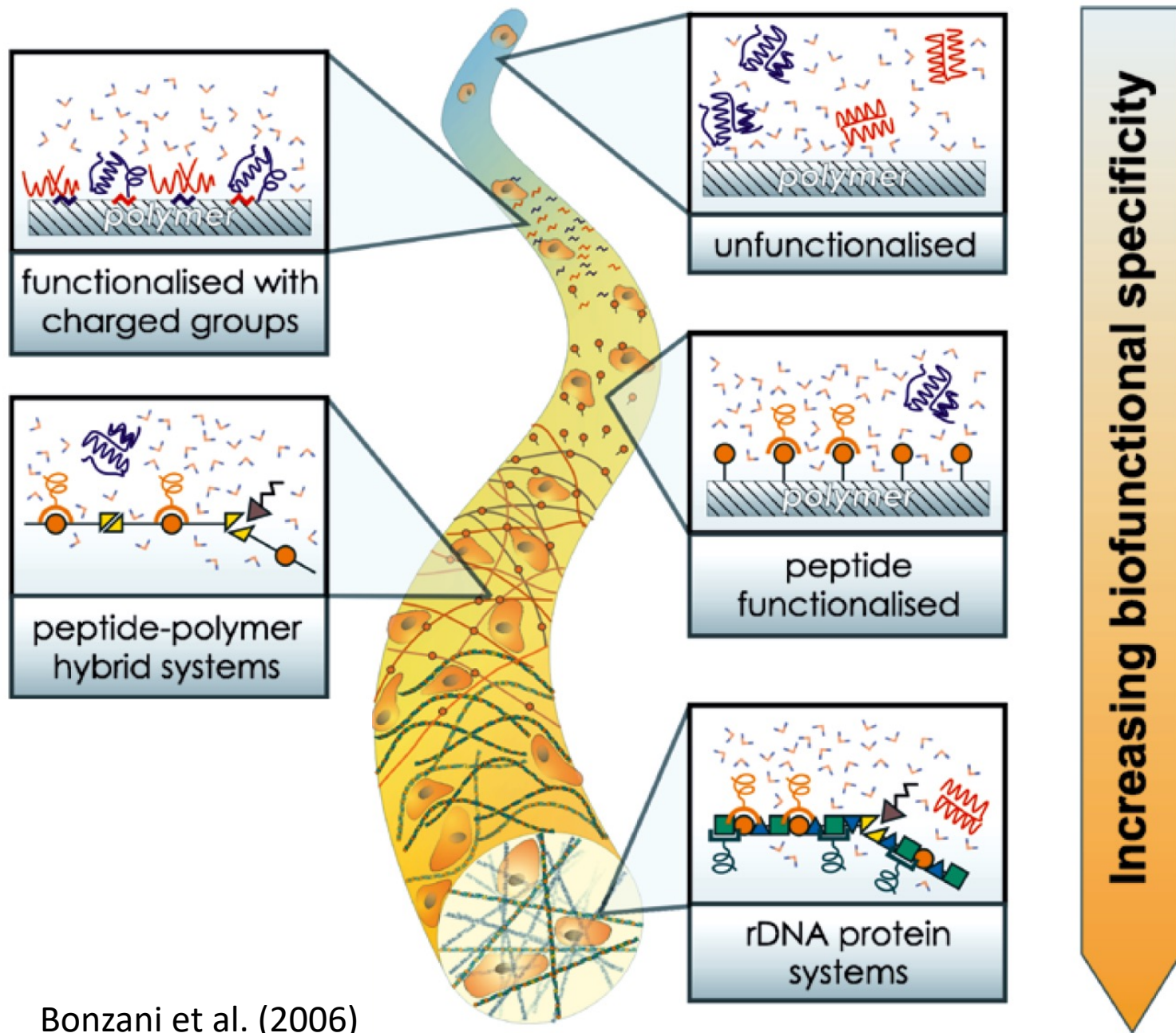


PRO/CON

Polymers	Advantages	Disadvantages
Natural (proteins and polysaccharides)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biocompatible and bioactive- Biological origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Faster degradation rate- Poor mechanical properties- Risk of contamination- Batch-to-batch variability- High production cost
Synthetic (polyesters, PCL, PU, etc, ..)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- High mechanical properties- Shape stability in physiological media- Tailored degradation rate- Low production cost- Low immune response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lack of cell recognition moieties to induce cell adhesion by integrin receptors- Risk of biodegradation side effects

It is crucial to introduce functional groups on the surface of the scaffold that will function as cell recognition sites or may act as focal points for additional modification with bioactive molecules

Tallawi et al., 2015, Interface 12: 20150254.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1098/rsif.2015.0254>



Key

- H₂O molecules
- Proteins
- Charged functional groups
- Polymer backbone
- Cell receptors
- Cell binding peptide motifs
- Protease
- Degradable peptide

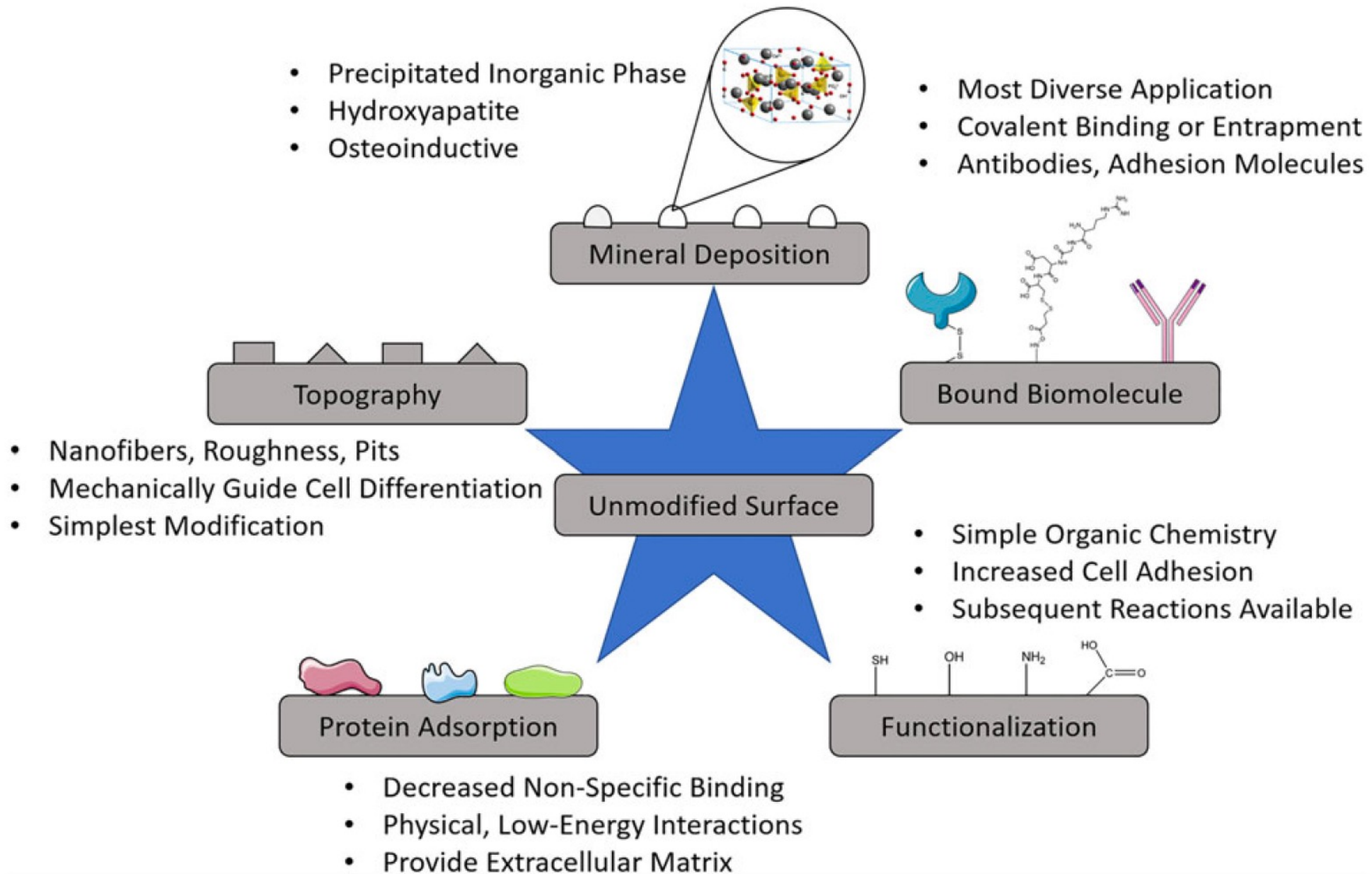
Bonzani et al. (2006)

Functionalization approaches

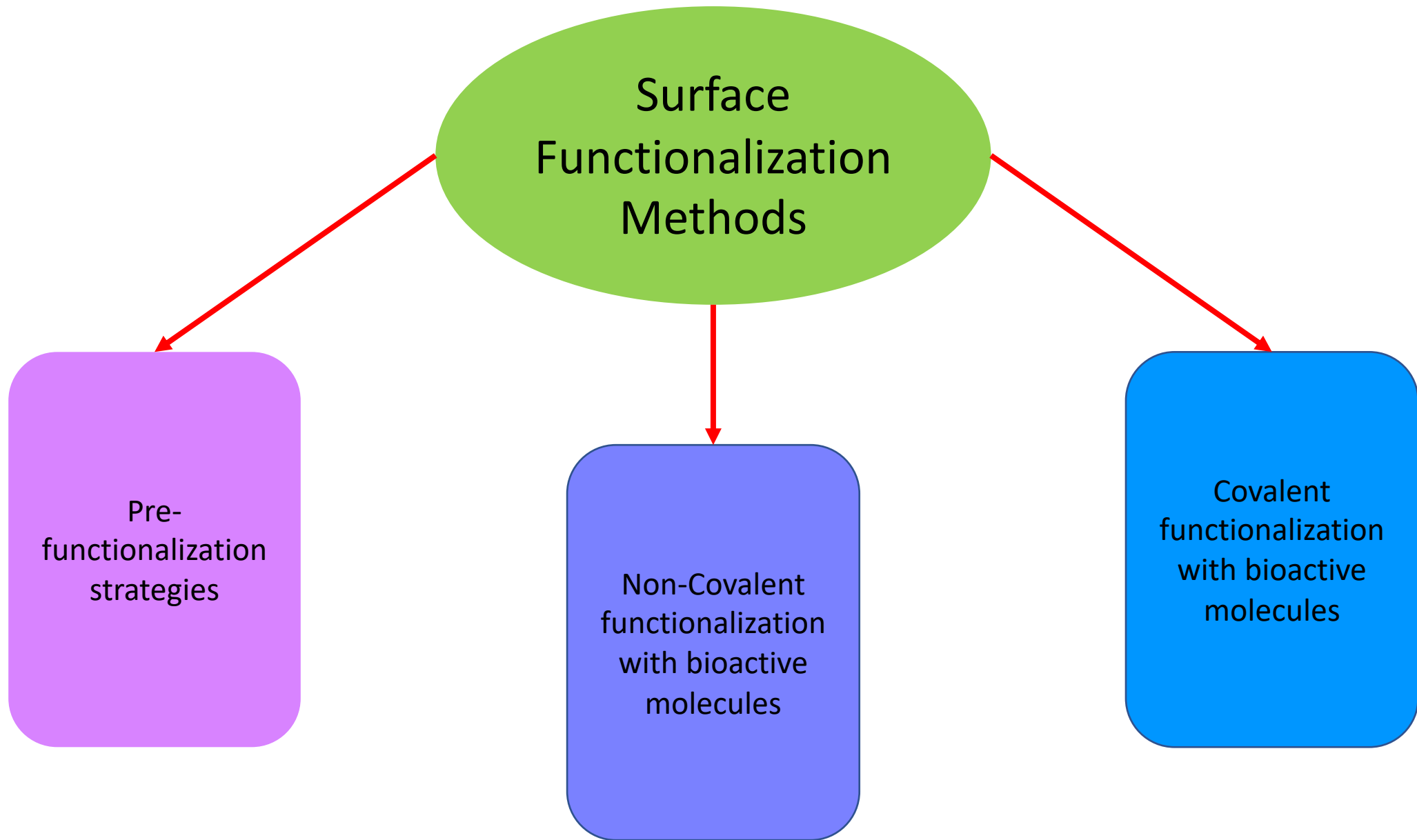
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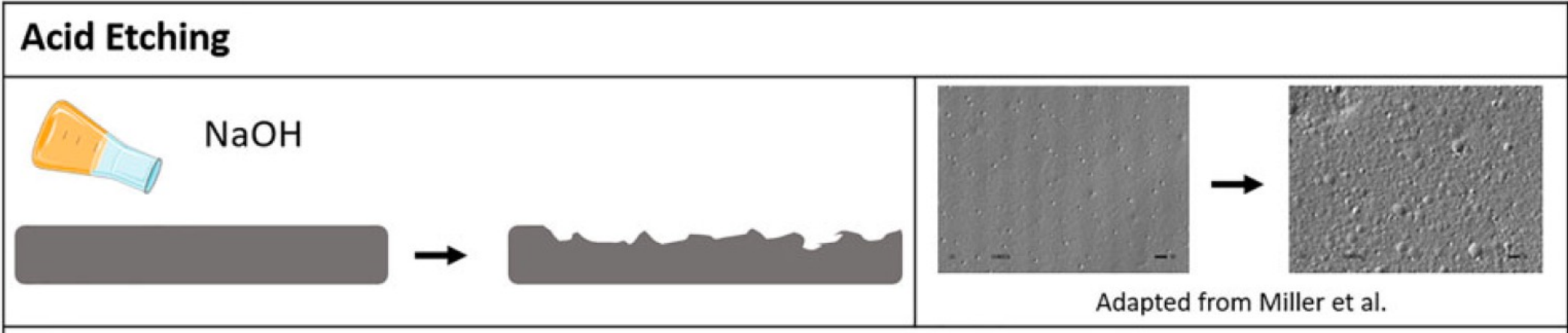
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Richbourg et al., J Tissue Eng Regen Med. 2019;13:1275–1293.



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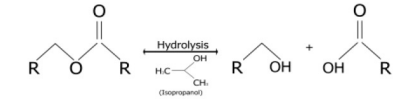
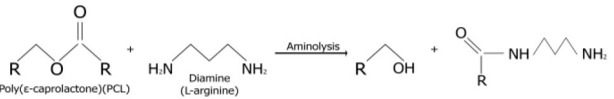
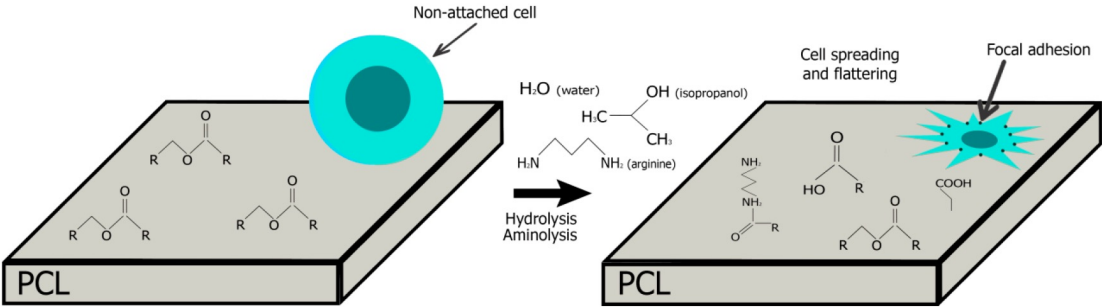
Aminolysis

Hydrolysis

Can be performed on polyester scaffolds

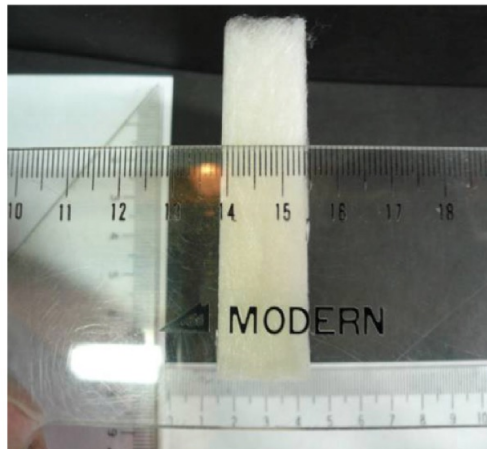
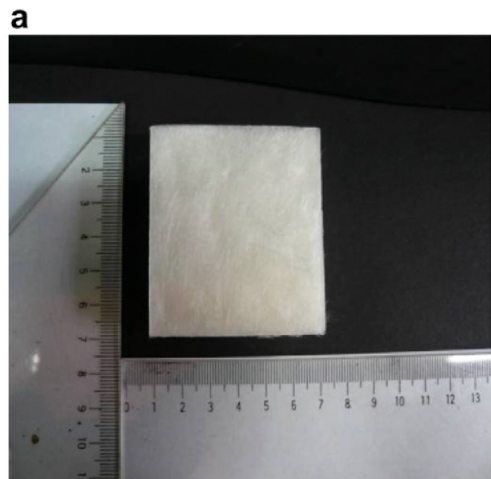
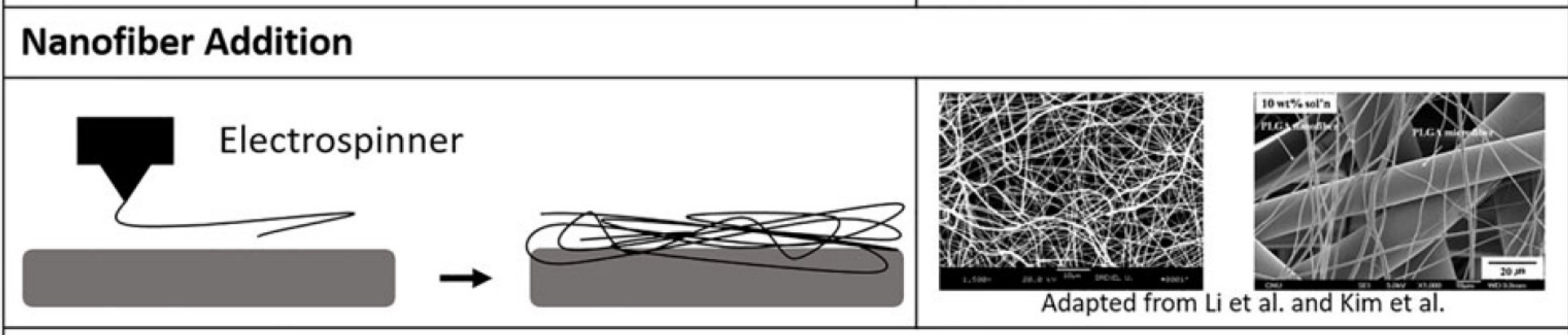
diamine solution

acidic or basic solution

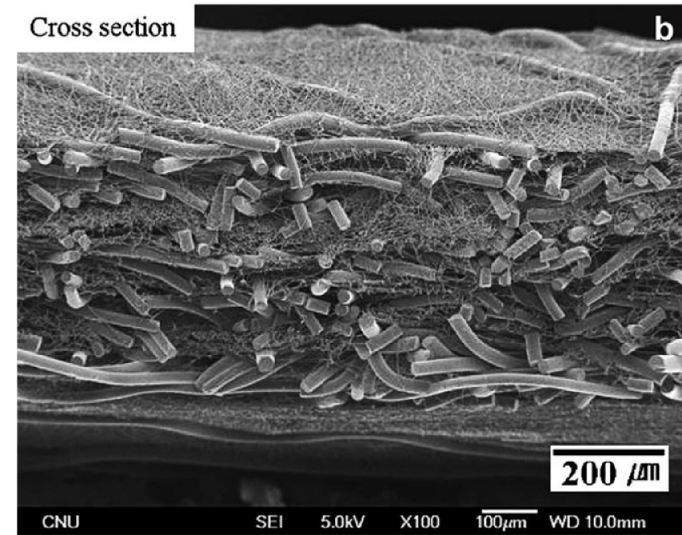


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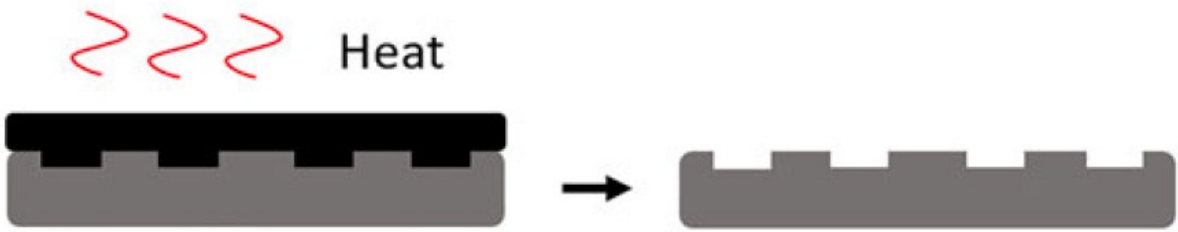


S.J. Kim et al. / Polymer 51 (2010) 1320–1327

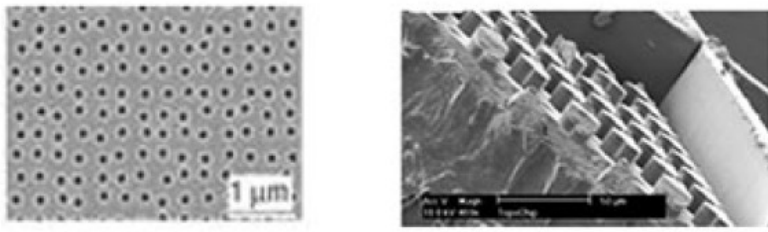


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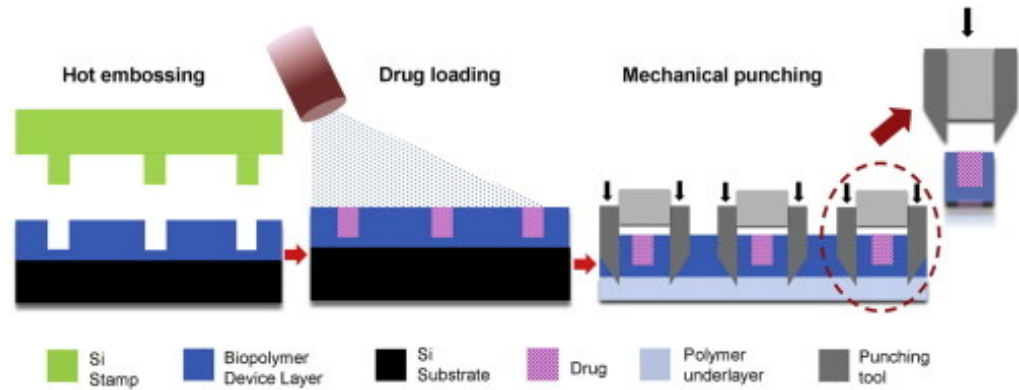
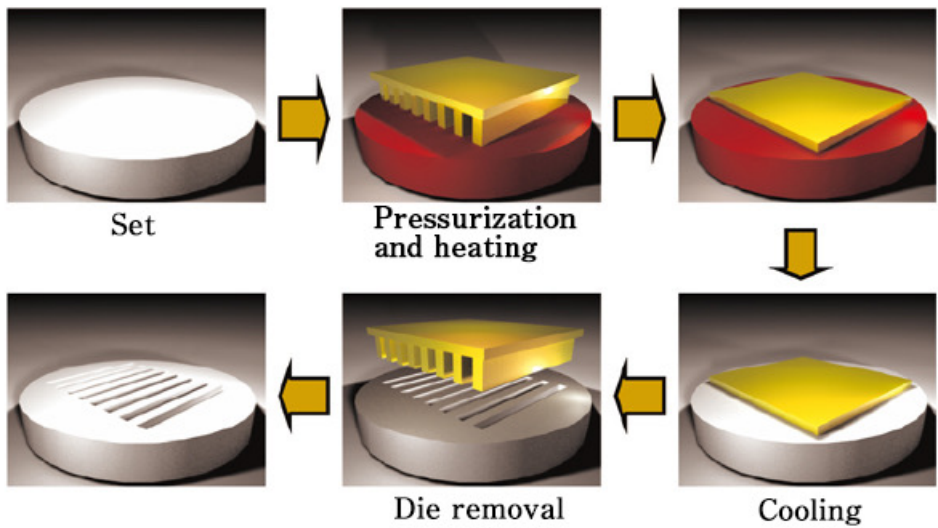
Hot Embossing



Heat



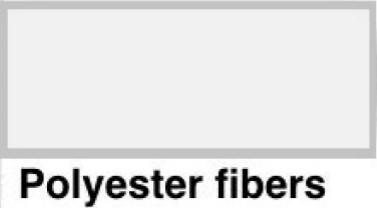
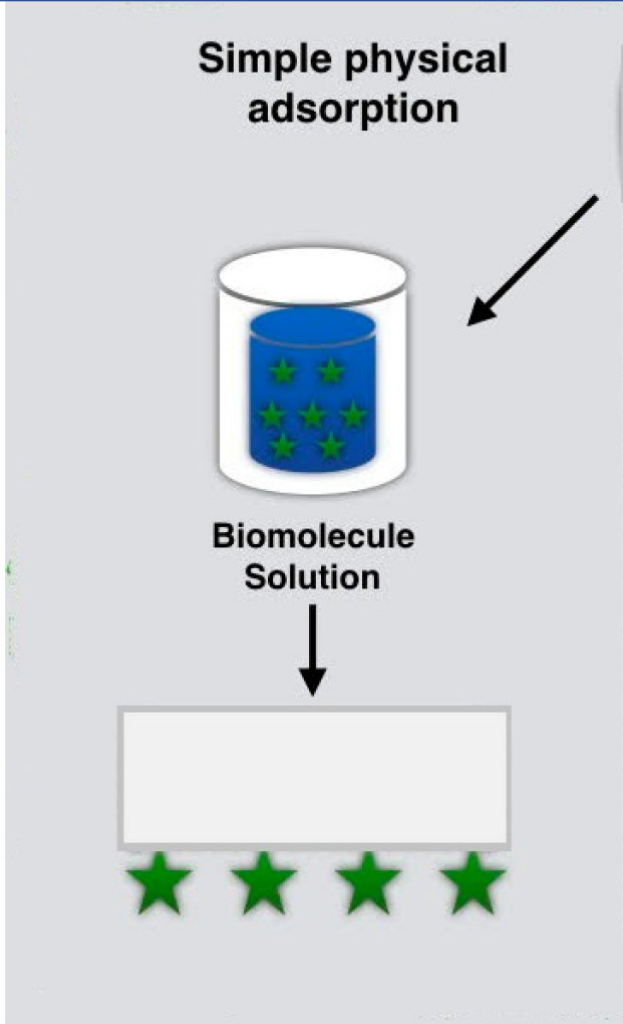
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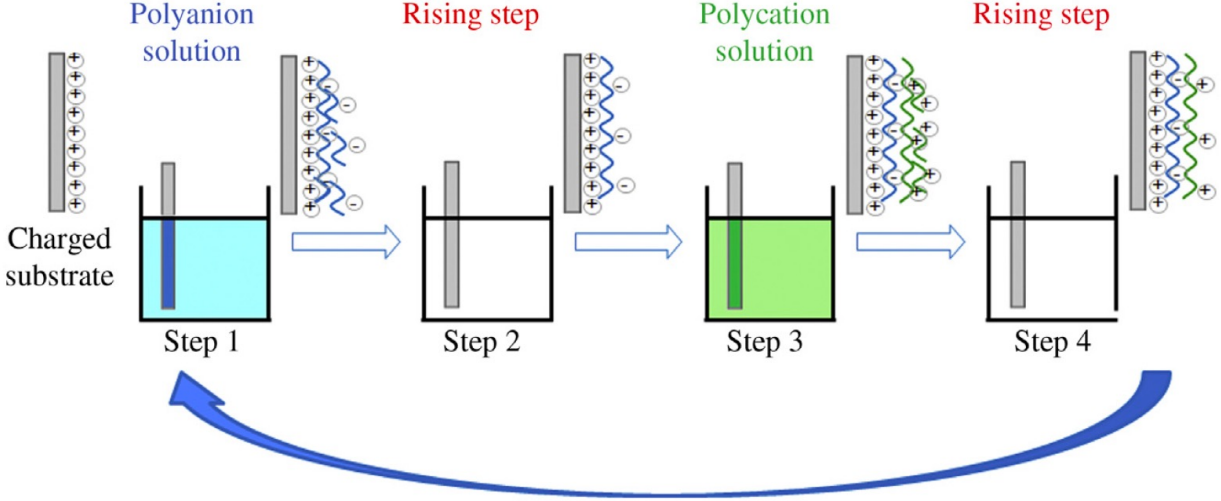
Non-Covalent functionalization with bioactive molecules

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Physical encapsulation of GFs



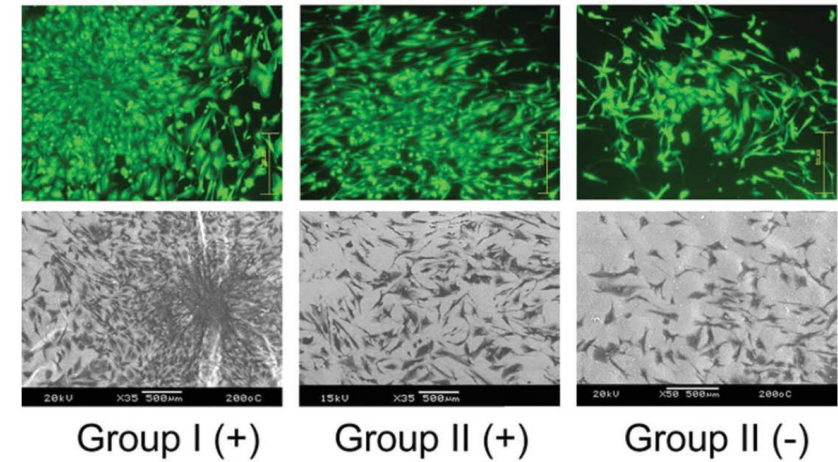
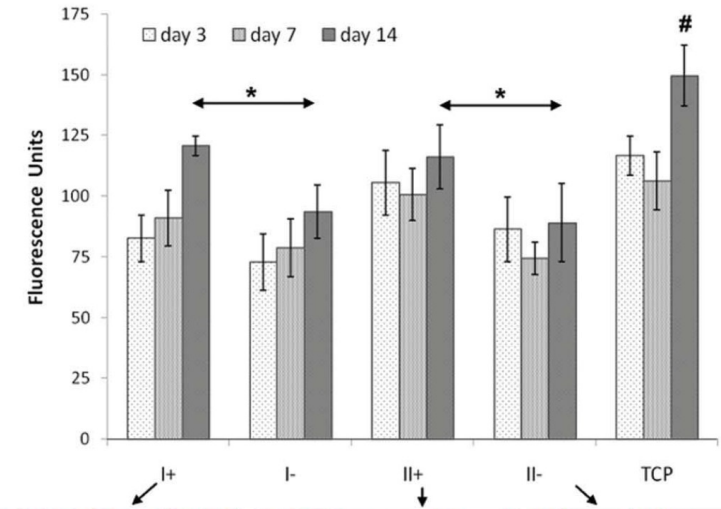
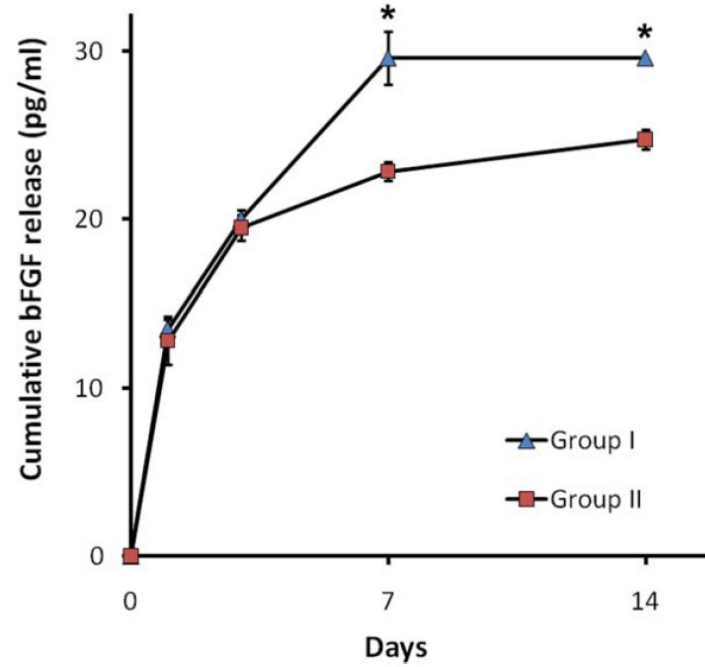
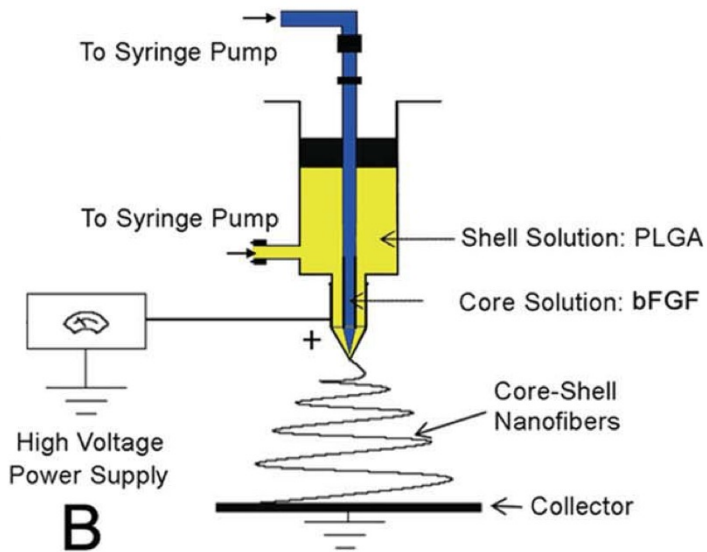
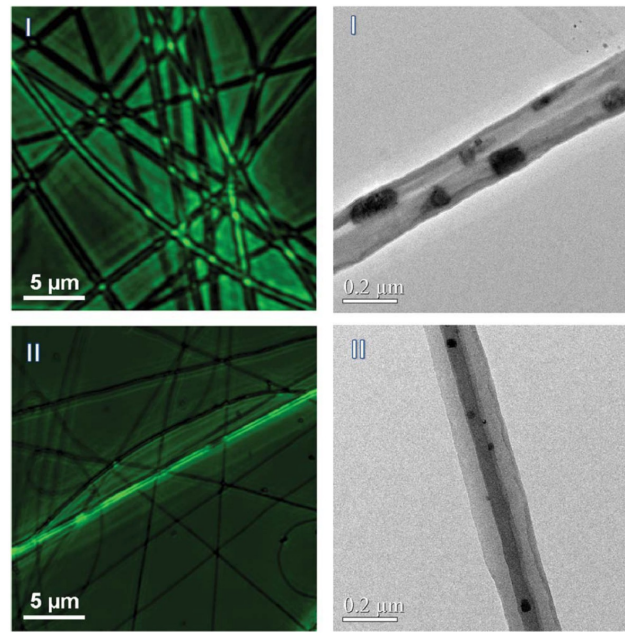
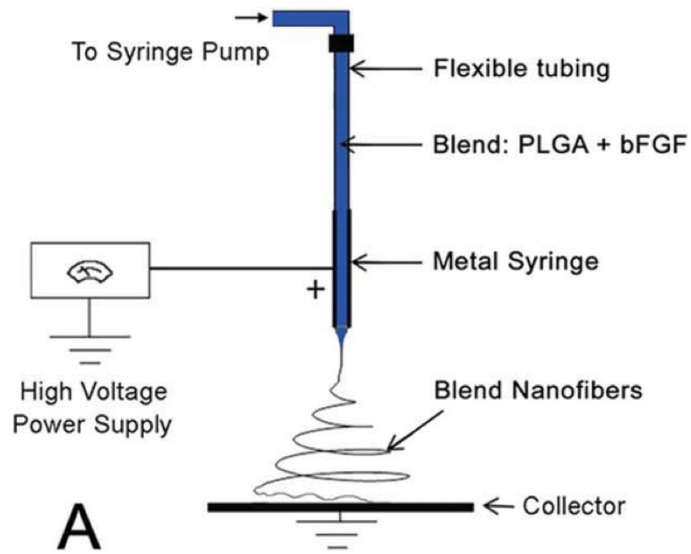
Layer-by-Layer (LbL)



Niemczyk-Soczynska et al., Polymers 2020, 12, 2636

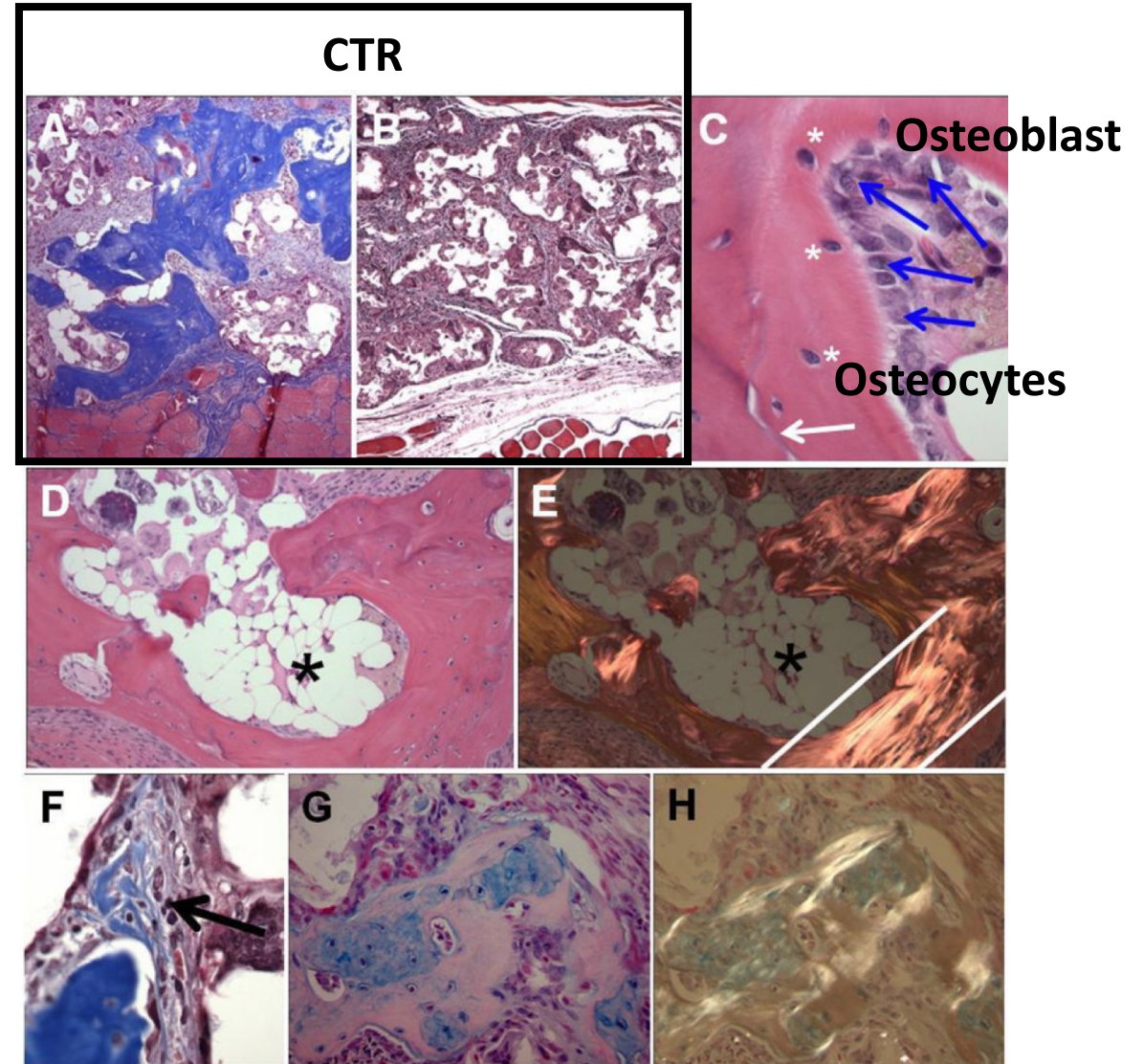
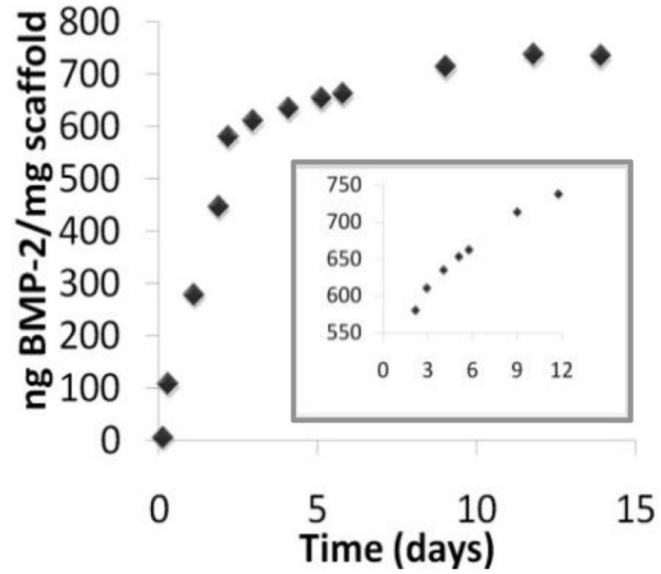
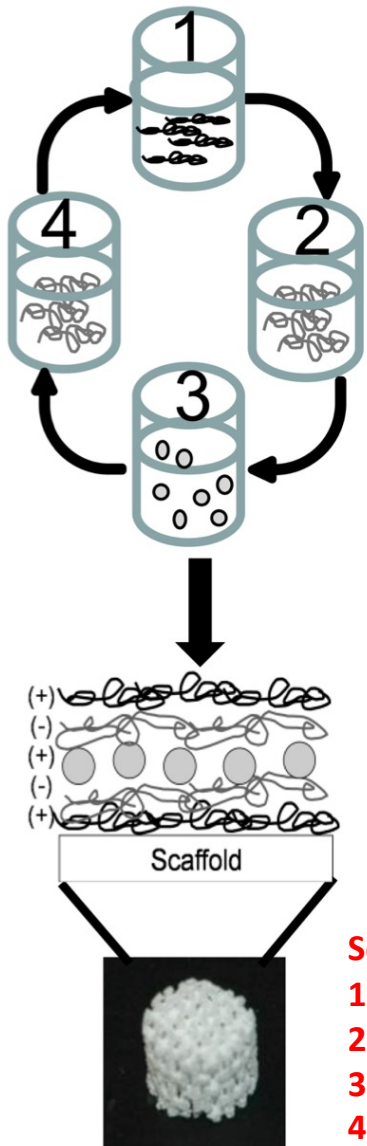
Carmagnola et al., 2018, Functional 3D Tissue Engineering Scaffolds

Physical Method	Mechanism	Advantages	Disadvantages
Simple physical adsorption	Weak physical interactions such as hydrophobic interactions, hydrogen bonds, van der Waals interactions [24,26]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not change bulk properties of the polymer [93] • protects biomolecules from challenging environment • simple, universal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • might change fibers morphology, for instance increases fibers thickness or clogs the pores [85] • impermanent [24]
LBL	Electrostatic interactions as an effect of alternate embedding of oppositely charged substances [26]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not change the bulk properties of polymer • protects biomolecules from a challenging environment [104] • simple, universal [26] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only charged substances might be used [98,106] • modified surface needs to be charged, or previously pre-treated to deposit charge on the surface [97]



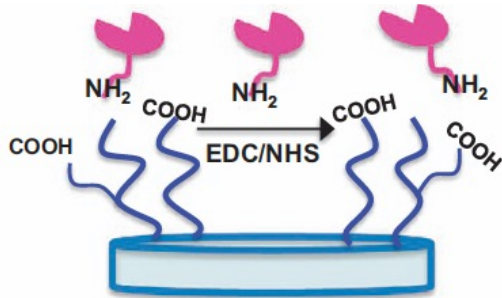
Sahoo et al., J Biomed Mater Res A. 2010 Jun 15;93(4):1539-50.
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Layer-by-Layer Self Assembly

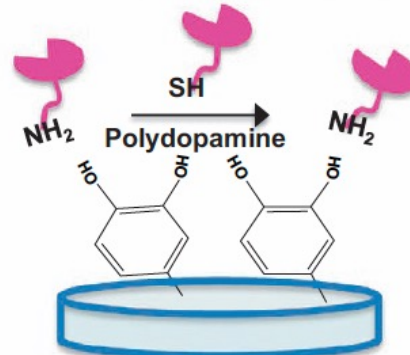


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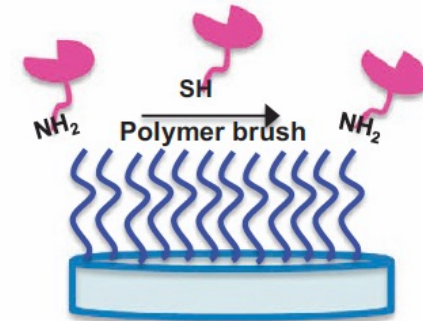
Covalent functionalization with bioactive molecules



Carbodiimide coupling immobilization (EDC)



Mussel-inspired bioconjugations (PDA)



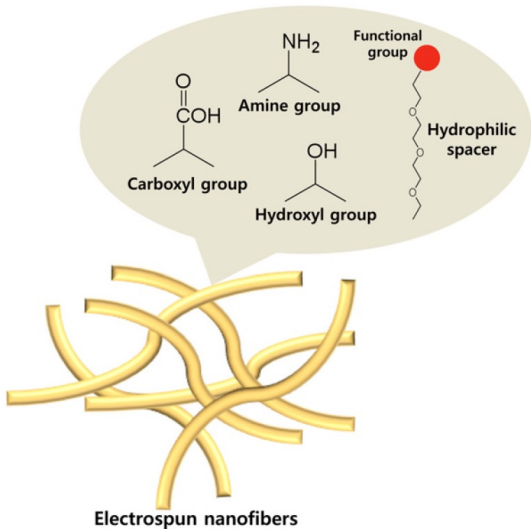
Other Chemical Coupling

Surfaces pre-functionalized with amino groups can be grafted with amino-containing molecules by exploiting coupling reagents, such as glutaraldehyde or diethyleneglycol diglycidyl ether.

Primary amine and carboxylate groups were most extensively employed to immobilize bioactive molecules onto the surface of nanofibers.

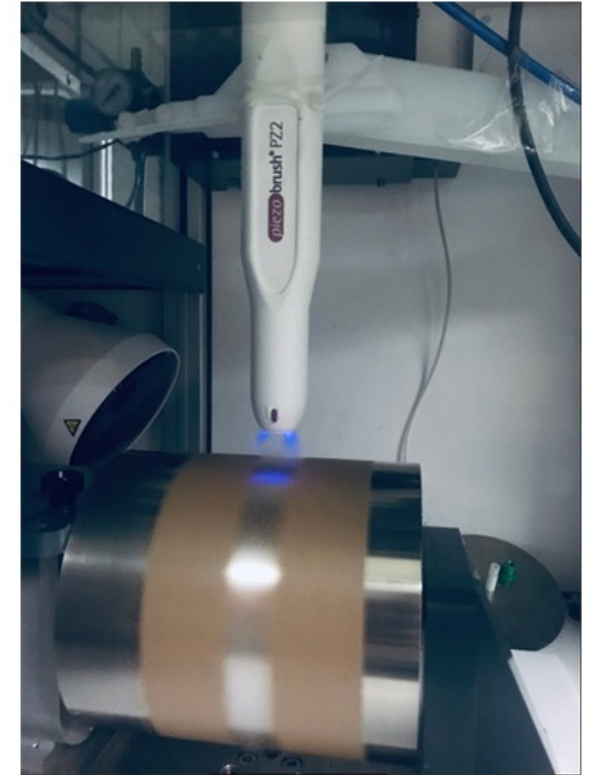
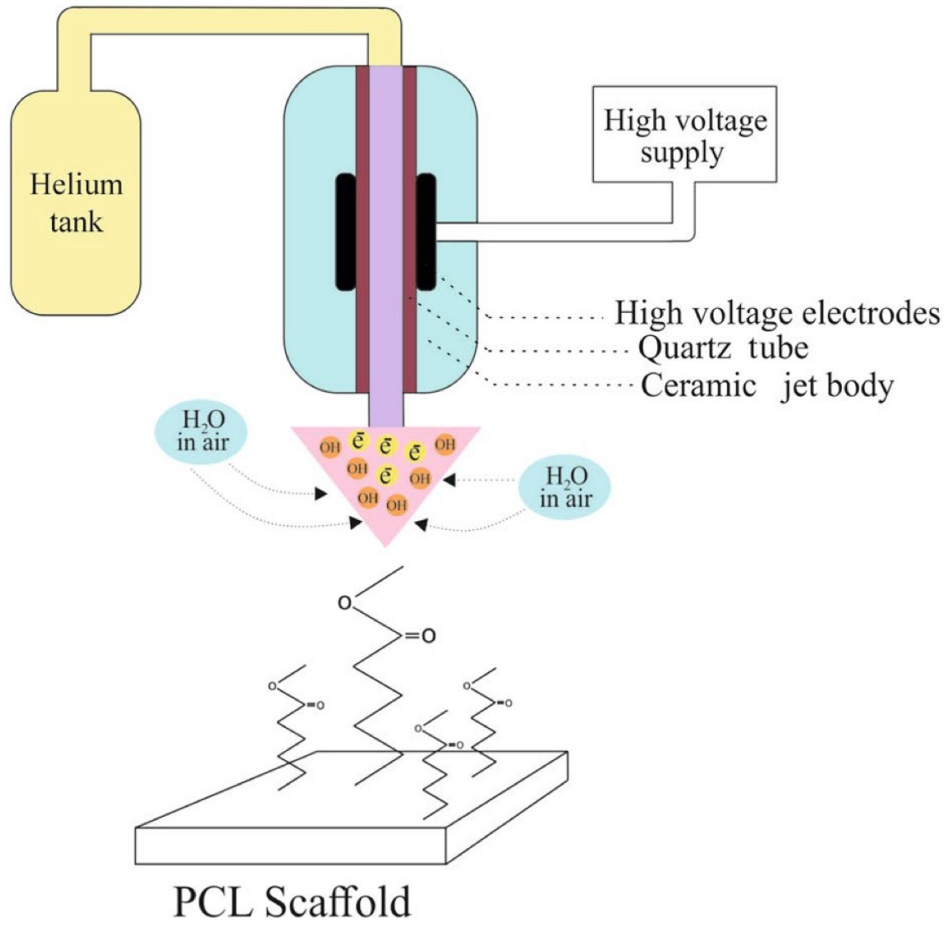
Upon activation of the carboxylic acid groups by 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDC) and N-hydroxysuccimide (NHS), nanofibers were subsequently conjugated to primary amine groups of bioactive molecules.

Carboxylic groups on the surface of polymeric nanofibers containing different amounts of polyacrylic acid were employed for conjugation with collagen.



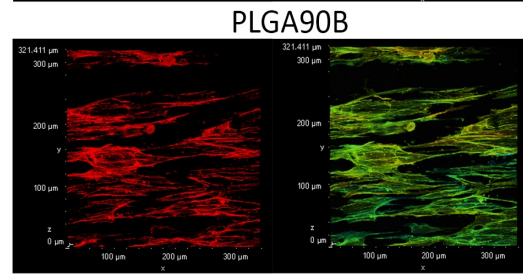
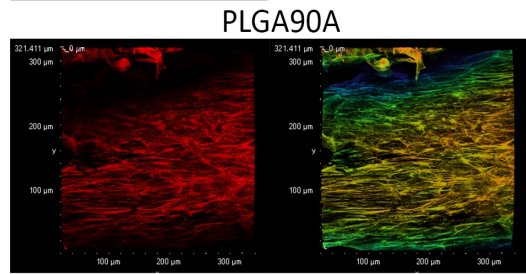
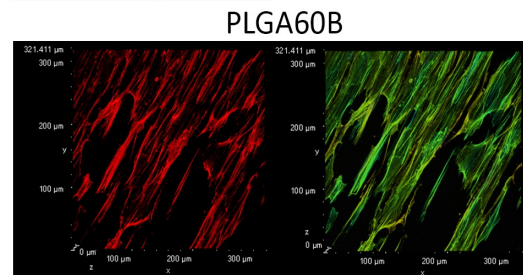
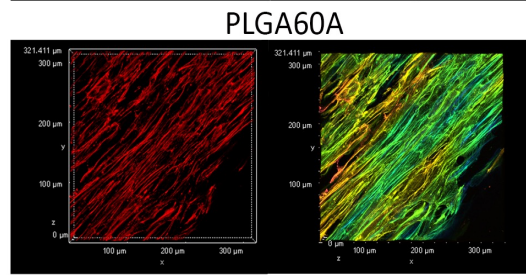
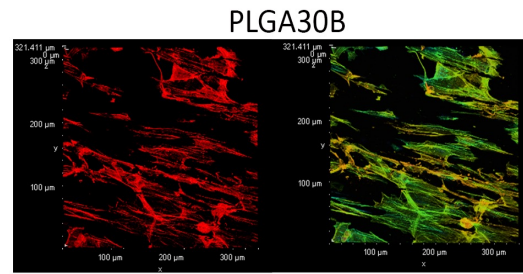
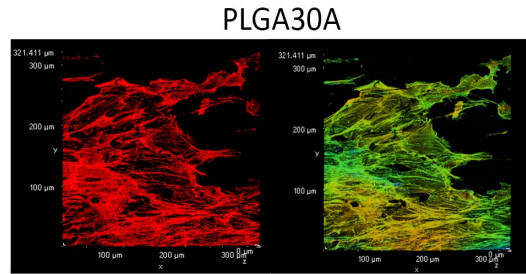
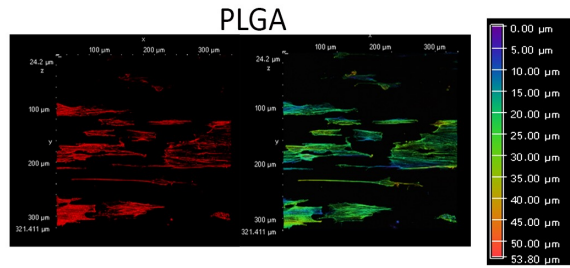
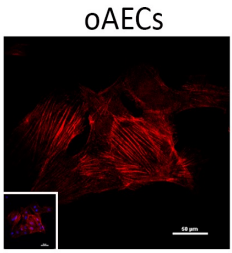
Electrospun nanofibers

Plasma Treatment



El Khatib et al., *Molecules* 2020, 25, 3176

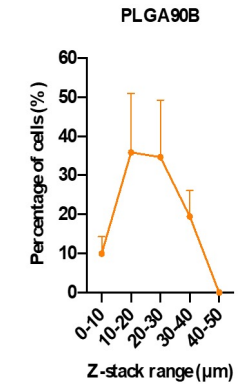
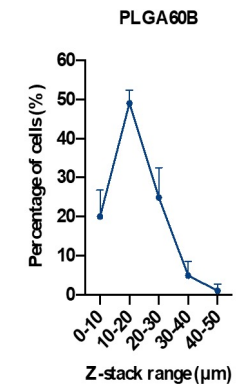
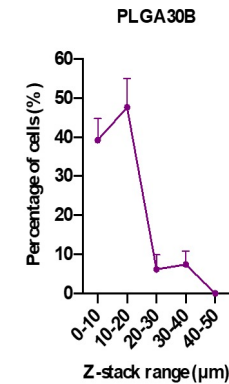
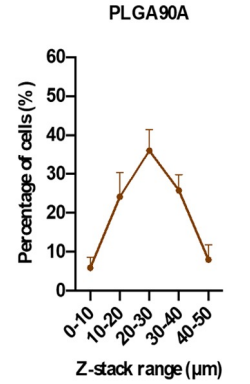
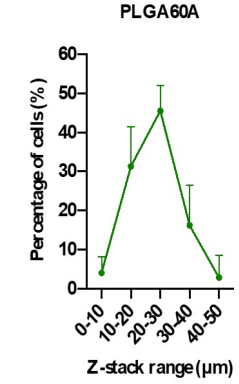
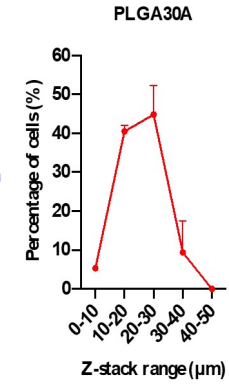
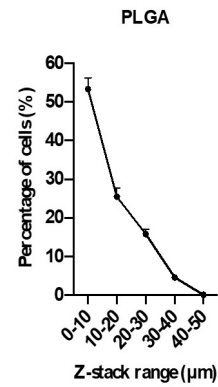
Meghdadi et al., *Progress in Biomaterials* (2019) 8:65–75



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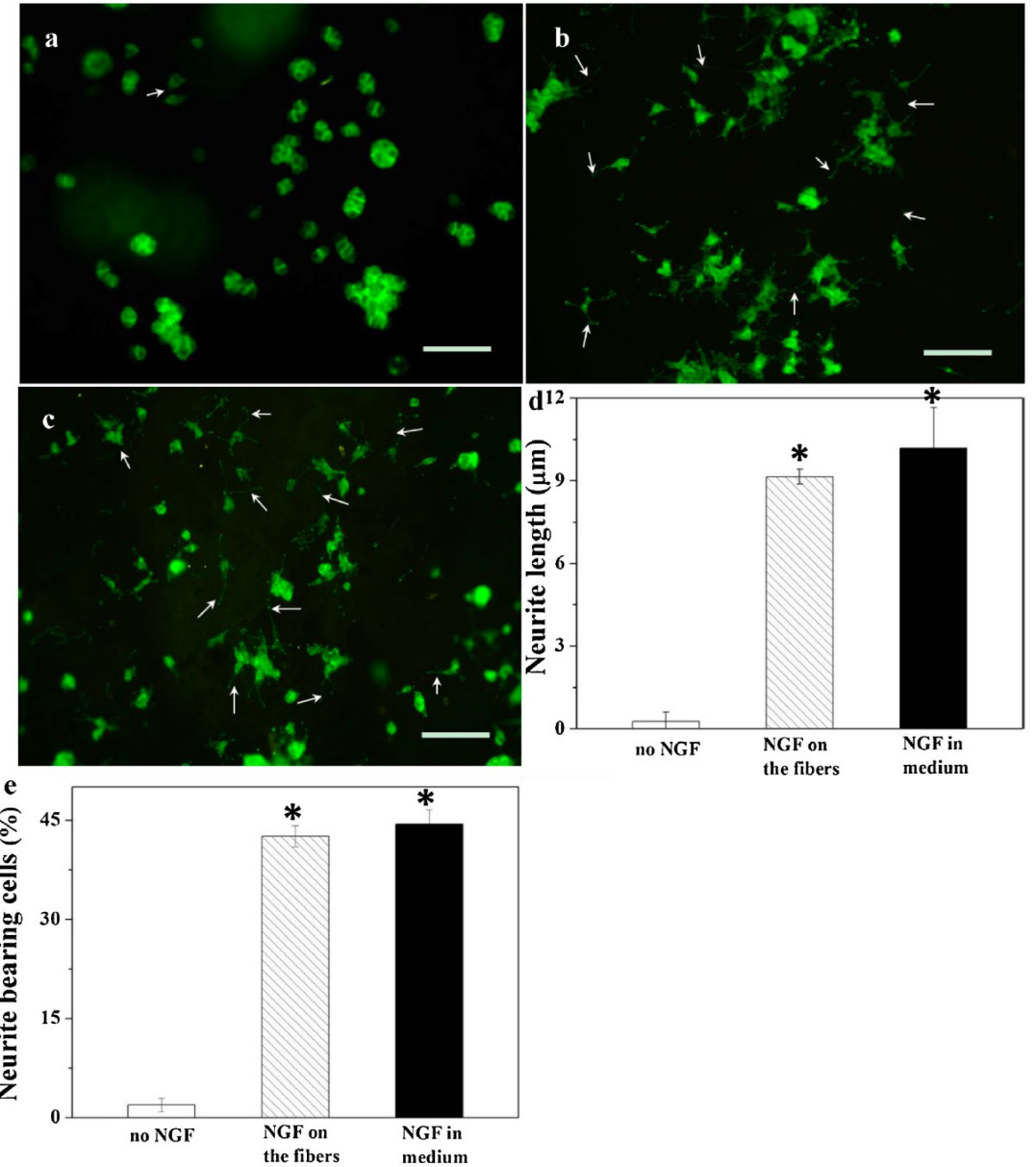
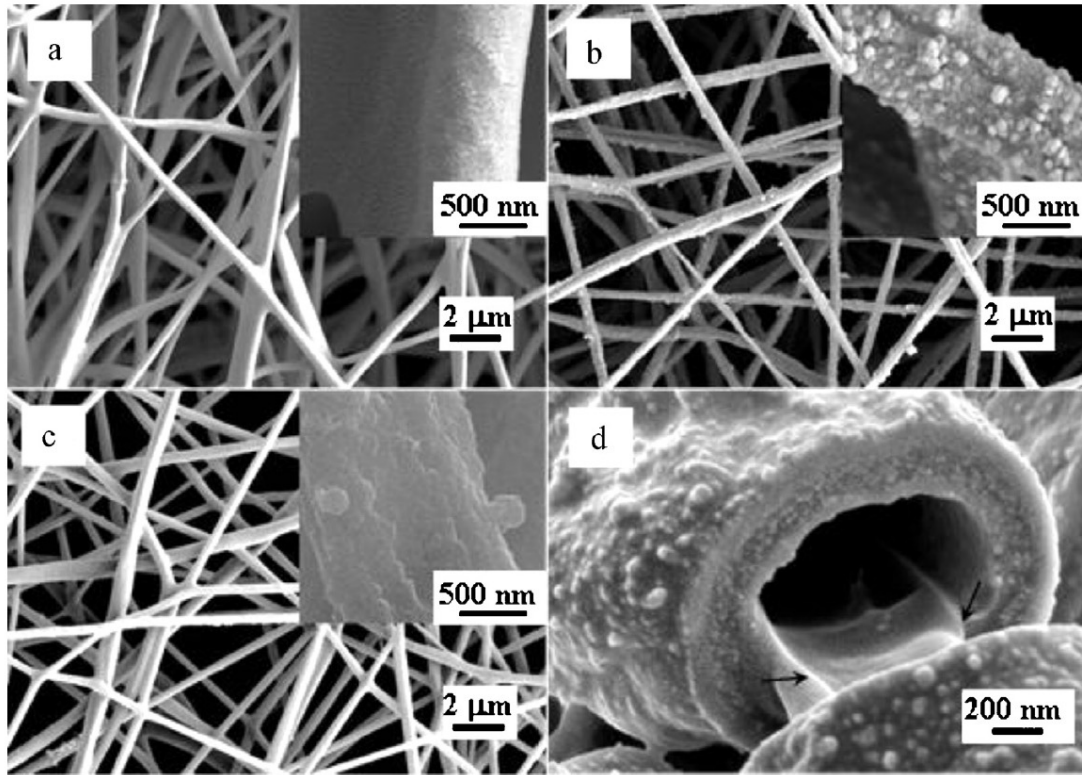
Treated with Cold Atmospheric Plasma

Non-Treated



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Synthesis the conductive NGF-conjugated PPy-PLLA composite fibers by oxidation polymerization and ethyl-3-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl] carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC) chemistry.



J. Zeng et al. / Colloids and Surfaces B: Biointerfaces 110 (2013) 450–457

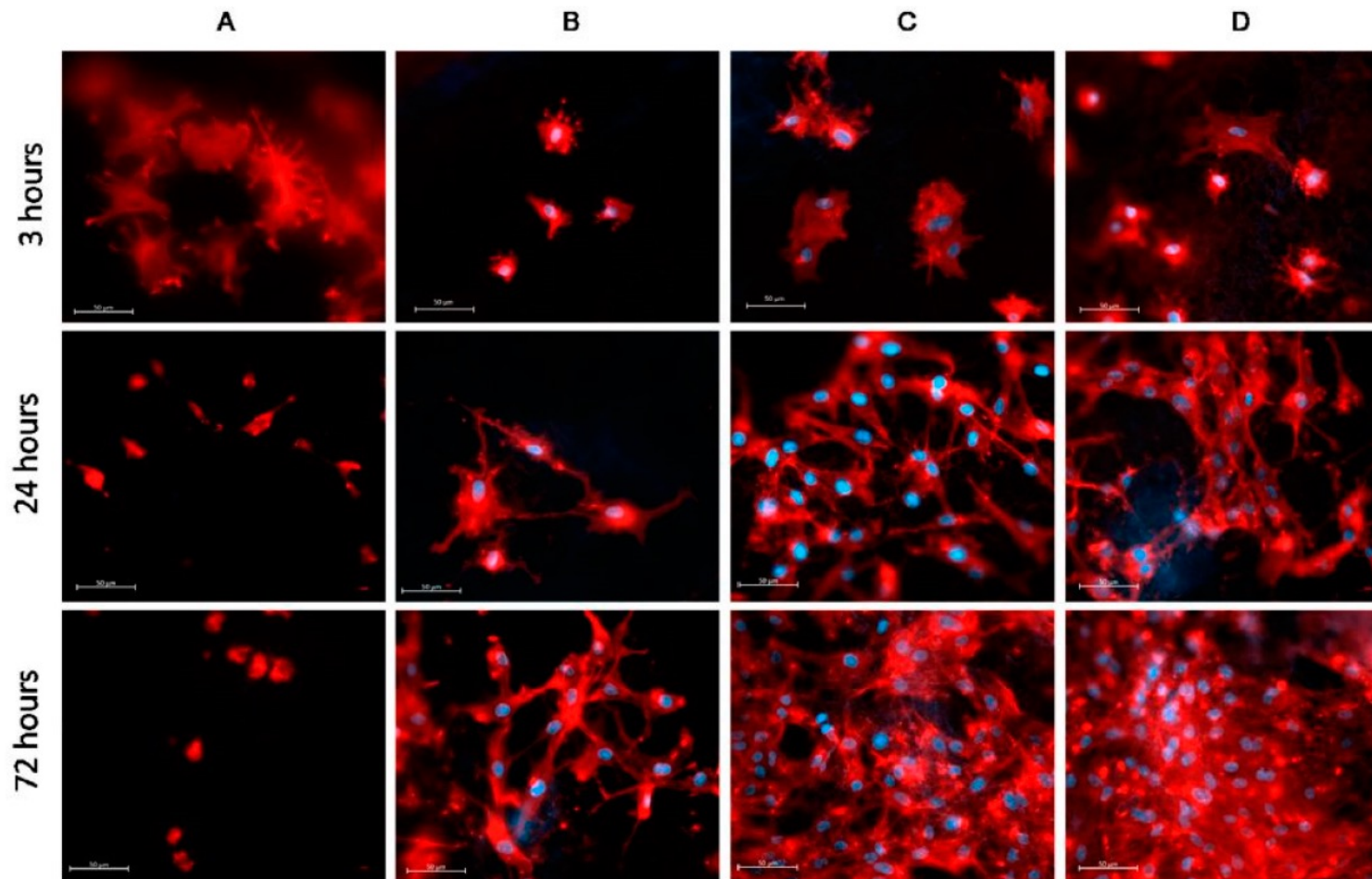


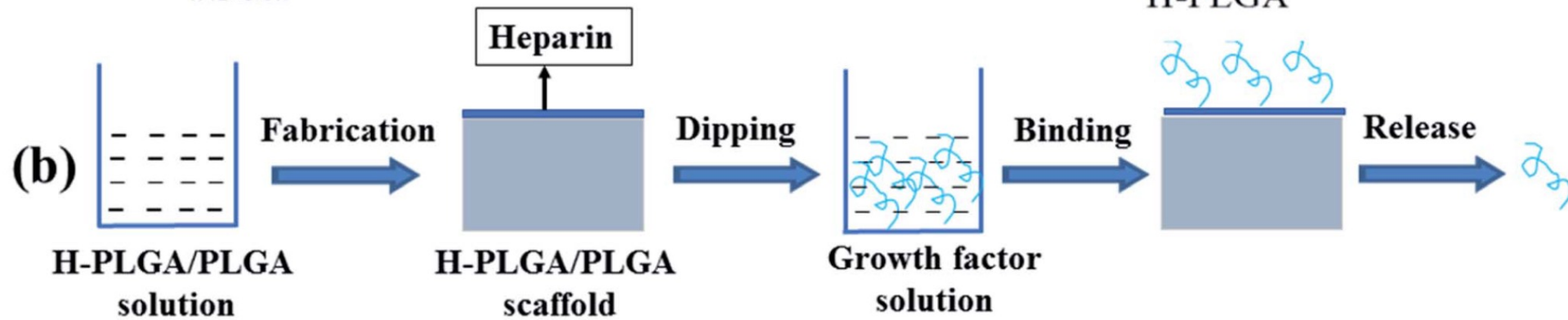
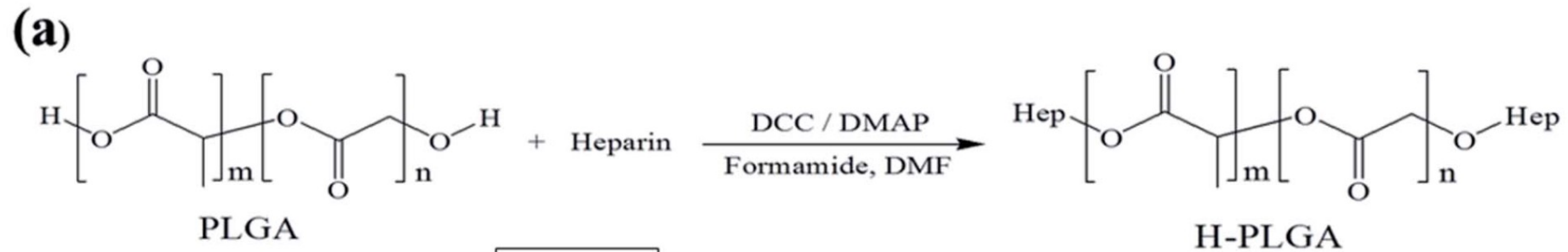
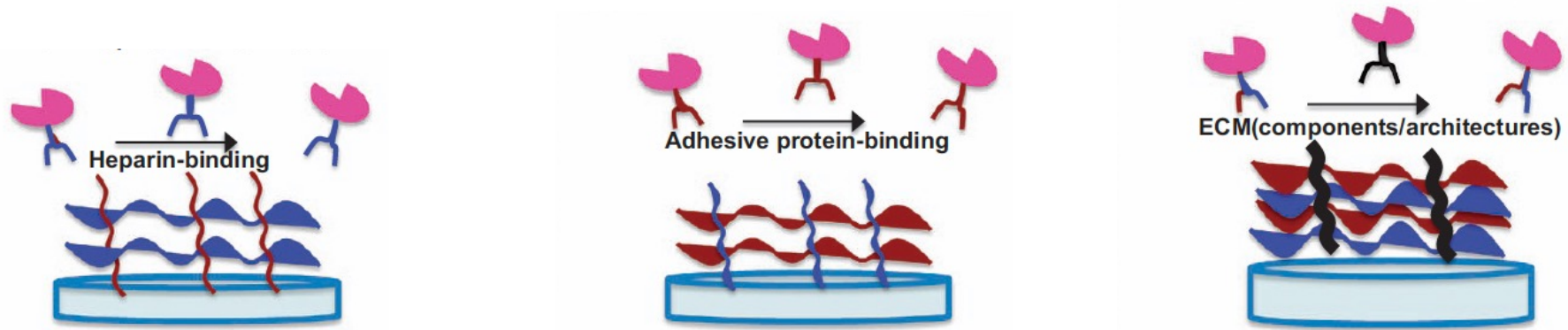
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Asadian, *Nanomaterials* 2020, 10, 119; doi:10.3390/nano10010119

Table 11.1 Biomolecules in tissue engineering

Growth factor	Source	Receptor	Function
Epidermal growth factors (EGFs)	Saliva, plasma, urine and most other body fluids	Tyrosine kinase	Mitogen for ectodermal, mesodermal and endodermal cells, promotes proliferation and differentiation of epidermal and epithelial cells
Fibroblast growth factors (FGFs)	Macrophages, mesenchymal cells, chondrocytes, osteoblasts	Tyrosine kinase	Proliferation of mesenchymal cells, chondrocytes and osteoblasts
Platelet-derived growth factors (PDGFs)	Platelets, macrophages, endothelial cells, fibroblasts, glial cells, astrocytes, myoblasts, smooth muscle cells	Tyrosine kinase	Proliferation of mesenchymal cells, osteoblasts and fibroblasts, macrophage chemotaxis
Insulin-like growth factors (IGFs)	Liver, bone matrix, osteoblasts, chondrocytes, myocytes	Tyrosine kinase	Proliferation and differentiation of osteoprogenitor cells
Transforming growth factor beta (TGF- β)	Platelets, bone, extracellular matrix	Serine threonine sulfate	Stimulates proliferation of undifferentiated mesenchymal cells
Bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs)	Bone extracellular matrix, osteoblasts, osteoprogenitor cells	Serine threonine sulfate	Differentiation of -mesenchymal cells into chondrocytes and osteoblasts -osteoprogenitor cells into osteoblasts influences embryonic development

ECM-Inspired Immobilization



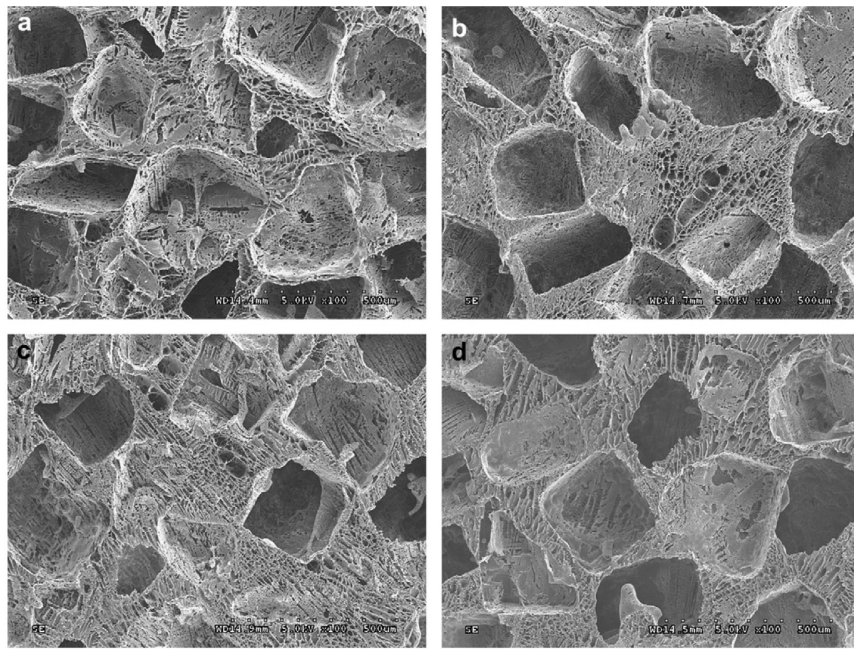
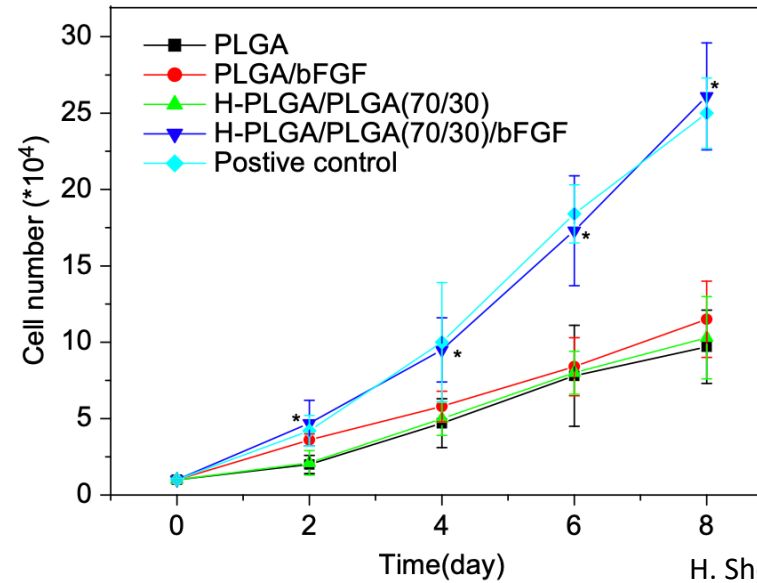
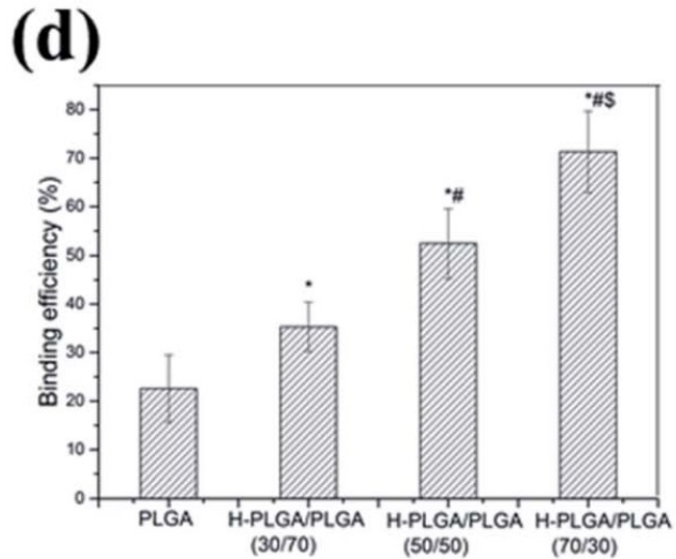
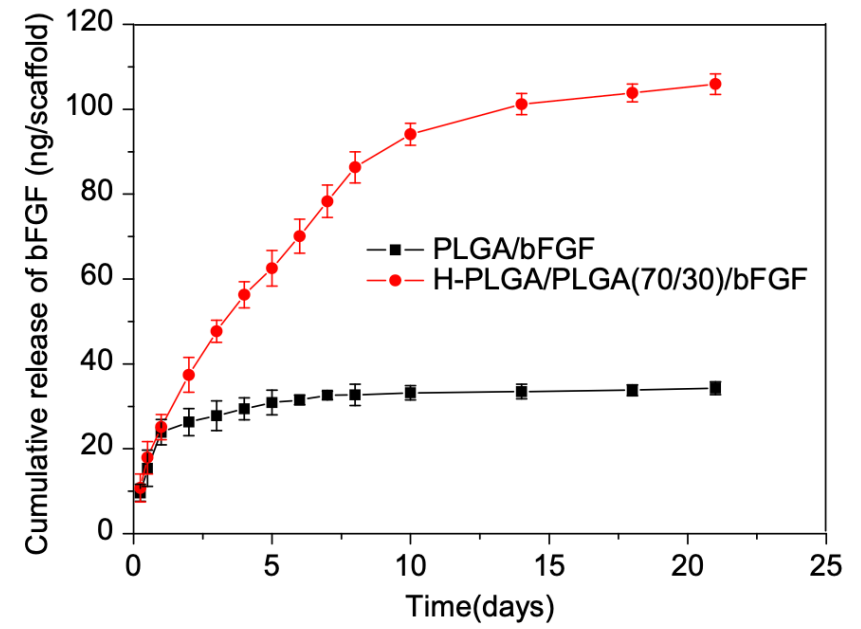
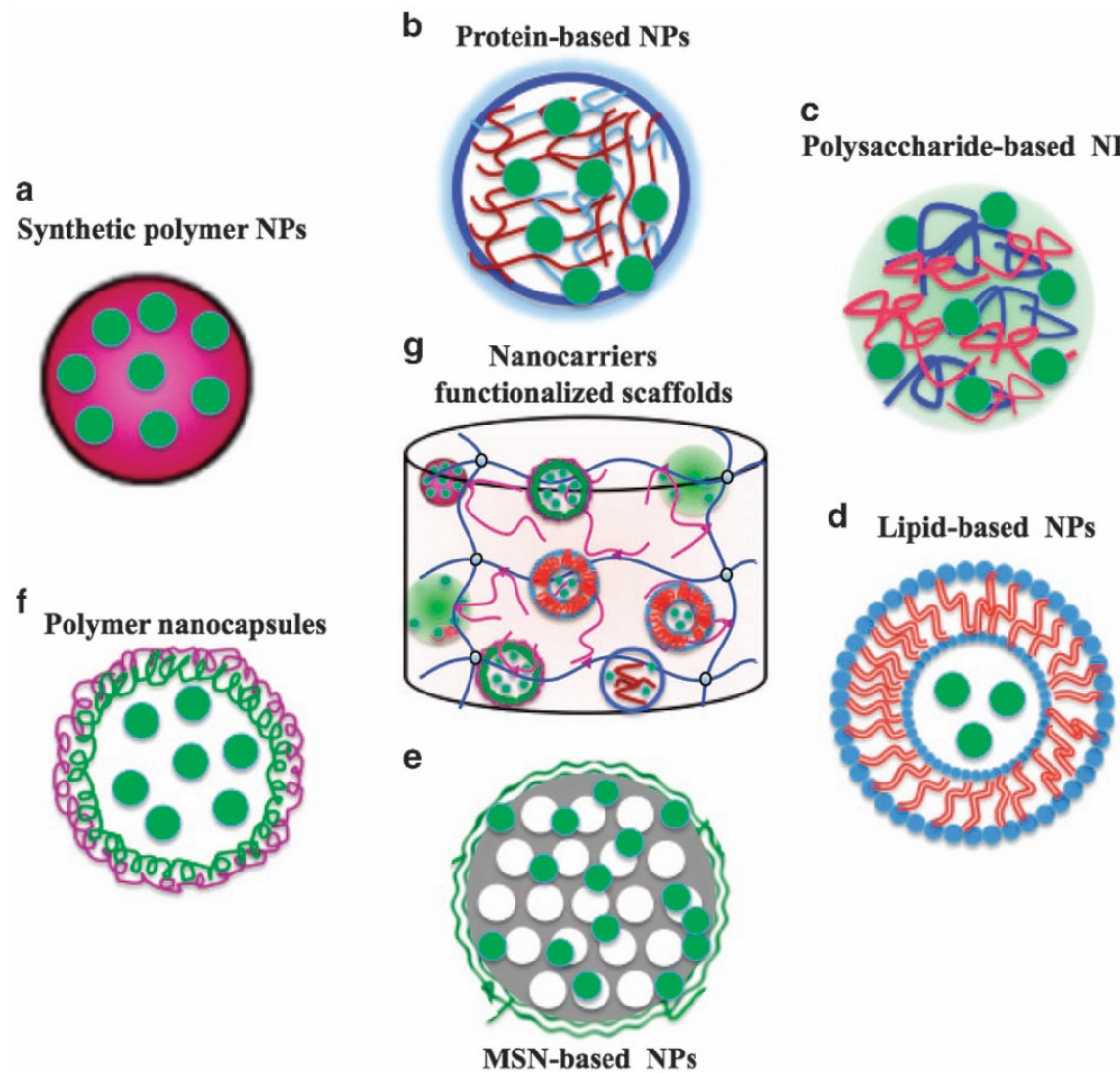


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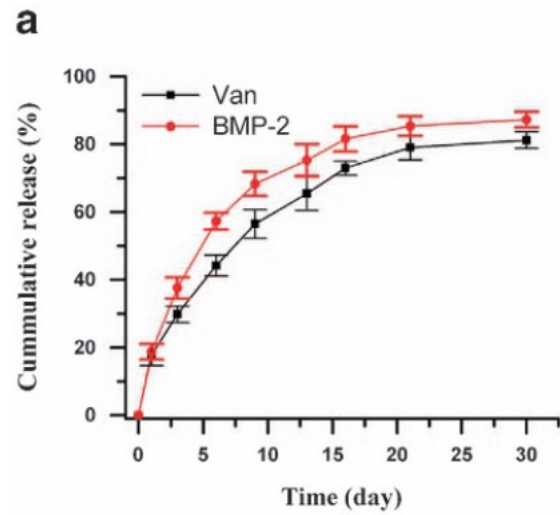


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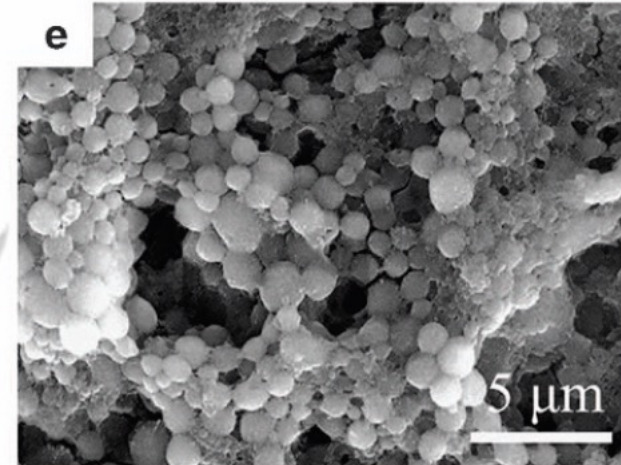
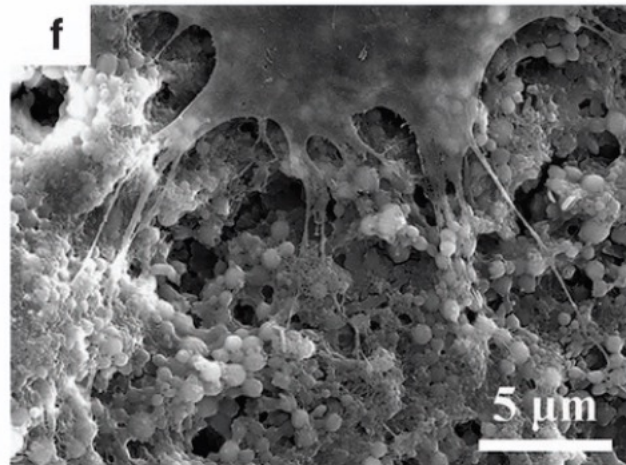
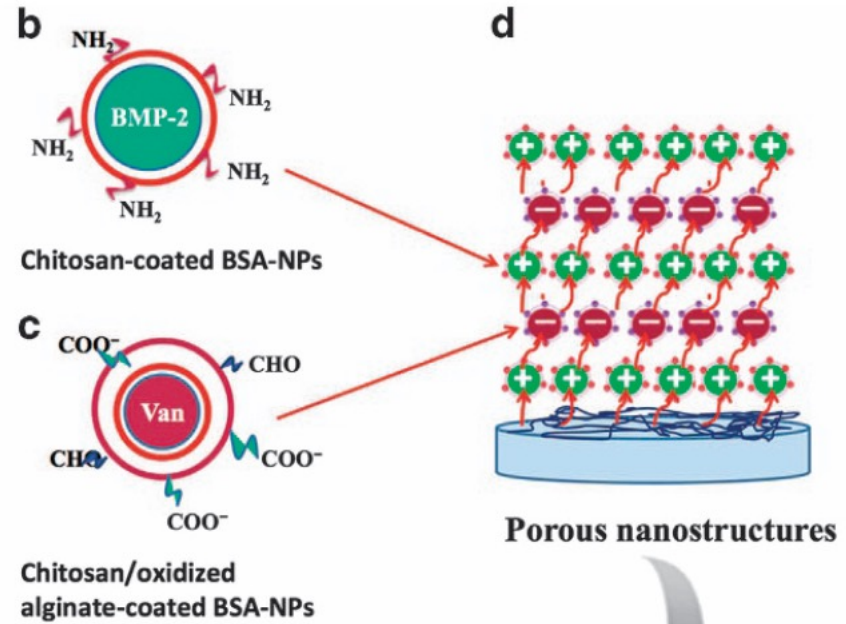
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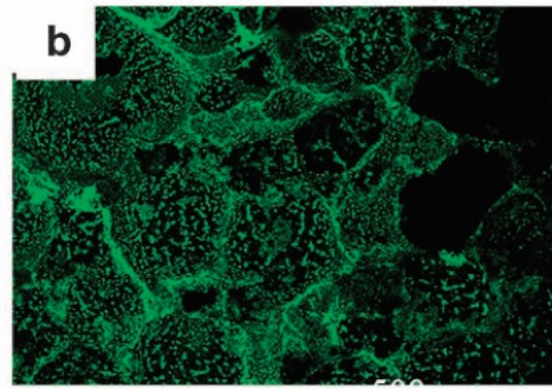
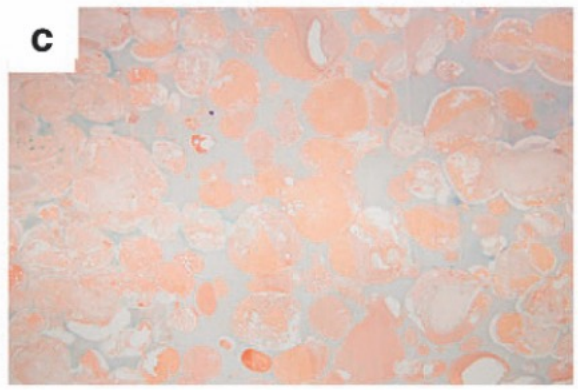
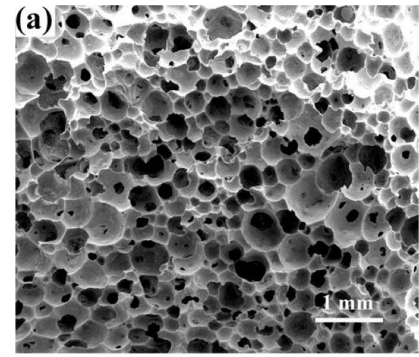
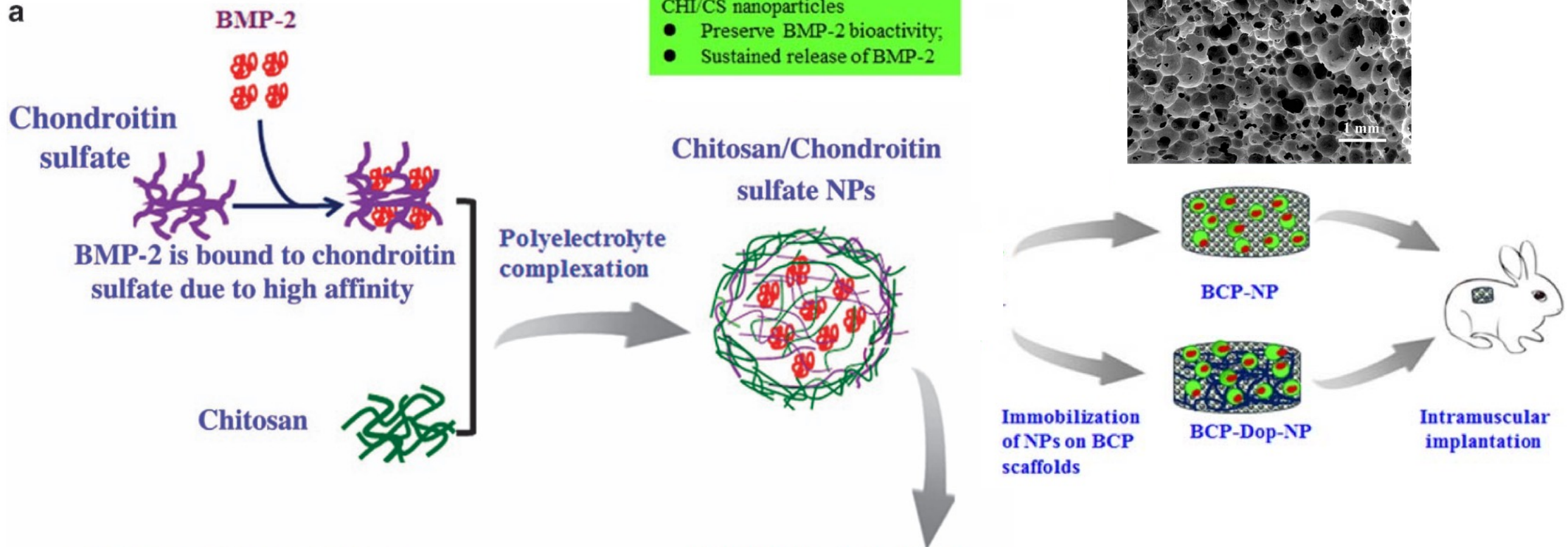
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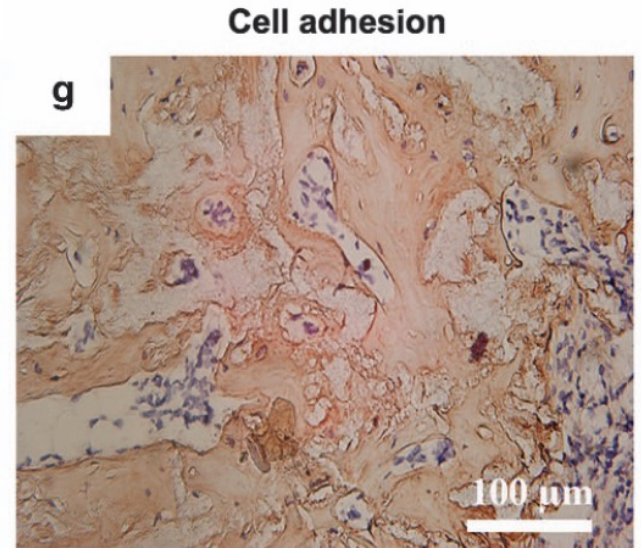
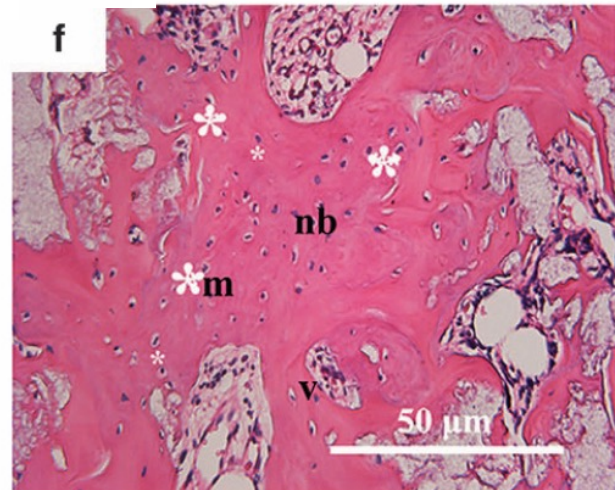
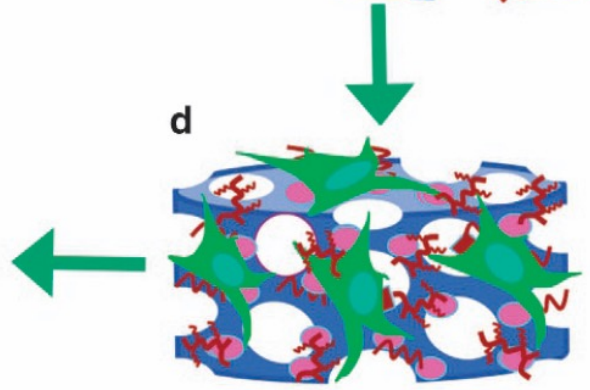
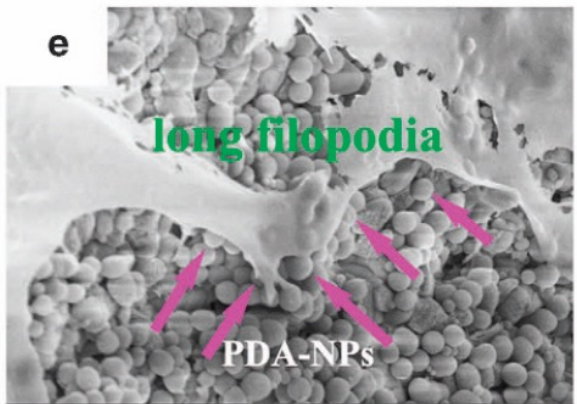
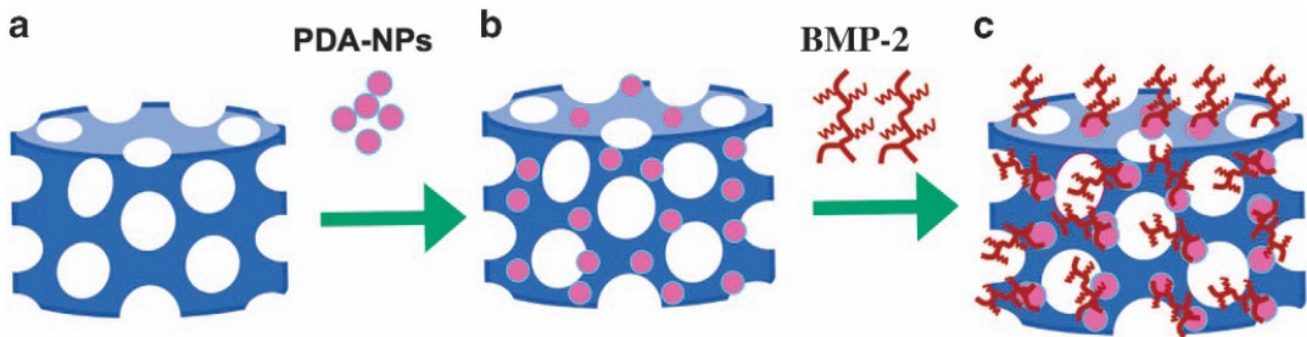


BMP-2 and Van release from polysacchride coated BSA-NPs



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Techniques for the physicochemical analysis of the surface functionalization

Microscopy
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Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)

Atomic Force Microscope

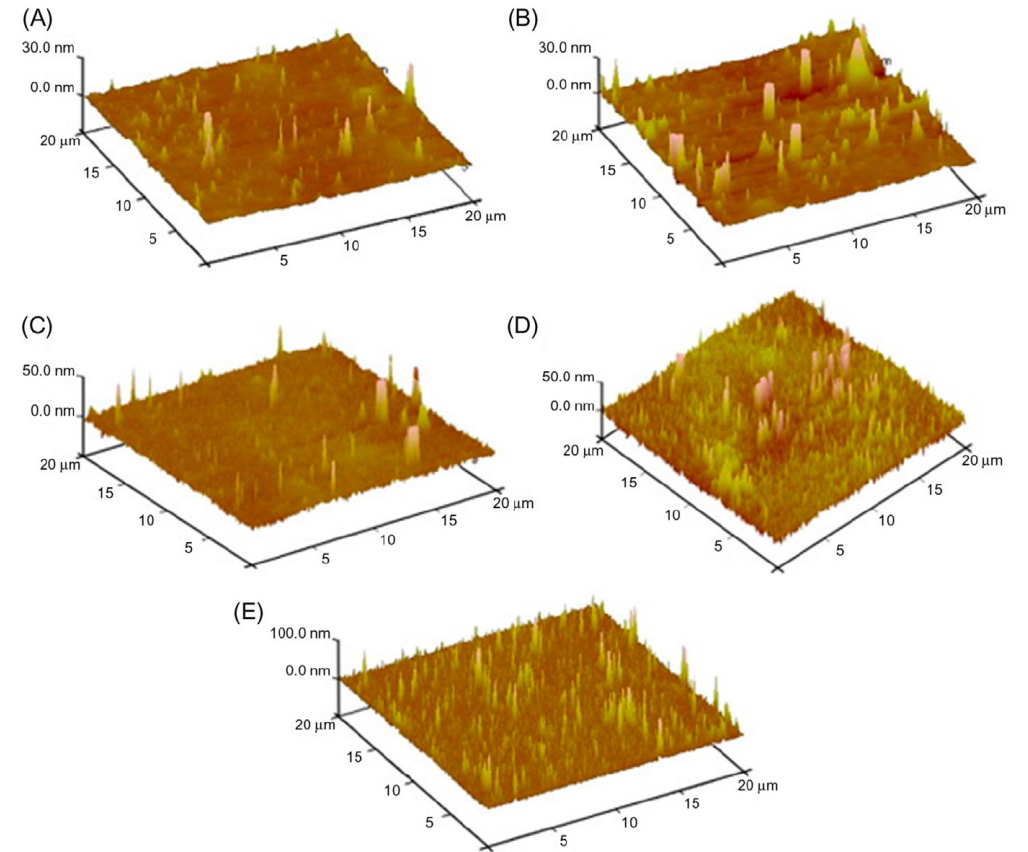
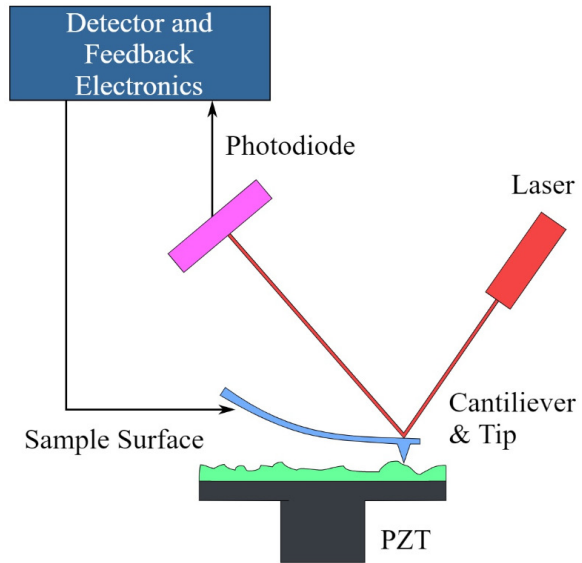
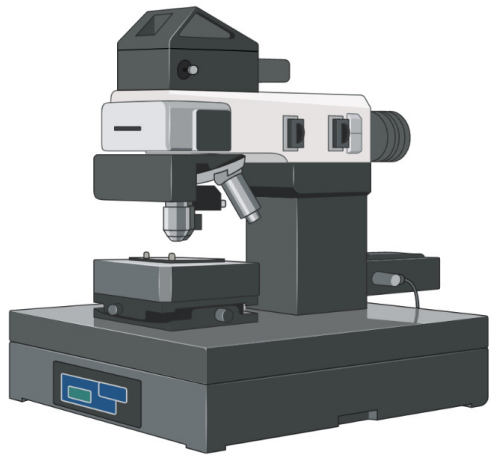


Figure 11.7 AFM topographic of (A) gelatin substrate and gelatin substrates with (B) 1, (C) 6, (D) 9, and (E) 10 layers.

Microscopy Techniques

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)



Scanning Electron Microscope

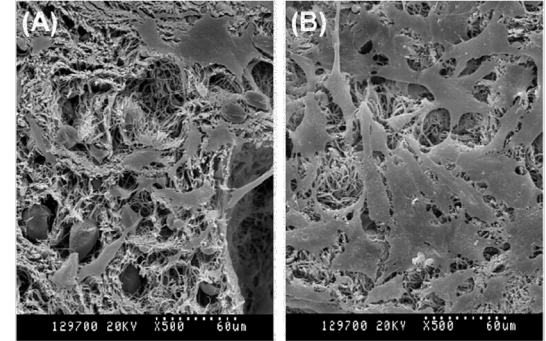
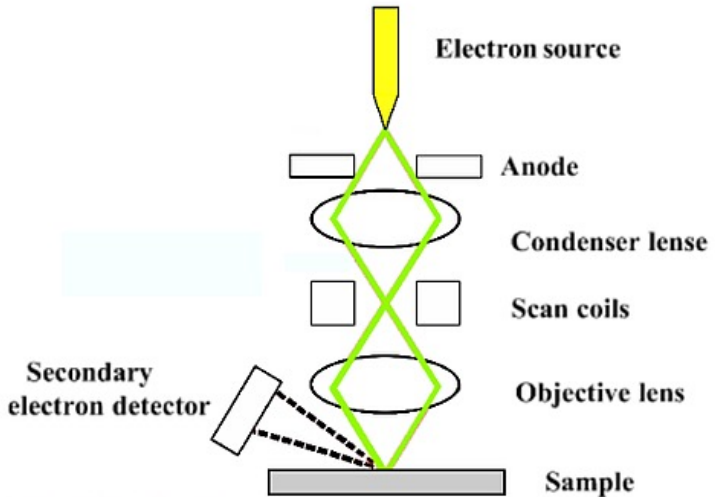
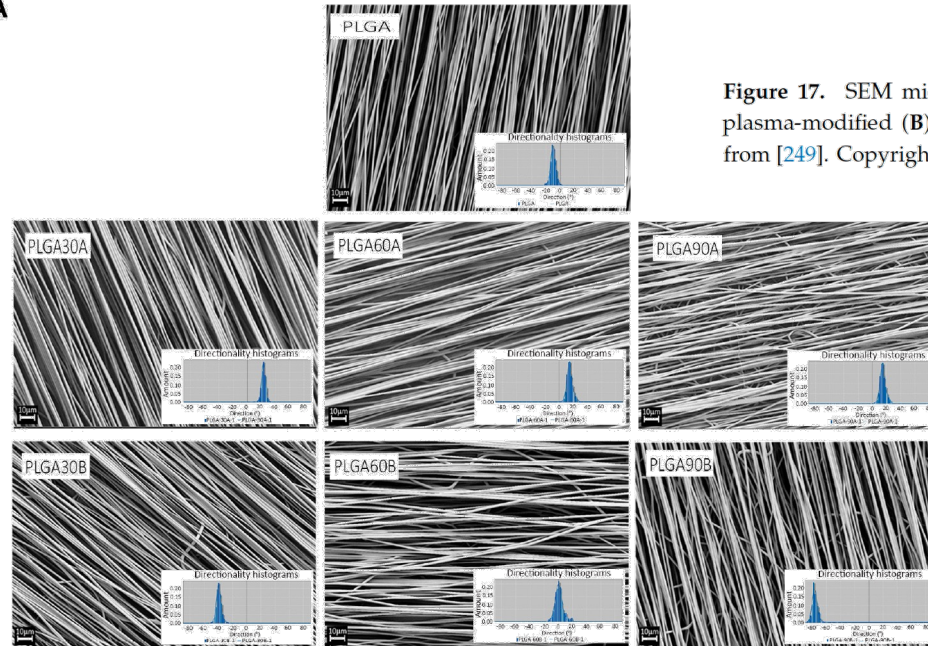
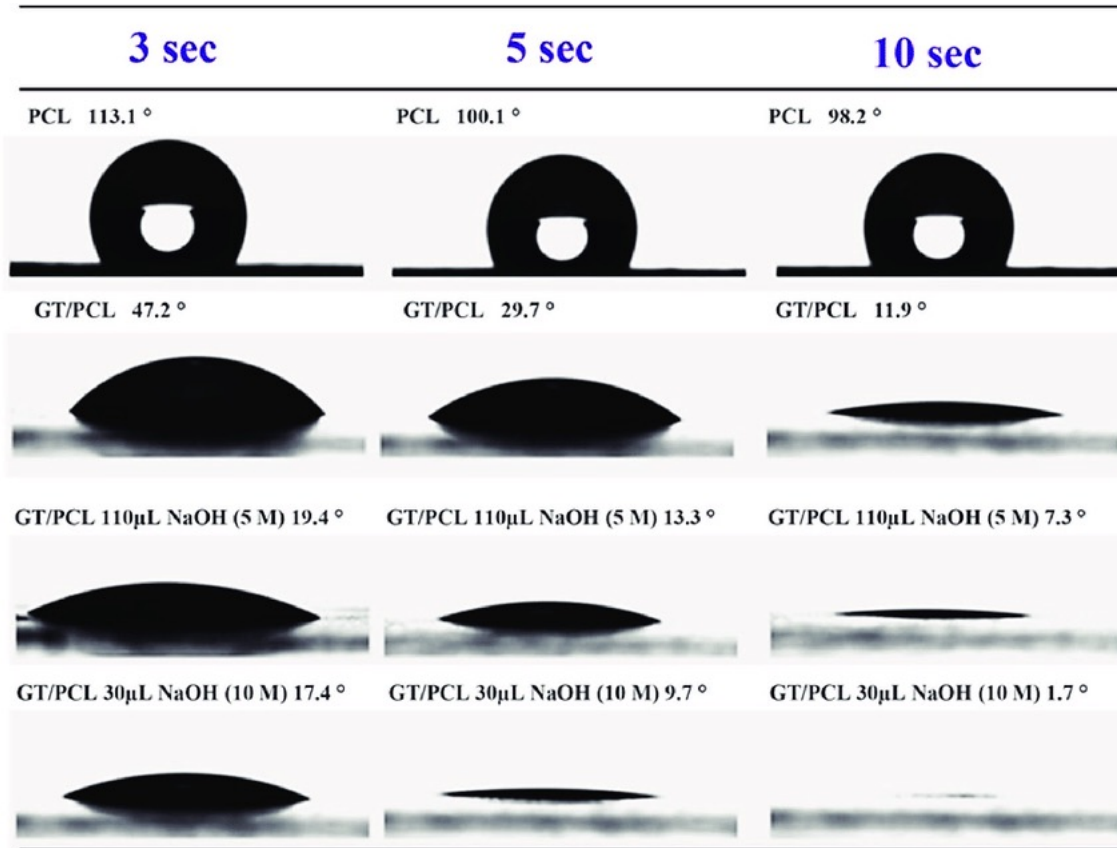


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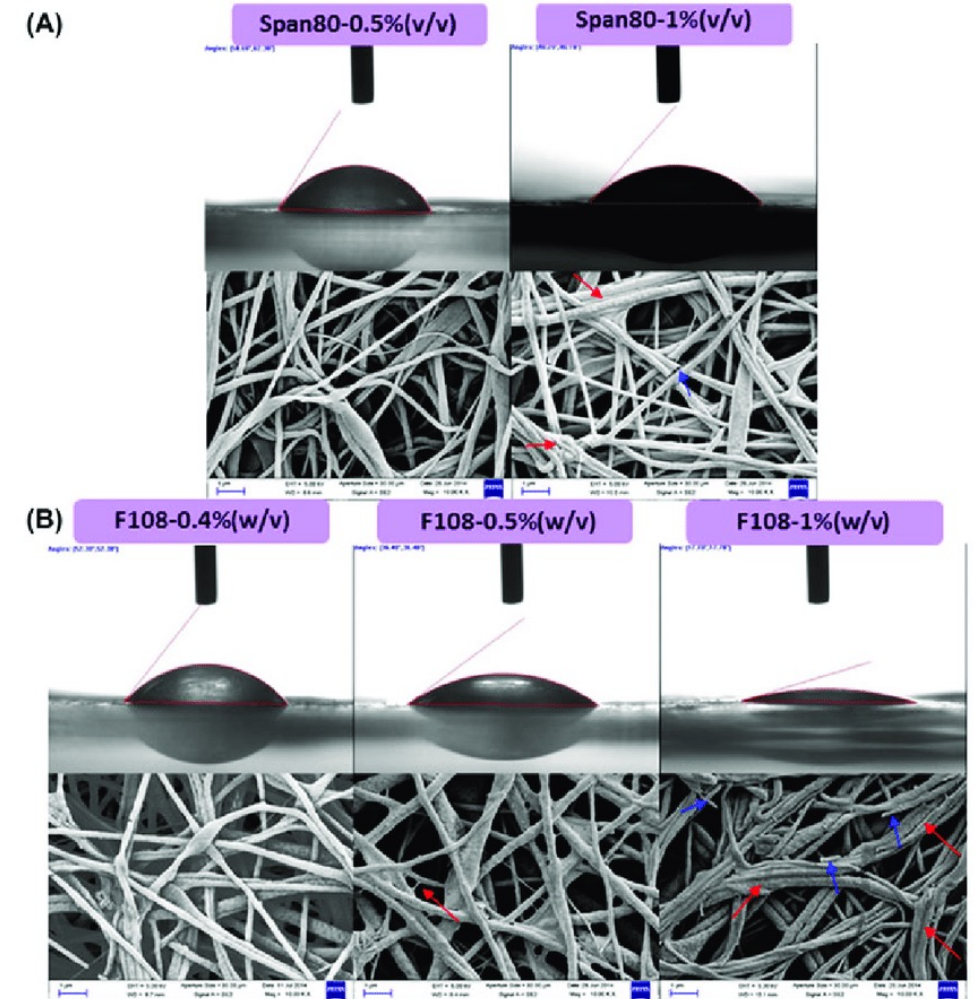


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Surface Wettability



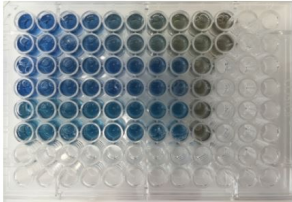
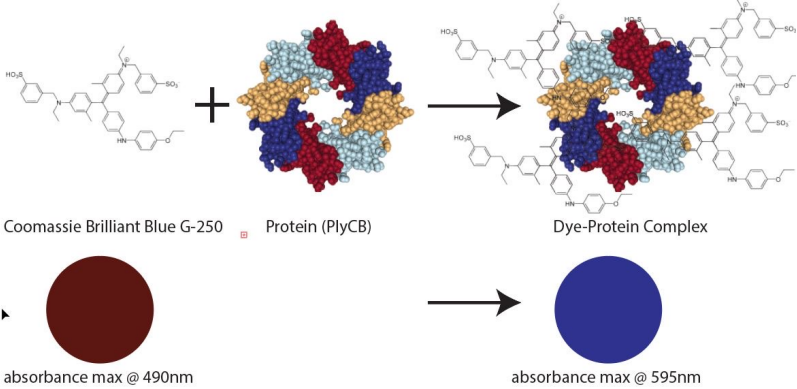
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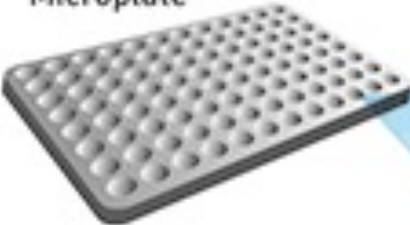
Colorimetric analysis

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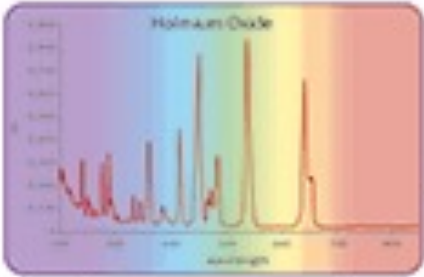
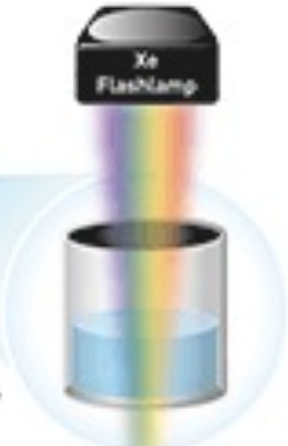


Bradford assay in 96-well plate containing wells with and without protein.

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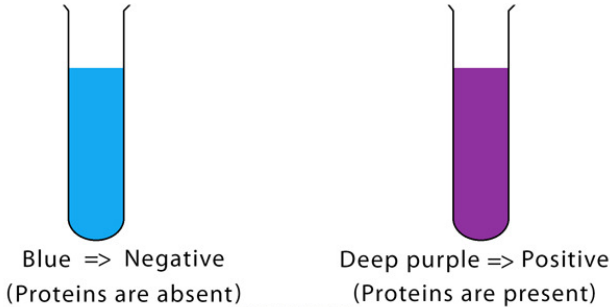
Microplate well



Absorbance at any wavelength



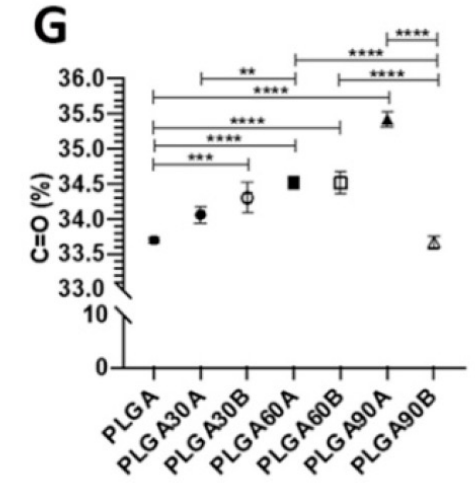
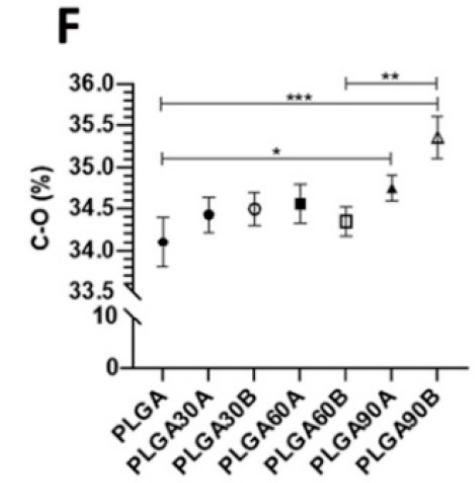
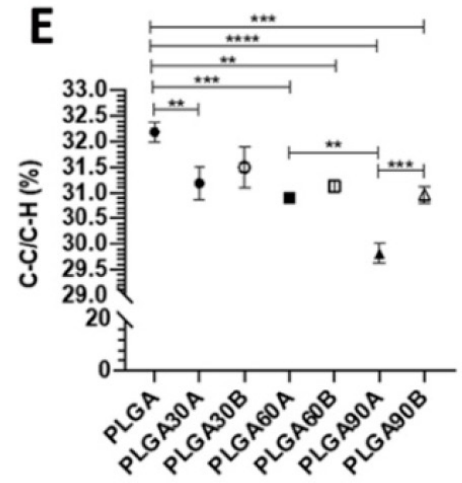
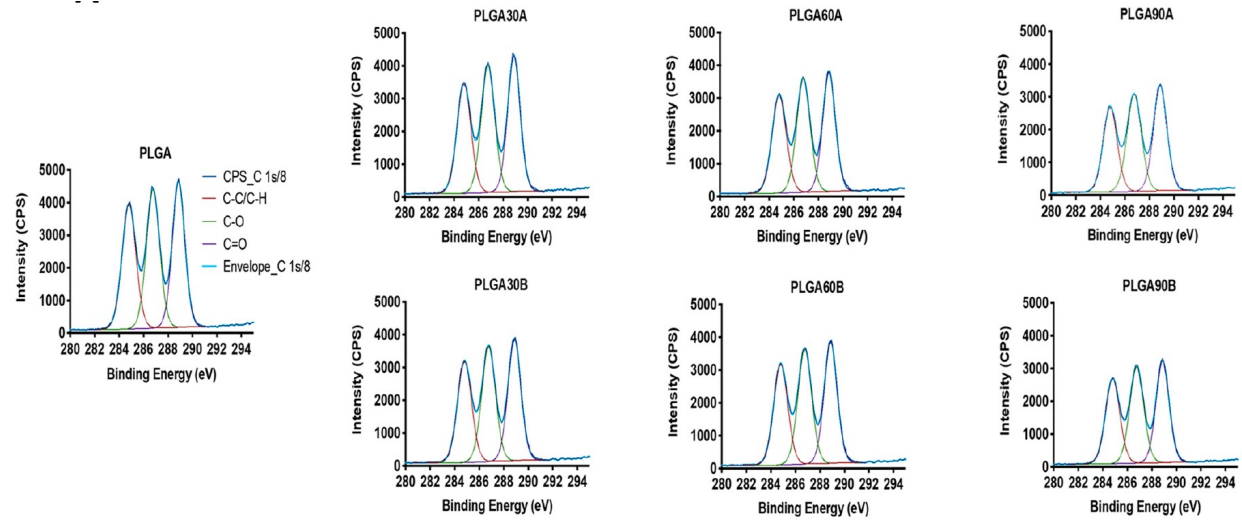
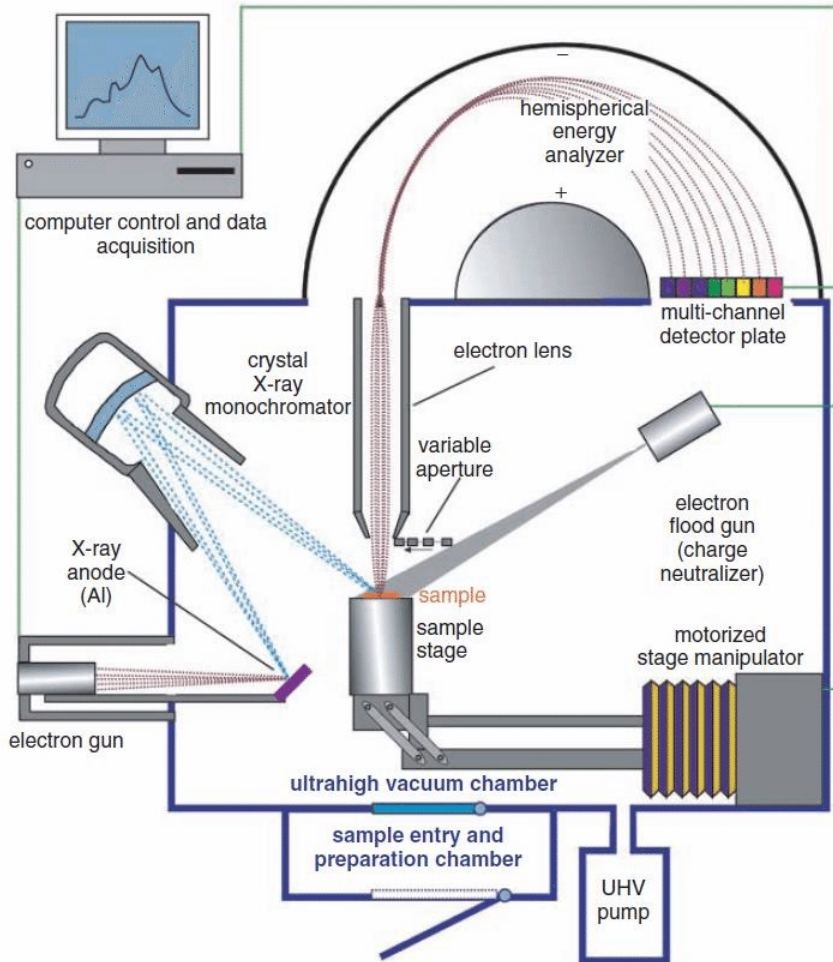
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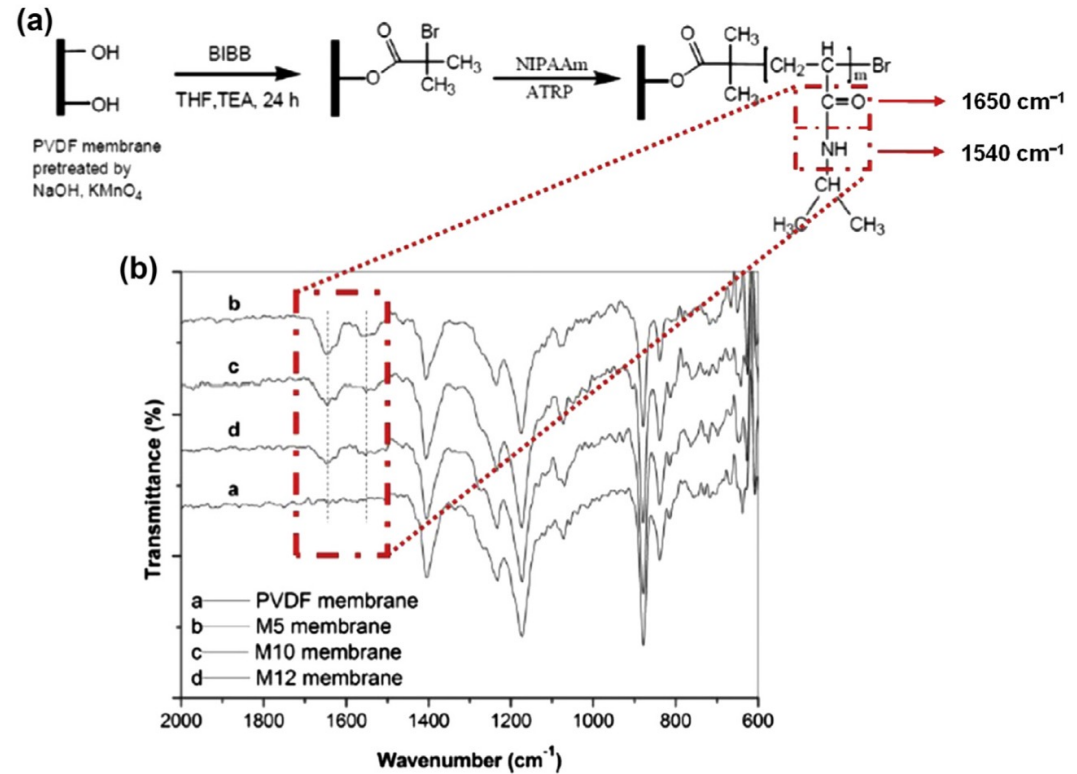
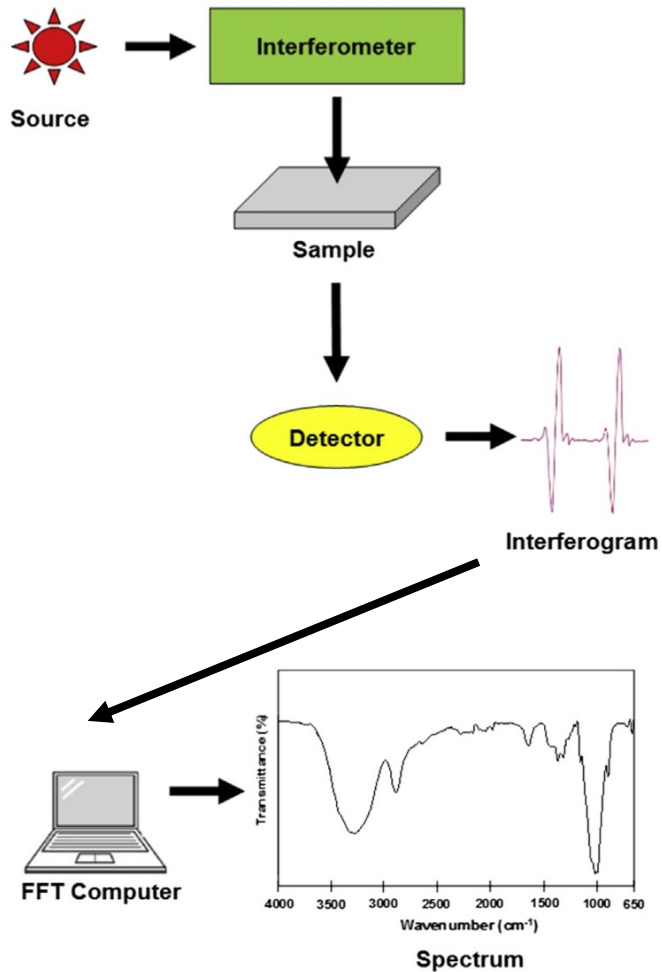


Figure 1.10

(a) Schematic illustration of preparation of modified membrane and (b) attenuated total reflectance-Fourier transform infrared spectra of the pristine and modified poly(vinylidene fluoride) membranes: M5, M10, and M12 membranes with grafting density of 1.17, 0.60, and 0.43 mg/cm², respectively. Reprinted with permission from Zhao G, Chen W-N. Enhanced PVDF membrane performance via surface modification by functional polymer poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) to control protein adsorption and bacterial adhesion. *React Funct Polym* 2015;97:19–29. Copyright 2015, Elsevier.