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中文摘要：商品中有許多材料陸續被應用作為骨頭再生之材料基質。本研究計畫第一年驗就目的為於鈣矽類化合物結合磷酸三鈣、磷酸三鈣結合生長因子和鈣矽類化合物結合生長因子化合物水合情形下,分析材料之物理與化學性質,包括硬化時間、鈣離子釋出、抗壓強度等。研究方法採用燒結混合模式作,以不同比例之內容,製作出適合之粉末。接續分別測試其物理與化學性質變化。結果顯示材料可以有一定之強度,也可以進行降解作用,混合後會有孔隙與氫氧基磷灰石之生成。電顯下觀查發現有較佳之比例混合物可議作為後續之生物細胞學測試研究。結論:本計劃之研究出的混合材料,其物理與化學性質均有良好表現,應可以作為骨頭再生之材料。

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The Synergistic Effects of Chinese Herb and Injectable Calcium Silicate/ β -Tricalcium Phosphate Composite on An Osteogenic Accelerator in Vitro

1. Introduction

For bone tissue regeneration, suitable bioactivity and appropriate degradation of biomaterials are required to conform to different clinical requirements. Autograft possesses all the characteristics indispensable for new bone formation, osteogenesis, osteoconductivity, and osteoinductivity and it is currently considered the gold standard in the medical applications [1-3]. The development of bioactive materials for bone tissue replacement has allowed important advances in the field of bone substitute, and these bioactive materials exhibit highly active surfaces that can bond to the living bone tissues [4-6].

Calcium silicate (CS) cements have received a considerable amount of positive attention in recent years as these materials have better bioactivity than calcium phosphate-based materials [7-11]. Recently, several studies have showed that CS can play an important role in hard tissue formation, at least based upon this materials' Si ions release and fast apatite formation ability [1,12,13]. Interesting, CS can enhance human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSC) [14,15], human dental pulp cells (hDPC) [16,17], and osteoblast-like cell [18] adhesion, proliferation, and differentiation. In addition, the suitable concentration of silicon can inhibit the osteoclastogenesis in osteoclast cells [18-20], and promote the angiogenesis in hDPCs [13,16,21]. However, the low degradation rate of CS may result in a decrease in osteoconductivity, which may limit its clinical application [12,13]. In order to ameliorate its relative disadvantage in regards to material degradation, we used β -tricalcium phosphate (β -TCP) as an additive to see how it would affect its rate of decay. In hard tissue repair, the β -TCP is a bioceramic material that is widely used. The chemical composition of β -TCP was similar to apatite, and it has been applied extensively as a bone substitute material [7,8,10,18,22]. Previous studies have shown that Si-doped TCP bioceramic have a higher degradation rate and promotes new bone formation better than TCP *in vivo* [3,12,13,21,22]. Su et al. assert that the composite cement containing higher than 50% CS not only have good osteoconductivity, but also promote rapid bone formation compared with pure β -TCP and CS scaffolds [13,23-25].

Several bone growth factors, including bone morphogenetic protein, fibroblast growth factor, platelet-derived growth factor, and transforming growth factor have been shown to be potential stimulators of bone regeneration and formation [23,26-28]. Some study has found an alternative bone growth factor from natural products to replace these expensive growth factors, and traditional Chinese medicine has proved to be an ideal hunting ground [29]. Several compounds isolated from the leaf and stem of plants are prepared as powders for clinical use in Chinese herbal medicine and it had been shown to have beneficial clinical effects in recent years [30,31]. *Dipsacus asperoides* C.Y. Cheng et T.M. Ai is a perennial herb and the roots of *D. asperoides*, also named Xu Duan (XD) have been used in Traditional Chinese Medicine for hundreds of years as an antiosteoporosis, tonic and antiaging agent for the therapy of low back pain, traumatic hematoma, threatened abortion and bone fractures [32,33]. XD is commonly used as a major constituent of prescriptions for the treatment of bone diseases and functions in strengthening bone and healing bone fractures. Recent studies have confirmed that Dipsaci radix extract can increase bone density and alter bone histomorphology in mice [34] and has an osteoprotective effect in ovariectomized mice [32].

Thus, to obtain both osteostimulation and osteoconductivity by taking advantage of the favorable bioactivity of calcium silicate and the high degradability of β -TCP, β -TCP/CS substrates have been produced that the right composition can help to control the degradation rate and improve interactions of the material with human tissue. In this study, β -TCP/CS composite cements were prepared so that we could observe the changes

in physiochemical properties, bioactivity, *in vitro* degradation behavior, cell response and osteogenesis in composites with different with 5% and 10% XD. It is our hope that this knowledge may help to in the design of optimal biomaterials for dental hard bone tissue regeneration.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Preparation of Xu Duan (XD) powder and

The XD (*Dipsacus asper* Wall.) was obtained from a local Chinese medicine/herb store in Taiwan, and the identity confirmed as XD by experts in pharmacognosy [35]. Aqueous XD extracts were prepared by standardized procedures. Briefly, a 50 g ground specimen of XD was added to 500 mL of distilled water and boiled under reflux for 2.5 h. Then, the extracts were filtered to remove insoluble debris and concentrated under 50°C using vacuum evaporation. Finally, the XD powder was freeze-dried in this experiment [35].

2.2. Preparation of β -TCP/CS composites with Xu Duan

The method for the preparation of CS powder has been described elsewhere [16,18]. In brief, the reagent grade SiO₂ (High Pure Chemicals, Saitama, Japan), CaO (Riedel-deHaen, Steinheim, Germany), Al₂O₃ (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) and ZnO (Wako, Osaka, Japan) powders were used as raw materials (composition: 65% CaO, 25% SiO₂, 5% Al₂O₃, and 5% ZnO) and the oxide mixtures were sintered at 1,400°C for 2 hours using a high-temperature furnace (Dengyng, Taipei, Taiwan). The β -TCP/CS composite material was obtained by mixing β -TCP (Sigma-Aldrich) and CS powder with composite weight ratios of 50:50 wt% (C5T5). The composites were mixed with Xu Duan (5% or 10%) and then ball-milled in 99.5% ethyl alcohol using a centrifugal ball mill (S 100, Retsch, Hann, Germany) for 12 hours. The codes of different composites were listed in Table 1. The β -TCP/CS powder was mixed with distilled water, and the cements were molded in a mold (diameter: 6 mm, height: 3 mm). The cements (0.5 g) were fully covered each well of the 24-well plate (GeneDireX, Las Vegas, NV) for cell experiments. All samples were stored in the water bath at 100% relative humidity and 37°C for 1 day of hydration.

2.3. Phase composition and morphology

The phase composition of cements was investigated using X-ray diffractometry (XRD; Bruker D8 SSS, Karlsruhe, Germany), and operated at 30 kV and 30 mA at a scanning speed of 1°/min. The microstructure of the cement surface were examined under a scanning electron microscope (SEM; JSM-6700F, JEOL) operated in the lower secondary electron image (LEI) mode at 3 kV accelerating voltage.

2.4. Injectability

The injectability of was consider by pressing 3.0 g of as-prepared cements through a 5 mL syringe with the opening needle with the diameter of 2.0 mm by hand, suggesting that injection by hand possessed even slightly lower standard deviations than injection by machine with preset load. After hydration at 37°C in a 100% relative humidity for different time points, the paste in the syringe was extruded from the syringe until it was unable to be injected. The weight of the paste injected through the syringe was measured. The injectability was calculated as: $I = m_{\text{injected}} / m_{\text{initial}} \times 100\%$, where I is the injectability, m_{injected} and m_{initial} are the weight of the paste injected through the syringe and the paste initially contained in the syringe. All values were the average of ten tests performed for each group.

2.5. Setting time and strength

After the powder was mixed with water, the composites were placed into a cylindrical mould and stored in an incubator at 37°C and 100% relative humidity for hydration. The setting time of the cements was tested according to standards set by the International Standards Organization (ISO) 9917-1 [36]. The setting time was recorded when the Gilmore needle failed to create a 1-mm deep indentation in three separate areas. After being taken out of the mould, the composite specimens were incubated at 37°C in 100% humidity for 1 day. The diametral tensile strength (DTS) testing was conducted on an EZ-Test machine (Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) at a loading rate of 1 mm/min. The maximal compression load at failure was obtained from the recorded load-deflection curves. At least 10 specimens from each group were tested.

2.6. *In vitro* soaking

To evaluate the *in vitro* bioactivity, the composites were immersed in a 10 mL simulated body fluid (SBF) solution in 15 mL tube at 37°C. The SBF solution, of which the ionic composition is similar to that of human blood plasma, consisted of 7.9949 g of NaCl, 0.3528 g of NaHCO₃, 0.2235 g of KCl, 0.147 g of K₂HPO₄, 0.305 g of MgCl₂ • 6H₂O, 0.2775 g of CaCl₂, and 0.071 g of Na₂SO₄ in 1000 mL of distilled H₂O and was buffered to a pH of 7.4 with hydrochloric acid (HCl) and trishydroxymethyl aminomethane (Tris, CH₂OH)₃CNH₂) [13]. All chemicals used were of reagent grade. The solution in the shaker water bath was not changed daily under a static condition. After immersion for different time durations (3 days to 3 months), specimens were removed from the tube and evaluated for several physicochemical properties.

2.7. Weight loss

The degree of degradation was determined by monitoring the weight change of the specimens. After drying at 60°C, the composites were both before and after soaking and then weighed to constant weight using a balance (TE214S, Sartorius, Göttingen, Germany). Ten repeated specimens were examined for each of the materials investigated at each time point (3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 72, and 168 hour).

2.8. *In vitro* release of Xu Duan

The release of Xu Duan was measured after immersing the composites in 1 mL of Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM, Caisson, North Logan, UT) at 37°C at different time points (3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 72, and 168 hour). The amount of Xu Duan in DMEM was measured using the Bio-Rad DC Protein Assay kit (Richmond, CA). All experiments were carried out in triplicate. The DMEM without materials was used as the control.

2.9. Dental pulp cell isolation and culture

The human dental pulp cells (hDPCs) were freshly derived from caries-free, intact premolars that were extracted for orthodontic treatment purposes, as described previously [14,21,37]. The patient gave informed consent, and approval from the Ethics Committee of the Chung Shan Medicine University Hospital was obtained (CSMUH No. CS14117). A sagittal split was performed on each tooth using a chisel, and the pulp tissue was immersed in a PBS buffer solution. Pulp tissue was then cut into fragments, distributed into plates and cultured in DMEM, supplemented with 20% fetal bovine serum (FBS; GeneDireX), 1% penicillin (10,000 U/mL)/streptomycin (10,000 mg/mL) (PS, Caisson) and kept in a humidified atmosphere with 5% CO₂ at 37°C; the medium was changed every 3 days. The osteogenic differentiation medium was DMEM supplemented with 10⁻⁸ M dexamethasone (Sigma-Aldrich), 0.05 g/L L-Ascorbic acid (Sigma-Aldrich) and 2.16 g/L glycerol 2-phosphate disodium salt hydrate (Sigma-Aldrich).

2.10. Cell viability

Cell suspensions at a density of 10^4 cells/mL were directly seeded over each specimen cover fully on 24-well for 1 and 7 days. Cell cultures were incubated at 37°C in a 5% CO_2 atmosphere. After different culturing times, cell viability was evaluated using the PrestoBlue[®] (Invitrogen, Grand Island, NY) assay which is based on the detection of mitochondrial activity. Briefly, at the end of the culture period, the medium was discarded and the wells were washed with PBS. Each well was then filled with the medium with a 1:9 ratio of PrestoBlue[®] in fresh DMEM and incubated at 37°C for 20 min after which the solution in each well was transferred to a new 96-well plate. Plates were read in a multi-well spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Tokyo, Japan) at 570 nm with a reference wavelength of 600 nm. Cells cultured on the tissue culture plate without the cement were used as a control (Ctl). The results were obtained in triplicate from three separate experiments in terms of optical density (OD).

2.11. Real-time PCR

For the detection of bone-related gene [collagen I (COL), alkaline phosphatase (ALP), osteopontin (OPN), and osteocalcin (OC)] of hDPCs, which were cultured at a density of 10^4 cells per sample for different time-points (7 and 14 days). Total RNA of all groups was extracted using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen) and analyzed by RT-qPCR. Total RNA (500 ng) was used for the synthesis of complementary DNA using cDNA Synthesis Kit (GenedireX) following the manufacturer's instructions. RT-qPCR primers (Table 2) were designed based on cDNA sequences from the NCBI Sequence database. SYBR Green qPCR Master Mix (Invitrogen) was used for detection and the target mRNA expressions were assayed on the ABI Step One Plus real-time PCR system (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California, USA). Each sample was performed in triplicate.

2.12. Alkaline phosphatase assay

The level of alkaline phosphatase (ALP) activity was determined on the third day after cell seeding. The process was as follows: the cells were lysed from discs using 0.2 % NP-40, and centrifuged for 10 min at 2000 rpm after washing with PBS. ALP activity was determined using p-nitrophenyl phosphate (pNPP, Sigma) as the substrate. Each sample was mixed with pNPP in 1 M diethanolamine buffer for 15 min, after which the reaction was stopped by the addition of 5 N NaOH and quantified by absorbance at 405 nm. All experiments were done in triplicate.

2.13. Alizarin Red S stain

Accumulated calcium deposition was observed for 14 days using Alizarin Red S staining as described in a previous study [38-40]. To summarize briefly, the cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich) for 15 min and then incubated in 0.5% Alizarin Red S (Sigma-Aldrich) at pH 4.0 for 15 min at room temperature in an orbital shaker (25 rpm). To quantify the stained calcified nodules after staining, samples were immersed with 1.5 mL of 5% SDS in 0.5N HCl for 30 min at room temperature, following which the tubes were centrifuged at 5,000 rpm for 10 min and the supernatant was transferred to the new 96-well plate (GeneDireX). At this time, absorbance was measured at 405 nm (Hitachi).

2.14. Statistical Analysis

A one-way analysis of variance statistical analysis was used to evaluate the significance of the differences between the means in the measured data. Scheffe's multiple comparison test was used to determine the

significance of the deviations in the data for each specimen. In all cases, the results were considered statistically significant with p value < 0.05 .

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Characterization of CS/ β -TCP/XD biocomposites

Table 1 shows that with an increase in the amount of XD-contained, the setting time of the cement becomes longer, going from 19 min (C10X0) and 35 min (C5T5X0) all the way up to 37 min (C10X10) and 59 min (C5T5X10), a significant difference ($p < 0.05$). The setting time is a vary important factor, and a long setting time will lead to clinical problems under some clinical use. Fernández *et al.* propose that 10–15 min is a suitable setting time interval in the clinical [7]. In the present study, the setting time of CS cement was proportional to the CSH amount [41,42]. CSH is able to reduce the setting time of the silica-based cement. Moreover, our results show that a setting time of approximately 20 min for injectable bone cements for use in clinical is possible [41-44]. The DTS values of hydration cements range of 1.1–3.6 MPa, indicating a significant ($p < 0.05$) decrease in the strength as the amount of XD content is increased. Several studies have worked to improve the mechanical strength of TCP [43,44].

Fig. 1 shows the XRD patterns of the composite after hydration for 1 day. The results indicate both that the composite samples consist of β -TCP/CS and that no chemical reaction occurred between the CS and TCP. Specimens containing CS reveal an obvious diffraction peak near $2\theta = 29.4^\circ$, which corresponds to the calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) gel, and incompletely reacted inorganic component phases of the β -dicalcium silicate (β -Ca₂SiO₄) at 2θ between 32° and 34° [1,12]. It is clear that the addition of CS results in lower peak intensities of the CSH, and β -Ca₂SiO₄ phases. Previously, Ni *et al.* performed a detailed study of the phase diagram of the system Ca₂SiO₄/Ca₃(PO₄)₂ and their results indicate that the system is a true binary [22]. Our results are similar. In addition, the XRD patterns of the composites with and without XD showed a similar XRD pattern.

The injectability of the composites paste was significantly increased compared with the injectability of the pure CS paste (Fig. 2). Moreover, the XD-contained paste did not give any separation of liquid and pastes when the weight ratio of XD increased to 5% to 10% due to the filter-pressing effect during extrusion through the syringe. Furthermore, the injectability of the composite paste increased with a decrease in CS content and an increase in XD. The injectable composites can mold to the shape of a bone and harden when injected in situ, thus shortening the surgical operation time and reducing post-operative pain [45].

3.2. Immersion studies of β -TCP/CS/XD biocomposites

Dissolubility played an important roles in biodegradation that must be considered when trying to develop a material that has a degradation rate most appropriate to hastening and easing the process of hard tissue regeneration [12,13]. With this in mind, the degradation rates of the XD-contained composites in SBF solution have been recorded for different time-points, as showed in Fig. 3. After immersion for 1 week, the C10X0 shows a relatively modest amount of weight loss (~5%), whereas the C5T5X0 lost considerably more weight (~12%). All the specimens display an increased weight loss as the immersion time is increased. The pure CS cement (C10X0) has the lowest dissolution rate and solubility compared with other samples over the whole soaking period, reaching 10% after 12 weeks. At the end of the immersion point, weight losses of approximately 15%, 21%, 30%, 43% and 52%, were observed for the C10X5, C10X10, C5T5X0, C5T5X5 and C5T5X10 cement mixtures, respectively, indicating significant differences ($p < 0.05$). As expected, β -TCP/CS biphasic composites show an higher dissolution behavior than pure CS [12,13]. Moreover, the higher dissolution rate of β -TCP/CS **did** assist XD release and the weight losses of XD-contained composites were higher than specimens

without XD. Hence, the degradation rate of the composite cement may be controlled to a certain extent by varying the CS content in the composite [22].

Changes in the strength of composite samples after soaking in SBF are shown in Fig. 4. The DTS values of hydration composites without being immersed range of 1.1–3.6 MPa, indicating a significant ($p < 0.05$) decrease in the strength as the amount of β -TCP and XD were increased. The DTS values are 2.9 MPa and 2.1 MPa when the XD content in the CS cements are 5% and 10%, respectively. The reducing in the strength value of the composite is probably due to the addition of the inherently weak XD to CS. In addition, there is no reaction or chemical bonding between the CS, β -TCP, and XD in the composites; the three substances only stay together because they are mixed in the composite cements but do not otherwise interact. These results explain that the composite have the highest strength during 2 weeks for soaking, and thereafter decreases. During immersion periods, some of the activated CS fraction within the XD-rich composites didn't react, that was resulted in the weaker entanglement with composites particles [13]. When cement specimens are immersed in solution for 2 weeks, the CS hydration reaction dramatically changes in the CSH phase and increases in strength [12,13]. After 12 weeks of soaking, the strength of C5T5X0, C5T5X5, and C5T5X10 are 3.2, 2.4, 1.5 MPa, respectively. This indicates that the DTS of the higher XD content cements declines due to the degradation, consistent with the results of weight loss [13].

The results of an examination of the surface microstructure of the composites before and after soaking in SBF after 7 days are shown in Fig. 5. It is readily visible that the pure CS cement exhibits a dense and smooth surface containing particle entanglement and micro-pores (C10T0X0). In contrast, the β -TCP-contained cement has a looser and rougher surface texture, with irregular pores (C5T5X0). In a ideal bone graft, it is believed that when bonded to living nature bone tissue, an apatite layer will form on the surface [13]. The formation of the bone-like apatite in SBF has proven to be useful in predicting the bone-bonding ability of material *in vitro*. It can be seen that a dense apatite layer covers the surfaces of specimens with C10T0X0 CS content after immersion for 7 day. For the C5T5X0 composite, it is evident that spherical granules precipitated on the surface of the composite after immersion for 7 day and the morphology reveals an early stage of apatite precipitation. These results are similar to reports by other researchers [12,13], who elucidate the lack of apatite formation observed in the β -TCP samples after immersion in SBF. The apatite-precipitated ability of the six bone cements seemed to be dependent on the β -TCP and XD content of the composites. The presence of β -TCP and XD delayed the apatite precipitation rate. The *in vitro* bioactivity of the calcium-silicate materials indicates that the presence of PO_4^{3-} ions in the composition is not an essential requirement for the formation of an apatite layer, which is noteworthy because it is known that PO_4^{3-} depletes calcium and phosphate ions because the PO_4^{3-} ions originate from the *in vitro* assay solution [13]. The C5T5X0 cement has less Si-OH functional group, and it causes bioactivity less than pure CS cement. Thus, the CS-rich cements were supposed to develop a stronger bond with the surrounding bone tissue compared with the β -TCP and XD-rich cement. The ideal composites were expected to have an optimal mechanical performance, a controllable degradation rate, and eminent bioactivity, which will be of great importance for bone remodeling and growth.

3.3 *In vitro* release of XD

The CS/ β -TCP composites were loaded 5% and 10% XD. The *in vitro* release profiles of XD from composites are shown in Fig. 6. In CS cement, XD of the initial burst release is taken from the first 24 h, with 17.5 μg and 20.1 μg XD released from C10X5 and C10X10, respectively. However, β -TCP-contained specimens released 72.1 μg (C5T5X5) and 105.4 μg (C5T5X10) XD over a period of 3 days, and XD sustained released until after 7 days. Regarding the *in vitro* release profiles of XD from the specimens, the graph shows

that the rate of XD release from β -TCP-contained specimens are in accordance with an earlier report on release characteristics related to porosity [13]. Moreover, the profiles of composites degradation and XD released were similar. Thus, we hypothesize that the primary mechanism of XD release from the composites during the first 24 h is by desorption from the composites' surface [11,12,27]. After immersion for long time, the β -TCP-contained cement degradation rate was more quickly and XD released from the composites was increased. The effective concentrations of XD for different biological functions were determined in several previous studies [29,32,46]. XD was verified to have adverse effects on bone formation in mice at concentrations higher than 50 mg/kg [47]. Recently, Yao *et al.* showed 10 μ g/mL of XD immobilized on TCP ceramic to have the ability to enhance new bone formation [35].

3.4 hDPCs proliferation

We evaluated the proliferation of hDPCs cultured with various specimens both with and without XD for different time-points (Fig. 7). On day 1, the cell viability of hDPCs cultured in CS with 10% XD is significantly higher ($p < 0.05$) than it is for pure CS specimens. We suggest that the XD may release from specimens stimulate cell proliferation. The efficaciousness of concentrations of XD for different biological functions has been reported upon in several previous studies [29]. Previous studies had also verified that XD at concentrations higher than 10 μ g/mL may have adverse effects on bone cell behavior [35]. The outcome of the present study shows that composite specimens combined with growth factors on cultured hDPCs promote proliferation over long periods of being cultured [12,17,27]. Additionally, the proliferation of hDPCs in the presence of specimens with XD is higher than those obtained from pure specimens on day 7, but not for C10X5. Because C10X5 has relatively low dissolution, the concentration of XD (41.2 μ g for 7 day) released from specimens is affected and is not elevated in a manner that promotes cell proliferation. By contrast, the concentration of XD released from C5T5X5 (100.31 μ g) and C5T5X10 (142.7 μ g) stimulates hDPCs proliferation by day 7. We presume that the amount of XD released from composites is high enough to promote hDPCs behavior. Our findings are similar to the above referenced results, indicating that XD when combined with composites shows more synergistic effects on cultured hDPCs proliferation than materials alone.

3.5 Osteogenesis gene expression

There is no obvious difference for the Col gene expression between all specimens at day 7 and 14 (Fig. 8A). However, the bone-related gene expression for ALP, BSP and OC of hDPCs on CS/ β -TCP-contained 10% XD is obviously higher than on specimens without XD (Fig. 8B, C and D). Interesting, the expression of ALP, BSP and OC of cells on C5T5X10 elicited a significant ($p < 0.05$) increase of 26%, 15%, and 12% compared with C10X10 on day 14. ALP is an early marker of osteogenesis differentiation, and it is generally accepted that an increase in the specific activity of ALP in bone cells reflects a shift to a more differentiated state [48]. BSP and OC are later makers of osteogenic differentiation. At day 7, cells on the composites contained 10% XD showed significantly increased BSP (12%) and OC (24%) expression levels, compared to the pure cement.

3.7 Mineralization

The ALP expression of hDPCs cultured on different composites has also been examined. Fig. 9A shows the analysis of quantitative examination data and the ALP amount of cells cultured on the different composites for 7 and 14 days. In the pure composites groups, the ALP amount of the hDPCs seeded on C10X0 increased 20% and 22% than C5T5X0 after 7 and 14 days, respectively. Recent studies also show that CS promotes hDPCs proliferation and differentiation [16,37,49]. This stimulatory effect may be attributed to the dissolution

of Si ions [16,37,48]. It is worth noting that the β -TCP-contained cements with 5% and 10% XD stimulate significantly (1.20-and 1.46-fold) enhancement ($p < 0.05$) of osteogenesis proteins secretion than the pure cements after 14 days. XD is well known osteogenic factor, and it also plays a role in osteogenesis differentiation. XD not only promotes the proliferation of stem cells, but also stimulates the replication of osteoprogenitor cells [29,35].

The aim of this mineralization assay is to determine and show the effects of XD released from β -TCP/CS on bone matrix formation following analysis using Alizarin Red S staining to identify calcium deposition, as seen in Fig. 9B. In the case of pure CS cement (C10), no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) in quantification of calcium mineral matrix deposition were detected between substrates without and with XD. By contrast, significant (1.71-and 1.95-fold) enhancement ($p < 0.05$) of calcium content have been observed on C5T5 with 5% and 10% XD compared with composites without XD on day 14, respectively. According to the literature, XD promotes cells in higher ALP activity and a trend toward higher mineral deposition [35].

4. Conclusions

In this study, degradable and highly bioactive calcium-silicate based composite cement containing CS and β -TCP were prepared and analyzed. The dissolution rate of the β -TCP/CS is strongly dependent on the β -TCP content. When the composite contained 50% CS, the ability to form bone-like apatite is about the same as that for the pure CS. The results obtained in this study may be useful for designing calcium-based biocomposites with optimal biological and degradation properties. Moreover, assuring that the most beneficial amounts of XD are released from composites not only promotes hDPCs to proliferate but also helps bone mineralization. Our results suggest that the incorporation of β -TCP into CS is a useful approach for obtaining composites with improved properties, and taking the setting time, degradation, osteogenic activity, and XD release into account, CS/ β -TCP-contained 10% XD composite may be the best choice for bone repair applications.

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. XRD patterns of (A) CS and (B) β -TCP/CS specimens with different ratios of XD after hydrated at 37°C for 1 day.

Figure 2. Injectability of β -TCP/CS specimens with different ratios of XD pastes after versus setting time.

Figure 3. Weight loss of various cements after immersion in SBF for predetermined time durations.

Figure 4. Diametral tensile strength of various cements after immersion in SBF for predetermined time durations.

Figure 5. SEM micrographs of the β -TCP/CS/XD composites surfaces before and after immersion in SBF for 7 days.

Figure 6. Release percent profile of XD from β -TCP/CS composites in DMEM.

Figure 7. The proliferation of hDPCs cultured with various specimens for different time points. “*” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without XD. “@” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without TCP.

Figure 8. (A) Col, (B) ALP, (C) BSP and (D) OC gene expression in the hDPCs were cultured on the various specimens for 7 and 14 days. “*” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without XD. “@” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without TCP.

Figure 9. (A) ALP activity of hDPCs cultured on various specimens for 7 and 14 days. “*” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without XD. “@” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimen without TCP. (B) Quantification of calcium mineral deposits by Alizarin Red S assay of hDPCs cultured on various cement for 14 days. “*” indicates a significant difference ($p < 0.05$) compared to specimens without TCP.

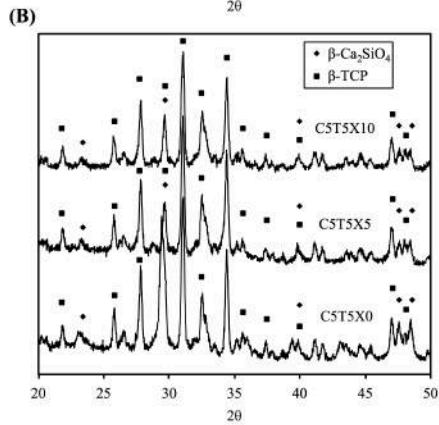
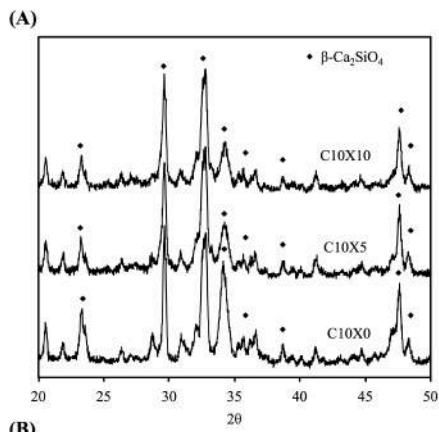


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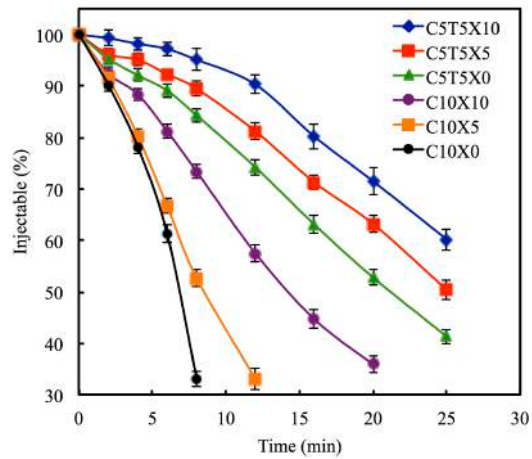


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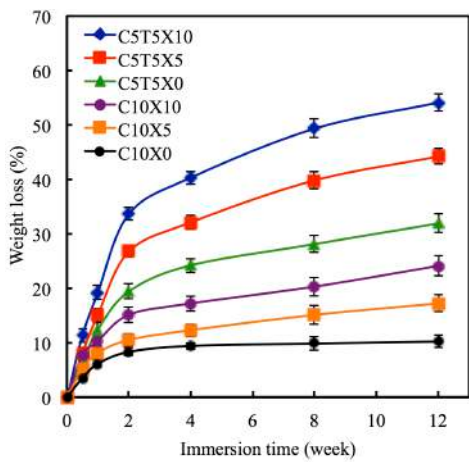


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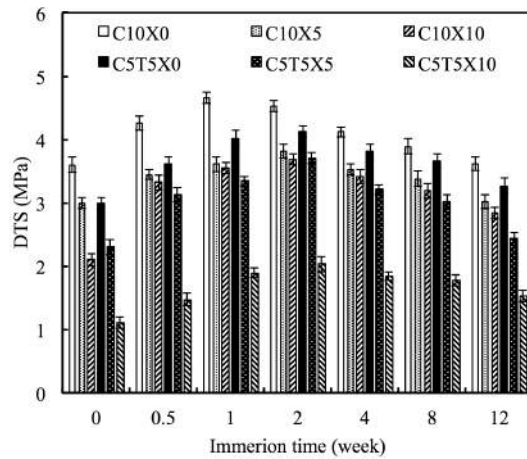


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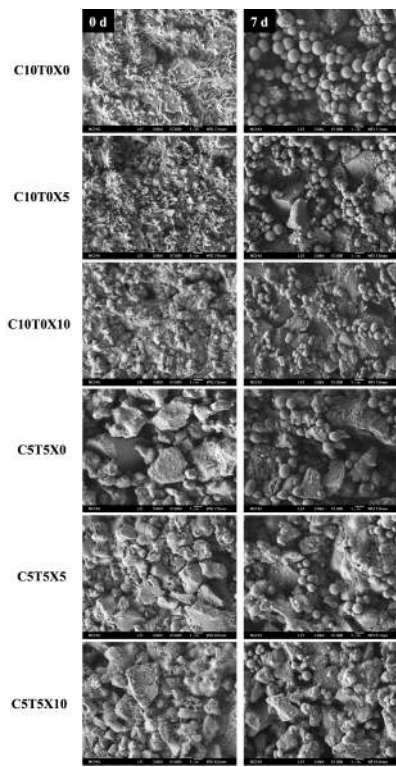


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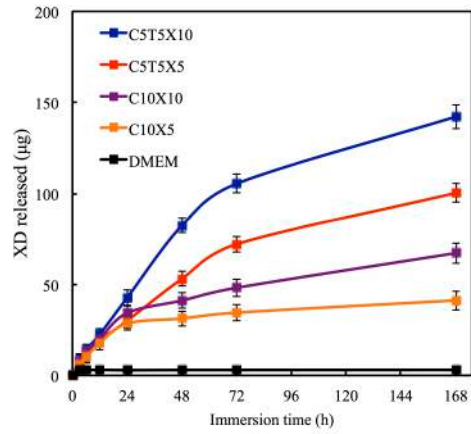


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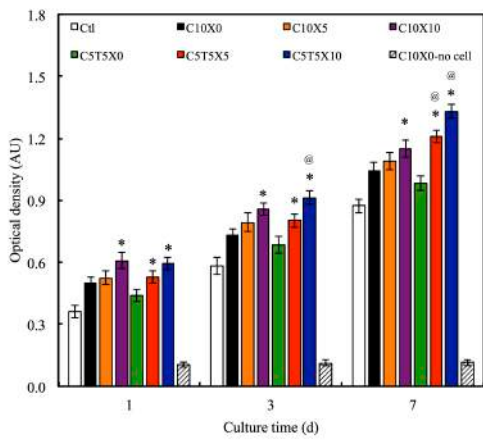


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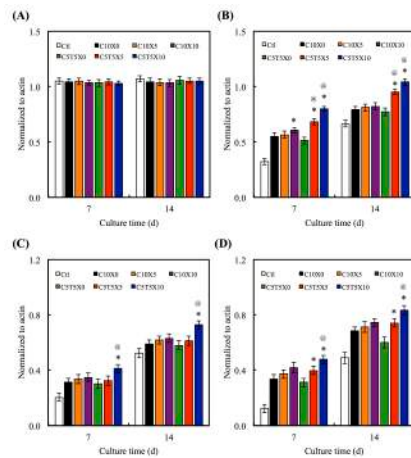


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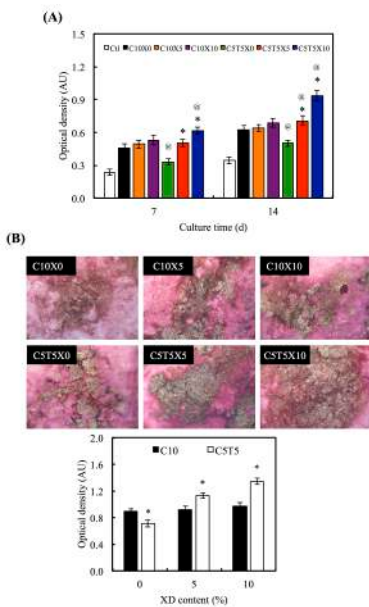


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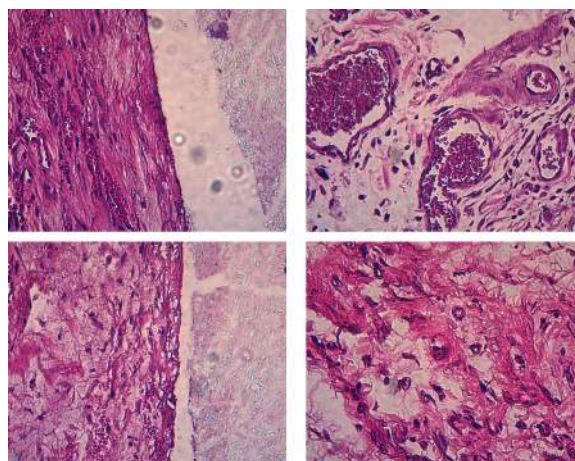


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科技部補助專題研究計畫出席國際學術會議心得報告

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計畫編號	MOST 101-2314-B-040 -011 -MY3 - - - - -		
計畫名稱	根管用鈣矽類化合物之混合物材料性質與骨細胞反應之研究		
出國人員姓名	黃翠賢	服務機構及職稱	中山醫學大學牙醫學系
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一、參加會議經過

03/10

開會前二天經長途飛行最後終於抵達波士頓，美國東部之著名大城，內有許多著名學校，包括哈爾、麻省理工學院，波士頓大學，塔夫大學等，非常具有文化氣息之都市。抵達發現波士頓道出積雪，氣溫很低，不大適應。

因離開會有一天，因此利用這個機會去上述校做一參訪，由於有我校畢業生再攻讀學位，似乎參觀起來方便也順暢許多，所謂知己知彼，他山知石可攻錯，我國之牙科臨床或是基礎研究實在是不遑多讓。

03/11

今天大會開始進行報到，我校一行人去會場去報到，陸續見到亞洲國間之同仁也都來報到，非常熱鬧。台灣地區醫師或研究學生則姍姍來遲，但也都完成報到。當中也遇到成功大學莊主任帶領幾位學生，一起前往報到。台灣今年出席率較往年少，但是七院性仍都有老師或學生出席，這是值得加油的。下午五點為 IADR 大會之開幕式，一行人分別於下午四點半左右集合，遇見台灣七院

校之代表，台大林立得主任也與台大師生，陽明許明倫院長、高醫洪純正教授、鄧教授等也都陸續相遇。開幕式時，由中華牙醫學會理事長帶領下出席此開幕式，儀式上主席報告、頒獎與推廣下屆于南韓舉辦大會之事宜。會後由大會安排簡單之自助餐方次，大家收獲良多。

03/12

今天行程天除參與會議聆聽一些有興趣主題外，包括 IADR 大會也安排附近著名之學校參訪，包括哈佛、塔佛與波士頓大學。我們藉由本校校友目前于 Boston University 就讀博士班之學生，帶領下前往該校醫院部分做一導覽，參關於美東著名之牙醫學校。該校分布非常大，學生超過二萬人以上，搭乘公車抵達該校，由校友接待，顯得非常親切，參觀臨床科之狀況，由於門診為以學生門診為主，指導醫師只負責教學。由於學校老師一周大約來三至四天，學校固定給薪，不需做績效，而可以藉由另外二天時間，由自己診所來補薪資上之落差，因此可以全新全意對於教學做付出。

03/13

今年比較特別，海報加口頭報告有 4637 篇之多，屬於歷屆以來算多的發表，理由因該是美國本土即有許多學校鼓勵出來發表，一則省下旅費，二則鼓勵自己該地區之參與。今天一早八點左右去會場幫忙貼 poster，會場管制即很嚴，未帶識別證者，一律無法進出。台灣由北至南，七院校也都有師生出來參與發表或報告，但是近年參加競賽者較少，可能也是因為旅費補助問題。每年大會都有舉辦年輕研究員之論文競賽，聽同好說今年一位泰國來美進修之醫師，已經連續得到三個獎項，論文內容也蠻具有創新性，真的不容易。今日上下午空檔，也分去看看別人海報與聽有趣之專題演講，相關牙髓領域內容與去年相差不遠。

03/14

今天本人自己要報告，一早與到會場，人感覺有變少現象，有些人都已續離開。因為下午才報告，因此，利用時間與同事一起再前去聽口頭報告，報告者不論是時間掌控上，內容精簡說明清楚，可以學習。到下午，除去參觀論文海報外，發現人變更少，大家內容不外是預防醫學，生物材料股才應用等為主要，與我們研究方向上大同小異，大家都在研究骨頭，牙醫界這幾年應該是已此為重點研究，骨頭再生，組織工程，3D 列印等，于會場上都有發表，新的東西還是很多。結束後因敢飛機時間，大家直奔機場，經飛紐約搭上超過十六小時之飛行，回到台灣完成這次之報告。

二、與會心得

參與這個會議最大優點就是與自己相關領域研究人士會於這個時候當面與你討論，一則訓練自己英文之溝通，二則學習了解研究上之優缺點甚至研究方向上應該如何再進行。

另外，也藉由大會可以聽到一些大師級之研究成果，雖然是學生報告，但

可以得知研究之新趨勢，或是一些竅門。

三、發表論文全文或摘要

Objectives: Mineral trioxide aggregate (MTA) has been widely and successfully used with several clinical applications in endodontics. Some studies proved that the antibacterial effect of CO₂ laser irradiation on bacteria was high efficiency when bacteria were embedded in biofilm, due to a photo-thermal mechanism. The aim of this study was to confirm the effect of CO₂ laser irradiation on MTA of materials characterization and cell viability.

Methods: In this study, MTA was irradiated with a dental CO₂ laser using directly mounted fiber optics at would healing modus with spot area 0.25 cm², and stored in an incubator at 100% relative humidity and 37 °C for 1 day to set. The human dental pulp cells (hDPCs) cultured on MTA and the proliferation, odontogenesis differentiation behavior of hDPCs were analyzed.

Results: The results indicate that the setting time of MTA after irradiation by CO₂ laser was significantly reduced to 118 minutes rather than the usual 143 minutes. The maximum diametral tensile strength and XRD pattern were similar. However, the CO₂ laser irradiation was increased Ca and Si ion released from MTA and regulated cell behavior. MTA-CO₂ laser-irradiated promoted odontogenic differentiation of hDPCs with the increased formation of mineralized nodules on CS. It also up-regulated the protein expression of multiple markers of odontogenesis and the expression of dentin sialophosphoprotein protein.

Conclusions: The current study provides new and important clues regarding MTA-irradiated by CO₂ laser that decreased setting time and increased ion release. Taking cell functions into account, Si concentration released from MTA with laser irradiated may be lower than a critical value, and this information may provide new and important methods in designing regenerative therapies for dentin and periodontal tissue.

四、建議

許多學校或是國家會於大會期間舉辦某某之夜或校友會，對於擬聚參與者有向心力，更可以邀請重量級學者出席，讓後輩學習與認識。

五、攜回資料名稱及內容

一本program book 和一支大會附贈之USB

六、其他

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科技部補助計畫衍生研發成果推廣資料表

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無研發成果推廣資料	

101年度專題研究計畫研究成果彙整表

計畫主持人：黃翠賢		計畫編號：101-2314-B-040-011-MY3				計畫名稱：根管用鈣矽類化合物之混合物材料性質與骨細胞反應之研究	
成果項目		量化			單位	備註（質化說明： 如數個計畫共同成果、成果列為該期刊之封面故事...等）	
		實際已達成數（被接受或已發表）	預期總達成數（含實際已達成數）	本計畫實際貢獻百分比			
國內	論文著作	期刊論文	0	0	100%	篇	
		研究報告/技術報告	0	0	100%		
		研討會論文	0	0	100%		
		專書	0	0	100%	章/本	
	專利	申請中件數	0	0	100%	件	
		已獲得件數	0	0	100%		
	技術移轉	件數	0	0	100%	件	
		權利金	0	0	100%	千元	
	參與計畫人力（本國籍）	碩士生	0	0	100%	人次	
		博士生	0	0	100%		
		博士後研究員	0	0	100%		
		專任助理	0	0	100%		
國外	論文著作	期刊論文	2	2	100%	篇	
		研究報告/技術報告	0	0	100%		
		研討會論文	2	2	100%		
		專書	0	0	100%	章/本	
	專利	申請中件數	0	0	100%	件	
		已獲得件數	0	0	100%		
	技術移轉	件數	0	0	100%	件	
		權利金	0	0	100%	千元	
	參與計畫人力（外國籍）	碩士生	0	0	100%	人次	
		博士生	0	0	100%		
		博士後研究員	0	0	100%		
		專任助理	1	1	100%		
其他成果 （無法以量化表達之 成果如辦理學術活動 、獲得獎項、重要國 際合作、研究成果國 際影響力及其他協助 產業技術發展之具體 效益事項等，請以文 字敘述填列。）		無					

	成果項目	量化	名稱或內容性質簡述
科 教 處 計 畫 加 填 項 目	測驗工具(含質性與量性)	0	
	課程/模組	0	
	電腦及網路系統或工具	0	
	教材	0	
	舉辦之活動/競賽	0	
	研討會/工作坊	0	
	電子報、網站	0	
	計畫成果推廣之參與(閱聽)人數	0	

科技部補助專題研究計畫成果報告自評表

請就研究內容與原計畫相符程度、達成預期目標情況、研究成果之學術或應用價值（簡要敘述成果所代表之意義、價值、影響或進一步發展之可能性）、是否適合在學術期刊發表或申請專利、主要發現或其他有關價值等，作一綜合評估。

1. 請就研究內容與原計畫相符程度、達成預期目標情況作一綜合評估

達成目標

未達成目標（請說明，以100字為限）

實驗失敗

因故實驗中斷

其他原因

說明：

2. 研究成果在學術期刊發表或申請專利等情形：

論文： 已發表 未發表之文稿 撰寫中 無

專利： 已獲得 申請中 無

技轉： 已技轉 洽談中 無

其他：（以100字為限）

3. 請依學術成就、技術創新、社會影響等方面，評估研究成果之學術或應用價值（簡要敘述成果所代表之意義、價值、影響或進一步發展之可能性）（以500字為限）

本年研究計畫已成功評估多種生長因子混合鈣矽化合物後的物化性質，並且證明其刺激細胞生長分化的部分途徑。另外也藉由動物實驗證明將生長因子與鈣矽化合物混合使用後，並不會刺激組織產生大量發炎因子，因此評估此複合材料在未來是有機會應用於臨床上。