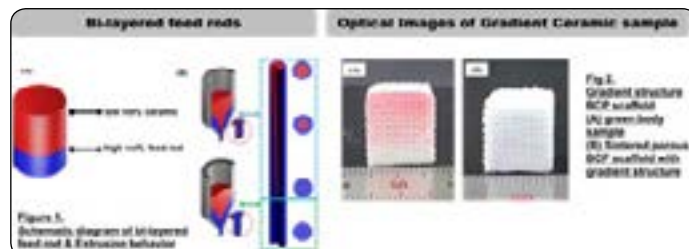


**Gradually porous bio ceramic scaffolds using ceramic/camphene-based three-dimensional co-extrusion**

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Porous bio ceramics have been extensively used in diverse fields, for examples, as scaffolds for bone regeneration, components for thermal insulation and filters, and preforms for structural composites. Fundamentally, the functions of porous ceramics are strongly affected not only by their porous structure (e.g., overall porosity, pore size, pore geometry, and pore interconnectivity), but also by the distribution of those pores. We herein demonstrate a novel, versatile approach to produce biomimetic porous ceramics with a continuously gradient porous structure using three-dimensional extrusion of a bilayered ceramic-camphene mixture/pure camphene feedrod. In this study, bi-layered feed rod comprised of the ceramic/camphene mixtures and low contents of ceramic or pure camphene used as the lower and upper part feed rod. Bi-layered feed rod could be gradually extruded with core/shell structure because of the wall slip phenomenon. This enabled the formation of green filaments comprised of a camphene core surrounded by a ceramic/camphene shell, where the core/shell thickness ratio increased gradually as extrusion proceeded. Biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP) ceramics with a gradient porous structure could be successfully produced by three-dimensionally depositing the extruded filaments layer by-layer. We evaluated gradient micro structure with produced gradient porous BCP ceramic scaffold by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and Micro CT.

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