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A new biomaterial in the subsystem nurse's A-phase-silcocarnotite

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The subsystem Nurse's A-phase- silcocarnotite within the system $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ - Ca_2SiO_4 was conducted as a preliminary step towards obtaining new biomaterials with controlled microstructures. The subsystem have been investigated, via annealing and quenching in the experimental method, direct observation of phase composition of the resulting ceramics was studied by X-ray diffraction, differential thermal analysis and by scanning electron microscopy with attached wavelength dispersive spectroscopy. The results showed that the sub-system presents an invariant eutectoid point at 1366±4°C with a composition of 59.5 wt% $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ and 40.5 wt% Ca_2SiO_4 . These results were in disagreement with the previous reported data, which locate the invariant point at 1250±20°C and a composition of 55 wt% $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ and 45 wt% Ca_2SiO_4 . In addition, cell attachment test showed that the new eutectoid material supported the mesenchymal stem cells adhesion and spreading, and the cells established close contact with the ceramic after 28 days of culture. These findings indicate that the new ceramic material with eutectoid microstructure of lamellae morphology possesses good bioactivity and biocompatibility and might be a promising bone implant material.

Biography

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