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ABSTRACT (NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS:)

Bone tissue engineering materials should have the ability to induce osteogenic differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells and stimulate endothelial cell angiogenesis. This study found that the organic/inorganic composite three-dimensional porous scaffold containing silica nanofibers (SiO_2NF) has the potential for bone formation and angiogenesis. Taking organic poly-L-lactic acid (PLLA/gelatin) nanofiber three-dimensional porous scaffold as a control, three organic/inorganic composites with different SiO_2NF content (SiO_2NF -0.2, SiO_2NF -0.4 and SiO_2NF -0.6). The effect of nanofiber three-dimensional porous scaffold on the osteogenic differentiation of bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells (rBMSCs) and angiogenesis of human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) in SD rats. After stimulation by the silicon ion released by inorganic SiO_2NF , alkaline phosphate Enzyme (ALP) activity and the expression of bone-related genes (COL1, RUNX2, OPN and BMP-2) are significantly enhanced. In addition, the silicon ions released by inorganic SiO_2NF can also promote the proliferation of HUVECs and the expression of VEGF. In four three-dimensional Among the porous scaffolds, the SiO_2NF -0.4 scaffold group has the highest osteogenic and angiogenic capacity, and has relatively high mechanical properties. However, PLLA/gelatin has the lowest osteogenic and angiogenic potential and relatively low mechanical strength. In addition, it has also been found that the scaffold containing SiO_2NF can promote the secretion of collagen by MC3T3-E1. The results show that the organic/inorganic composite three-dimensional porous scaffold containing SiO_2NF has obvious dual functions of osteogenesis and promotion of angiogenesis. It is expected to become a good scaffold biomaterial for bone tissue engineering applications.

Two-dimensional electrospun poly(L-lactide-co-e-caprolactone)/silk fibroin (PLCL/SF) scaffolds (2DS) were fabricated by dynamic liquid support (DLS) electrospinning system, and then cross-linked with hyaluronic acid (HA) to further mimic the microarchitecture of native cartilage. Subsequently, three-dimensional PLCL/SF scaffolds (3DS) and HA-crosslinked three-dimensional scaffolds (3DHAS) were successfully fabricated by in situ gas foaming and freeze-drying. 3DHAS exhibited better mechanical properties than that of the 3DS. Moreover, all scaffolds exhibited excellent biocompatibility in vitro. 3DHAS showed better proliferation and phenotypic maintenance of chondrocytes as compared to the other scaffolds. Histological analysis of cell-scaffold constructs explanted 8 weeks after implantation demonstrated that both 3DS and 3DHAS scaffolds formed cartilage-like tissues, and the cartilage lacuna formed in 3DHAS scaffolds was more mature. Moreover, the reparative capacity of scaffolds was discerned after implantation in the full-thickness articular cartilage model in rabbits for up to 12 weeks. The macroscopic and histological results exhibited typical cartilage-like character and well-integrated boundary between 3DHAS scaffolds and the host tissues. Collectively, biomimetic 3DHAS scaffolds may be promising candidates for cartilage tissue regeneration applications.