

Porous Fe-Mn-Hydroxyapatite Composites and their Potential as Resorbable Implants

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Introduction to Resorbable Materials

- **Problem:** The presence of a permanent device may cause severe negative effects and require re-intervention and invasive procedures in the long-term
- **Bioresorbable Implant:** A transient device used to mechanically support the natural healing of injured or diseased tissue

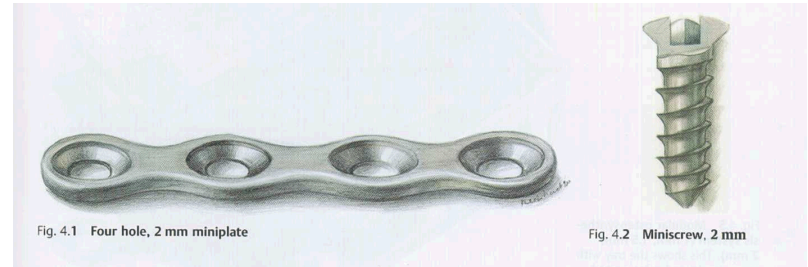
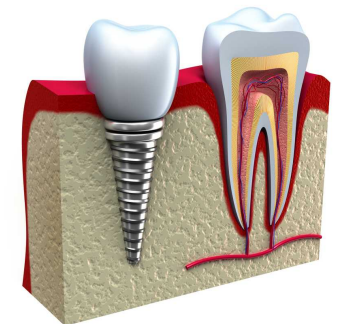
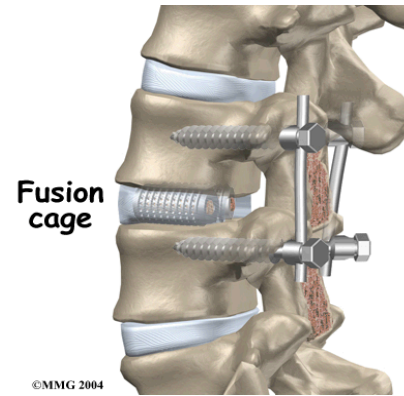
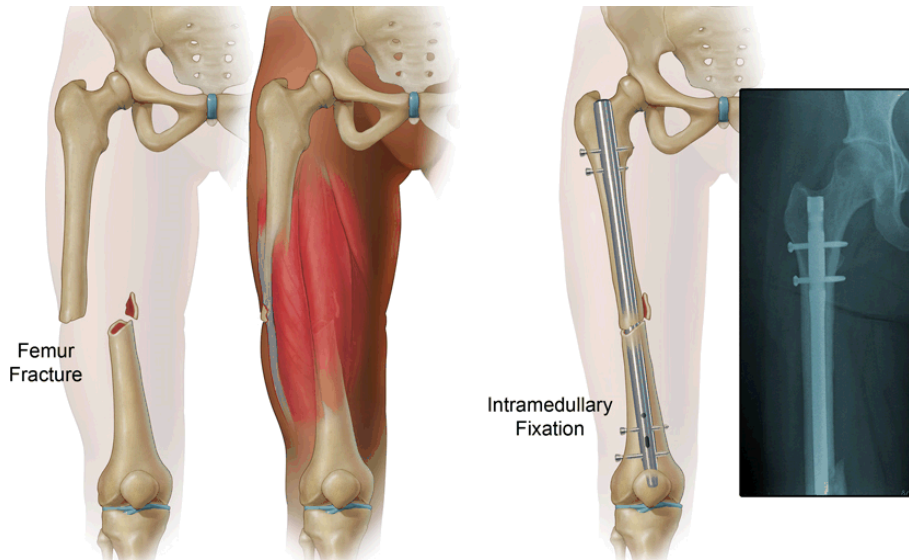


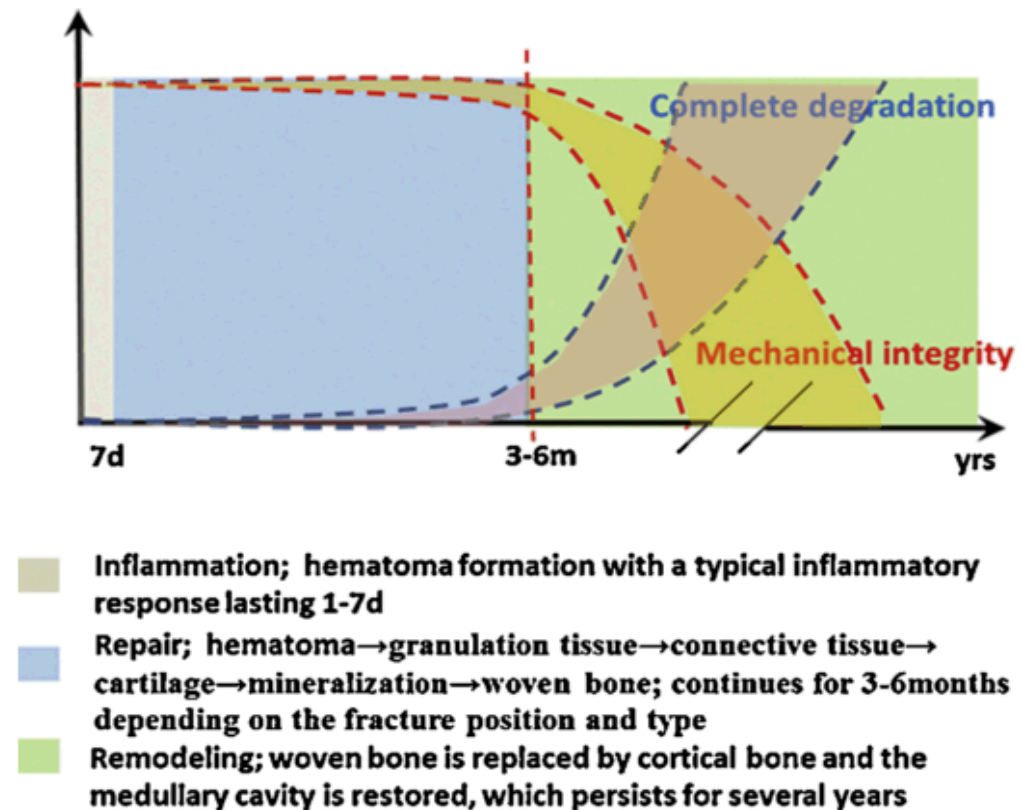
Fig. 4.1 Four hole, 2 mm miniplate

Fig. 4.2 Miniscrew, 2 mm

Ideal Resorbable Material

Requirements

- 1) Be biocompatible and not cause local or systemic effects
- 2) Mechanically support full tissue healing and resorb in a timely manner
- 3) Encourage natural tissue attachment to prevent loosening
- 4) Release non-toxic degradation products

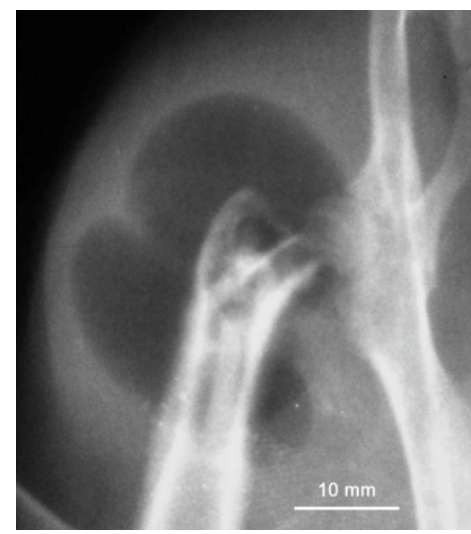


Biggest challenge: Tailoring the degradation rate

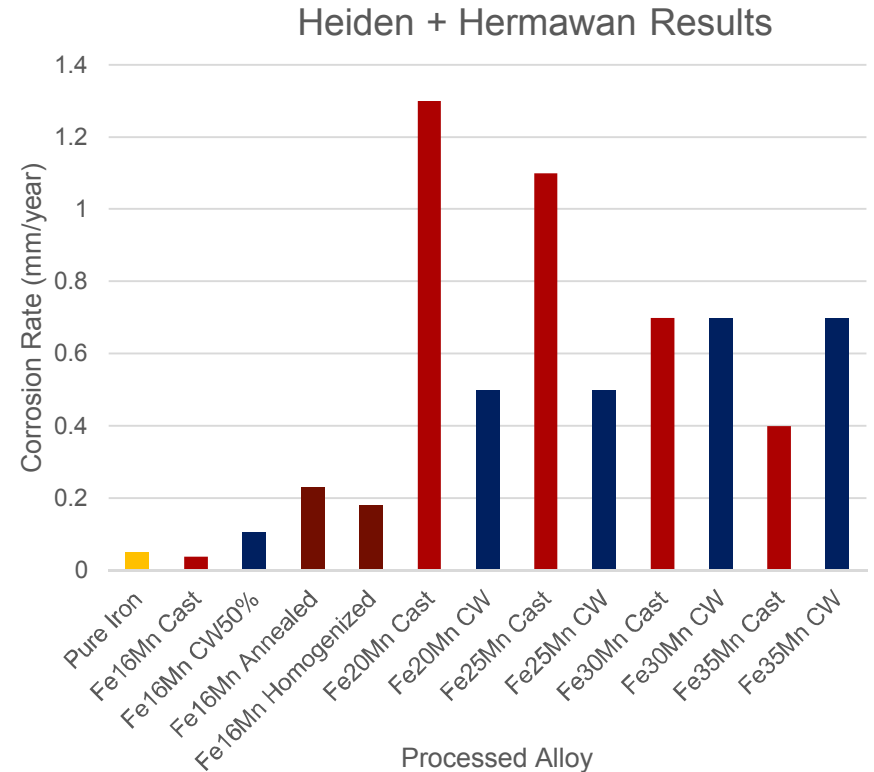
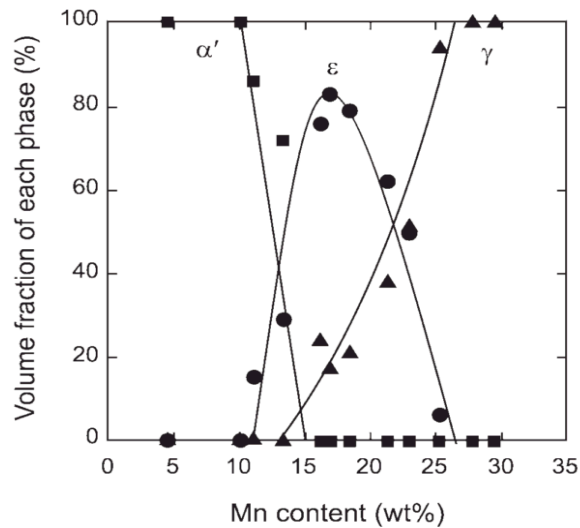
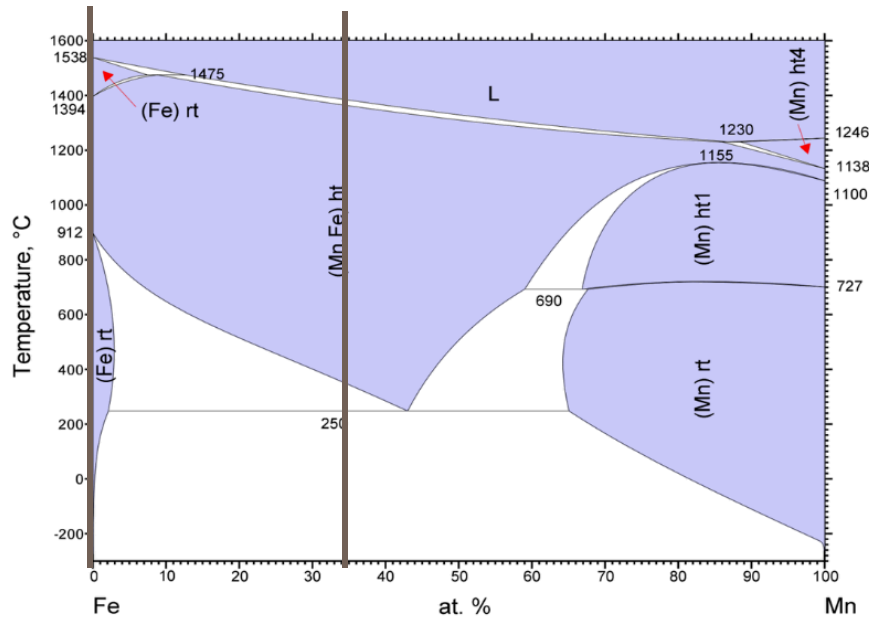
Choosing a Metallic Material

Element	Human amount	Blood serum level	Pathophysiology	Toxicology	Daily allowance	Bone cell ^d	Vascular cell ^d
Essential nutrients							
Mg	25 g	0.73–1.06 mM	Activator of many enzymes; co-regulator of protein synthesis and muscle contraction; stabilizer of DNA and RNA	Excessive Mg leads to nausea	0.7 g	+	+
Fe	4–5 g	5.0–17.6 g/l	Component of several metalloproteins; be crucial in vital biochemical activities, i.e. oxygen sensing and transport	Iron toxicity gives rise to lesions in the gastrointestinal tract, shock and liver damage	10–20 mg	+–	+–
Ca	1100 g	0.919–0.993 mM	More than 99% has a structure function in the skeleton; the solution Ca has a signal function, including muscle contraction, blood clotting, cell function, etc.	Inhibit the intestinal absorption of other essential minerals	0.8 g	+	+
Zn	2 g	12.4–17.4 μM	Trace element; appears in all enzyme classes; most Zn appears in muscle	Neurotoxic and hinder bone development at higher concentration	15 mg	–	–
Mn	12 mg	<0.8 μg/l	Trace element; activator of enzyme; Mn deficiency is related to osteoporosis, diabetes mellitus, atherosclerosis	Excessive Mn results in neurotoxicity	4 mg	–	–
Potential essential metal							
Sr	0.3 g	0.17 mg ^a	99% is located in bone; show dose dependent metabolic effect on bone; low doses stimulated new bone formation	High doses induce skeletal abnormalities	2 mg	+	+
Si	–	–	Cross linking agent of connective tissue; necessary for growth an bone calcification	Silica and silicate caused lung diseases	–	–	–
Sn	30 mg	–	Tin-deficient diets in rat studies resulted in poor growth, reduced feeding efficiency, hearing loss, and bilateral (male) hair loss	Some organic compounds are poison, i.e. methyl and ethyl compounds	–	+–	+–
Other element							
Li	–	2–4 ng/g	Used in the treatment of manic-depressive psychoses	Plasma concentration of 2 mM is associated with reduced kidney function and neurotoxicity, 4 mM maybe fatal	0.1g ^b	+	+
Al	<300 mg	2.1–4.8 μg/l	–	Primarily accumulated in bone and nervous system; implicated Al in the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease	–	+	+
Zr	<250 mg	–	Probably excreted in feces; low systematic toxicity to animals	High concentration in liver and gall bladder	3.5 mg	+	+
Y and lanthanides	–	<47 μg ^c	Substituted for Ca ²⁺ and matters when the metal ion at the active site; compound of drugs for treatment of cancer	Basic lanthanides deposited in liver; more acidic and smaller cations deposited in bone	–	+–	+–

Daily exposure limit for a 60-kg adult:
 Fe: 2.55 mg/day
 Mn: 0.42 mg/day



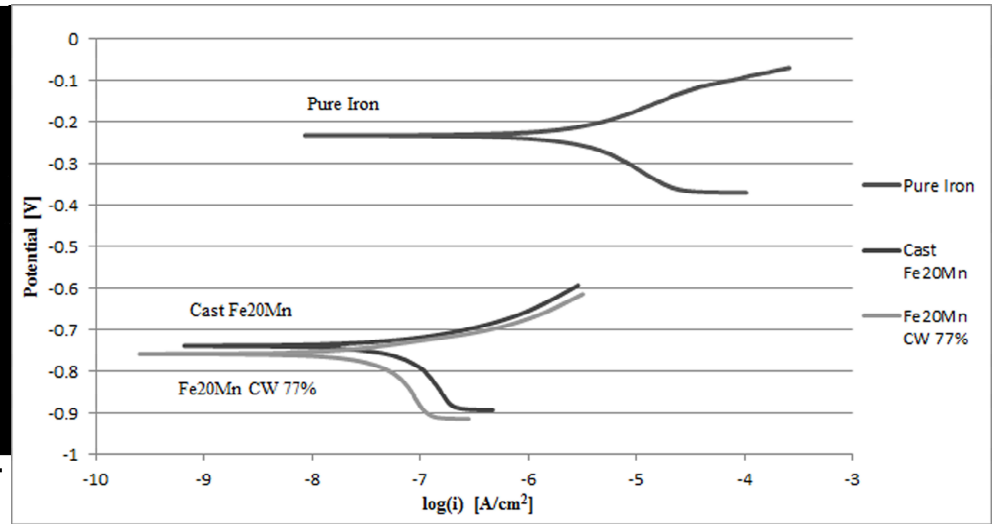
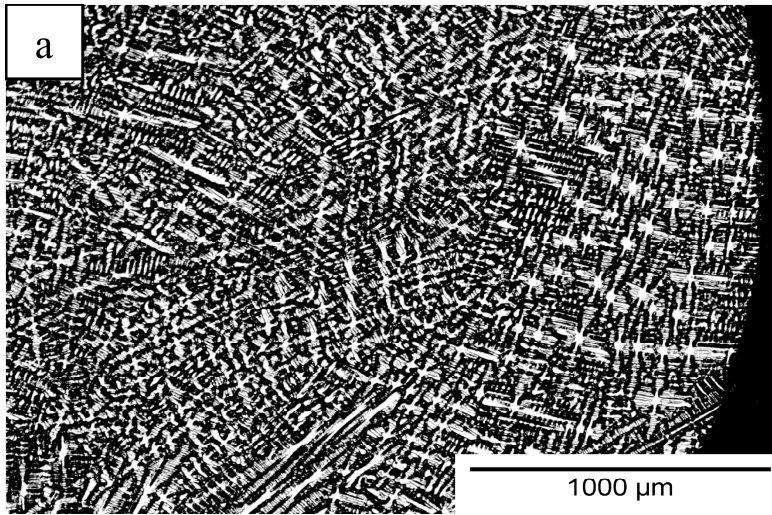
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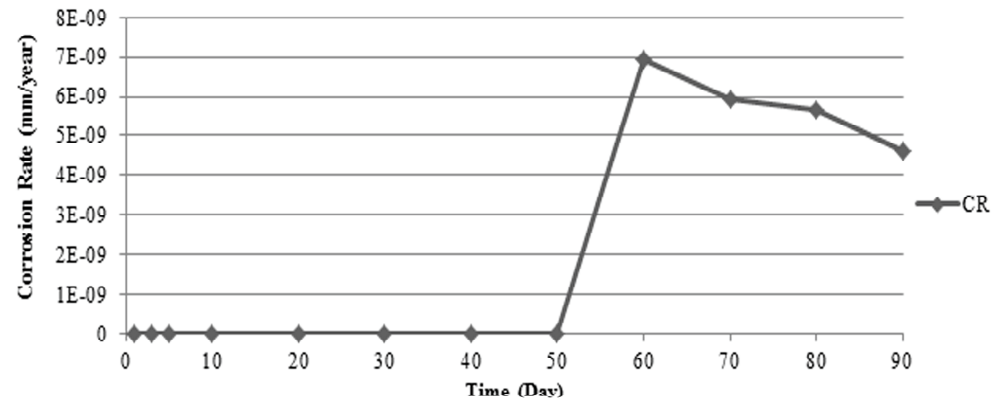
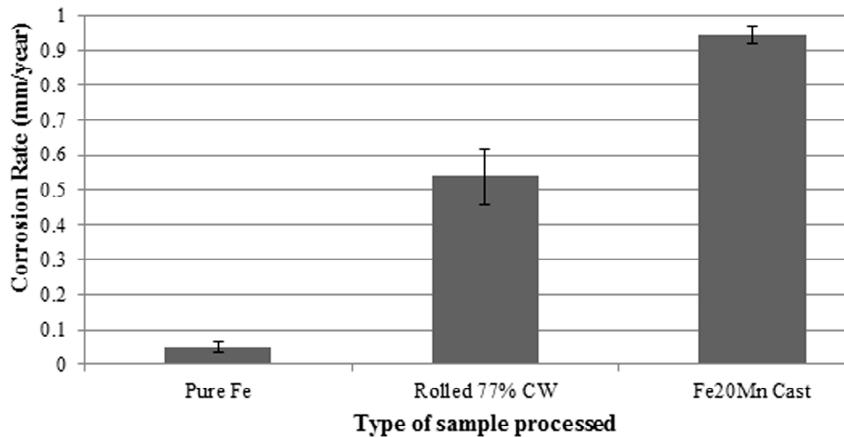
$$CR \text{ (mm/year)} = 3.27 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{i_{\text{corr}} \times EW}{D} \right)$$

$$\text{Corrosion rate (mm/year)} = \frac{K \times W}{A \times t \times D}$$

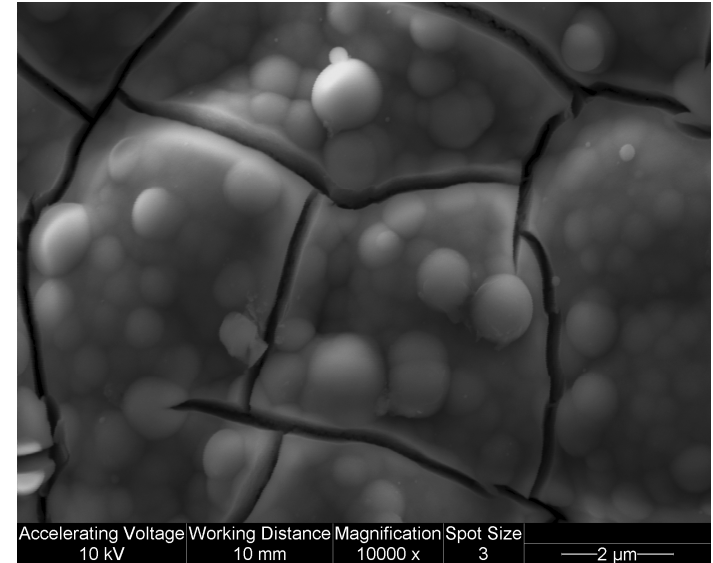
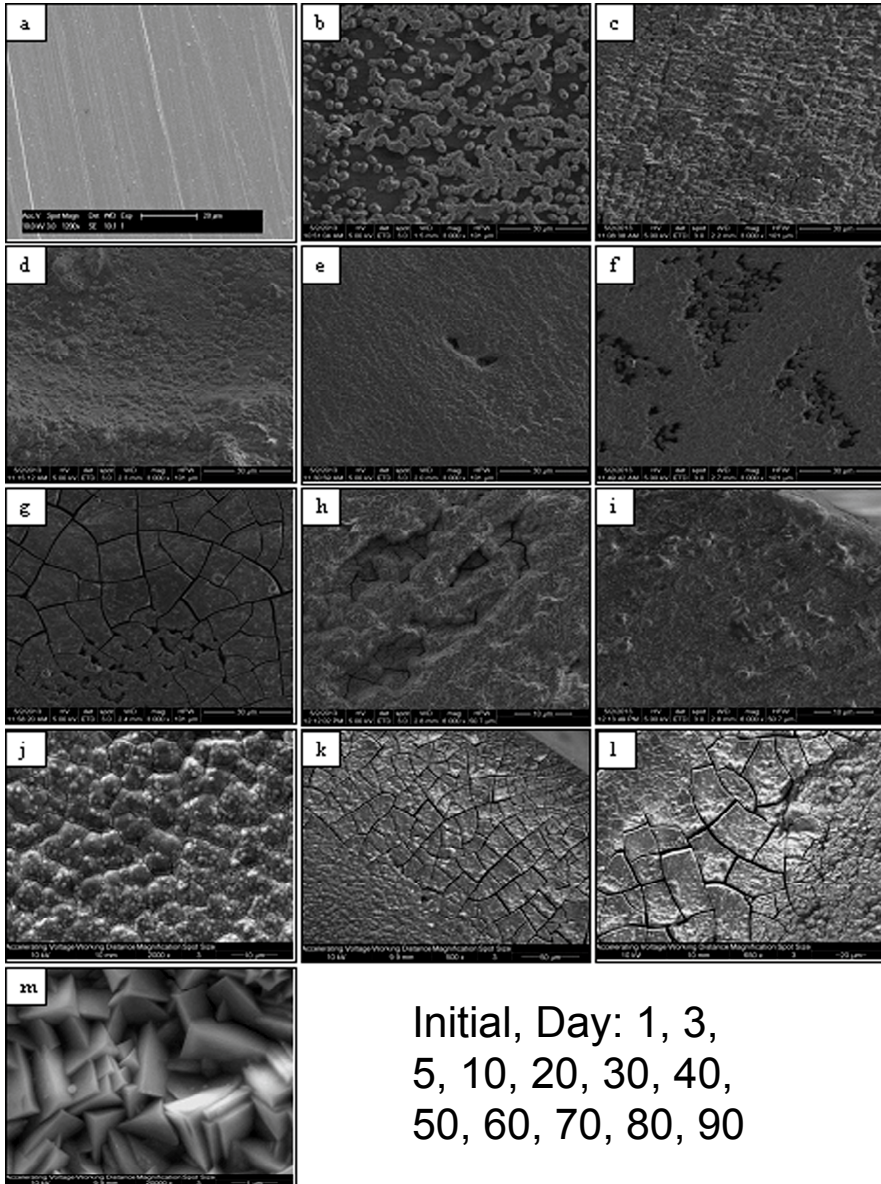
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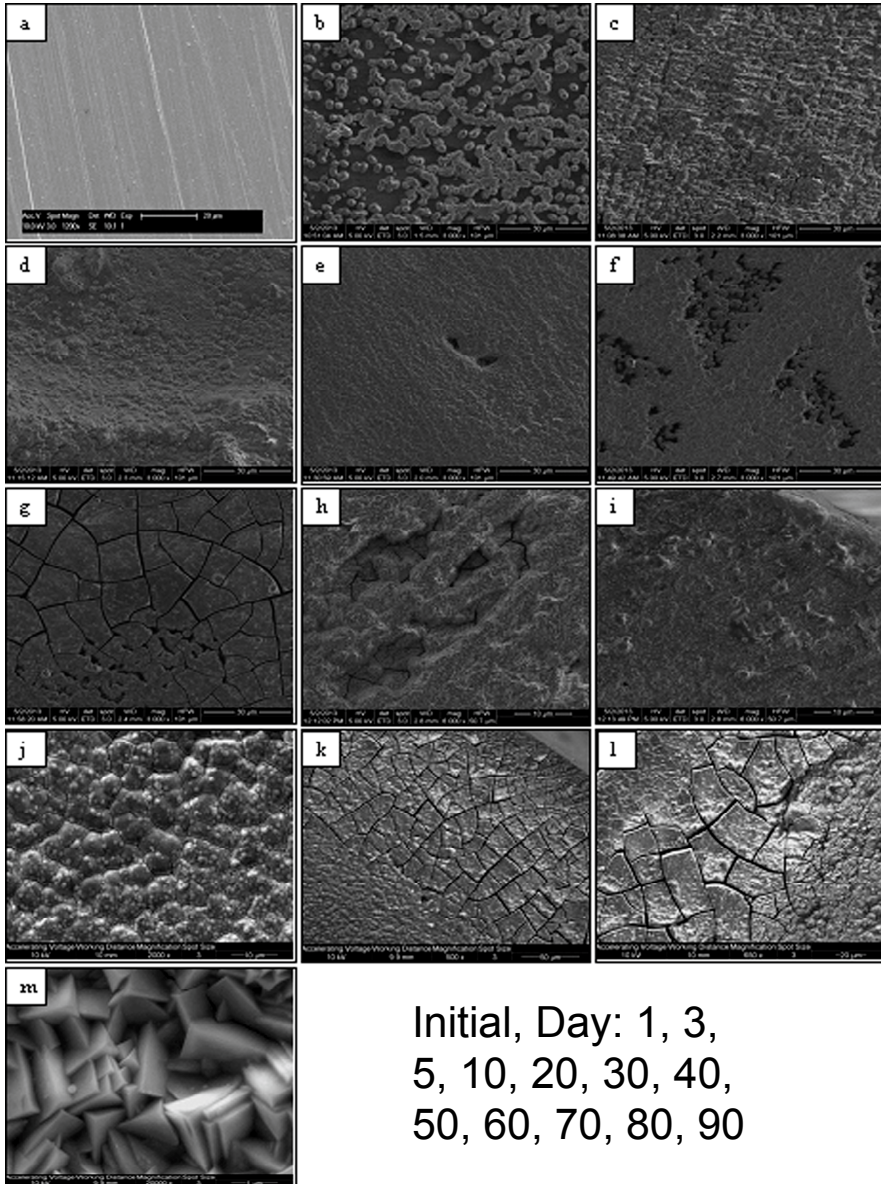


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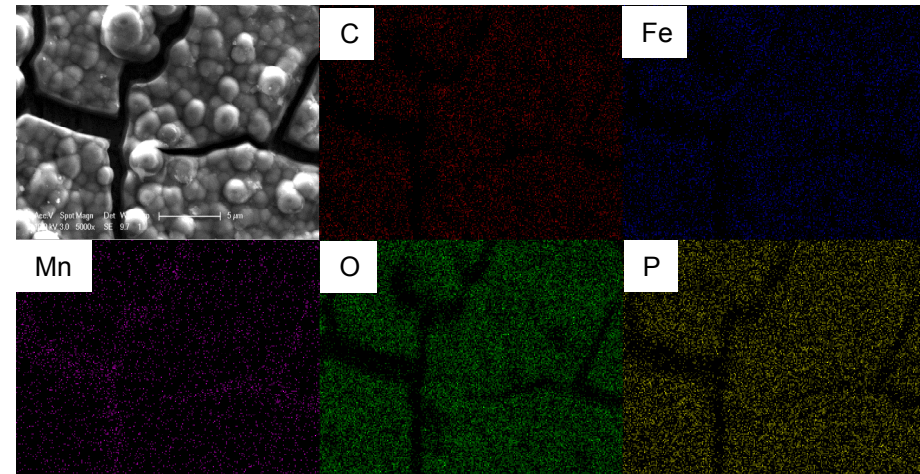


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 50, 60, 70, 80, 90

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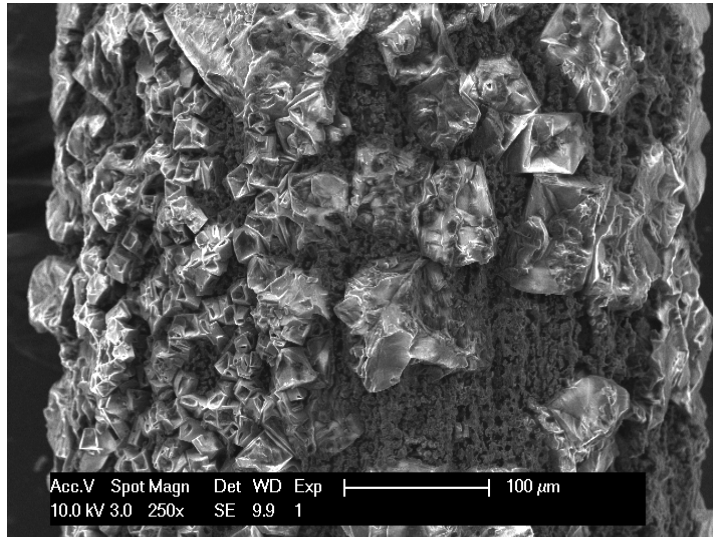


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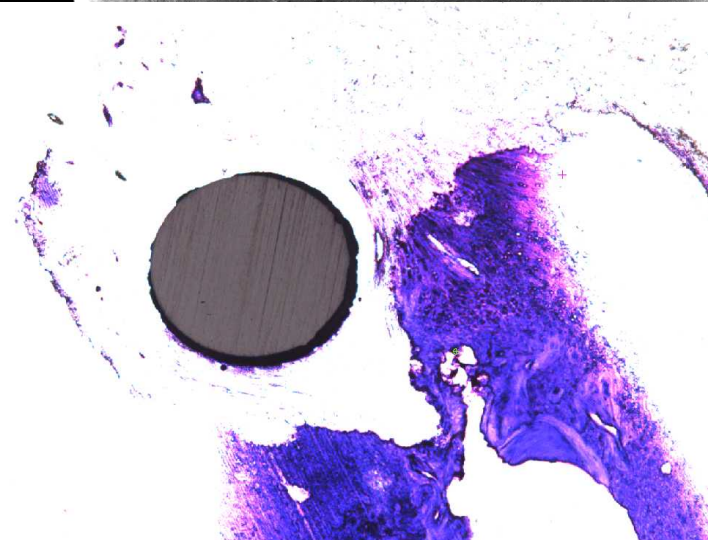
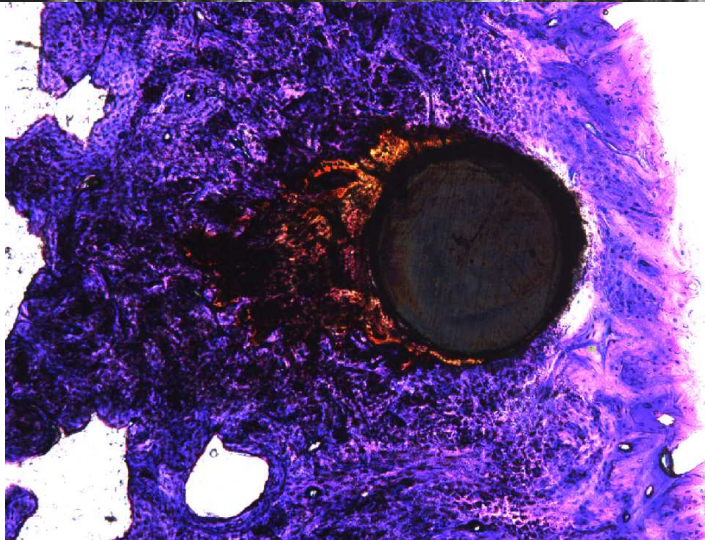
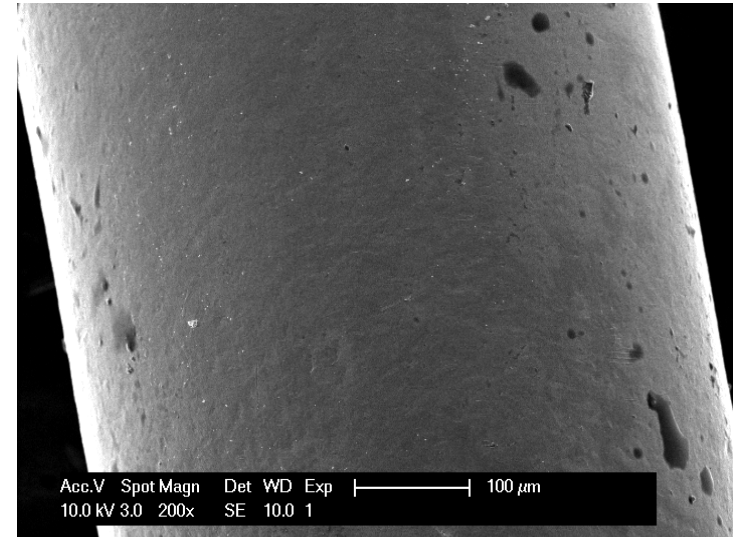


Six Month in vivo Rat Study of Fe-30Mn

Fe30Mn



316 Stainless Steel



Experiment Design

Variables

Alloy Composition

Microstructure

Surface Structures

Porosity

Other elements

Manufacturing Processes

- Powder Metallurgy
- Sintering
- NaCl-leaching
- Addition of Hydroxyapatite

Effects on Implant

Degradation

Cellular Attachment

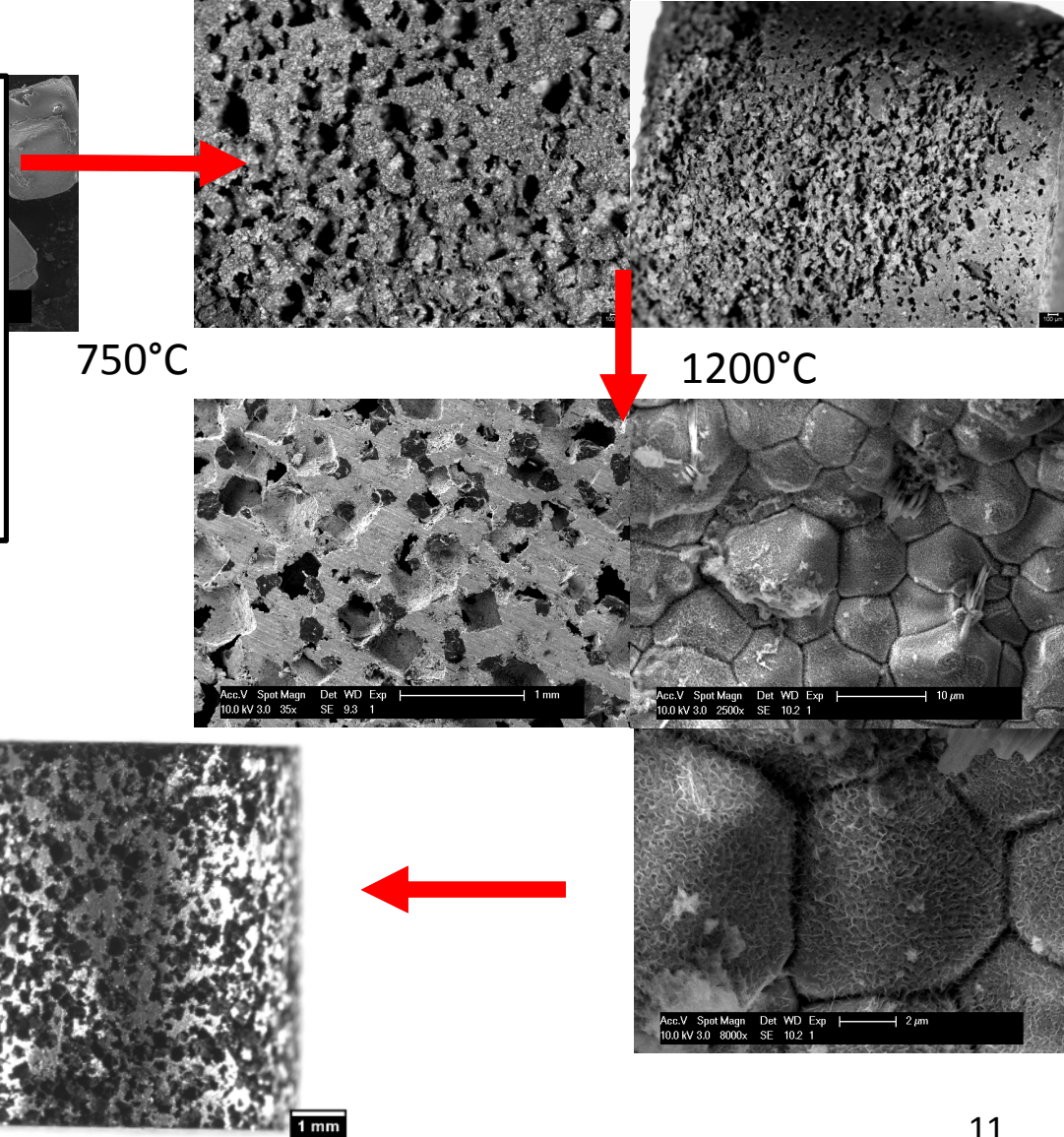
Mechanical Properties

Long-term Biocompatibility

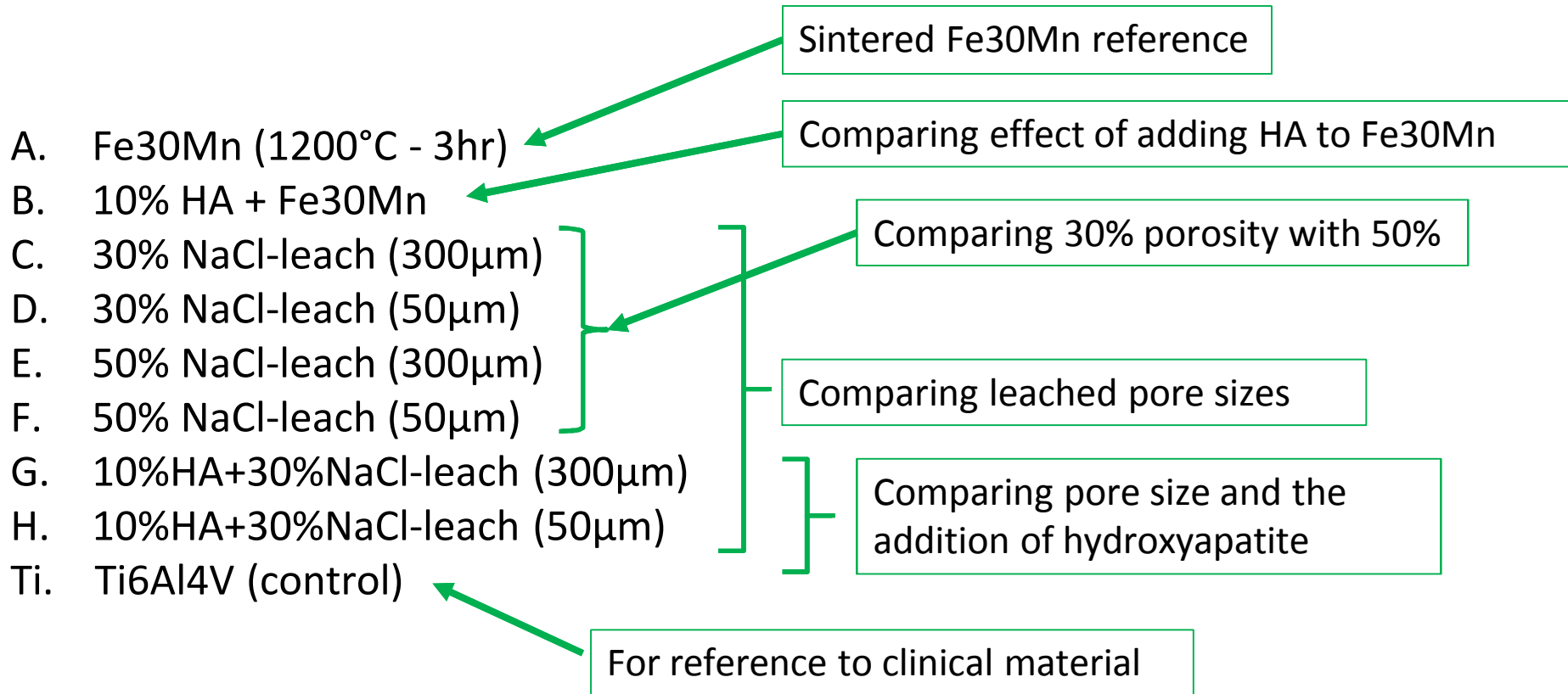
Microporous Structures through Leaching

Variable factors include:

- Powder size, morphology, and purity
- Mixing
- Pressing load/pressure
- Sintering conditions
- Post-processing



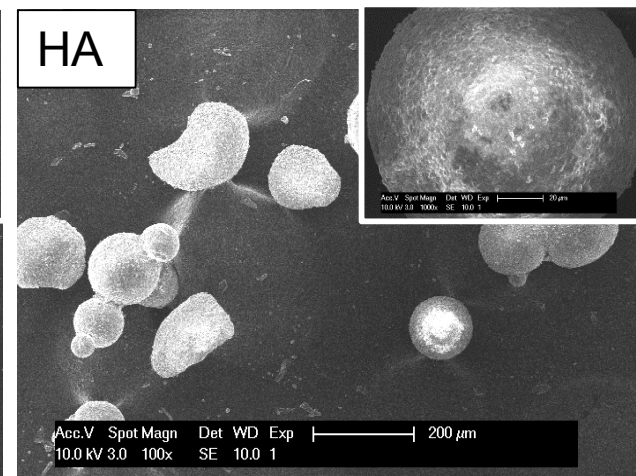
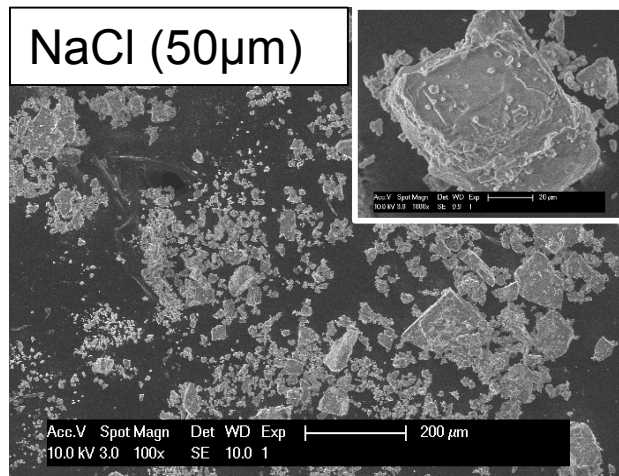
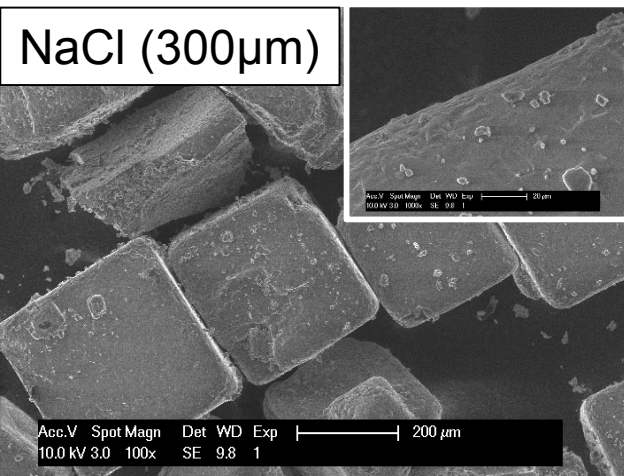
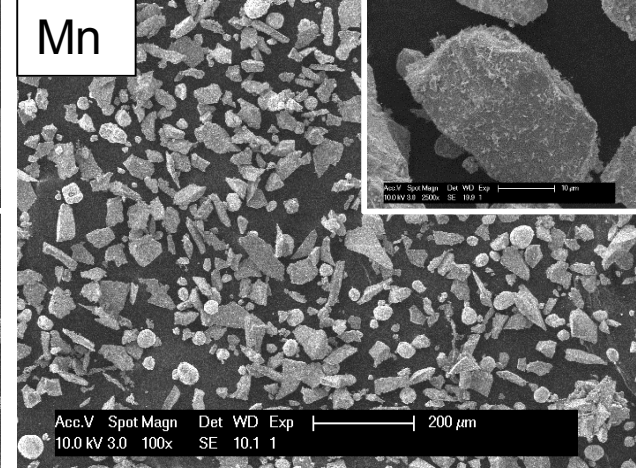
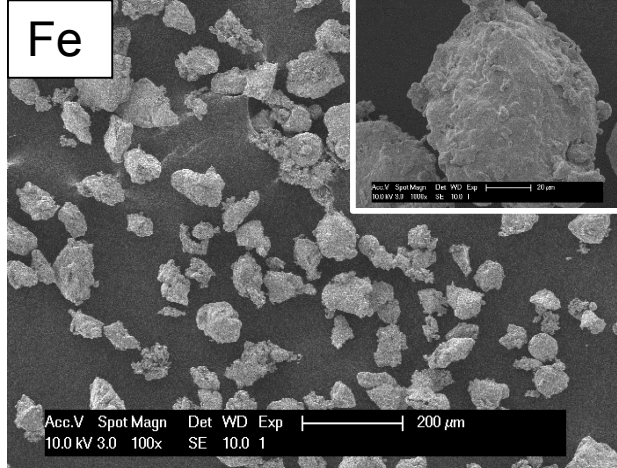
Fe-Mn and Fe-Mn-HA Study



Reasons to include Hydroxyapatite (Ca₅(PO₄)₃(OH)):

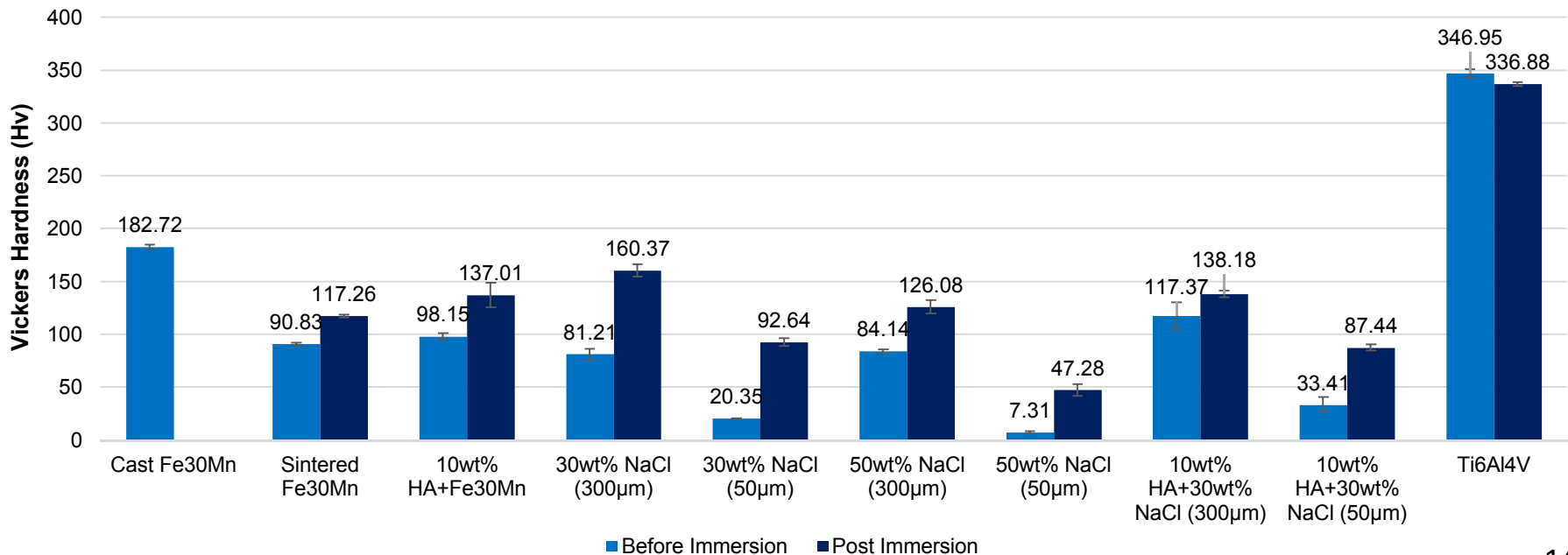
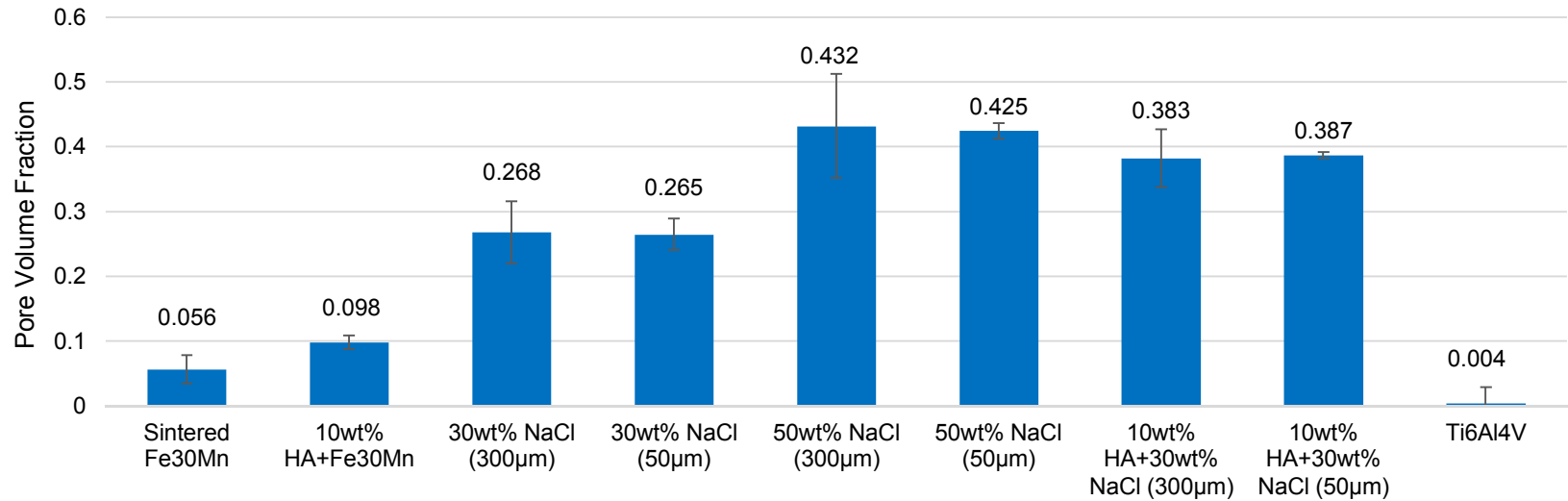
- Adding HA increases mineralized extracellular matrix
- Tissue can form chemical bonds, decreasing implant loosening
- Above 900C, HA decomposes into Tricalcium Phosphate phases

Powder Sizes

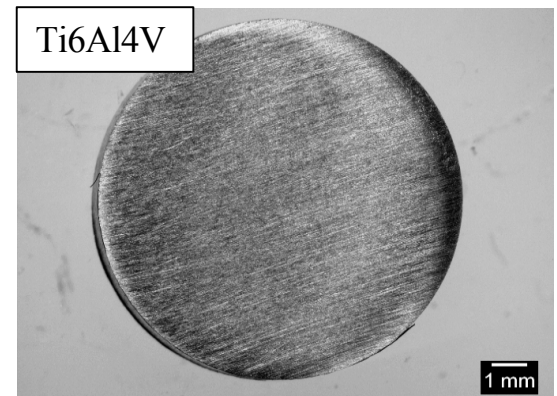
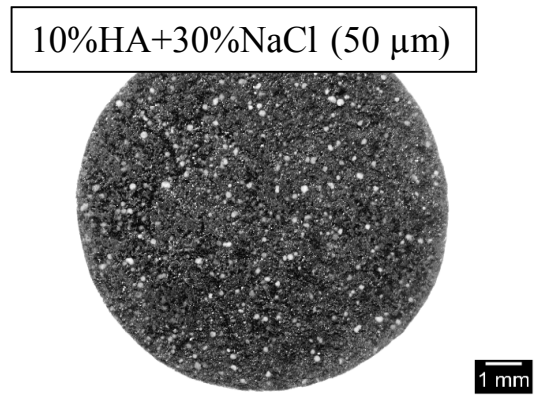
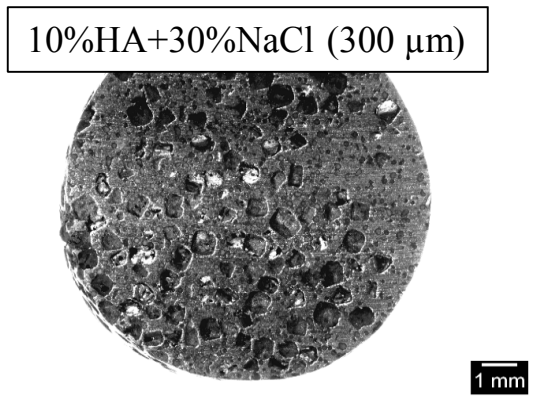
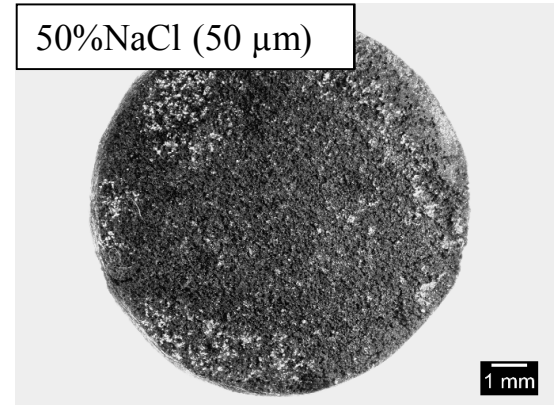
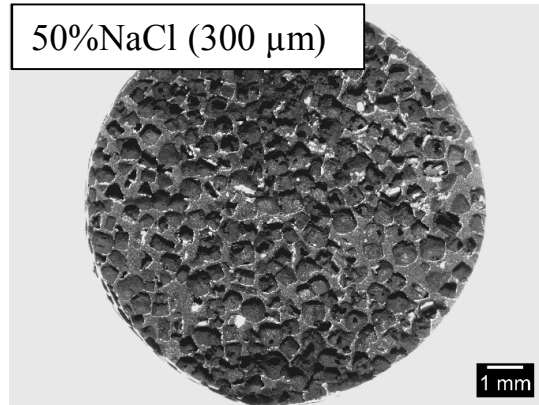
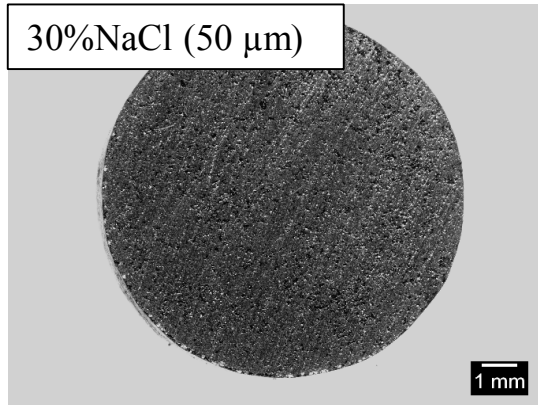
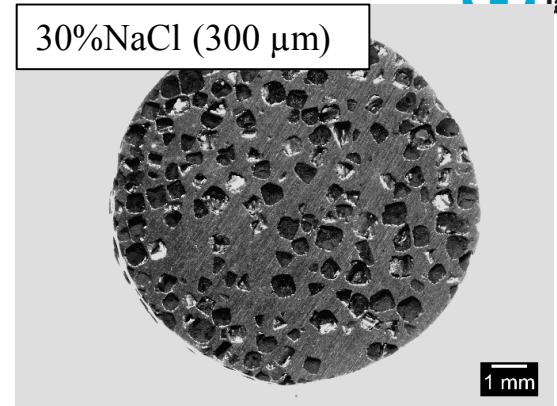
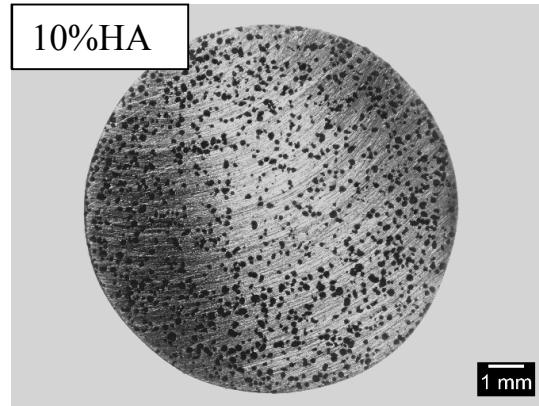
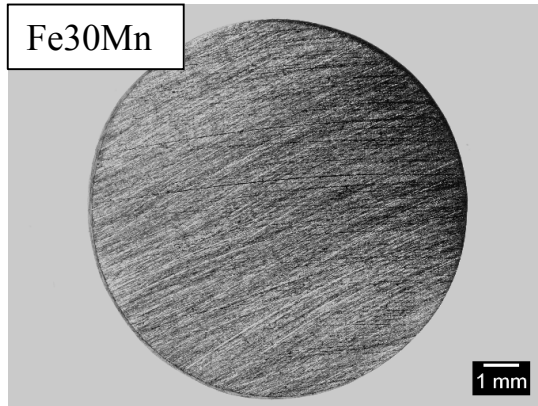


Powder	Average dia (μm)	Stdev (μm)
Fe	64.23	10.49
Mn	45.13	8.80
HA	154.03	15.18
NaCl (big)	306.07	16.34
NaCl (small)	50.51	6.28

Mechanical Properties



Samples Prior to Immersion



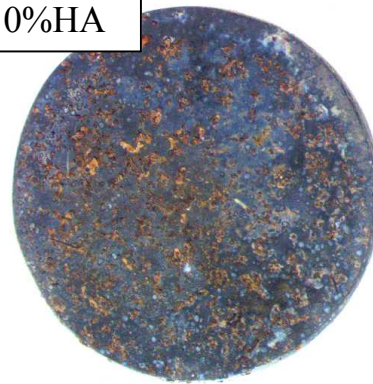
Samples After 30 day Immersion

Fe30Mn



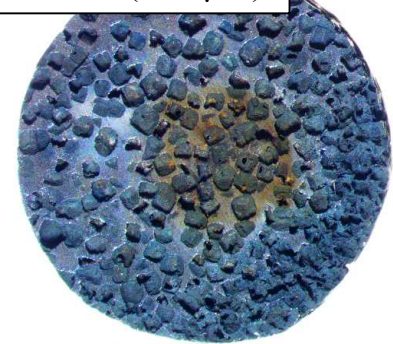
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10%HA



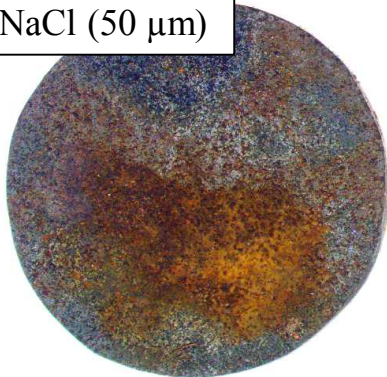
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30%NaCl (300 μm)



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30%NaCl (50 μm)



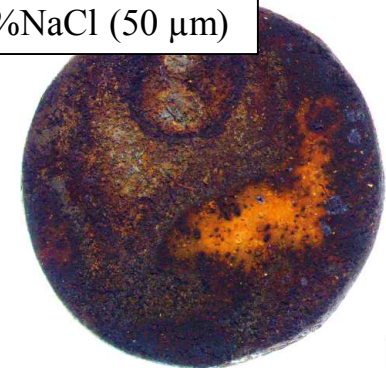
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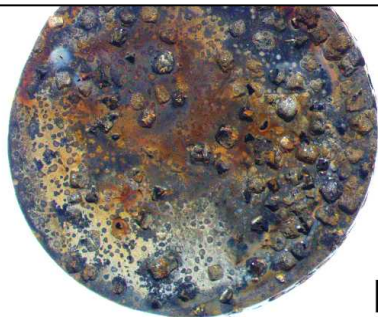
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10%HA+30%NaCl (300 μm)



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10%HA+30%NaCl (50 μm)



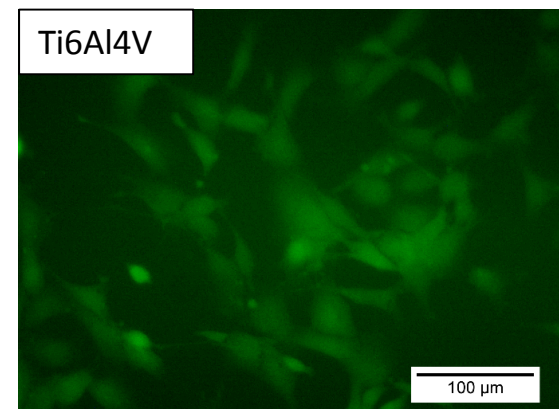
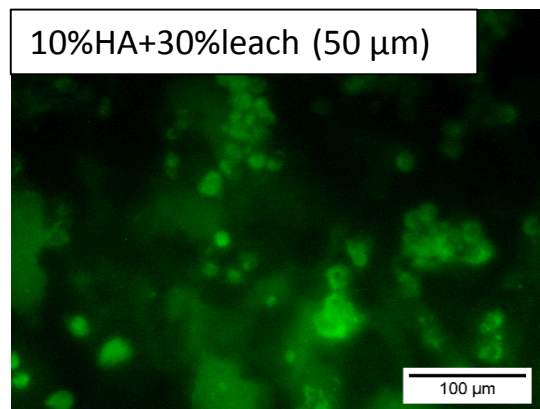
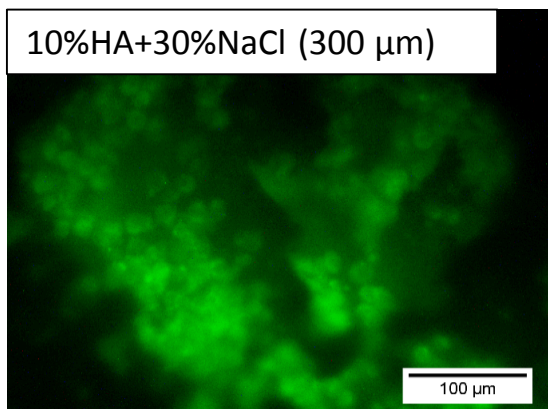
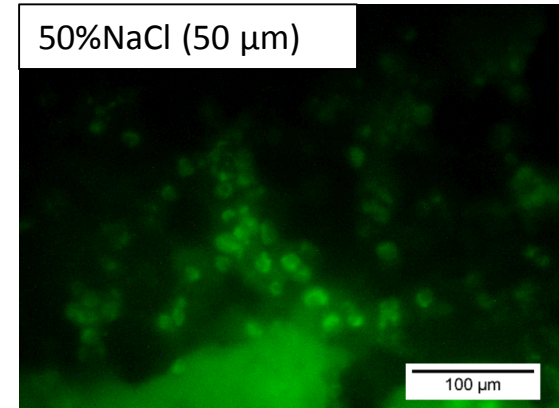
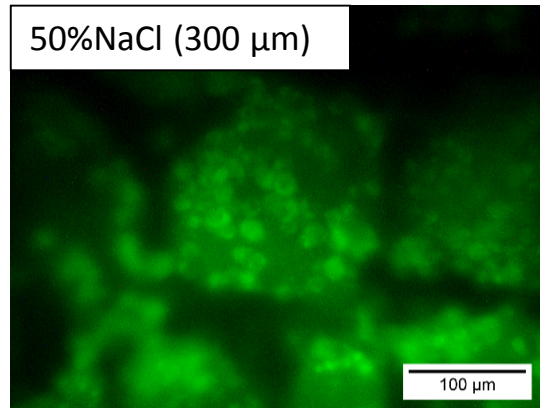
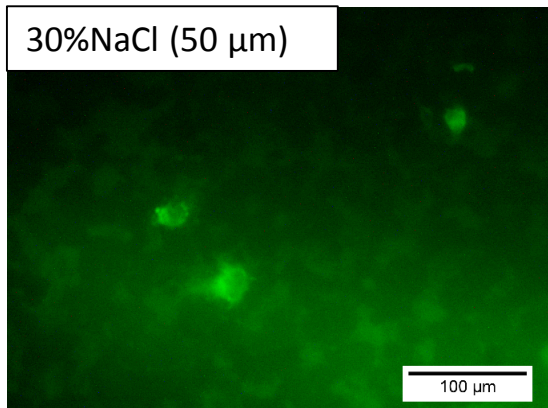
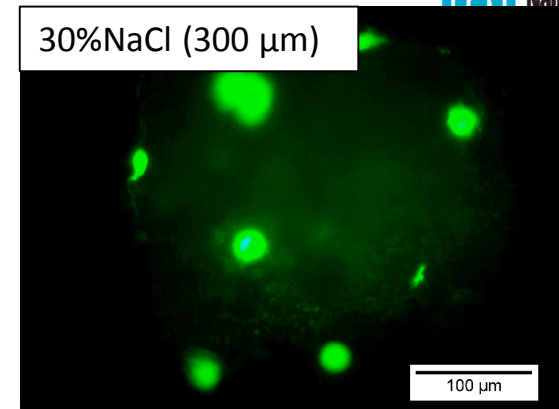
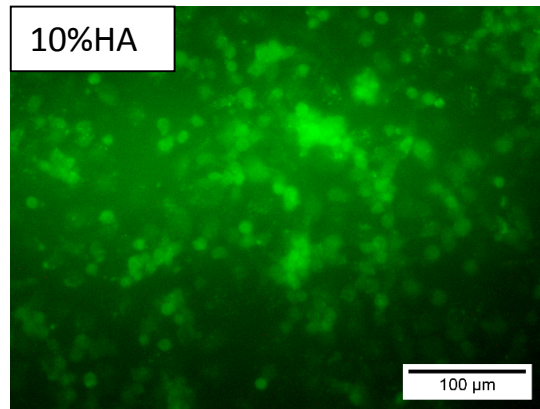
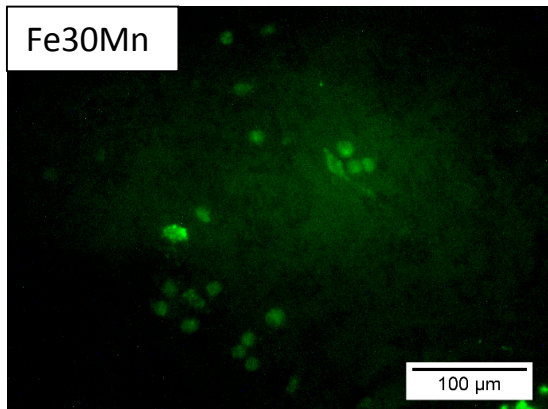
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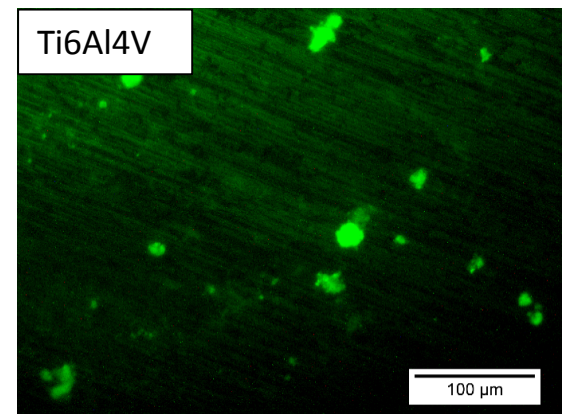
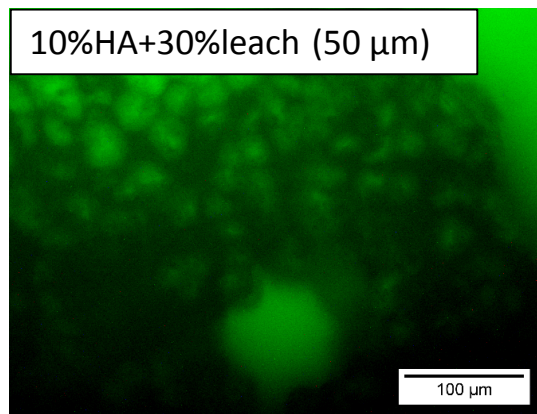
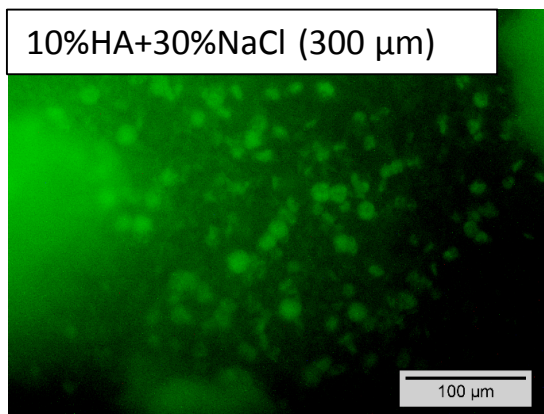
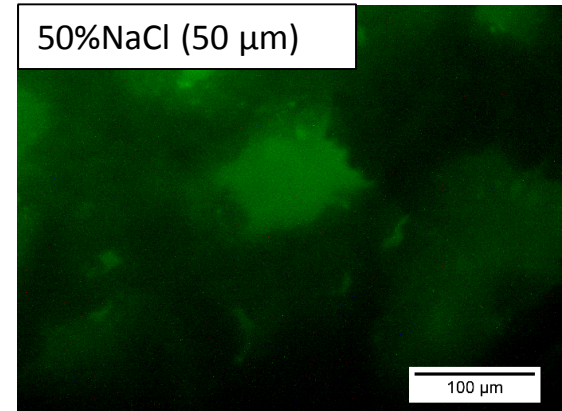
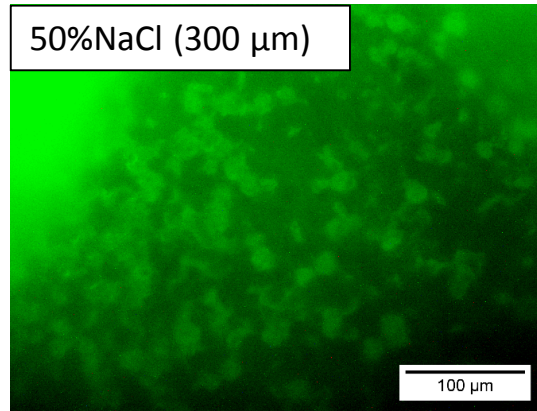
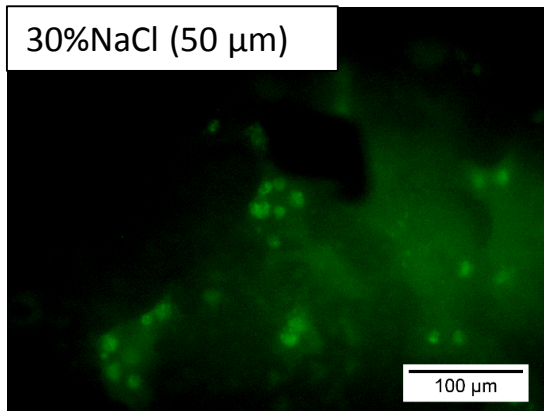
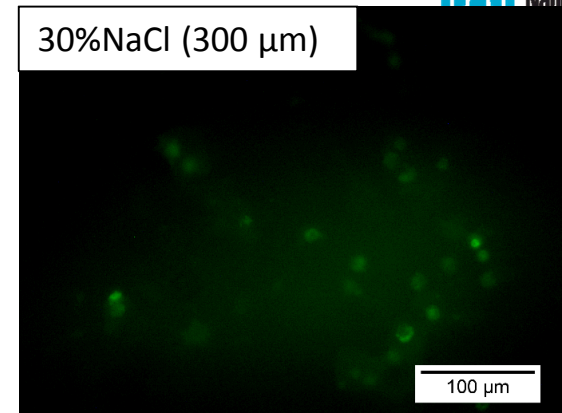
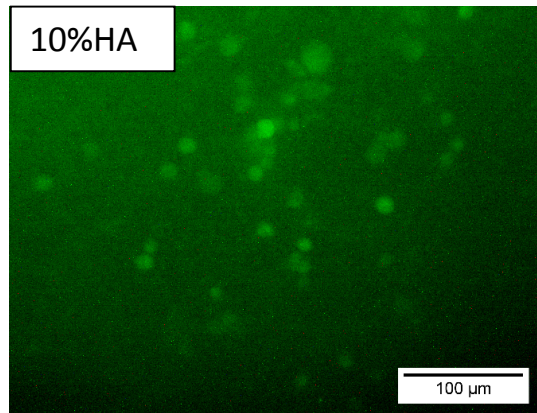
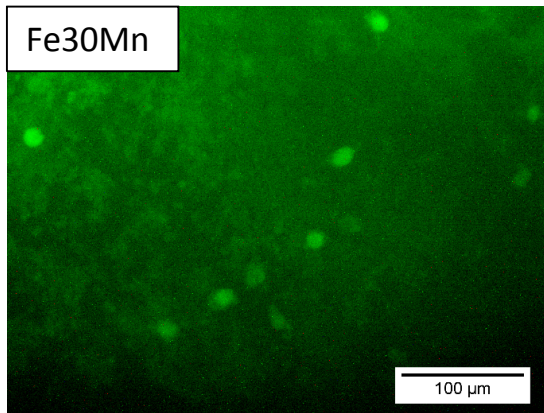


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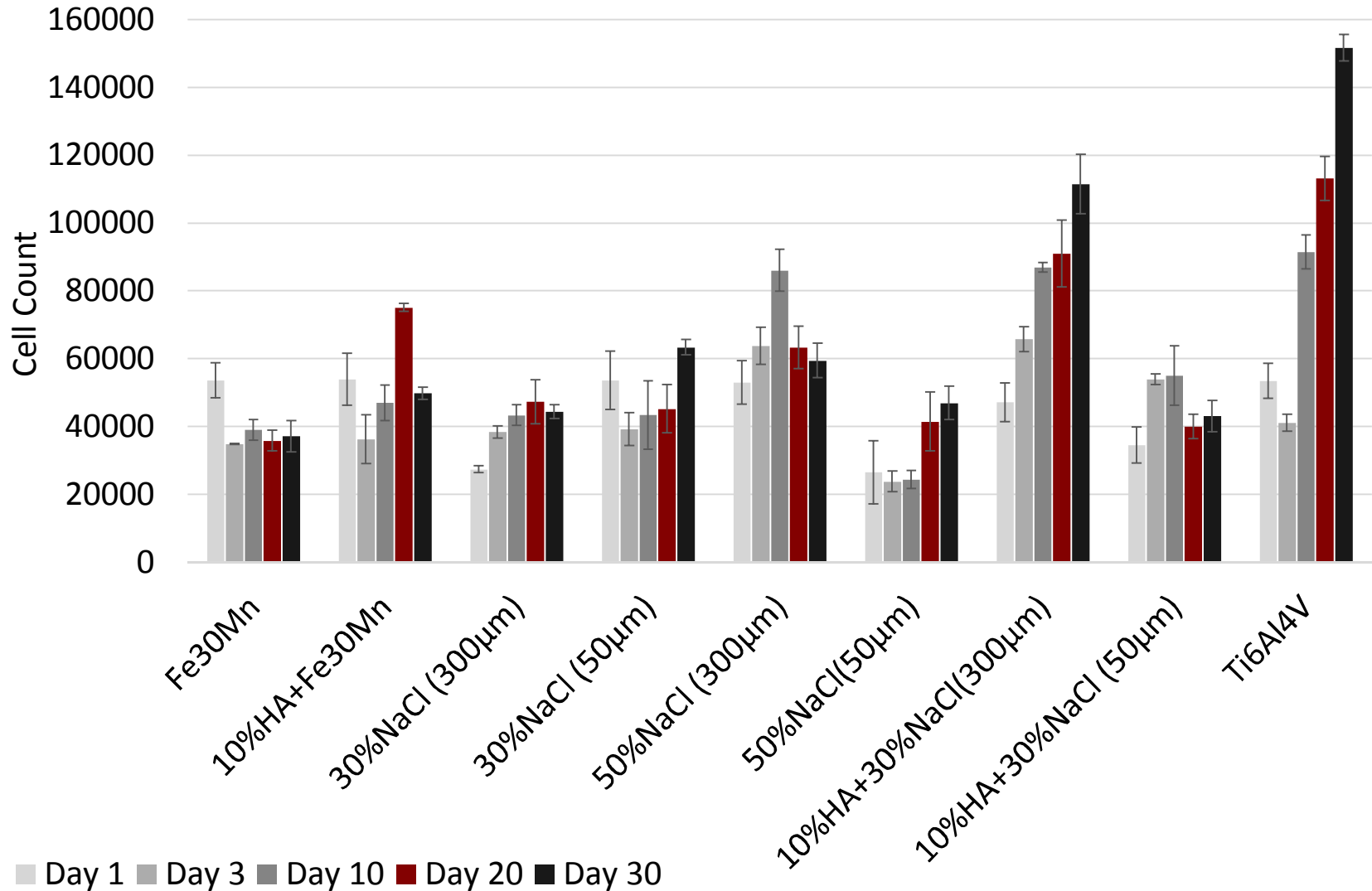


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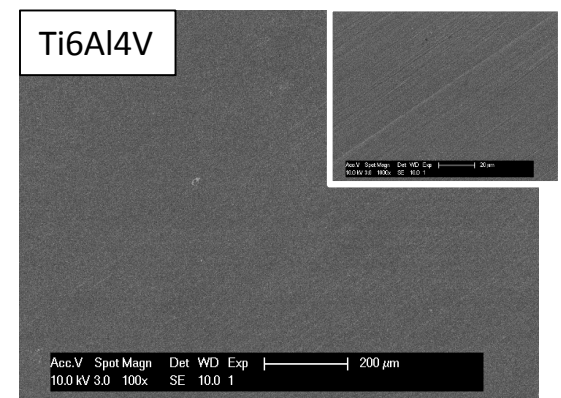
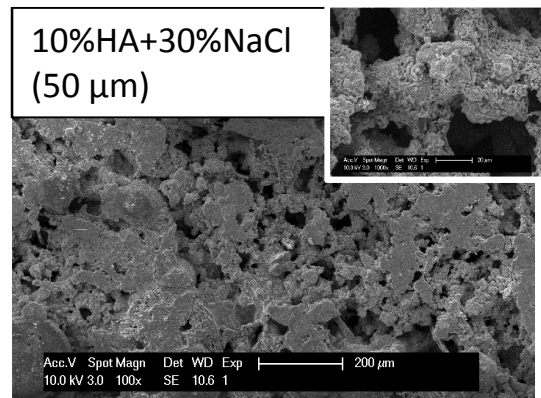
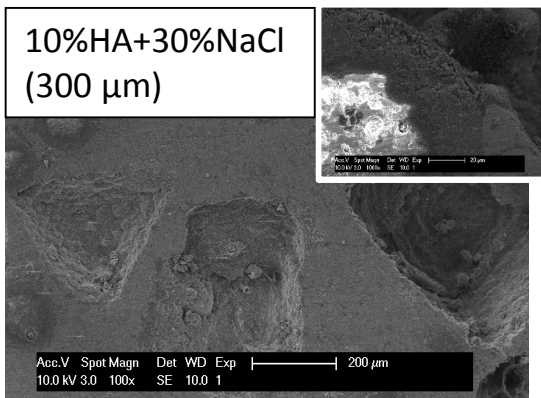
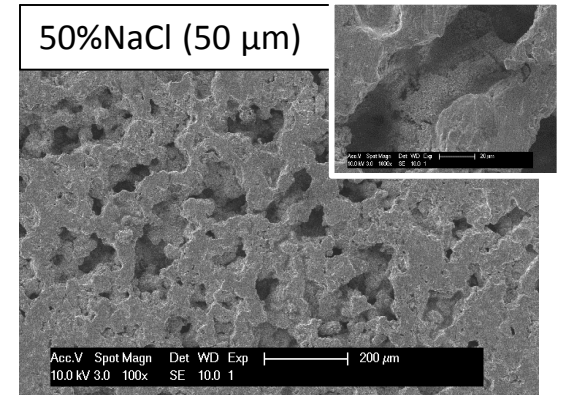
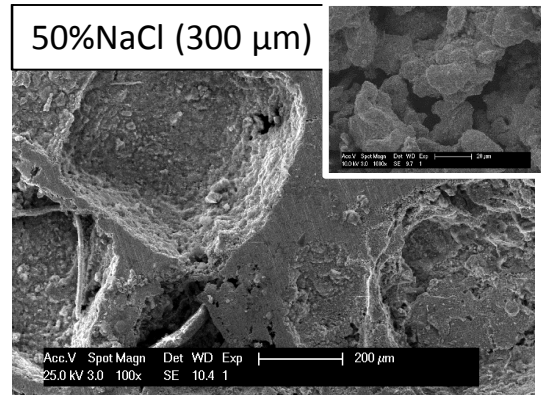
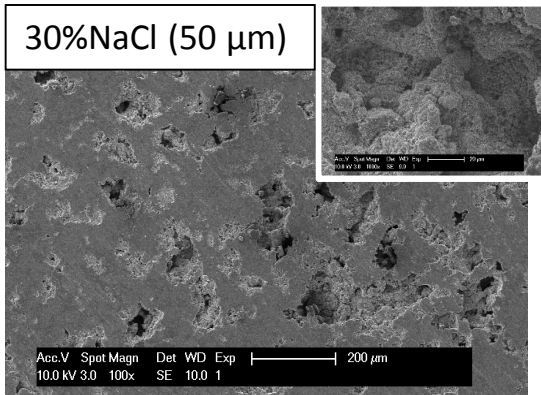
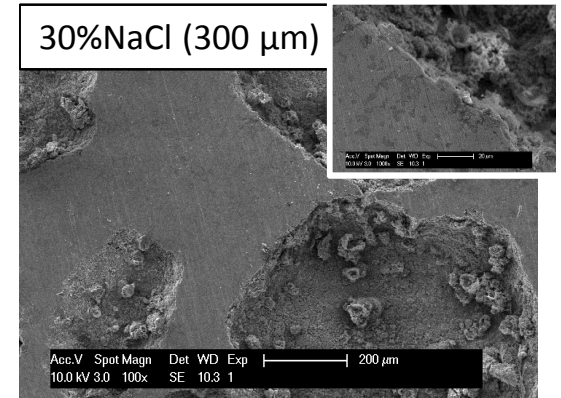
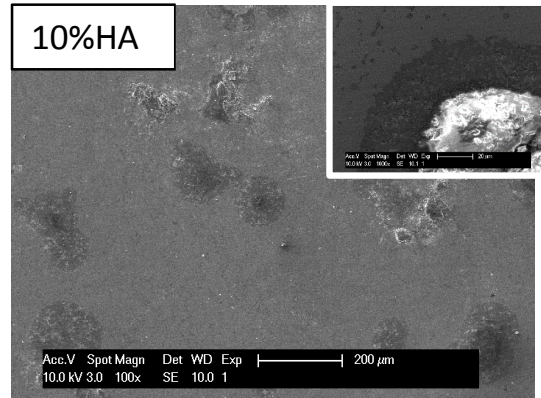
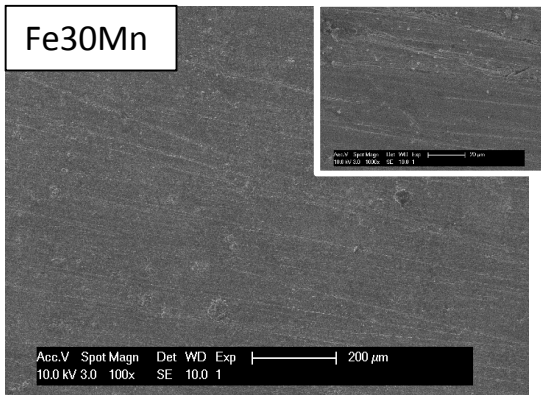


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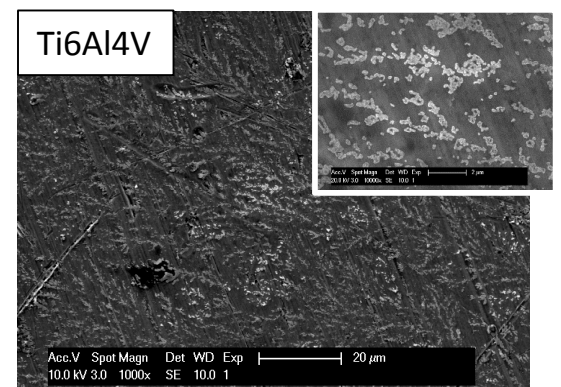
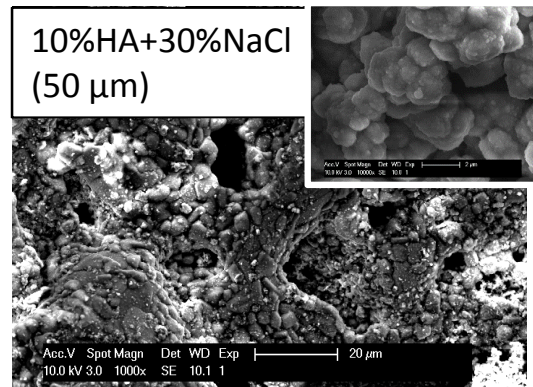
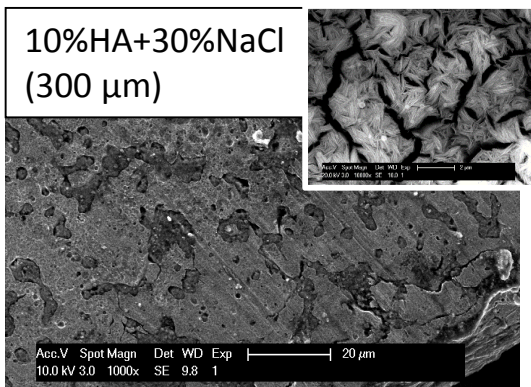
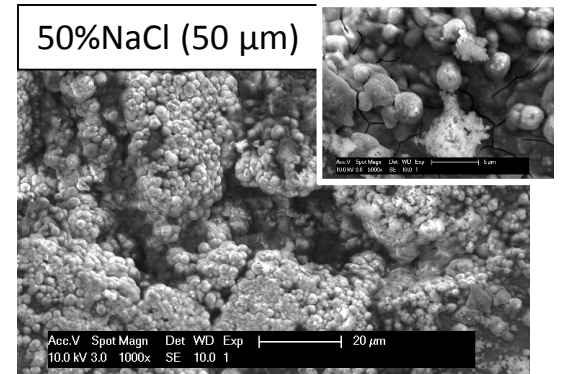
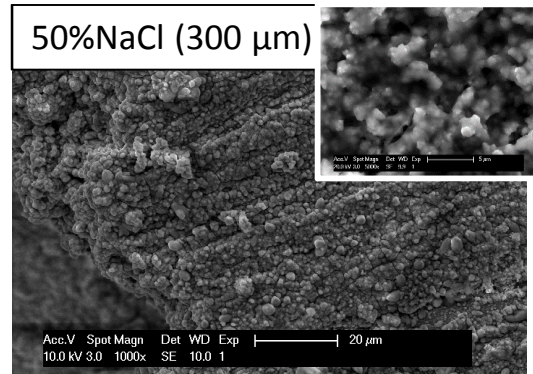
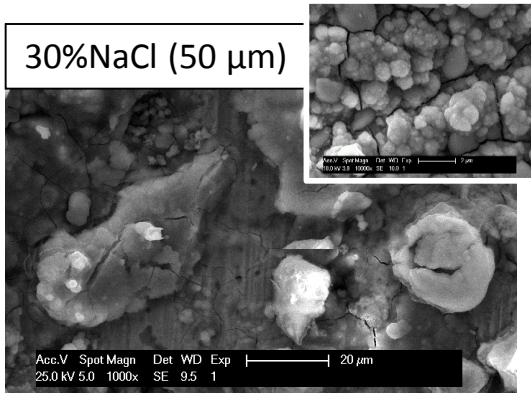
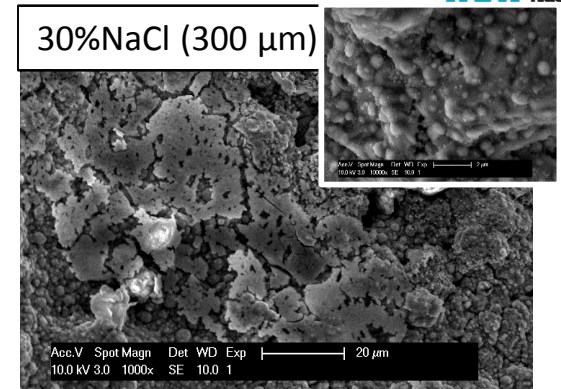
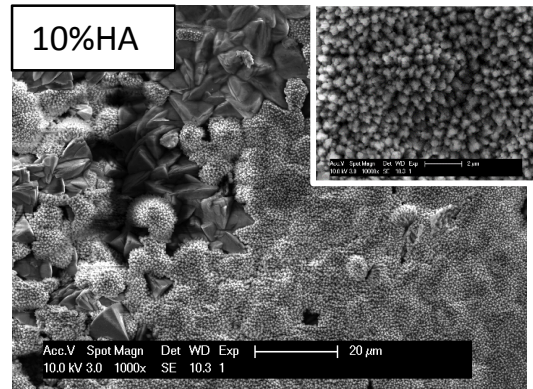
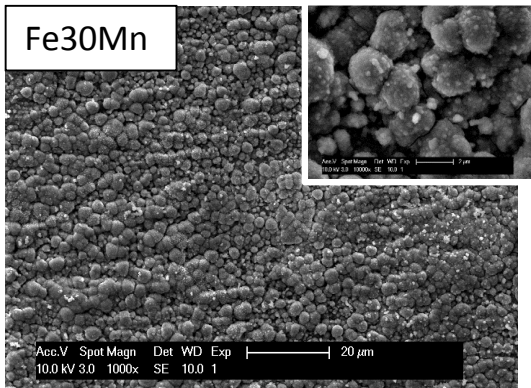
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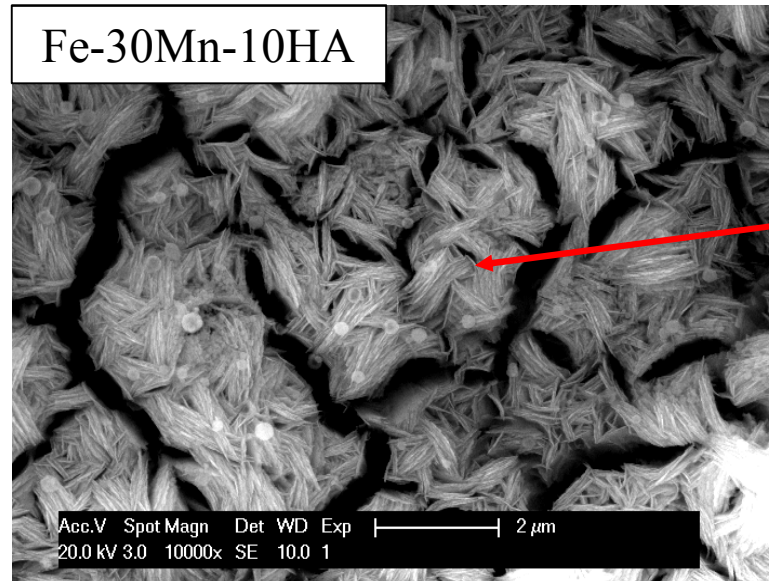
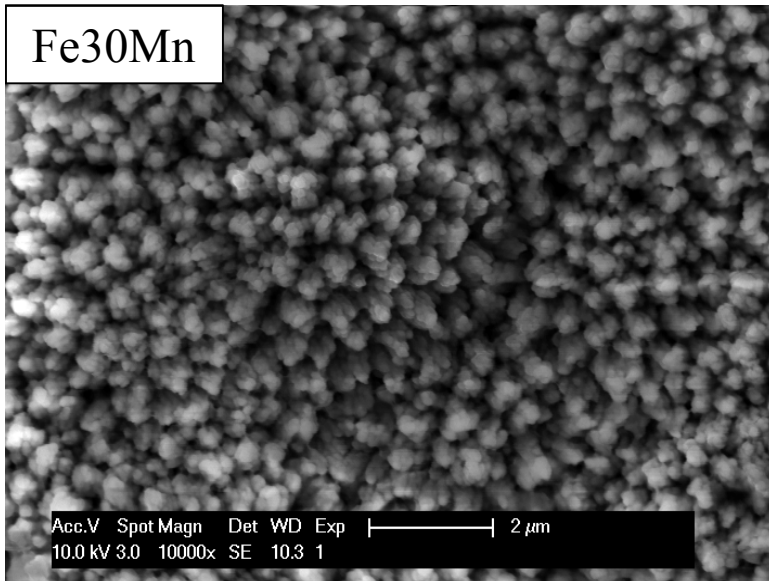
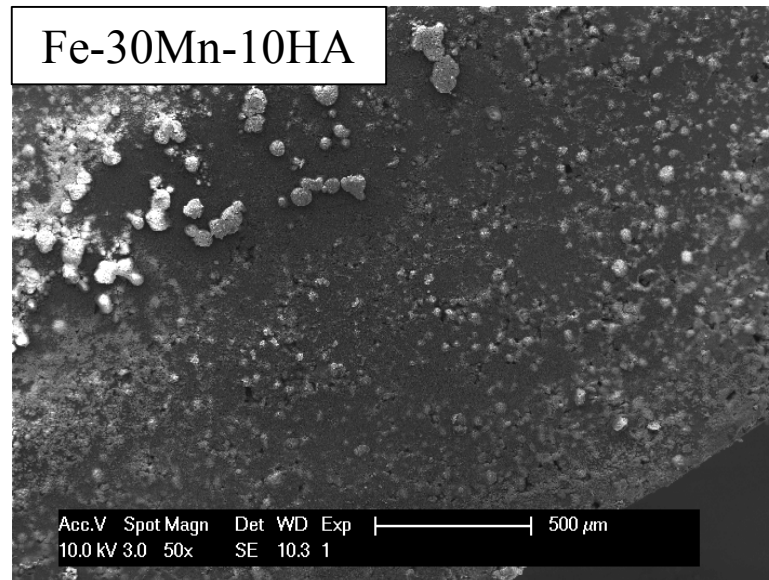
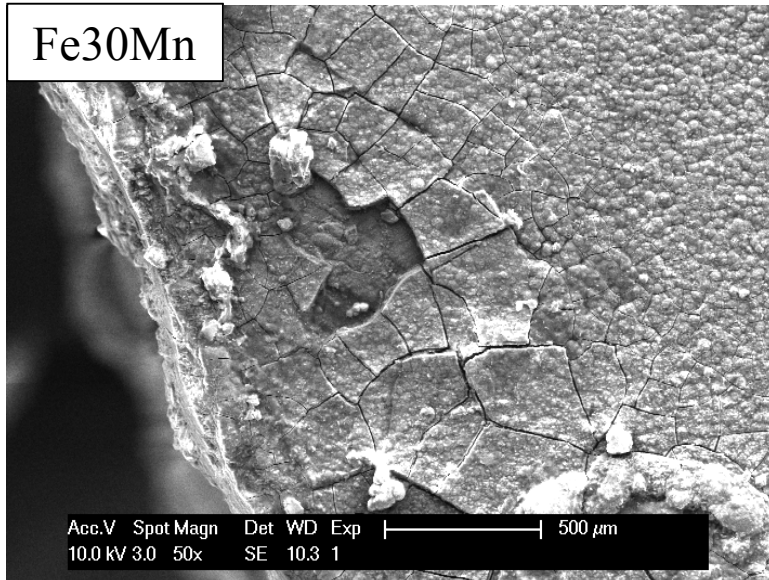
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SEM 30 days

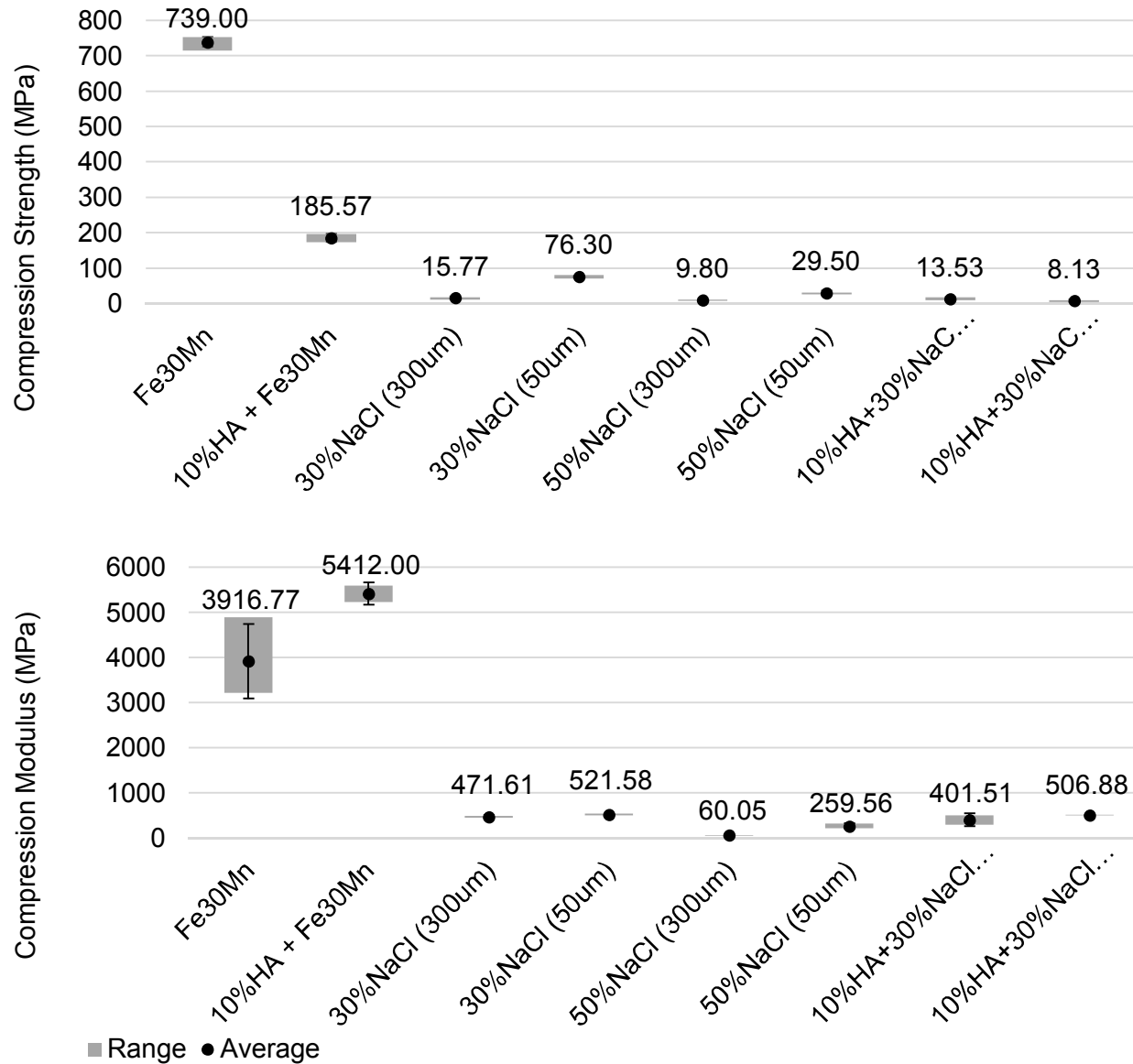


Corrosion after 30 Days *in vitro*



$\text{Ca}_2\text{Mn}_7\text{O}_{14}$

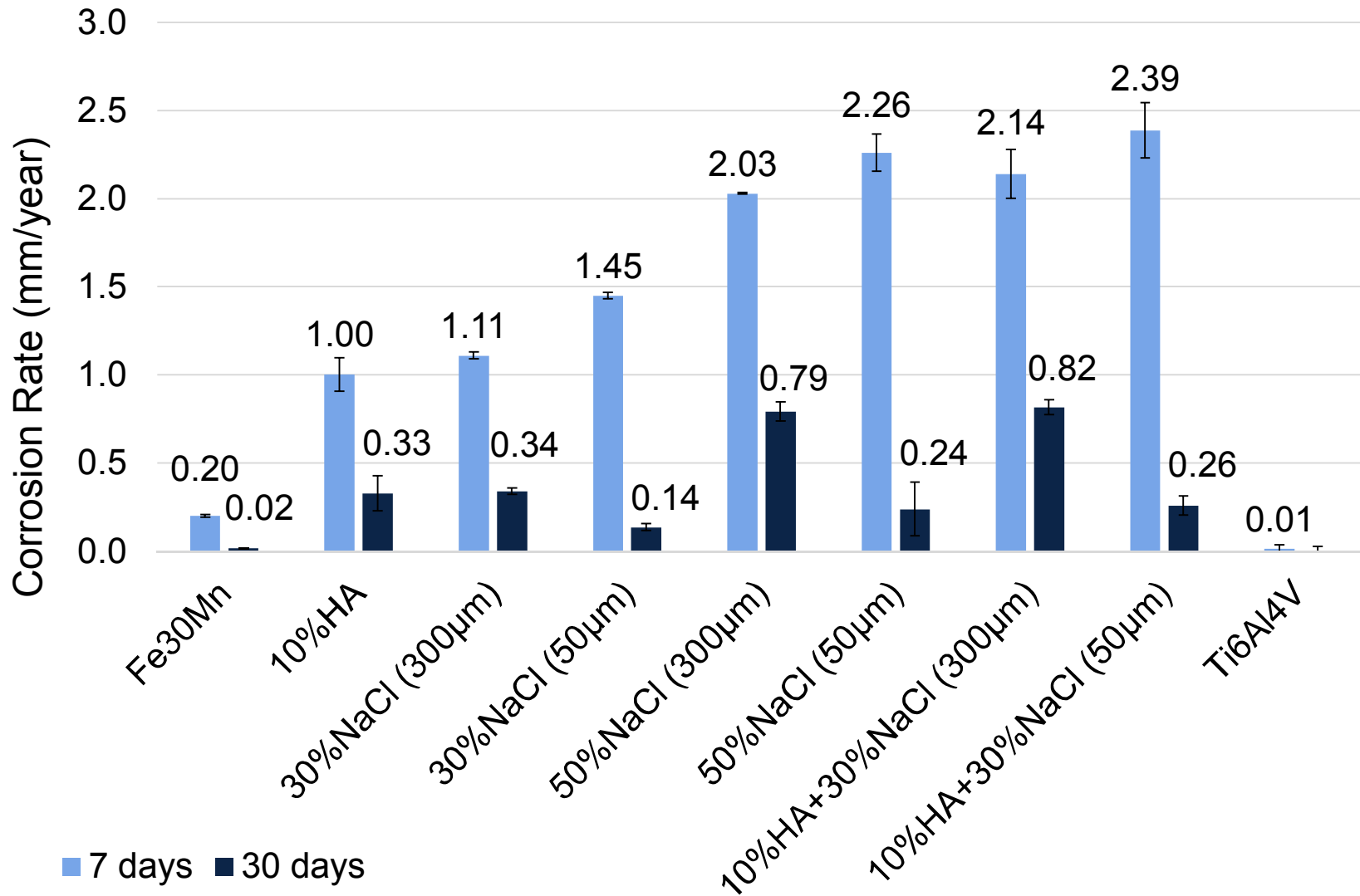
Mechanical Properties (Continued)



Compressive Strength:
 Cancellous bone:
~2–10 MPa

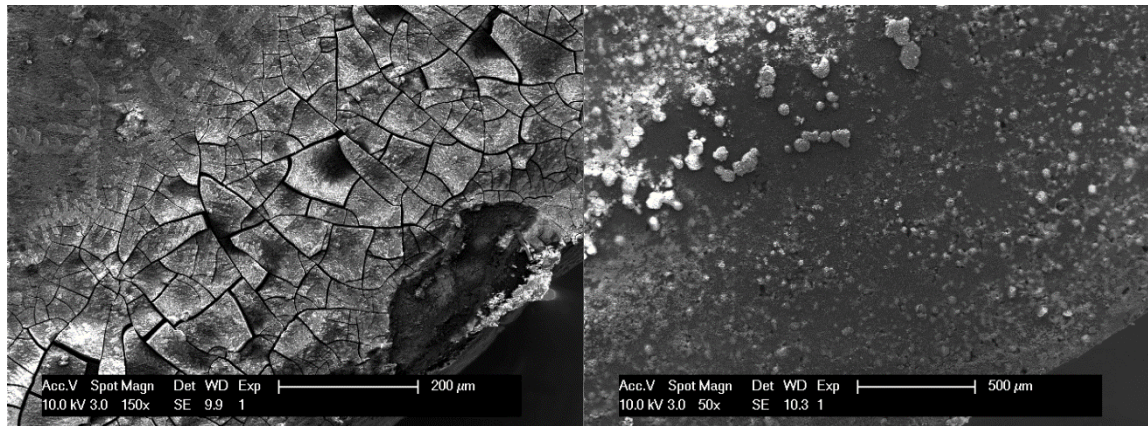
316L Stainless Steel:
~240 MPa

Apparent Corrosion Rates



Conclusions

- Fe-rich oxide layer initially forms on Fe-Mn surfaces
- NaCl-leaching of Fe-Mn alloys creates macropores, increases degradation & cell attachment
- Formation of Calcium Manganese Oxide ($\text{Ca}_2\text{Mn}_7\text{O}_{14}$) at 1200 C, increases corrosion
- Incorporation of HA inhibits typical flaking effect of Fe-Mn alloys

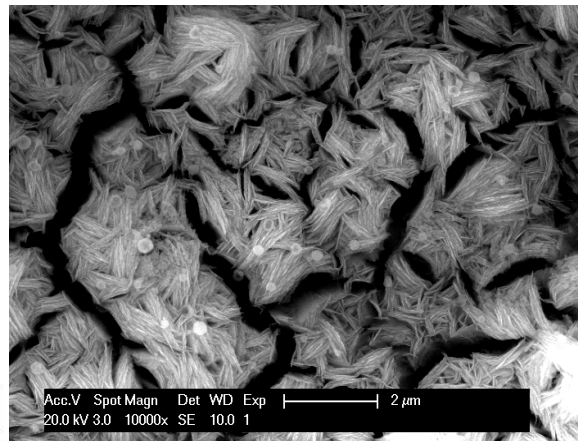


Conclusions

- Different Ca and P structures deposited on the surface post 30 day immersion
- Corrosion is generally high within the first 7 days and then steadily drops
- Larger porosity (300 μm) increased overall degradation rate after 30 days
- 10%HA + 30%NaCl (300 μm) showed the highest degradation after 30 days
- All materials except the 50% NaCl (300 μm) & 10%HA + 30%NaCl (50 μm) had compression strengths above cancellous bone (2-10 MPa)



1 mm



Acc.V Spot Magn Det WD Exp |-----| 2 μm
20.0 kV 3.0 10000x SE 10.0 1

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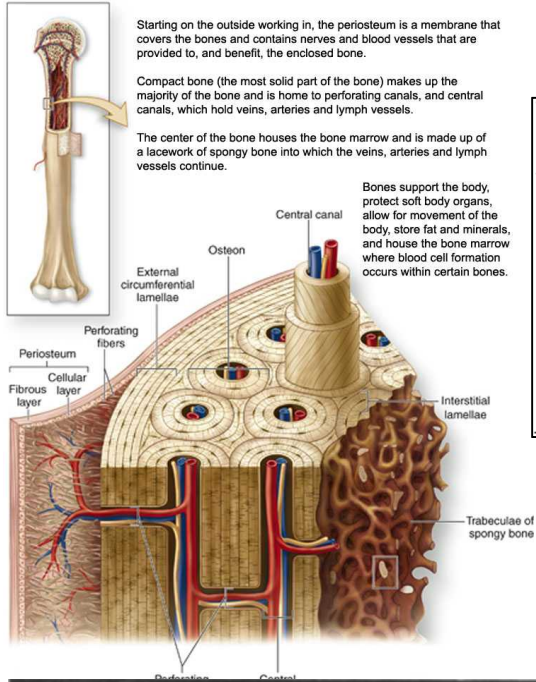
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Starting on the outside working in, the periosteum is a membrane that covers the bones and contains nerves and blood vessels that are provided to, and benefit, the enclosed bone.

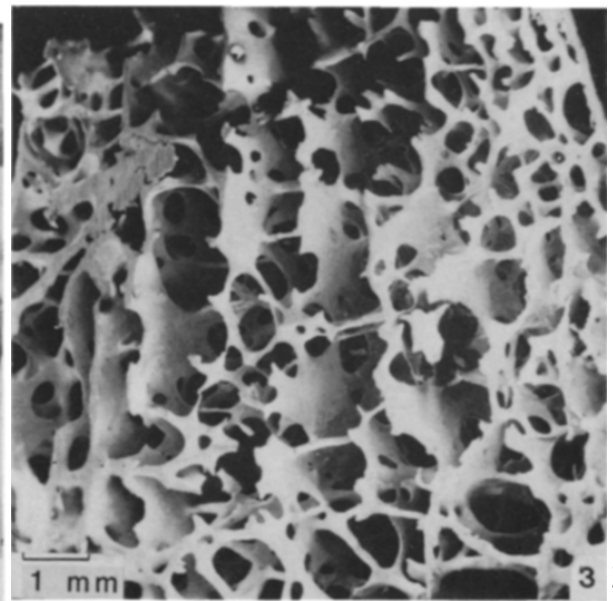
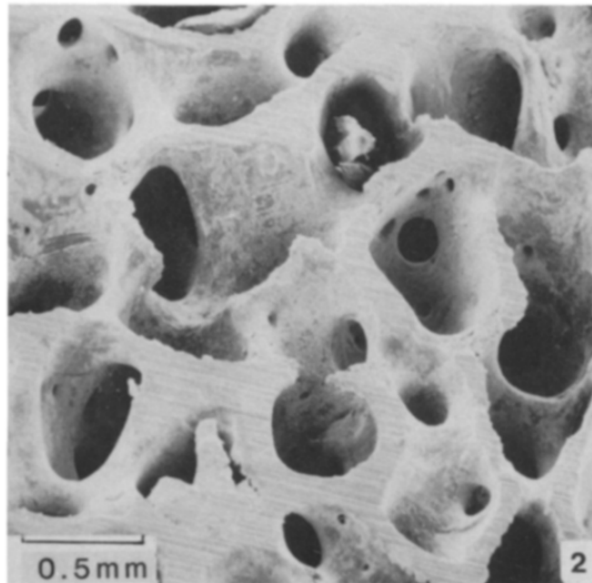
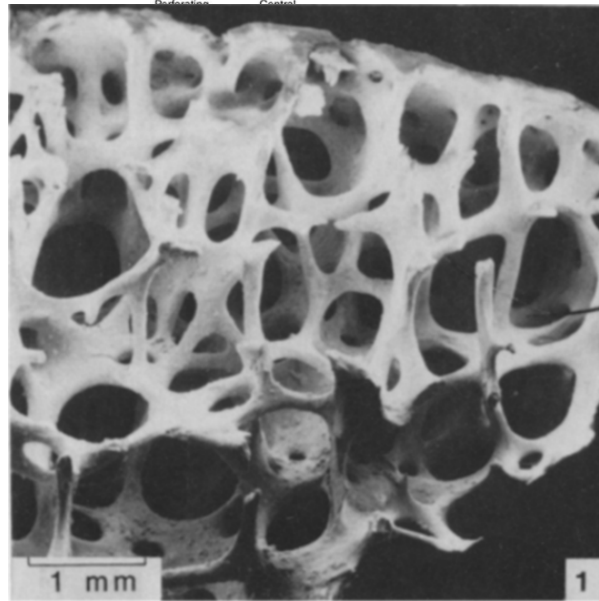
Compact bone (the most solid part of the bone) makes up the majority of the bone and is home to perforating canals, and central canals, which hold veins, arteries and lymph vessels.

The center of the bone houses the bone marrow and is made up of a lacework of spongy bone into which the veins, arteries and lymph vessels continue.

Bones support the body, protect soft body organs, allow for movement of the body, store fat and minerals, and house the bone marrow where blood cell formation occurs within certain bones.



	Vol. % mineral	Porosity (%)	Pore size (μm)	ρ (g/cm ³)	σ (MPa)	E (GPa)
Cortical bone	30-40	5 – 10	10 – 50	2.0	110 – 150	18 – 22
Cancellous bone	30-40	75 – 85	300 – 600	0.2 – 0.5	2 – 6	0.1 – 0.3
Natural HA scaffolds	100	50-90	100-600	0.3-1.3	0.4-9.7	0.1-1.2
Synthetic HA scaffolds	100	50-70	10-50	0.9-1.7	0.7-95.1	0.1-19.2

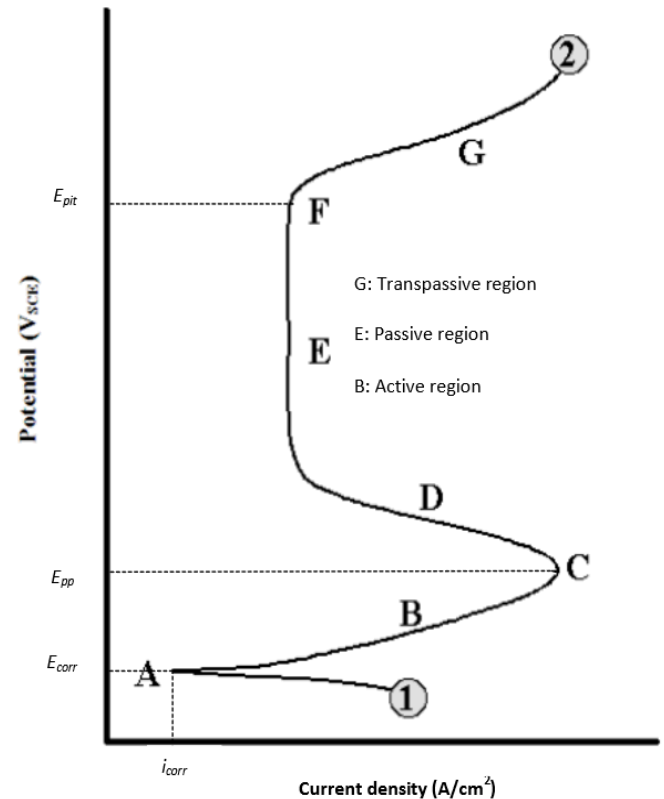


Appendix

- Faraday's Law can be used to calculate the mass loss (m):
- $$m = \frac{i \cdot t \cdot M}{n \cdot F}$$
- General corrosion trends can be obtained
 - Higher corrosion potential and lower current density indicates enhanced corrosion resistance
 - More negative potentials are more reactive to corrosion
 - Assumes uniform corrosion across the whole surface. It underestimates the degradation rate for when localized corrosion occurs in vivo.

$$CR \text{ (mm/year)} = 3.27 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{i_{\text{corr}} \times EW}{D} \right)$$

$$\text{Corrosion rate (mm/year)} = \frac{K \times W}{A \times t \times D}$$



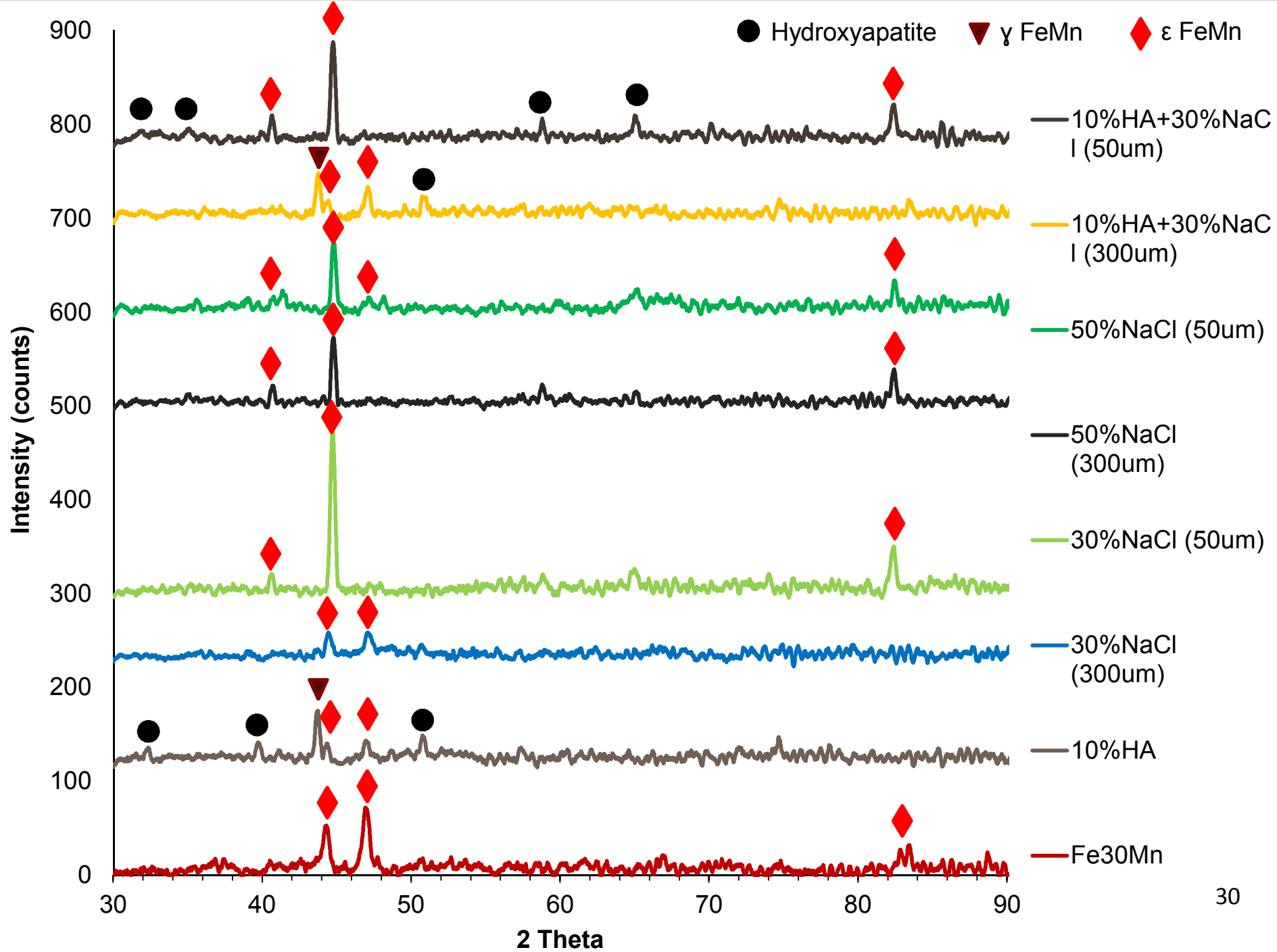
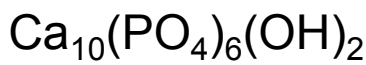
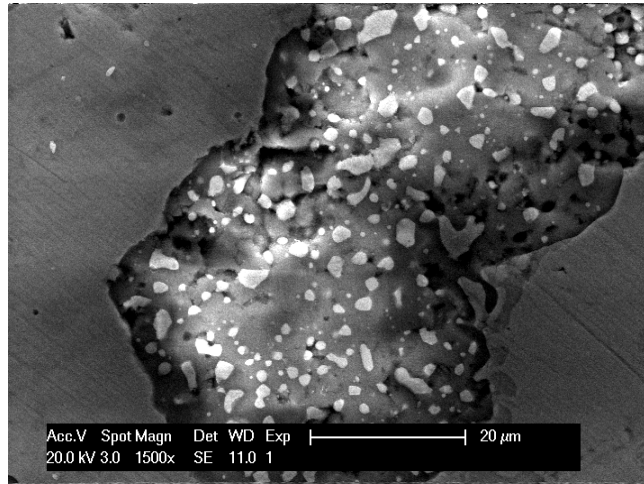
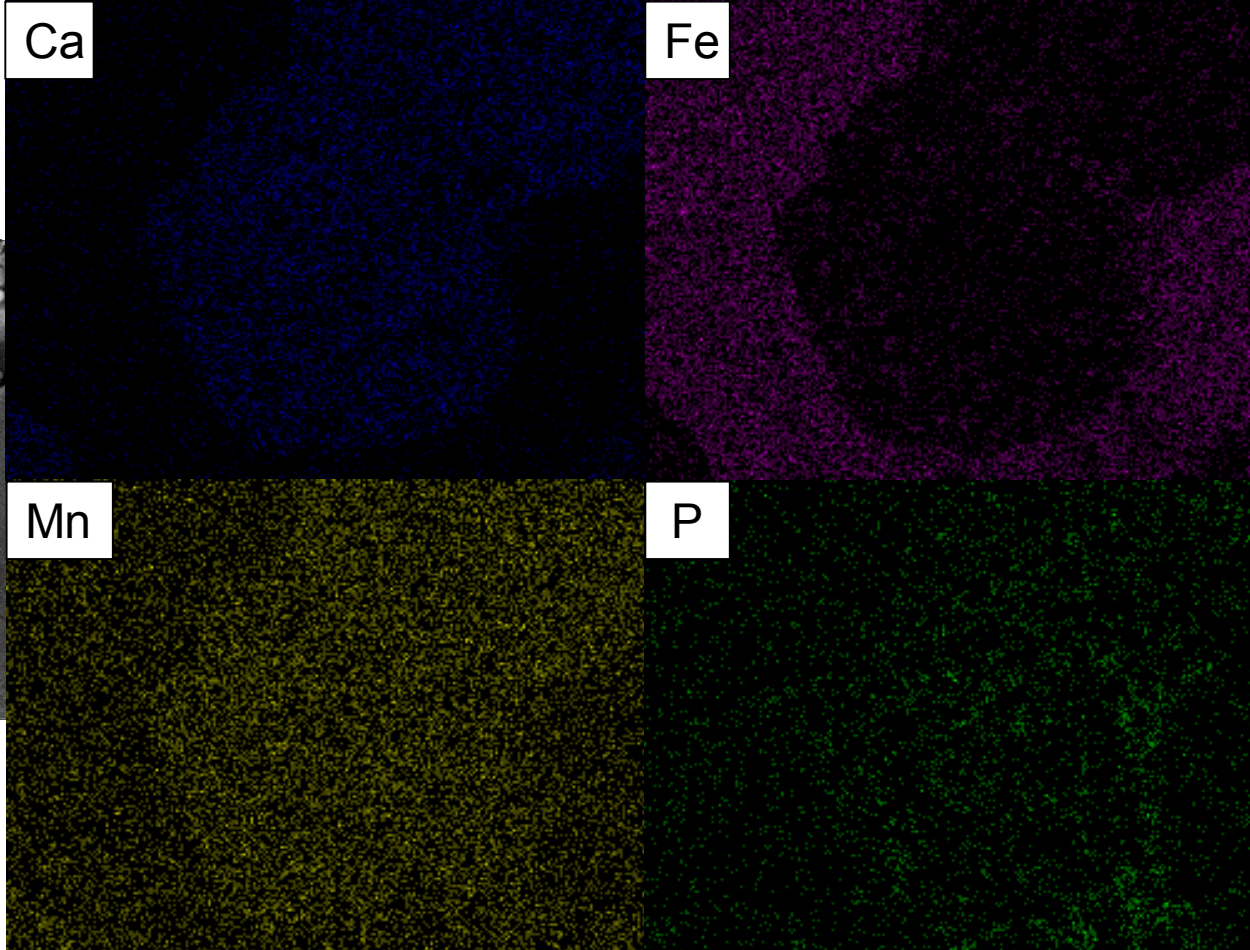


Table 2. EDS Composition Comparison

Alloy	Analyzed Compositions (wt%)						
	Fe	Mn	Ca	P	Na	Cl	O
Fe30Mn initial	70.58	29.42	-	-	-	-	-
After	42.50	28.99	9.65	11.14	0.00	2.35	5.38
10%HA initial	59.90	30.97	3.52	2.63	-	-	2.88
After	51.80	27.82	11.18	4.97	0.28	0.00	3.96
30%NaCl (300um) initial	66.9	29.61	-	-	-	-	3.49
After	58.70	27.27	4.86	7.42	0.00	0.00	1.75
30%NaCl (50um) initial	68.2	30.27	-	-	-	-	1.53
After	53.12	32.65	9.02	4.00	0.00	0.00	1.21
50%NaCl (300um) initial	67.40	30.61	-	-	-	-	1.99
After	46.54	14.56	11.14	15.14	4.17	1.71	6.75
50%NaCl (50um) initial	66.66	32.16	-	-	-	-	1.18
After	41.56	39.99	7.51	3.79	0.81	1.54	4.79
10%HA+30%NaCl (300µm) initial	55.71	28.43	8.97	6.00	-	-	0.88
After	37.26	24.30	21.56	5.99	1.83	1.70	7.36
10%HA+30%NaCl (50µm) initial	50.37	27.22	11.33	8.53	-	-	2.55
After	34.91	48.33	6.49	5.39	0.72	0.77	3.37
	Ti	Al	V	O			
Ti6Al4V initial	89.63	7.31	2.06	-	-	-	-
After	90.60	4.48	2.61	2.31	-	-	-

10% HA + Fe30Mn sintered
@1200°C – 3hr



Tricalcium Phosphate (TCP)

- Adding hydroxyapatite (HAp) may increase rates of cell proliferation
- Tissue can infiltrate HAp and form chemical bonds with natural bone
- Above 1100C (2hr) it decomposes from HAp into Tricalcium Phosphate phases.
- Ca and Mn elements combine into **Calcium Manganese Oxide (Ca₂Mn₇O₁₄)**

Bone Mineralization (Red Alizarin Stain)

Calcium-Rich Deposits

