

**DISSOLUTION/PRECIPIATION BEHAVIOR OF HYDROXYAPATITES PREPARED FROM  
CATTLE BONE ASH**

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**Abstract**

The dissolution-precipitation behaviors of hydroxyapatites (HA) derived from calcined cattle bone with and without chemical treatments (MP and TP respectively) were studied under human physiological conditions. Both specimens were incubated in simulated body fluid (SBF) at 37°C with a sample surface area to solution volume ratio of 0.1 cm<sup>2</sup>·l<sup>-1</sup>. 5% CO<sub>2</sub> was used to adjust the pH of this solution to 7.40±0.05. The characteristics of MP and TP specimens were examined before and after incubation in SBF. The phase present and functional groups of both specimens did not change after incubation for 90 days, but the Ca:P ratio and bulk density decreased, hence the porosity increased. Furthermore, newly formed precipitates appeared on the surface of both specimens after incubation for 30 days and covered the entire surface in 90 days. From the chemical analysis, it was found that these newly formed precipitates were calcium phosphate compounds containing carbonate groups in the phosphate site structure, and the phase of this compound was similar to natural cattle bone.

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