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Hydroxyapatite —**
Part 3:
**Chemical analysis and
characterization of crystallinity ratio
and phase purity**

Implants chirurgicaux — Hydroxyapatite —

*Partie 3: Analyse chimique et caractérisation du rapport de
cristallinité et de la pureté de phase*



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Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to cause absolutely no adverse reactions in the human body. However, long term clinical experience of the use of hydroxyapatite has shown that an applicable level of biological response can be expected, if the material is used in appropriate applications.

Biocompatibility and resorption rate of hydroxyapatite material for surgical application may depend of the presence of trace elements, foreign crystalline phases and crystallinity ratio. Amorphous calcium phosphate, tetracalcium phosphate, α -tricalcium phosphate and β -tricalcium phosphate have demonstrated to have a higher solubility and may resorb more rapidly than hydroxyapatite in the body. CaO and heavy metals may impair the biocompatibility of the material. As a consequence, it is important to assess the composition of the material.

In this field, the assessment of the different crystalline and amorphous phase components has been under continuing development (of both equipment and processing software). In this document a new method for measuring the crystallinity ratio of hydroxyapatite is introduced and the Rietveld method is introduced as an alternative method for measuring the foreign phase content.

Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite —

Part 3:

Chemical analysis and characterization of crystallinity ratio and phase purity

1 Scope

This document specifies methods of test for the chemical analysis, assessment of crystallinity ratio and phase composition of hydroxyapatite-based materials such as powders, coating or bulk products.

NOTE These tests are intended to describe properties of the material and to communicate these between organizations. These tests are not written with the objective of replacing a company's internal operational and assessment tests although they could be used as such.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

calibration curve

calculating plot translating the ratio of integrated intensity of foreign phases, measured on the X-ray diffraction pattern into the mass fraction of foreign phases compared to crystalline hydroxyapatite

3.2

detection limit

DL

lowest quantity of the foreign phase or trace element that can be distinguished from the absence of that foreign phase or trace element

Note 1 to entry: Requirements and procedure for estimating the detection limit of foreign phases is established in [5.6.3](#).