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Glucose-Gated Polyetheretherketone Implants for Enzymatic Gas Therapy to Boost Infectious Diabetic Osseointegration

Abstract:

The hyperglycemic micromilieu surrounding implants in diabetic patients leads to high failure rate of implantation and implant-associated infection. Carbon monoxide (CO) has been reported to combat infections; however, its on-demand liberation and the elucidation of the underlying antibacterial mechanism remain challenging. To address this issue, we develop a multipurpose orthopedic implant comprising polyetheretherketone, glucose oxidase (GOx), and manganese carbonyl (MnCO), serving as a glucose-gated enzymatic gas therapy for infectious diabetic osseointegration. The GOx acts as a glucose-actuated gate responsive to hyperglycemia, thereby delivering CO in situ triggered by the GOx-driven Fenton-like reaction of MnCO. The released CO considerably prevents bacterial multiplication by penetrating the membrane, binding to cytochrome bo₃, and interfering with the respiratory chain in vitro. Furthermore, the engineered implant displays desired antibacterial properties and enhances osseointegration in vivo. Collectively, the orthopedic implant is capable of delivering glucose-gated enzymatic gas therapy, promising for treating infectious diabetic bone defects.

Biography

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