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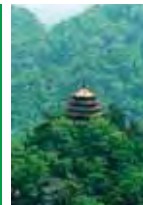
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Antibacterial Properties of Novel 1D ZnO Nanowires on Medical Grade 316L Stainless Steel Surface

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Abstract

Medical grade 316L stainless steel which is a common component of biomedical devices has the highest infection rates among clinically applied metals (L.G.Harris et al, 2006). Systemic antibiotic therapy, wound debridement and revision surgery are the consequences of patients suffering from implant associated infections. Prevention of biofilm formation could be achieved by preventing bacterial adhesion. Different kinds of strategies are suggested such as applying different metal coatings (Ag, Cu), grafting of special antibacterial peptides and loading of antibiotics. But there are many side effects such as strong antibacterial and cytotoxicity effect, complex procedures involved in the synthesis of ideal peptides and possible development of antibiotic resistant bacteria. A novel 1D nanostructured ZnO nanowire coating which provides biocompatible special surface topography is suggested. In addition, ZnO is regarded as safe by US FDA (21CFR182.8991) and can be easily fabricated by the simple hydrothermal method.

Methods

Fabrication of 1D ZnO nanowire coating on medical grade stainless steel

The fabrication method was based on literature (Chi-Liang Kuo et al, 2005) and has been modified. The stainless steel substrates were first cleaned and then immersed into zinc acetate ethanol solution (5.0 mM) and heated to 350°C for 20 minutes to form ZnO seed layer. Afterwards, they were immersed into an aqueous solution (zinc nitrate hydrate 25.0 mM and hexamethylenetetramine 25.0 mM) for 5 hours at 90°C to form 1D ZnO nanowires.

Bacterial adhesion assay (Live dead staining)

The ZnO nanowires coated samples were sterilized by 70% ethanol for 30 minutes and rinsed by 0.85% NaCl solution. 20ul of Tryptic soy broth (TSB) culture containing 10^5 *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) bacterial cells was inoculated on the samples at 37°C for 30 minutes. The samples were rinsed by NaCl solution again and the 20ul of dye mixture was applied onto their surfaces at room temperature for 20 minutes in dark. They were then rinsed by NaCl solution again and then examined by fluorescent microscope under a 40X objective.

Results

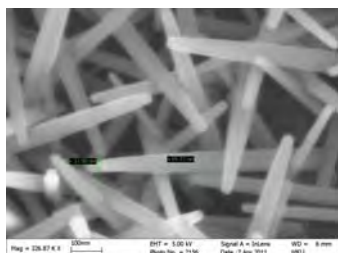


Fig.1 SEM image of the treated samples showing wires-like structure in nanoscale

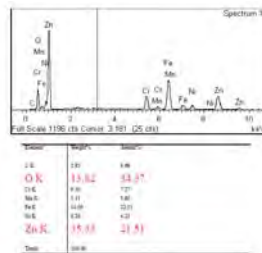


Fig.2 EDX scan of fig.1 showing high intensity of Zn and O atoms which indicated existence of ZnO nanowires

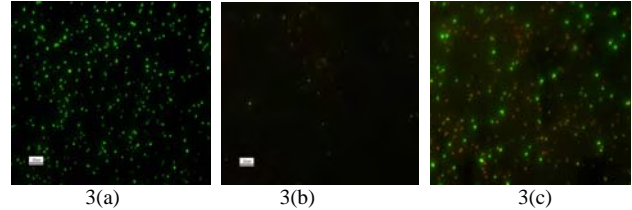


Fig.3 Fluorescent microscope images (live dead staining) showing the number of live bacteria which was represented by the number of green dots on the samples surface. 3(a) Bare stainless steel. ZnO nanowires coated stainless steel with 5 hours [3(b)] and 17 hours [3(c)] growth time points.

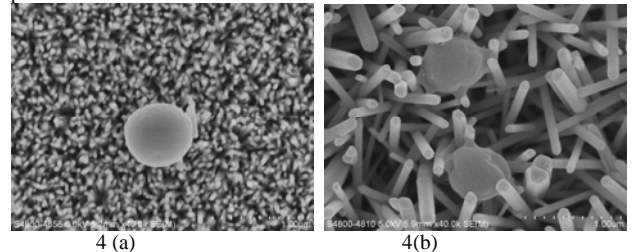


Fig.4 SEM images of *S.aureus* on ZnO nanowires coated samples after live dead staining. ZnO nanowires coated stainless steel with 5 hours [4(a)] and 17 hours [4(b)] growth time points.

1D ZnO nanowires were successfully fabricated on the surface of medical grade stainless steel as shown in SEM images (fig.1) and EDX scan (fig. 2). Live dead staining was carried out and indicated there were approximately 50% and 90% of bacteria reduction shown on the samples with 17 hours and 5 hours growth time point, respectively, as compared to control as shown in fluorescent microscope images (fig.3). Thus, all of the treated samples showed antibacterial effect. SEM images of *S.aureus* on ZnO nanowires coated samples after live dead staining were taken for further investigation (fig.4).

Discussion

The SEM images showed that the bacterial cells could attach to the lateral side of ZnO nanowires which had around 130nm in diameters when their size was fit to the spaces between the randomly orientated ZnO nanowires as shown in the samples with 17 hours growth time point. However, this was not the case in the samples with 5 hours growth time point because the spaces between the ZnO nanowires which had only around 60 nm in diameters were too small to be attached by the bacteria cells. In addition, the ZnO nanowires were perpendicular oriented to the surface of substrate which were relatively “well aligned” as relative to the size of bacteria cells. On the contrary, the bacteria cells could only attach on the top of the ZnO nanowires which provide limited contact area for bacterial attachment. It was suspected that the orientations of ZnO nanowires might be an important factor to strengthen the antibacterial effect of the ZnO nanowire coating.

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