

In the present study, bioactive glass-zirconia core-shell spherical nanoparticles were synthesized using a combination of sol-gel and sonochemical methods. The results revealed that the nanoparticles possess a $\sim 16 \pm 2$ nm rough tetragonal zirconia shell that surrounded the bioactive glass core. The optimized structure was coated on Ti-6Al-4V substrate through electrophoretic deposition technique. In order to obtain a stable suspension of nanoparticles in ethanol, dopamine was used as a surface treatment agent and cathodic electrophoretic deposition was successfully achieved on the Ti-6Al-4V substrate. Also, the utilization of polyethyleneimine improved the adhesion between the coating and substrate. Due to the differences in surface charge of zirconia and bioactive glass nanoparticles, a high voltage and surfactant concentration are necessary for the simultaneous deposition of the particles. However, in the presence of core-shell nanoparticles, this issue was overcome. Microscopic examination of the coatings confirmed the elimination of cracks in core-shell constituted coatings. The adhesion between the coating and substrate increased significantly due to the rough surface of the core-shell nanoparticles. The appropriate cohesion due to the core-shell particles, lower coating thickness, and the reduced cathodic voltage resulted in higher barrier performance of the coatings compared to the bioactive glass coating group as tested in a phosphate-buffered saline solution (impedance ($|Z|$) was 4.6 times higher). In addition, despite the presence of a ZrO_2 shell around the bioactive glass particles, the bioactivity was not greatly affected. Furthermore, the cell viability study on the core-shell coating, following exposure to MG-63 cells, confirmed the non-cytotoxic nature of the coatings. According to the SEM images, cell proliferation improved significantly on the core-shell coatings compared to a bioactive glass group, perhaps due to the excellent pH control owing to the presence of a zirconia shell. These results confirmed the positive effects of using core-shell coating on the