

Development of polyhydroxyalkanoate-based polyurethane with water-thermal response shape-memory behavior as new 3D elastomers scaffolds

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Experimental section

Preparation of PHP porous scaffolds

The particulate leaching method was used to prepare the PHP porous scaffolds. Briefly, a polymer solution was prepared by mixing a PHA pellet with HDI and PEG solution. The solution was then stirred at room temperature for 4 h. Next, NaCl particles ranging in diameter about 150 μm (polymer/NaCl = 1/20 (w/w)) were added. The mixture was packed into Petri dishes, creating cylindrical molds that were 15 mm in diameter and 15 mm in thickness. These molds were placed in a ventilation hood overnight to allow solvent evaporation. After evaporation, to leach out the salt particles, the constructs were immersed in deionized (DI) water for 72 h, with repeated changes of the DI water every 4 h. The scaffolds were vacuum-dried for 24 h. The resultant PHP porous scaffolds exhibited highly interconnected porous networks.

Supplementary tables and figures

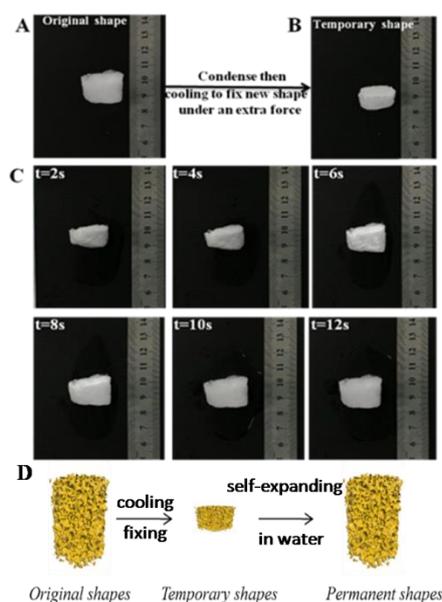


Fig.S1 (A) The original shape(d=18mm,t=0s), (B) The temporary shape after compressing under external force(d=10mm),(C) recover after absorbing simulated body fluid with different time,(D) The model of porous scaffolds self-expanding response.

Table 1 Identification of characteristic IR frequencies of PHA-based polyurethane

| Groups | Wavenumber(cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| -N-H | 3341 | Hydrogen bonded N-H vibration band |
| -CH ₂ | 2915 | Methylene stretching vibration modes(asym) |
| -CH ₂ | 2856 | Methylene stretching vibration modes(sym) |
| -C=O | 1721 | Ester stretching vibration modes |
| -C=O | 1622 | Hydrogen bonded urethane stretching vibration |
| -CH ₂ | 1578 | C-H bending vibration |
| -CH ₃ | 1456 | C-H bending vibration(asym) |
| -C-N | 1441 | C-N stretching vibration |
| -CH ₃ | 1356 | C-H bending vibration(sym) |
| -C-O-C | 1253 | Ester stretching vibration (crystalline) |
| -C-O-C | 1096 | Stretching vibration mode |
| -C-O-C | 983 | Ester stretching vibration |
| -O-C-C | 840 | Stretching vibration mode |
| -O-C-N | 636 | Stretching vibration mode |