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Foreword

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ISO 13779 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite*:

- *Part 1: Ceramic hydroxyapatite*
- *Part 2: Coatings of hydroxyapatite*
- *Part 3: Chemical analysis and characterization of crystallinity and phase purity*
- *Part 4: Determination of coating adhesion strength*
- *Part 6: Powders*

This corrected version of ISO 13779-6:2016 incorporates the following change:

- In A.8, the last line of formula for the value ka_1 has been corrected and added.

Introduction

No known surgical implant material has ever been shown to be completely free of adverse reactions in the human body. However, long term clinical experience of the use of the material referred to in this part of ISO 13779 has shown that an acceptable level of biological response can be expected, if the material is used in appropriate applications.

This part of ISO 13779 describes specifications for hydroxyapatite raw material powders used to obtain high-quality medical devices. However, the quality of the final device depends on the manufacturing process and it is recognized that a separate performance standard can be necessary for each end-use product.

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Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite —

Part 6: Powders

1 Scope

This part of ISO 13779 specifies requirements for hydroxyapatite powders used as a raw material for the manufacturing of surgical implants or coating of surgical implants.

This part of ISO 13779 does not apply to hydroxyapatite coatings, ceramic hydroxyapatite, glass ceramics, α - and β -tricalcium phosphate, or other forms of calcium phosphate.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2591-1, *Test sieving — Part 1: Methods using test sieves of woven wire cloth and perforated metal plate*

ISO 13779-3, *Implants for surgery — Hydroxyapatite — Part 3: Chemical analysis and characterization of crystallinity and phase purity*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

ISO 24235, *Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Determination of particle size distribution of ceramic powders by laser diffraction method*

European Pharmacopoeia 5.0: Tribasic calcium phosphate

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 atomisation

<spray drying> process for producing more or less spherical agglomerates of powder particles (atomized powders) by spraying a suspension of particles followed by immediate drying

3.2 α tricalcium phosphate α -TCP

chemical compound with a crystallographic structure characterized by ICDD PDF 09-0348 (see Bibliography)

Note 1 to entry: The chemical formula is $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$.

Note 2 to entry: International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (ICDD PDF).

3.3

β tricalcium phosphate

β-TCP

chemical compound with a crystallographic structure characterized by ICDD PDF 09-0169 (see Bibliography)

Note 1 to entry: The chemical formula is $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$.

Note 2 to entry: International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (ICDD PDF).

3.4

calcination

thermal treatment of the powder in order to remove volatile impurities or to change the density or specific surface area of the powder

3.5

calcium oxide

CaO

chemical compound with a crystallographic structure characterized by ICDD PDF 4-0777 or 82-1690 (see Bibliography)

Note 1 to entry: International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (ICDD PDF).

3.6

crystallinity ratio

ratio between the mass fraction of crystalline hydroxyapatite and the total mass fraction of hydroxyapatite (crystalline and amorphous)

3.7

D_{50}

particle diameter corresponding to 50 % of the cumulative undersize volume distribution

Note 1 to entry: On a volumetric basis size distribution, 50 % of the particles is smaller than D_{50} .

3.8

D_{10}

particle diameter corresponding to 10 % of the cumulative undersize volume distribution

Note 1 to entry: On a volumetric basis size distribution, 10 % of the particles is smaller than D_{10} .

3.9

D_{90}

particle diameter corresponding to 90 % of the cumulative undersize volume distribution

Note 1 to entry: On a volumetric basis size distribution, 90 % of the particles is smaller than D_{90} .

3.10

foreign phase

crystalline phase other than hydroxyapatite

3.11

grinding

process for reducing the size of the raw powder particles

3.12

hydroxyapatite

HA

chemical compound with a crystallographic structure characterized by ICDD PDF 09-0432 or 72-1243 (see Bibliography)

Note 1 to entry: The chemical formula is $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$.

Note 2 to entry: International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (ICDD PDF).

3.13

hydroxyapatite ceramic

hydroxyapatite which has been sintered into a body of high crystallinity

3.14

hydroxyapatite coating

hydroxyapatite which has been deposited onto the surface of a metallic or non-metallic substrate

Note 1 to entry: Material deposition can be obtained either by means of a thermal spray process which produces a ceramic-type coating or by means of a solution-based technique which may deposit hydroxyapatite directly or may require thermal or other treatment to convert it into a crystalline form.

3.15

pressing

process for producing green (before sintering) ceramics under pressure causing the consolidation of powders to the shape of the die used

3.16

sintering

process for production of ceramics in which the application of heat promotes the coalescence of ceramic grains and causes a significant reduction of particle surface area and bulk volume to achieve densification and consequent increase in mechanical properties

3.17

specific surface area

total surface area of the powder particles per unit of mass, $m^2 g^{-1}$

3.18

tetracalcium phosphate

TTCP

chemical compound with a crystallographic structure characterized by ICDD PDF 25-1137 or 70-1379 (see Bibliography)

Note 1 to entry: The chemical formula is $Ca_4(PO_4)_2O$.

Note 2 to entry: International Centre for Diffraction Data Powder Diffraction File (ICDD PDF).

4 Requirements

4.1 General

The minimum requirements for the hydroxyapatite powder are established in [4.2](#) to [4.7](#).

According to the use of the hydroxyapatite powder, other characterization tests can be useful and should be conducted (see Annex A).

4.2 Calcium to phosphorus molar ratio (Ca/P)

The content of calcium and phosphorus of the hydroxyapatite powder shall be determined in accordance with ISO 13779-3.

A calcium to phosphorus molar ratio, Ca/P, of $1,66 \leq Ca/P \leq 1,71$ is suitable to fit the requirements of ISO 13175-3, ISO 13779-1, and ISO 13779-2.

4.3 Trace elements

The limits of specific trace elements for hydroxyapatite powders are given in [Table 1](#).