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Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_AIR_25891</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Preparation and biomineralization of injectable hydrogel composite based chitosan-tetronic and biphasic calcium phosphate nanoparticles</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>The authors describe the synthesis and the properties of hydrogel composites based on chitosan and calcium phosphate nanoparticles. The topic of this research is very interesting, however, in my opinion, some improvements are necessary before the publication.</p> <p>-In the Introduction, the literature references are scarce and not updated. Please, add new and recent literature references.</p> <p>-Chitosan is an important biopolymer employed in many applications. An additional section in the introduction regarding the properties and the several uses of this polymer should be added. As an example, in this regard, it has been also employed as stabilizing agent and/or support in the synthesis of metal nanoparticles. You can consider "Applied Catalysis A: General, 468, 2013, pp. 95-101";</p> <p>- In the materials and methods, please add the duration of</p>	<p>Several literature references have been inserted to upgrade the introduction section</p> <p>Some <b>beneficial properties of chitosan have present in the introduction section of the revised manuscript. A recommended reference was also cited</b></p> <p>The calcination process was clarified as in the</p>



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	<p>the calcination process carried out at 750°C for the preparation of BCP;</p> <p>-The characterization of the synthesized composites is well-done, however, taking into account that one of the components is constituted of nanoparticles, can the authors add other more specific characterization techniques? As an example TEM analysis;</p> <p>-In the results and discussion, the authors say “EDS results in Figure 7 indicate that the precipitates on surface of TeTC/BCP hydrogel composite are calcium, phosphorus and oxygen due to the composing element of apatite, which could be further confirmed by XRD analysis (data not shown here)”, please add these XRD results in the Supporting Information section;</p> <p>-The sentence “No new peaks appeared after immersion in SBF was observed in XRD data.” is not clear. Please, explain better;</p> <p>-In Figure 7, the SEM images are not clear, it is not possible to read the line showing the unit of measure, please change it;</p>	<p>revised version.</p> <p>Charaterization of the BCP Nps were added in the revised manuscript.</p> <p>XRD results were inserted in the revised manuscript as figure 8 enclosing its discussion</p> <p>The sentence was discussed clearly to demonstrate for Figure 8</p> <p>We magnified SEM images resolution in the revised manuscript</p>
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	-English should be revised with the help of a native speaker.	English errors in the manuscript were revised
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<p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p>	<p>In the manuscript there are some typing mistakes, as an example:</p> <p>-“40mg TTeC” instead of “40 mg TTeC”;</p> <p>-“To study the possible precipitate phase conversion, hydrogel composite samples immersed in a SBF buffer solution (pH 7.4).” instead of “To study the possible precipitate phase conversion, hydrogel composite samples were immersed in a SBF buffer solution (pH 7.4).”;</p> <p>-“Figure 5 shows the degradation profiles of the TTeC/BCP hydrogel composites with different content of BCP NPs.” Instead of “Figure 4 shows the degradation profiles of the TTeC/BCP hydrogel composites with different content of BCP NPs”;</p> <p>-“The compressive strength values of the TTeC/BCP hydrogel composites were determined 138.7 ± 15.9, 235.3 ± 15.3, and 591.7 ± 19.5 KPa for 0, 5, 10 % (wt) of the loaded BCP NPs, respectively (Figure 4).” Instead of “The compressive strength values of the TTeC/BCP hydrogel composites were determined 138.7 ± 15.9, 235.3 ± 15.3, and 591.7 ± 19.5 KPa for 0, 5, 10 % (wt) of the loaded BCP NPs, respectively (Figure 5).”;</p> <p>-“This could be explained that incorporation of an</p>	<p>All listed typing mistakes have corrected in the revised version</p>
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	<p>inorganic reinforcing phase” instead of “This could be explained that incorporation of an inorganic reinforcing phase”;</p> <p>-“This great surface adherence was due to a high biocompatibility of hydrogel combined with effective characteristics of BCP such as rough surface creation the roughness..” instead of “This great surface adherence was due to a high biocompatibility of hydrogel combined with effective characteristics of BCP, such as rough surface creation the roughness..”;</p> <p>-“Figure 7 showsSEM micrographs of the surface morphology” instead of “Figure 7 shows SEM micrographs of the surface morphology”;</p> <p>-“Figure 7(a) and (d) showed” instead of “Figure 7 (a) and (d) showed”;</p> <p>-“after soaking in SBF 7 and 14days” instead of “after soaking in SBF 7 and 14 days” (in the caption of Figure 7);</p> <p>-“Injectable polymer-grafted TeTC-BCP hydrogel composites prepared successfully” instead of “Injectable polymer-grafted TeTC-BCP hydrogel composites were successfully prepared”.</p>	
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments		