

Bionanocellulose: A Trending Natural Nanomaterial for Groundbreaking Applications in Regenerative Medicine

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ABSTRACT

The concern of this mini review is to feature the natural nanomaterial bionanocellulose (BNC) and its potential as a novel type of biomaterial for applications in regenerative medicine. The hydrogel BNC is characterized by high purity, dimensional stability and good surgical handling. A fundamental current progress is the biotechnological design of shape, dimensions, nanofibernetwork and surface properties of the BNC materials. The corresponding template-based technology allows the tailoring of implants for quite different organs such as urgently needed small diameter blood vessel substitutes, bile duct and ureter implants. Further application fields are advanced wound dressings and controlled release scaffolds.

Keywords: bionanocellulose, regenerative medicine, visceral implants, cardiovascular implants, wound dressing, drug delivery.

CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

The high potential of bionanocellulose (BNC) as biotechnological designable implant materials open up new possibilities for regenerative medicine. By the process parameters of the currently established technology, the functional implant properties for replacement and repair of human organs can be tailored. The technology can supply the research market by corresponding products to advance implant development. In near future, the development of applicable BNC medical devices should be possible, especially in the background of “first in man” dura mater implants.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Figure 1: Overview of products made by MMR Tech, a) never-dried BNC tube on a red glass rod (99 % water content). Length >100 mm, inner diameter: 5 mm, wall thickness: 1 mm, b) photography of the cross-section of a multilayered BNC tube, scale bar: 1 mm, and c) lateral view of this BNC tube. The wall thickness of the shown tube is of extra-large size for better demonstrating the layers, scale bar: 1 mm, d) never-dried BNC membrane with dimensions up to 200 x 100 x 3 mm, scale bar: 10 mm, e) never-dried hollow BNC-Y-piece, scale bar: 10 mm, f)

never-dried hollow BNC-X-piece for demonstration of 3D structures, scale bar: 10 mm (from Klemm D, Petzold-Welcke K, Kramer F, Richter T, Raddatz V, Fried W, et al. (2021) Biotech nanocellulose: A review on progress in product design and today's state of technical and medical applications. Carbohydr Polym 254:117313. [12]).

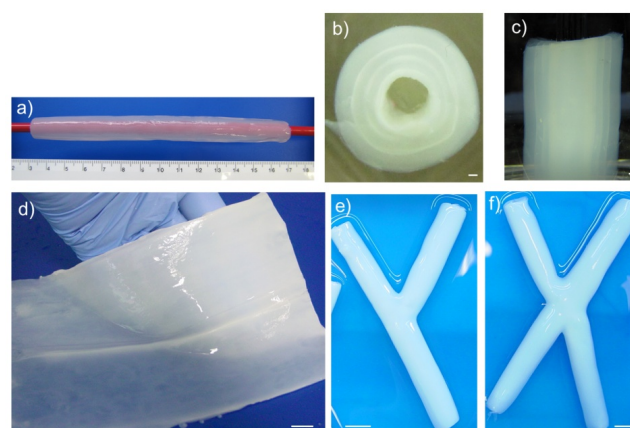


Figure 2: Scanning electron microscopic image of BNC tubes synthesized by MMR Tech from *K. xylinus* DSM 32384 (top line: 600x, scale bar: 10 µm, middle line: 5,000x, scale bar: 2 µm, lower line: 20,000x, scale bar: 200 nm), a) inner surface of BNC

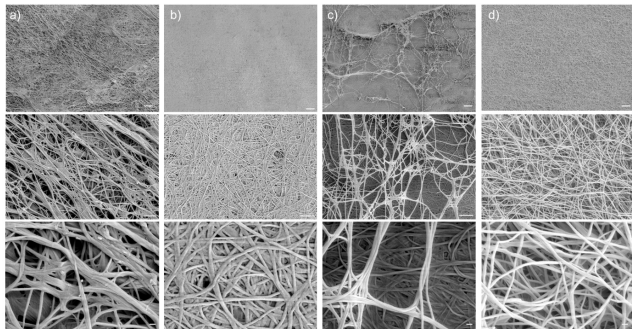
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tube directed to bamboo template, b) outer surface of BNC tube, synthesized on a bamboo template, directed to the air space, c) inner surface of a manually inverted BNC tube, synthesized on a bamboo template, d) inner surface of BNC tube directed to air space, synthesized inside a hollow cylinder (from Klemm D, Petzold-Welcke K, Kramer F, Richter T, Raddatz V, Fried W, et al. (2021) Biotech nanocellulose: A review on progress in product design and today's state of technical and medical applications. *Carbohydr Polym* 254:117313. [12]).



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