

Three-dimensional printing with biomaterials in craniofacial and dental tissue engineering

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19 **Abstract**

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30 **Introduction**

31 The development of tissue engineering (TE) and regeneration constitutes a new platform for
32 translational medical research. It has already been an important kind of therapeutic method in
33 craniofacial and dental field, such as trauma, skeletal disease, wound surgery and periodontal
34 disease (Rai et al., 2017). There are several approaches to develop scaffolds, such as
35 electrospinning, mold casting, salt leaching, sintering and freeze drying. Some of these methods
36 are easy and inexpensive, such as mold casting and salt leaching. Some can fabricate three
37 dimensional scaffolds with good structure with a comparatively high speed, such as
38 electrospinning, however, none of them can solve the problem of solid freeform fabrication.
39 Solid freeform fabrication of three dimensional scaffolds with complex space structure, not only
40 the irregularly curved external structure, but also the internal porous structure, is important in
41 craniofacial and dental regeneration because of the anatomical limit of skull. Therefore, attempts
42 to improve design and fabrication of bio-active scaffolds, especially on freeform fabrication
43 comprise majority of studies in biomaterial researches. Recently, additive manufacturing (AM)
44 has been applied for scaffold developing (He et al., 2015). This method was firstly introduced by
45 Herver Voelcker in 1970, when he first used it to describe the algorithms for the purposes of 3D
46 solid modeling. AM has been applied widely in industry such as medical instruments fabrication
47 because of its accuracy of shaping (Torres et al., 2011). In TE, it helps researchers to meet the
48 demands of solid freeform fabrication (Warren et al., 2003; Obregon et al., 2015). It has unique
49 advantages in fabrication of patient-specific scaffold with multiple materials, too. In some recent
50 advances, materials with live cells were used, made it possible for constructing organ and tissue
51 using AM (Mannoor et al., 2013).

52 Another hot spot study in the field of tissue engineering combined with material manufacturing
53 methods is electrospinning. Electrospinning uses electrostatic principle to manufacture the
54 nanofibers required for TE applications (Zamani et al., 2018). There are mainly three types about
55 this technique: blending electrospinning, coaxial electrospinning, and emulsion electrospinning,
56 but the basis of all three techniques is the same (Lu et al., 2016; Tong et al., 2012). There is a high
57 electric field applied to draw a polymer solution between the injection needle and a collector.
58 The polymer forms a suspended drip and is stretched into a conical shape called “Taylor Cone”
59 by the high voltage power. Then the charged droplet forms a charged jet by breaking free from
60 the surface tension of the top droplet. Due to the evaporation of the solvent or the curing cooling
61 of the solute and melt, the charged jet finally condenses into filaments and deposits on the
62 collecting plate in the form of nonwovens (Barnes et al., 2007; Nair et al., 2004; Chan et al., 2009).
63 The nanofibers prepared by electrospinning have large specific surface area and high porosity in
64 three-dimensional structure, which makes electrospinning nanofiber membranes have a wide
65 application value in many fields (Qian et al., 2011; Chung et al., 2010). There has been a significant
66 increase in the level of attention about electrospinning in the recent few years. Based on our
67 theme is 3D printing, this review does not delve into this issue.

68 Here we review the application of AM techniques in craniofacial and dental TE. First, we will
69 describe the types and strategies of four typical AM printers used by tissue engineering

70 researchers most frequently, along with their advantages and limitations. Then we will present
71 recent advances of AM related with craniofacial bone, craniofacial cartilages and dental tissue.
72 Finally, we will look ahead to recommend the future possible AM research field in craniofacial
73 and dental TE.

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75 **Survey methodology**

76 PubMed and Web of Science databases were searched (until January 2018) using the following
77 free-text terms: additive manufacturing, craniofacial/dental tissue engineering.

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79 **1. AM Approaches in craniofacial and dental TE**

80 **1.1 Selective Laser Sintering (SLS)**

81 SLS was developed by Carl Deckard at the University of Texas and described in his master's
82 thesis (Deckard, 1991; Deckard et al., 1992; Beaman & Deckard, 1990). The fundamental
83 principle for this printer is to control the laser concentrated infrared heating beam to melt free
84 powders together to generate a precise structure. In a SLS printer, a fabrication chamber is
85 settled at the base, filling with tightly compacted plastic powder. The temperature of the chamber
86 is kept just below the melting point of free powder. When the laser beam moves under the
87 guidance of scanner system and computer code, precisely shaped monolayer is printed by
88 causing the temperature to rise above the melting point of plastic powder (Melchels et al., 2010)
89 (Figure 1A Schematic of SLS). Thus, morphology and melting temperature of the powder are
90 considered as the two crucial parameters in laser sintering (Mazzoli, 2013). According to the
91 mechanism of SLS, the heating temperature should be able to melt the surface layer. The molten
92 materials on the surface then work as binder to connect neighboring non-molten particle cores
93 (Mazzoli, 2013). This so-called "partial melting" phenomenon was modeled first by Fischer
94 (Fischer et al., 2002). The laser sintering powder is commercially available. They are polymeric
95 materials such as poly(L-lactide) (PLLA) /carbonated hydroxyapatite (CHA) (Zhou et al., 2008),
96 polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) (Chua et al., 2004) and poly-ε-caprolactone (PCL) (Williams et al.,
97 2005). In SLS printer, polymeric powders have a 50 μm mean particle size diameter (Mazzoli,
98 2013).

99 There are many advantage of SLS method, such as accuracy, fast fabricating, low price, elective
100 powder type, no need of supporting material (Mazzoli et al., 2007). The disadvantage of SLS is
101 that with crucial laser power and scanning speed, there is limit in the size of object fabricated
102 with the commercially obtained machines. What is more, this method cannot fabricate scaffolds
103 with hydrogel material (Duan & Wang, 2011).

104 **1.2 Stereolithography (SLA)**

105 SLA printing was firstly published in 1986, in "father of 3D print", Charles Hull's U.S. patent
106 *Apparatus for production of three-dimensional objects by stereolithography* (Hull, 1986). He
107 first exploited the spatially controlled solid transition of liquid-based resins by
108 photopolymerization to produce complex structures layer-by-layer in SLA approach (Skoog et
109 al., 2014). In brief, a computer-controlled laser beam moves and cures the top liquid resin by

110 photopolymerization. The polymerized resin will adhere to a building platform for support. After
111 finishing the first layer, the building platform drops a defined distance under the liquid surface
112 and the laser repeats the above steps to cure a second layer (Figure 1B Schematic of SLA).
113 This technique was later modified by application of digital light projector, known as digital light
114 processing (DLP). It enables architectures built from the bottom of the building platform. After
115 finished the first layer, the platform raises a short distance from the liquid surface and repeats
116 curing. It looks like the structure is lift by the platform, so that the resin required is significantly
117 reduced. Since DLP derived initially from SLA and they share close concepts, in this review, we
118 use SLA to refer to them both. Taking advantage of the extreme accuracy of laser light, SLA
119 printer has been largely used to build complex and precise structures. Most commercial systems
120 have the capacity to fabricate structures with a resolution of $50\mu\text{m}$. On the other hand, the major
121 limitation of SLA also lies on stereolithography, which limits available choices of resins. Most of
122 SLA resins are based on low molecular weight, multi-functional monomers, and they formed
123 highly cross-linked networks. Poly (propylene fumarate) (PPF) is the most used polymer for the
124 fabrication of tissue scaffolds with SLA because of its favorable biocompatibility and photo-
125 cross linking functionality. Although only a limited selection of photocurable resins have been
126 used in SLA, such as PPF and polyurethane (PU) (Hung et al., 2014a), efforts have been made to
127 improve the features of photocurable materials for TE usage, in order to create biodegradable
128 materials (Skoog et al., 2014) and cell-compatible photocurable hydrogels, in the past decade.

129 **1.3 Fused deposition modeling (FDM)**

130 FDM is another common AM technique, which was first used in the 1990s (Cai et al., 2005). The
131 printing process of FDM is based on layer-by-layer deposition of thermoplastic polymers. Due to
132 a solid-semiliquid state transition, thermoplastic polymeric filament is extruded as the “ink” from
133 a high temperature nozzle (typically 95°C - 230°C). After printing the pattern of the first layer on a
134 surface, either the nozzle rises, or the platform descends in the Z-axis direction at a thickness of a
135 mono by the control of computer. The process is repeated until structure generation is completed
136 (Korpela et al., 2013). Depending upon the polymer material and the design, the FDM printer
137 usually prints 3D structures with a typical thickness of $100\text{-}300\mu\text{m}$ (Cai et al., 2005) (Figure
138 1C Schematic of FDM).

139 This technique has unique advantages for its suitable operating temperature, user friendly control
140 system, and large number of commercial platforms. Several kinds of biodegradable materials
141 have been used in the process, including polylactic acid (PLA), PVA, PCL, poly (D, L-lactide-
142 co-glycolide) (PDGA) and poly (D, L-lactide) (PDLA). For TE, several polymers like PLA,
143 PCL and PVA are extensively utilized for their considerable biocompatibility and
144 biodegradation. After some modification with the printer, with material extrusion method,
145 hydrogels such as alginate, collagen, decellulized ECM, and marine products as biogenic
146 polyphosphate (Bio-PolyP) and biogenic silica (Bio-Silica) (Wang et al., 2013; Wang et al.,
147 2014) can be used as well, providing possibility of loading live cells in printing progress.
148 However, FDM’s precision is the lowest of the four types, which is a significant drawback. The
149 minimal scale of the printing bar is about 0.1mm (Cai et al., 2005). It is also difficult to generate

150 micro-porous structures for bone TE without further modifications. In addition, as it is printing in
151 an open space, printing of external supports is needed to get avoid of the collapse of structures.
152 After finishing the printing, those supports must be removed carefully.

153 **1.4 Binder Jetting**

154 Binder jetting is a technology developed at almost the same period with FDM. Its first
155 development is in the early 1990s (Sachs et al., 1990). In 2010, the first binder jetting machine
156 was commercially obtained. Its basic working process shares many similarities with inkjet
157 printing (Meteyer et al., 2014). In a binder jetting printer, liquid binder is printed as “ink” onto
158 powder container. Then a new consecutive solid thin layer of free powder will be put on the
159 binder. This printing process repeats until work finishes. The structures printed by binder jetting
160 printers have layer thickness among 76-254 μm (Torres et al., 2011) (Figure 1D Schematic of
161 binder jetting). The advantage of this method is that binder jetting printer has various choices of
162 printable materials: high-performance composites are used to produce tough, strong, colored, and
163 best resolution models, elastomeric materials which give rubber-like properties or casting
164 material which enables the creation of metal prototypes (He et al., 2015). Another advantage is
165 parts can be produced with no need of supporting structure, so it is more applicable in
166 complicated 3D structure establishment (Gokuldoss et al., 2017). This method has a faster
167 printing speed than other AM methods, which can be accelerated by using multiple print heads.
168 On the other hand, the disadvantage of this method is also clear. A lot of post-printing treatment
169 increased the time and financial cost. The control of pore existence, size and shape is difficult
170 because material is stacked, not melted together.

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172 **2. Current status and challenges of AM applications for craniofacial bone, cartilage and** 173 **dental tissues.**

174 **2.1. AM application in craniofacial bone TE**

175 **2.1.1. Polymer biomaterials for craniofacial bone TE**

176 Fabricating maxillofacial bone scaffold is a major application of AM technology in craniofacial
177 usage. The selection of an ideal bone graft material relies on multiple factors such as material
178 viability, graft size, porosity, hydrophilic, biodegradability, osteoconductivity and
179 osteoinductivity. It was first reported that synthetic polymeric materials could generate AM bone
180 scaffolds. Many polymers are printable, for they often have proper melting ranges to fulfill the
181 technique requirement of shaping with FDM or binder jetting. As far back as in 1996, PLA was
182 used as AM material in computer aided design (CAD) bone generation (Giordano et al., 1996).
183 After that, other polymeric scaffolds have been increasingly developed in AM techniques, such
184 as PCL (Williams et al., 2005; Lohfeld et al., 2012; Korpela et al., 2013; Van Bael et al., 2013;
185 Temple et al., 2014a), poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) (Luangphakdy et al., 2013),
186 poly(trimethylene carbonate) (PTMC) (Blanquer et al., 2012) and so on. As a widely used
187 biomedical material, PLA has good biocompatibility as implants with FDA clearance. Printed
188 PLA bars have physical properties of maximum measured tensile strength. Low molecular
189 weight PLLA (53 000)'s maximum measured tensile strength is 17.40 +/- 0.71 MPa, while that

190 of high molecular weight PLLA (312 000) is 15.94 +/- 1.50 MPa (Giordano et al., 1996). PCL is
191 an alternative with PLA because it does not release acid in PLA remodeling. This means it is
192 more resistant *in vivo*. PCL also has a lower glass transition temperature and melting
193 temperature, making it superior to PLA in certain bone grafting applications. For instance, PCL
194 can be easily blended with other materials, including tricalcium phosphate (TCP), hydroxyapatite
195 (HA) and bioactive glass (BAG), due to its low melting temperature (Korpela et al., 2013). In
196 addition, the compressive module of PCL can be increased up to 30–40% by adding 10 wt % of
197 BAG.

198 As modifications for the mechanical performances (Duan & Wang, 2010), polymers are also
199 blended in defined ratios to make printable composites, such as PCL/PLGA by FDM (Shim et
200 al., 2014) and PLGA/PVA by binder jetting (Ge et al., 2009). PVA also serves as a porogen in
201 the printed architectures by taking advantage of its water-soluble properties. PVA-blended HA
202 was printed by SLS to study the feasibility of composite scaffold (Simpson et al., 2008). SEM
203 observations showed significant improvements in the sintering effects and to be a suitable
204 material when processed by SLS for TE scaffolds.

205 **2.1.2. Cells and animal models used in craniofacial bone TE**

206 The selection of cell is important for bone TE. For orthopedic and maxillofacial researches,
207 primary stem cells as bone marrow stromal cells (BMSC) (Fedorovich et al., 2009; Rath et al.,
208 2012) and adipose derived stem cells (ADSC) (Temple et al., 2014a) are widely applied to seed
209 cell types. Fibroblasts are used for viability test and proliferation essay, as well as human multi-
210 potent dental neural crest-derived progenitor cells (dNC-PCs) (Fierz et al., 2008). Multiple bone
211 cell lines are applied in AM studies, including MC3T3-E1 (Leukers et al., 2005; Khalyfa et al.,
212 2007; Lan et al., 2009; Melchels et al., 2010; Blanquer et al., 2012), SaOS-2 (Duan & Wang,
213 2010; Wang et al., 2013), C3H/10T1/2 cells (Inzana et al., 2014) and MG-63 (Feng et al., 2014a;
214 Feng et al., 2014b). With osteogenic induction, the attached bone cells not only exhibited cell
215 viability around 60%-90%, but also kept potential of osteogenic differentiation which is
216 confirmed by observing bone metabolism related RNA and protein expression, such as runt-
217 related transcription factor 2 (RUNX2), bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs), alkaline
218 phosphatase (ALP) and osteonectin (ON) activity. For cells used in craniofacial bone TE, there
219 are different advantages for different cells. Bone cell lines as MC3T3-E1, SaOS-2, c3h/10T1/2,
220 MG-63 were often used for initial screening of biological activity of materials (Przekora, 2019).
221 Since these cells are tumor-derived cell lines or immortalized osteoblast cell lines, their gene
222 expressions are quite different from those of primary cells (Pautke et al., 2004). The best seed
223 cells for craniofacial bone TE are still considered to be primary OBs because of their behavior in
224 studying osteoconductive and osteopromotive properties (Przekora, 2019). The advantages of
225 using stem cells also include testing the osteoconductive ability of printing materials (Temple et
226 al., 2014b). What's more, many kinds of tissue can be the source of autologous stem cells.
227 Several animals had been taken in AM mandible scaffold research. Rabbits are most frequently
228 used in the study of mandibular bone repair (Alfotawei et al., 2014). A protocol described the
229 usage of three-dimensional printed scaffolds with multipotent mesenchymal stromal cell (MSCs)

230 in mandibular reconstruction of rabbits. They used BMSC and ADSC from rabbits (Fang et al.,
231 2017). One of the previous studies was performed on six mature minipigs (Figure 2). The
232 researchers created four mandibular defects on each pig. After the defect sites were modelled by
233 CAD/CAM techniques, scaffolds with complex geometries and very fine structures were
234 produced by AM technology. Then the autologous porcine bone cells were seeded on these
235 polylactic acid/polyglycolic acid (PLA/PGA) copolymer scaffolds. Implanting these tissue-
236 constructs into the bone defects supported bone reconstruction (Meyer et al., 2012). What's
237 more, in a recent study, researchers proved that the craniofacial reconstruction including
238 mandible could be achieved through 3D bioprinting. They presented an integrated tissue-organ
239 printer (ITOP) that can fabricate stable, human-scale tissue constructs of any shape. They also
240 found vascularized bone growth in the central and peripheral portion *in vivo* trails of rats (Kang
241 et al., 2016). For periodontal bone regeneration, at least 4 mm augmentations of craniofacial
242 bone had already been achieved with synthetic monetite blocks. 3D printing TCP plates were
243 used as onlay grafts in periodontal surgery. The 4.0- and 3.0-mm high blocks were filled with
244 newly formed bone with 35% and 41% of respective volumes (Torres et al., 2011). These 3D-
245 printed customized synthetic onlay grafts were further used in dental implant surgery to achieve
246 bone augments (Tamimi et al., 2014). Direct writing (DW) technology had been applied to
247 produce a TCP scaffolds to repair the rabbit trephine defect. The scaffolds had micropores
248 ranging from $250 \times 250 \mu\text{m}$ up to $400 \times 400\mu\text{m}$. After 16 weeks, 30% of the scaffold was
249 remodeled by osteoclast activity with new bone filling in the scaffolds and across the defects
250 (Ricci et al., 2012). These studies suggested that AM scaffold with tissue engineering could be
251 used in human craniofacial defect repair in the future.

252 **2.1.3. Technique challenges for craniofacial bone printing and current strategies**

253 Although cell migration and proliferation inside the porous scaffold were observed in an AM HA
254 scaffolds with inner-connective pores (Fierz et al., 2008), for all the porous scaffolds, it is still a
255 big challenge to keep good cell viability in the central area. Insufficient nutrition and oxygen in
256 static culture lead to cell necrosis and make low cell density area. Method of dynamic cultivation
257 can partly solve this problem. A dynamic cultivation system by perfusion containers strongly
258 increased the MC3T3-E1 population compared to the static cultivation method in a 7-day *in vitro*
259 cultivation. Close contact between cells and HA granules were observed deeply in the printed
260 structure (Leukers et al., 2005). In another study, application of perfusion bioreactor system to a
261 BCP binder jetting fabricated scaffold not only successfully reversed the decreased OB and
262 BMSC cell numbers but also increased their differentiation potential (Rath et al., 2012).
263 Incomplete healing is another current limitation to AM bone grafts. Therefore, growth factors are
264 applied in scaffolds. Bone morphology protein-2 (BMP2), a bone growth factor with strong bone
265 induction property, is often used. The controlled release of BMP2 can be achieved by surface
266 coating or nanoparticles embedding. More consideration is required according to the printing
267 procedure for AM scaffolds. BMP2 loaded gelatin microparticles (GMPs) was used as a
268 sustained release system and dispersed in hydrogel-based constructs, comparing with direct
269 inclusion of BMP2 in alginate or control GMPs (Poldervaart et al., 2013). In another study with a

270 multi-head deposition system (MHDS) , rhBMP2 was loaded by either gelatin (for short-term
271 delivery within a week) or collagen (for long-term delivery up to 28 days) and dispensed directly
272 into the hollow microchannel structure of PCL/PLGA scaffold during the printing process (Shim
273 et al., 2014). The *in vivo* micro-computed tomography (micro CT) and histological analyses
274 indicated that CL/PLGA/collagen/rhBMP2 scaffolds lead to superior bone healing quality at both
275 4 and 8 weeks, without inflammatory response. Transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β) was
276 another important growth factor widely used in osteoblast differentiation and animal models
277 (Nikolidakis et al., 2009).

278 Due to the hydrophobic feature of most printable materials, surface modification can be
279 exploited to improve biocompatibility. Collagen is a widely used coating material for AM bone
280 scaffold coating. The flexural strength and toughness of a calcium phosphate scaffold was
281 significantly improved by coating a 0.5 wt% collagen film (Inzana et al., 2014). Biomimetic and
282 β -TCP (Luangphakdy et al., 2013) can enhance the surface roughness and increase bone
283 differentiation, thus may minimizing the need for expensive bone growth factors (Gibbs et al.,
284 2014) (Table 1).

285 **2.2. AM application in craniofacial cartilage**

286 **2.2.1. Polymer biomaterials for craniofacial cartilage TE**

287 Cartilage is one of the few tissues that are not vascularized, which makes its regeneration unique.
288 The most widely applied techniques in cartilage printing included FDM, SLA and SLS. For
289 cartilage repair, polymeric materials like PLA, PCL as well as PLGA were most common
290 cartilage scaffolds. Another kind of major material was the hydrogel. Hydrogel could mimic the
291 elastic module of cartilage and have been applied for cartilage reparation for a long time. Recent
292 study showed PEG hydrogel had promising potential for cartilage bioprinting (Cui et al., 2012).

293 **2.2.2 Cells for craniofacial cartilage TE in AM approaches**

294 Chondrocytes were the standard seed cells in cartilages TE, but chondrocytes from different
295 cartilage subtypes exhibited different differentiation. In AM cartilage regeneration, to generate
296 different cartilage subtypes, chondrocytes were harvested from several kinds of cartilages. In one
297 research, rib cartilage cells were co-cultured with adherent stromal cells in a porous PCL
298 scaffolds fabricated by FDM, making a culture system which may have potential of clinical
299 usage (Cao et al., 2003). In one research, porcine articular chondrocytes were seeded in PLGA
300 scaffold fabricated with liquid-frozen deposition manufacturing, cultured for a total of 28 days.
301 Final results showed that cells proliferated well and secreted abundant extracellular matrix (Yen
302 et al., 2009). Not only chondrocytes, but also stem cells were also applied in cartilages TE, such
303 as MSCs and so on (Pati et al., 2015). Interestingly, bone marrow clots (MC) as a promising
304 resource proved to be a highly efficient, reliable, and simple cell resource that improved the
305 biological performance of scaffolds as well. The FDM printed PCL-HA scaffold incubated with
306 MC exhibited significant improvements in cell proliferation and chondrogenic differentiation.
307 This study suggested that 3D printing scaffolds, MC could provide a promising candidate for
308 cartilage regeneration (Yao et al., 2015). Stem cell-based approach and chondrocyte-based
309 approach were common choices for cartilage regenerations. The major advantage of using stem

310 cells is that autologous transplantation can be implemented (Walter et al., 2019). Unlike
311 chondrocytes, autologous stem cells, such as BMSCs or ADSCs, are rich in source. Xenografts
312 of chondrocytes is not a good choice for human cartilage repair for there are immunological
313 reactions (Stone et al., 1997). It is also reported that chondrocytes lost the chondrogenic
314 differentiation after several passages (von der Mark et al., 1977; Frohlich et al., 2007). On the
315 other hand, the stem cells may form fibrocartilage-like tissue in defect without growth factors
316 (Yoshioka et al., 2013). Differences in depth of the defect also affect the cartilage regeneration,
317 which should be selected according to research purposes (Nixon et al., 2011).

318 **2.2.3 AM application for TMJ cartilage**

319 Temporal mandibular joint (TMJ) disc is a heterogeneous fibrocartilaginous tissue which plays a
320 vital role in its function. It was reported recently that researchers had developed TMJ disc
321 scaffold with spatiotemporal delivery of connective tissue growth factor (CTGF) and
322 transforming growth factor beta 3 (TGF β 3) which induced fibrochondrogenic differentiation of
323 MSCs. They used layer-by-layer deposition printing technique with polycaprolactone (PCL) to
324 fabricate the scaffold. CTGF and TGF β 3 were used as growth factors and human MSCs were
325 used as seeding cells. After 6 weeks of cell culture, it resulted in a heterogeneous
326 fibrocartilaginous matrix which was similar with the native TMJ disc in structure. Due to the
327 possible effect of remaining PCL scaffold structure, the mechanical properties of the engineered
328 TMJ discs by 6 weeks were approximated to the native properties (Legemate et al., 2016). Schek
329 et al. used image-based design (IBD) and solid free-form (SFF) fabrication techniques to
330 generate biphasic scaffolds. They found the growth of cartilaginous tissue and bone tissue after
331 seeding different cells which demonstrated the possible therapy to regenerate TMJ joints (Figure
332 3) (Schek et al., 2005). In another study, researchers found that poly (glycerol sebacate) (PGS)
333 might be potential scaffold material for TMJ disc engineering (Hagandora et al., 2013).
334 Considering the complex geometries of TMJ cartilage, AM techniques have great potential in its
335 fabrication, and further exploration is needed in customized TMJ cartilage engineering.

336 **2.2.4. AM application for other craniofacial cartilages: ear, nose and throat**

337 Other than TMJ, in craniofacial area, cartilage also forms ear, nose, and larynx. Anatomically
338 shaped ear, nose and throat were already printed through PR approaches. PCL-based ear and
339 nose scaffold were printed and perfused with type I collagen containing chondrocytes. The
340 samples were implanted into adult Yorkshire pigs for 8 weeks and histologically analyzed.
341 Histological evidences present that they resulted in the growth and maintenance of cartilage-like
342 tissue (Zopf et al., 2015). A bionic ear was printed with precise anatomic geometry of a human
343 ear by alginate as matrix with 60 million chondrocytes per milliliter. An electrically conductive
344 silver nanoparticle (AgNP) was also printed and infused inductive coil antenna as the sensory
345 part of the ear, connecting to cochlea-shaped electrodes supported on silicone. After *in vitro*
346 culture, this printed bionic ear not only demonstrated good biocompatibility, but also exhibited
347 enhanced auditory sensing for radio frequency reception, which mimicked the functional human
348 ears (Mannoor et al., 2013). Functional Tissue-engineering tracheal reconstruction has also been
349 reported on rabbits by 3D printed PCL scaffolds. The shape and function of reconstructed

350 trachea were restored successfully without any graft rejection. Histological results showed proper
351 cartilage regeneration (Chang et al., 2014).

352 **2.2.5. Technique challenges for cartilage printing and current strategies**

353 A highlight in cartilage printing is that cells can be printed together with gels as cell vectors. For
354 printing of cell-laden material, the important criterions lay on the suitable shear force and
355 temperature. Otherwise, damage may occur to cells and reduce the viability in the printed
356 constructs (Derby, 2012; Pati et al., 2015). Some studies have been paying attention to
357 modification of the printer nozzle and materials. In one study, an electrospun head was added on
358 an inkjet printer and print electrospun PCL film with fibrin–collagen hydrogel-based cartilage
359 layers inside. It is designed for printing a fibrin-collagen hydrogel of five layers in only 1 mm
360 thickness. With this multi-layer scaffold, this research successfully enhanced the strength of
361 printed materials and overcame the major limitation of inkjet printer in material's loading ability.
362 So it is possible to be used to print some load bearing tissue such as cartilage (Xu et al., 2013)
363 (Table 2).

364 **2.3. AM applications in dental tissue**

365 TE strategies for tooth and periodontal tissue regeneration have been increasingly explored
366 recently even though the implanting of titanium artificial tooth root is clinically more and more
367 mature (Ohazama et al., 2004; Monteiro & Yelick, 2017). By now, two tissue regeneration
368 surgical procedures, guided bone regeneration (GBR) and guided tissue regeneration (GTR) have
369 already been applied in dental clinic and proved to have reliable effect on bone and gingival
370 regeneration (Bottino et al., 2012). Few clinical methods can be applied in dental tissue
371 regeneration; however, a lot of AM researches were done in this field. Multiple kinds of cells
372 involve in the progress of dental tissue formation, including ameloblasts for enamel, odontoblasts
373 for dentin, cementoblasts for cementum, and cells of multiple lineages including mesenchymal,
374 fibroblastic, vascular, and neural cells that form dental pulp (Fisher et al., 2002; Xue et al., 2013;
375 Park et al., 2014a; Jensen et al., 2014a). Dental tissue includes composites of enamel, dentin and
376 pulp, periodontal ligament, cementum, and so on. Since the dental tissue are related with each
377 other, some researches chose to establish combined dental tissue like scaffolds with AM
378 technology, such as cementum/dentin interface (Lee et al., 2014a) or cementum/PDL interface
379 (Cho et al., 2016a). Various materials can be used in AM technology for dental tissue (Table 3).
380 As a result, we divide the load of press into one (single) tissue regeneration and multi
381 (combined) tissue regeneration and reviewed them one by one.

382 **2.3.1 Single dental tissue regeneration**

383 Mao's group had done tooth and periodontal regeneration by cell homing. The research starts
384 from bioprinting of PCL-HA material into two kinds of anatomically tooth shaped scaffold by
385 SLA technology, one is human molar scaffold, and another is rat incisor scaffold. Growth factors
386 of bone morphogenetic protein-7 (BMP7) and stromal cell-derived factor-1 (SDF1) were added
387 into the scaffold to active cell homing in vivo. These two scaffolds were orthotopically and
388 ectopically implanted into mandibular incisor extraction socket and dorsum subcutaneous
389 pouches of rats. After 9 weeks, tooth-like structures and periodontal integration were

390 successfully generated by their study with endogenous cell homing and angiogenesis (Kim et al.,
391 2010). High survival rates were reported in a self-defined shape engineered pulp, which was as
392 high as $87\% \pm 2\%$. This research was done to establish a dental pulp like tissue with human
393 dental pulp cells (hDPCs) in sodium alginate/gelatin hydrosol (8:2), and an amount of 1×10^6
394 cells/ml were seeded (Xue et al., 2013). In a recent research, to generate artificial periodontal
395 ligament (PDL) tissue, human PDL cells were seeded on anatomically FDM printing PCL/HA
396 scaffolds. In periodontal osseous fenestration defects on nude mice, guided fiber alignment was
397 later observed oblique orientation to the root surface 6 weeks post implant, which mimics the
398 mature PDL fiber alignment (Park et al., 2014b). Another study investigated the osteogenic potential of
399 human dental pulp stem cells (hDPSCs) on different porous PCL printing scaffolds. This
400 research used a specially designed double-layer scaffold system for better osteogenic
401 differentiation. The first layer was nanostructured porous PCL (NSP-PCL) scaffold, and the
402 second layer was PCL coating with a mixture of hyaluronic acid and beta-TCP (HT-PCL)
403 scaffold. With 21 days of *in vitro* cultivation, the NSP-PCL and HT-PCL scaffolds promoted
404 osteogenic differentiation and Ca^{2+} deposition, showing promising application periodontal tissue
405 regeneration (Jensen et al., 2014b). A very recent clinic case first showed the SLS printed PCL
406 scaffolds' application on a periodontal tissue regeneration in a periodontitis patient. The case
407 demonstrated a 3 mm gain of clinical attachment and partial root coverage. However, the
408 scaffold became exposed at the 13th month and been removed. Even though, it showed huge
409 potential of AM applications for dental tissues (Rasperini et al., 2015) (Figure 4).

410 **2.3.2 Combined dental tissue regeneration**

411 Mao et al. established a multiphase scaffold mimicking cementum/dentin interface, PDL and
412 alveolar bone by 3D printing blended polycaprolactone/hydroxyapatite (90:10) materials. By
413 adding adequate growth factor and culturing cells, they established PDL-like tissue, the fiber of
414 which connects from one side dentin/cementum tissue to another side bone-like tissue, which is
415 just similar to living PDL's anatomical property (Lee et al., 2014b). Another recent 3D
416 bioprinting research showed BMP7 was benefit for cementum formation. This research
417 established an interface between cementum and human PDL like tissue, which is novel in
418 combining natural tissue with artificial AM tissue *in vitro*. The AM scaffold was fabricated with
419 PLGA, and then seeded human PDLSCs. After 6 weeks of culturing, they found that cementum-
420 like layer can be successfully formed in this interface between cementum and human PDL like
421 tissue. They also found that BMP7 helped in cementum matrix protein 1 secretion *in vitro*, which
422 may be good for cementum tissue establishment (Cho et al., 2016b).

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425 **Conclusions**

426 The transition of new techniques from a novel experimental phase to be regularly available to
427 any laboratory has frequently driven step-changes in the progress of science (Hung et al., 2014b).
428 Considering the rapid development of commercial printers and open-resource software, the AM
429 technique has great potential to facilitate the next generation TE. Despite some limitations on

430 current AM scaffolds, the recently exiting advances in AM technique microstructure control,
431 porosity, porous interconnectivity, and surface modification, bioactivity *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Its
432 development may lead to a promising future to functional tissue and organ regeneration.
433 Following fields are recommended for further AM studies in craniofacial and dental TE:
434 The long-term healing effects on animal models.
435 Pre-clinic studies and clinical application on patients. This including the whole procedure from
436 the collection of defects image data of patients to the long-term morphological and functional
437 evaluation of the AM conducted patient specific scaffolds.
438 All-in-one manufacturer protocol for printing complex tissue structures with customized
439 materials, porosity, surfaces and pattern designs.
440 Tissue and (or) organ printing with live cells.

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Figure 1

Four kinds of typical AM printers.

A schematic of SLS: The fabrication chamber is settled at the base, filling with tightly compacted plastic powder. When the laser beam moves under the guidance of the scanner system and computer code, precisely shaped monolayer is printed by causing the temperature to rise above the melting point of plastic powder. B schematic of SLA: A computer-controlled laser beam moves and cures the top liquid resin by photopolymerisation. The polymerized resin will adhere to a building platform for support. After finishing the first layer, the building platform drops a defined distance under the liquid surface and the laser repeats the above steps to cure a second layer. C schematic of FFF: Thermoplastic polymeric filament is extruded as the “ink” from a high temperature nozzle (typically 95°C-230°C) because of a solid-semiliquid state transition. After printing the pattern of the first layer on a surface, either the nozzle rises, or the platform descends in the Z-axis direction at a thickness of a mono by the control of computer. The process is repeated until structure generation is complete. D schematic of binder jetting: Liquid binder is printed as ink onto powder container. Then a new consecutive solid thin layer of free powder will be put on the binder. This printing process repeats until finishing the work.

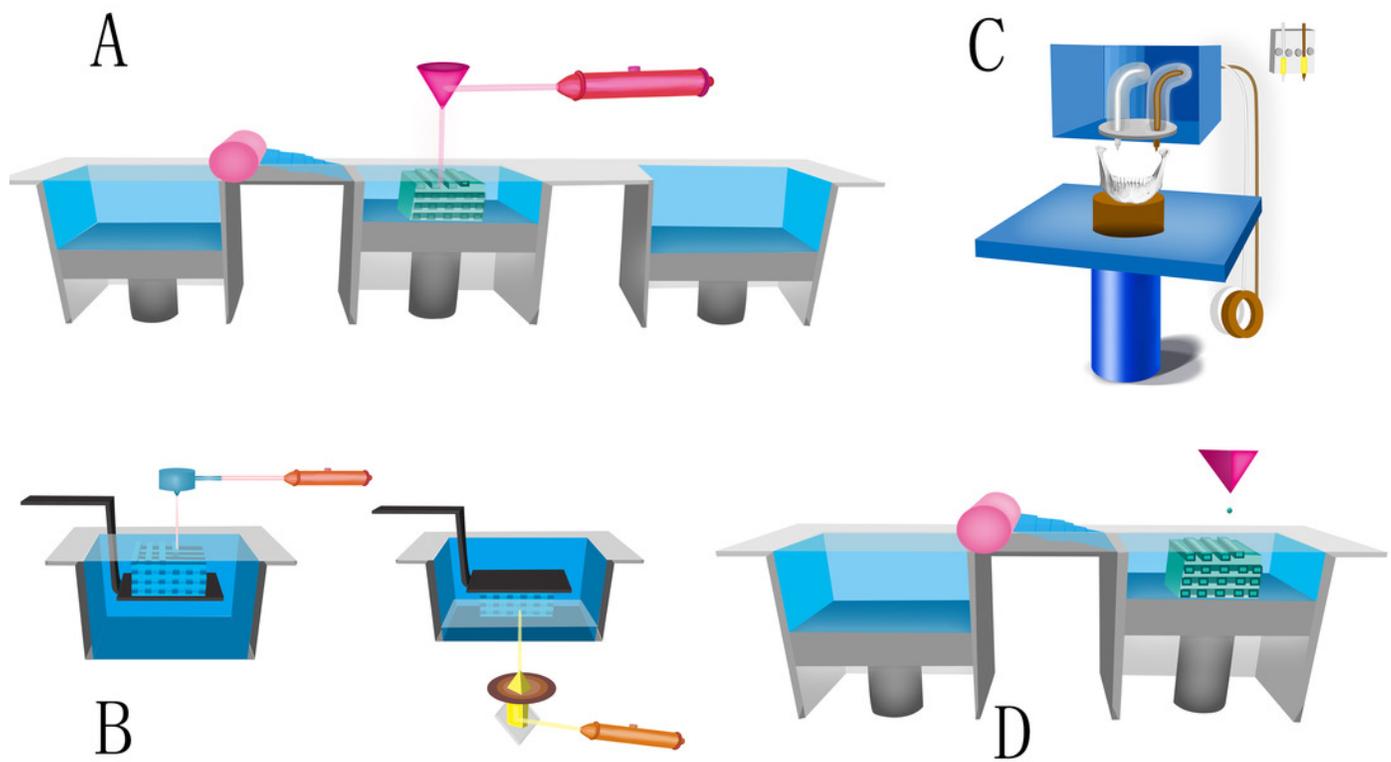


Figure 2

Chart of the different working steps done in this investigation.

Chart of the different working steps done in this investigation. (A-C) Fabrication of the scaffolds .(D-F) cell cultivation .(G-I) implantation of cell-loaded scaffolds and healing. Histology of bone regeneration 3 days after implantation (arrows mark regions of mineralized matrix; original magnification X10) (J). Defect site 30 days post implantation (arrows mark regions of mineralized matrix; original magnification X10) (K). (by U. Meyer, et. al., copyright authorized by publisher).

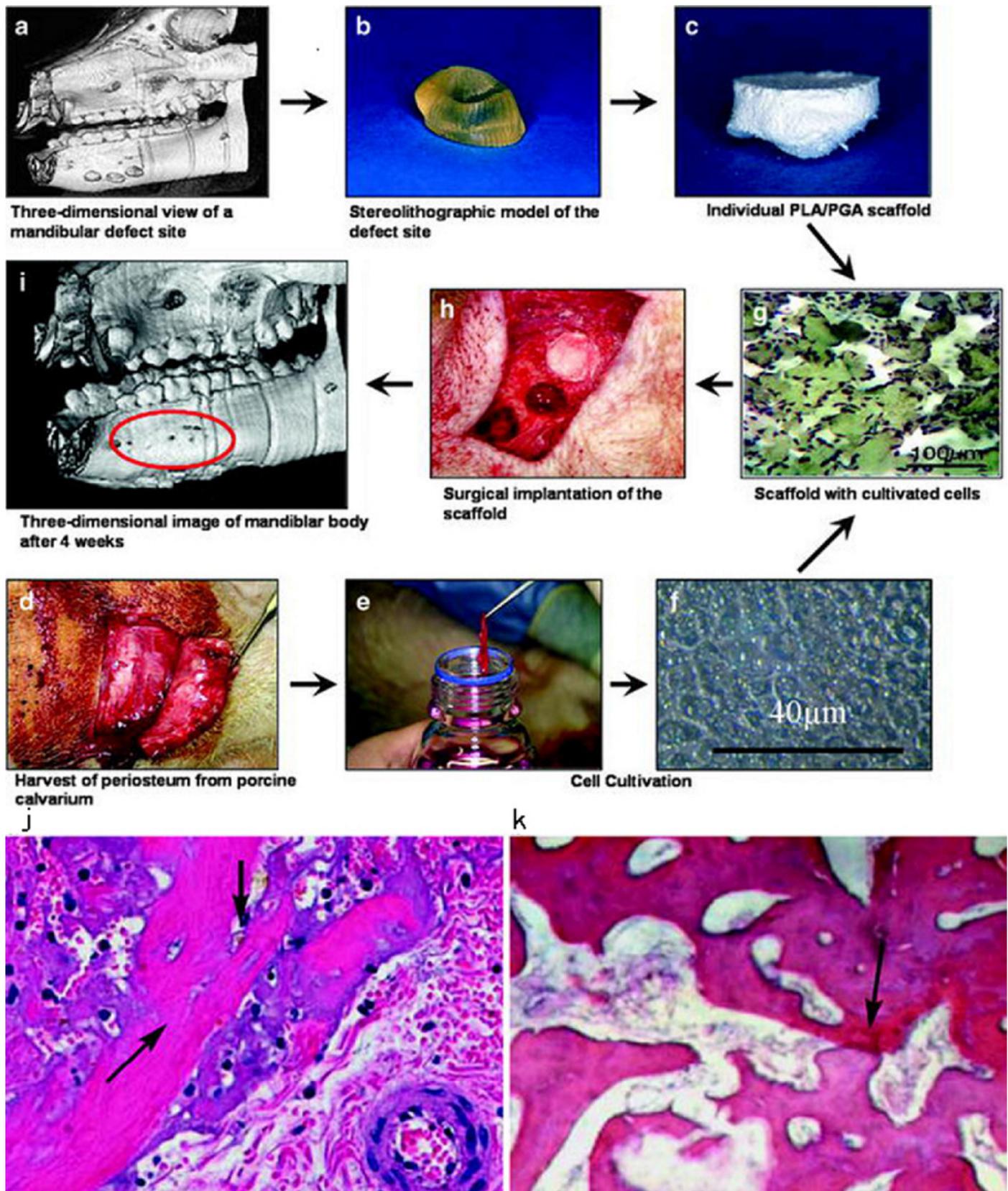


Figure 3

Image-based design allowing creation of defect site- specific scaffolds.

The patient image (A) is used in conjunction with appropriate microstructure architecture to create the design for the implant (B). This design can then be produced using solid free- form fabrication, as in this prototype constructed from a single polymeric material (C). Scaffolds were demineralized prior to sectioning, resulting in empty areas (marked with *) that were previously occupied by HA. Safranin O and fast green staining showed a large area of pink- stained cartilage (arrow) in the polymer sponge, in contact with the green-brown- stained bone that formed in the ceramic phase (E). Small pockets of cartilage were also observed within the pores of the ceramic phase of the scaffold (E, arrow). Hematoxylin and eosin staining of the ceramic phase showed the formation of bone (F, arrow) with marrow space within the pores of the HA. The assembled composite: the upper polymer phase (white) and the lower ceramic phase (blue) are transversely by the two PLA struts, one of which is visible on the front of the construct (G). (by R.M. Schek, et. al., copyright authorized by publisher) .

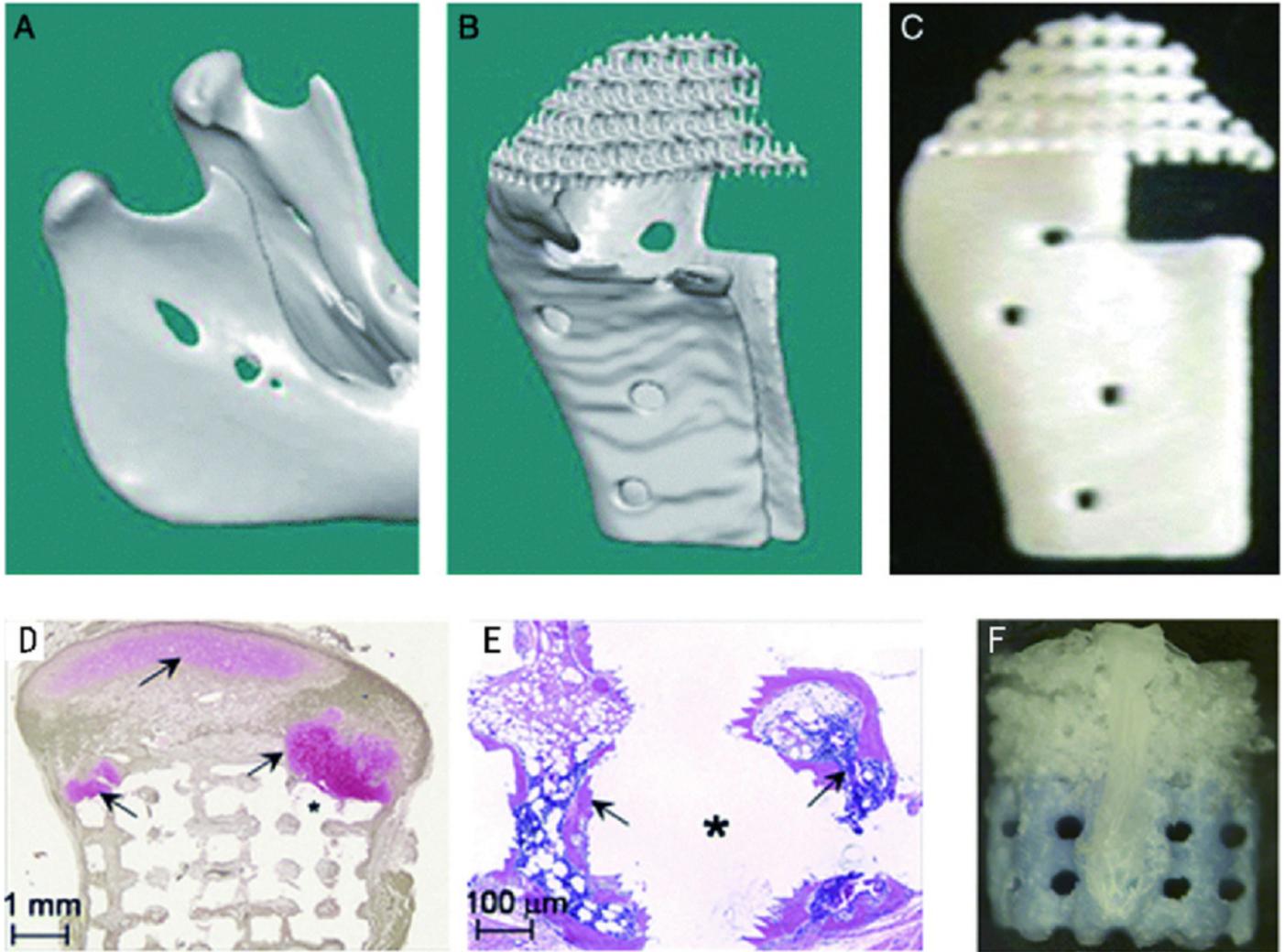


Figure 4

Design and fabrication of anatomically shaped human and rat tooth scaffolds by 3D bioprinting.

Anatomic shape of the rat mandibular central incisor (A) and human mandibular first molar (B) were used for 3D reconstruction and bioprinting of a hybrid scaffold of poly- ϵ -caprolactone and hydroxyapatite, with 200- μ m microstrands and interconnecting microchannels (diam., 200 μ m), which serve as conduits for cell homing and angiogenesis (C,D). A blended cocktail of stromal-derived factor-1 (100 ng/mL) and bone morphogenetic protein-7 (100 ng/mL) was delivered in 2 mg/mL neutralized type I collagen solution and infused in scaffold microchannels for rat incisor scaffold (E) and human molar scaffold (F), followed by gelation. (G) In human mandibular molar scaffolds, cells populated scaffold microchannels without growthfactor delivery. (H) Combined SDF1 and BMP7 delivery induced substantial cell homing into microchannels. (I) Combined SDF1 and BMP7 delivery homed significantly more cells into the microchannels than without growth-factor delivery ($p < 0.01$; $N = 11$). (J) Combined SDF1 and BMP7 delivery elaborated significantly more blood vessels than without growth-factor delivery ($p < 0.05$; $N = 11$). (K,L) Mineral tissue in isolated areas in microchannels adjacent to blood vessels and abundant cells, and confirmed by von Kossa staining. (M) Tissue sections from coronal, middle, and two root portions of human molar scaffolds were quantified for cell density and angiogenesis. s, scaffold; GF, growth factor(s). Scale: 100 μ m.(by K. Kim, et. al., copyright authorized by publisher).

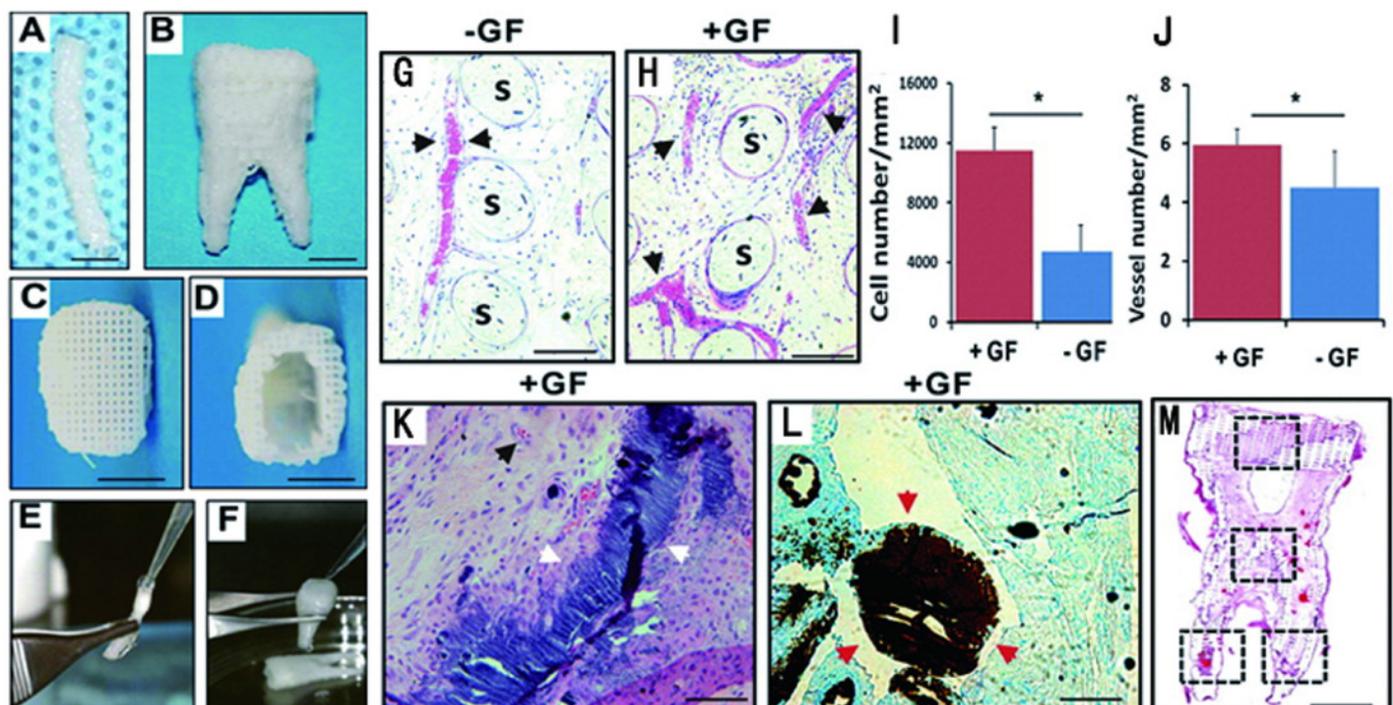


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Comparison of various printed bone scaffolds in several in vitro and in vivo studies.

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Author s	Materi als	Strateg ies	Eviden ce	Model of study	Periods	Effects
Leukers et al., 2005	HA	DP+ Sintered	In vitro	MC3T3-E1	7 days	The cells proliferated deep into the structure forming close contact HA granules.
Williams et al., 2005	PCL	SLS	In vitro In vivo	BMP7 transduced HGF, Mice	4 weeks	SLS printed PCL scaffolds enhance bone tissue in-growth.
Mapili et al., 2005	PEGD MA	SLA	In vitro	Acryl-PEG-RGD	24 hours	Heparan sulfate allows efficient cell attachment and spatial localization of growth factors.
Arcaute et al., 2006	PEGD MA	SLA	In vitro	Human dermal fibroblasts	24 hours	Cell viability reaches at least 87% at 2 hours and 24 hours following fabrication.
Li et al., 2007	epoxy resin (SL, 7560, Huntsman); CPC(scaffold)	SLA	In vitro	OB	7 days	Negative molds were generated by SLA. Cell density increased.
Khalyfa et al., 2007	TCP/TT CP	3DP, Sintered, polymer infiltration	In vitro	MC3T3-E1	3 weeks	Objects with high compression strengths are obtained without sintering. Cell proliferation and osteogenic differentiation are achieved.
Goodridge et al.,		SLS	In vivo	Rabbit tibiae	4 weeks	Bone was seen to have grown into the porous structure of the laser-

2007						sintered parts.
Habibovic et al., 2008	Bioceramic	3DP	In vivo	12 adult Dutch milk goats	12 weeks	Bone formation within the channels of both monetite and brushite, indicate osteoinductivity of the materials.
Lee et al., 2008	PPF/DEF	SLA	In vitro	Fibroblasts	1 week	Cells were adhering to and had proliferated at the top surface of the scaffold.
Geffre et al., 2009	Polymer (NG)	FDM	In vivo	Femoral condyles (animal NG)	5 months	Biomimetic porous design largely enhances bone ingrowth.
Lan et al., 2009	PPF/DEF	SLA	In vitro	MC3T3-E1	2 weeks	MC3T3 pre-osteoblast compatibility with PPF/DEF scaffolds is greatly enhanced with biomimetic apatite coating
Fedorovich et al., 2009	photosensitive hydrogel (Lutrol)	Hydrogel extrusion, UV	In vitro	MSCs	3 weeks	MSCs embedded in photopolymerizable Lutrol-TP gels remain viable of 60% and keep potential of osteogenic differentiation.
Zigang et al., 2009	PLGA/PVA	3DP	In vitro	Human Osteoblasts CRL-11372	3 weeks	Expression of ALP and osteonectin remain stable whilst collagen type I and osteopontin decrease.
Ge et al., 2009	PLGA/PVA	3DP	In vivo	Rabbit: 1 intra-periosteum model. 2 bone defect of Ilium.	24 weeks	In both models, the implanted scaffolds facilitated new bone tissue formation and maturation.
Duan &	Custom	SLS	In vitro	SaOS-2,	3 weeks	Affinity of rhBMP2 on

Wang, 2010	ized Ca- P/PHB V			C3H10T1/2 cells		immobilized heparin facilitated the osteogenic differentiation of C3H10T1/2 cells during the whole period.
Warnke et al., 2010	TCP, HAP	3DP+ Sintered	In vitro	Primary human osteoblasts.	1 week	Superior biocompatibility of HAP scaffolds to BioOss@ is proved, while BioOss@ is more compatible than TCP.
Melchels et al., 2010	poly(D, L- lactide) resin	SLA	In vitro	MC3T3	11 days	Pre-osteoblasts showed good adherence to these photo-crosslinked networks.
Detsch et al., 2011	HA, TCP, HA/TC P	3DP	In vitro	RAW 264.7 cell line		21 days The results show that osteoclast-like cells were able to resorb calcium phosphate surfaces consisting of granules.
Torres et al., 2011	b-TCP powder	3DP	In vivo	Rabbit calvaria vertical bone augmentation	8 weeks	Synthetic onlay blocks achieve vertical bone augmentations as high as 4.0 mm.
Rath et al., 2012	biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP)	3DP + Sintered	In vitro	OB BMSC	3 weeks, 6 weeks	Application of a bioreactor system increases the proliferation and differentiation potential
Blanquer et al., 2012	PDLLA 3- FAME/	SLA	In vitro	MC3T3	NG	Mouse preosteoblasts readily attach and spread onto porous structures

	NVP					with the well-defined gyroid architectures by SLA.
Korpela et al., 2013	PCL/bioactive glass(BAG), PLA	FDM	In vitro	Fibroblasts	2 weeks	FDM printed PLA has better cell friendly surface than PCL and PCL/BAG.
Luangphakdy et al., 2013	PLGA TCP PPF HA TyrPC MCA	3DP VS SLA VS PL VS CM	In vivo	Canine Femoral Multi-Defect Model	4 weeks	TyrPCPL/TCP and PPF4SLA/HAPPLGA Dip are better in biocompatibility than PLGA and PLCL scaffolds. MCA remains the best.
Wang et al., 2013	biogenic polyphosphate (bio-polyP) and biogenic silica (bio-silica)	SFF/indirect 3DP/direct 3DP	In vitro	SaOS-2 cells, RAW 264.7 cells	10 days	Bio-silica and bio-polyP increase release of BMP2 while bio-polyP inhibits osteoclasts activity.
Van Bael et al., 2013	PCL	SLS	In vitro	hPDCs	2 weeks	The double protein coating increased cell metabolic activity and cell differentiation
Feng et al., 2014	β -TCP	SLS	In vitro	MG-63	5 days, 4 weeks	The mechanical and biological properties of the scaffolds were improved

						by doping of zinc oxide (ZnO).
Feng et al., 2014	nano-HAP	SLS(N TSS)	In vitro	MG-63	5 days	Cells adhered and spread well on the scaffolds. A bone-like apatite layer formed.
Temple et al., 2014	PCL	FDM	In vitro	hASCs	18 days	ASCs seeded on the PCL scaffold are successfully induced in to both vascular and osteogenic differentiation.
Shim et al., 2014	PCL/PLGA	FDM	In vitro in vivo	hTMSCs Rabbit radius defect	4 weeks 8 weeks	PCL/PLGA/collagen released rhBMP2 over one month in vitro, induced the osteogenic differentiation of hTMSCs in vitro and accelerated the new bone formation in the 20-mm rabbit radius defect.
Inzana et al., 2014	Calcium phosphate powder CPS	3DP	In vitro In vivo	C3H/10T1/2 cells, Murine critical size femoral defect.	9 weeks	3D printed CPS are enhanced through alternative binder solution formulations. Tween improve the flexural strength of CPS.Implants are osteoconductive.
Pati et al., 2014	PCL/PLGA ECM	FDM	In vitro In vivo	hTMSCs, Rat calvarial defect.	8 weeks	The differentiation and mineralization may be augmented by combined effect of cell-laid extracellular matrix, exogenous osteogenic factors, and flow-induced shear stress

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Comparison of various printed cartilage scaffolds in several in vitro and in vivo studies.

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Author s	Materi als	Strateg ies	Eviden ce	Model of study	Periods	Effects
Cao et al., 2003	PCL (NaOH treated)	FDM	In vitro	hOB(ilic crest) hChondrocytes (rib cartilage)	50 days	Osteogenic and chondrogenic cells can grow, proliferate, distribute, and produce extracellu-lar matrix in these PCL scaffolds.
Smith et al., 2007	PCL	SLS	In vivo	Yucatan minipig mandibles	3 months	Cartilaginous tissue regeneration along the articulating surface with exuberant osseous tissue formation.
Yen et al., 2009	PLGA (type II collage n)	FDM	In vitro	Chondrocytes (condyles of Yorkshire pigs)	4 weeks	Scaffolds swell slightly. The cartilaginous tissue formation was observed around but not yet in the interior of the constructs.
Yen et al.,	PLGA (lyophil	LFDM	In vitro	Chondrocytes (condyles of	4 weeks	Decrease swelling significantly. Mechanical

2009	ized for 48 h)			Yorkshire pigs)		strength is closer to native articular cartilage. Proliferate well and secrete abundant ECM.
Soman et al., 2012	ZPR PEG	SLA	In vitro	hMSCs	1 week	Zero poisson's ratio (ZPR) material PEG has been printed to generate 3D printed scaffolds. The hMSCs adhere and proliferate well.
Grogan et al., 2013	GelMA	SLA	In vitro Ex vivo	human avascular zone meniscus cells; Human meniscus ex vivo repair model	6 weeks	Micropatterned GelMA scaffolds are non-toxic, produce organized cellular alignment, and promote meniscus-like tissue formation.
Mannoo r et al., 2013	Alginat e, silicon,	syringe extrusio n	In vitro	Chondrocytes (articular cartilage of	10 weeks	The ears are cultured in vitro for 10 weeks. Audio signals are received by the

	(AgNP infused)			calves)		bionic ears.
Lee et al., 2013	PCL, hyaluronic acid, gelatin	SLS	In vitro	Chondrocytes (New Zealand white rabbit)	4 weeks	This study successfully forms a soft/hard bi-phase scaffold, which offers a better environment for producing more proteins.
Xu et al., 2013	PCL, FN, Collagen	Inkjet, Electropun	In vitro In vivo	Rabbit elastic chondrocytes; Immunodeficient mice subcutaneous model	8 weeks	The hybrid electrospinning/inkjet printing technique simplifies production of complex tissues.
Schuller-Ravoo et al., 2013	PTMC	SLA	In vitro	Bovine chondrocytes	6 weeks	The compression moduli of the constructed cartilage increases 50% to approximately 100 kPa.
Gao et al.,	PEG	Inkjet, UV	In vitro	human chondrocytes	4 weeks	Printed neocartilage demonstrated excellent

2014						glycosaminoglycan (GAG) and collagen II production with consistent gene expression.
Pati et al., 2014	dECM, PCL	Extrusion, FDM	In vitro	hASCs hTMSCs	2 weeks	Tissue-specific dECM bioinks achieve high cell viability and functionality.
Chen et al., 2014	PCL (coating with collagen)	SLS	In vivo	Subdermally dorsal model of female nude mice	8 week	Collagen as a surface modification material is superior to gelatin in supporting cells growth and stimulating ECM protein secretion.
Chang et al., 2014	PCL	FDM	In vivo	Rabbit half-pipe-shaped tracheal defect. Rabbit MSCs	8 weeks	The 3DP scaffold with fibrin/MSCs served as a resorbable, chondro-productive, and proper cartilage regeneration strategy.
Zhang	PEG/ β -	SLA	In vivo	Rabbit trochlea	52	The repaired subchondral

						like tissue.
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Comparison of various printed dental scaffolds in several in vitro and in vivo studies.

Comparison of various printed dental scaffolds in several in vitro and in vivo studies

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Author s	Materi als	Strateg ies	Eviden ce	Model of study	Periods	Effects
Kim et al., 2010	PCL/H A (Infused SDF1- and BMP7- loaded collage n)	FDM	In vivo	22 male (12-week-old) Sprague- Dawley rats: 1 Rat's dorsum subcutaneous pouches for human mandibular molar scaffolds, 2 right mandibular central incisor for rat central incisor	9 weeks	A putative periodontal ligament and new bone regenerate at the interface of rat incisor scaffold with native alveolar bone by cell homing.

Rasperi ni et al., 2015	PCL	SLS	In vivo	Clinical case on a periodontitis patient`s canine.	13 months	The case demonstrated a 3-mm gain of clinical attachment and partial root coverage. However, the scaffold became exposed at the 13th month.
Cho et al., 2016	PCL, collage n I gel	FDM	Ex vivo	PDLSCs seeded PCL was placed on tooth root surface defect.	6 weeks	The new mineralized tissue layer seen in BMP-7 treated samples expressed cementum protein 1 (CEMP1)
Jung et al., 2016	PEG, PCL, cell- laden Alginate	Hydrog el extrusio n and FDM	In vitro			Multiple-layer bioprinting teeth was fabricated with a frame, two kinds of cell- laden hydrogel and a support.

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