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(57) Abstract :
 ABSTRACT INJECTABLE NANO-HYDROXYAPATITE AND CHITOSAN COMPOSITE BONE GRAFT An injectable composite bone graft comprising nano-hydroxyapatite, chitosan nanoparticles, a stabilizing agent, at least one preservative, and a gelling agent dispersed in an aqueous vehicle is provided. The bone graft is formulated as a hydrogel suitable for injection and delivery to bone defect sites. The nano-hydroxyapatite is present in an amount ranging from 25% to 45% by weight, providing osteoconductive properties, while the chitosan nanoparticles are present in an amount ranging from 25% to 45% by weight, contributing biocompatibility, biodegradability, and antibacterial activity. The stabilizing agent, present in an amount ranging from 1% to 5% by weight, ensures stability, and the preservative, present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 0.5% by weight, prevents microbial growth. The gelling agent, present in an amount ranging from 2% to 5% by weight, imparts the desired hydrogel consistency for ease of injection and delivery. The injectable bone graft can further incorporate growth factors, such as bone morphogenetic proteins, platelet-derived growth factors, and vascular endothelial growth factors, to enhance bone regeneration. The method of preparation involves solubilizing the preservative and stabilizing agent, dispersing nano-hydroxyapatite and chitosan nanoparticles, adding the gelling agent to form a hydrogel, and storing the hydrogel at 2°C to 8°C to facilitate polymer dissolution. The injectable composite bone graft finds application in periodontal regeneration and bone augmentation procedures, including intra-bony defects, furcation areas, socket preservation, ridge augmentation, peri-implantitis, and endo-perio lesions.

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