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Polydopamine-functionalized polymer particles as templates for mineralization of hydroxyapatite: Biomimetic and *in vitro* bioactivity

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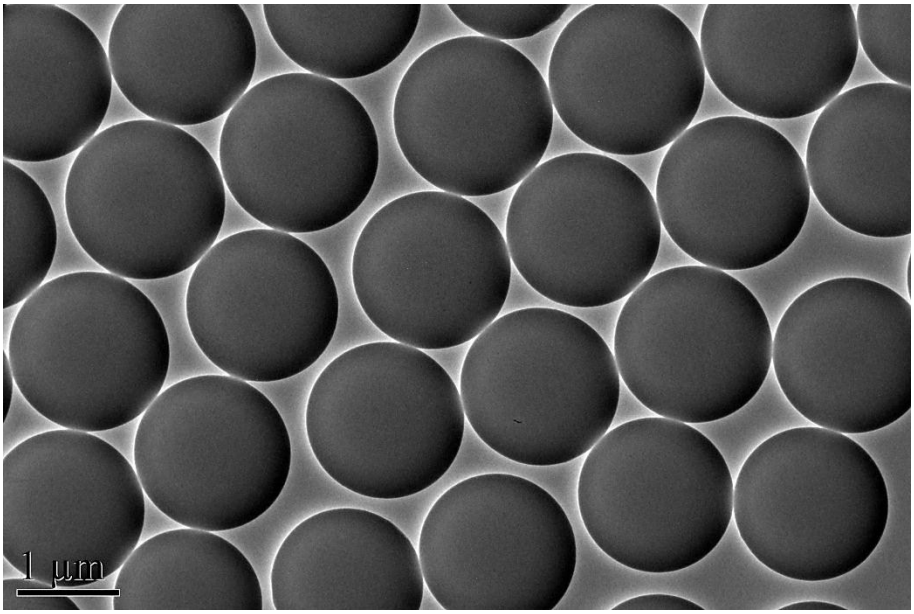

Fig. S1TEM image of PS particles after incubation in SBF solution for 3 days.

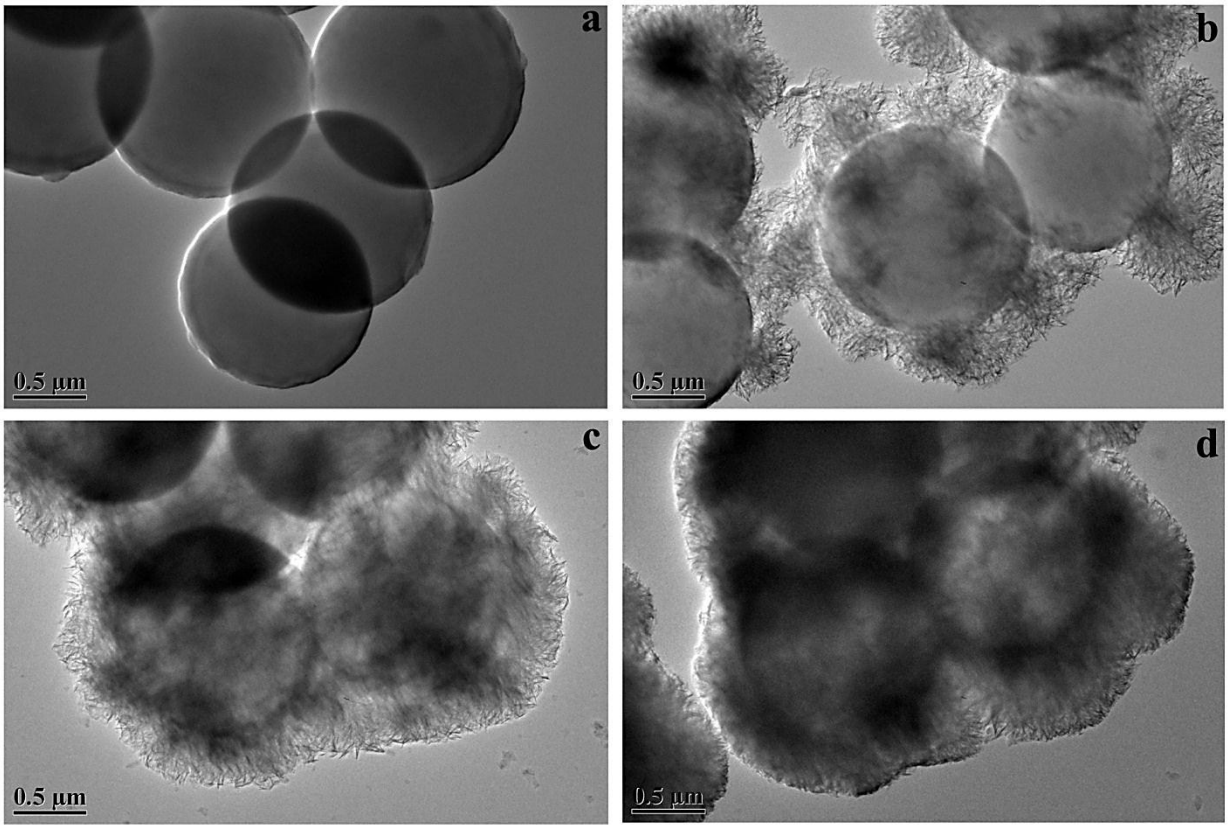

Fig.S2 TEM images of PS/PDA composite particles (a) and the produced PS/PDA/HAP hybrid materials after incubation of PS/PDA composite particles in SBF solution for (b) 3; (c) 7; and (d) 10 days at a high magnification, respectively.

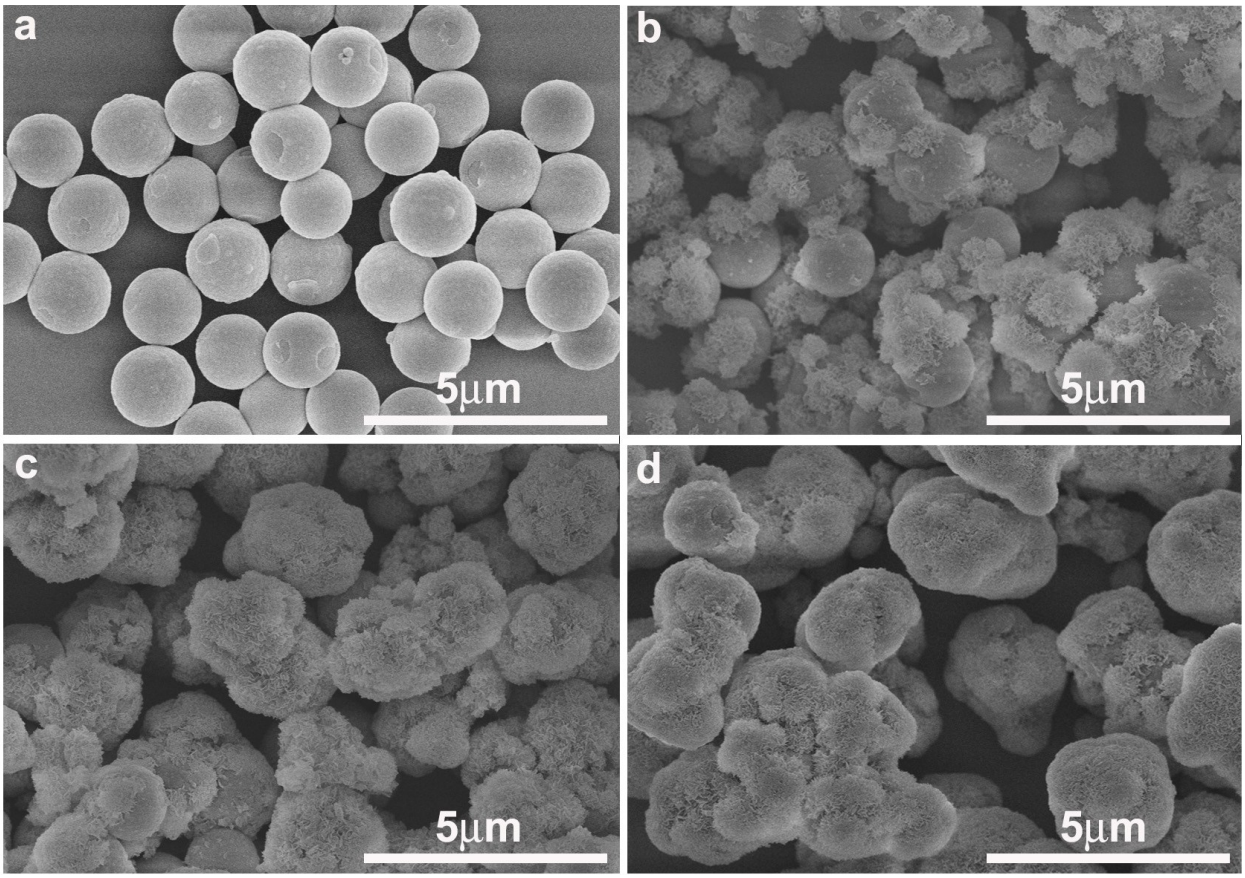

Fig.S3 Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of PS/PDA composite particles (a) and the resulting PS/PDA/HAP hybrid biocomposites after the incubation of PS/PDA composite particles in the SBF solutions for (b) 3; (c) 7; and (d) 10 days, respectively.

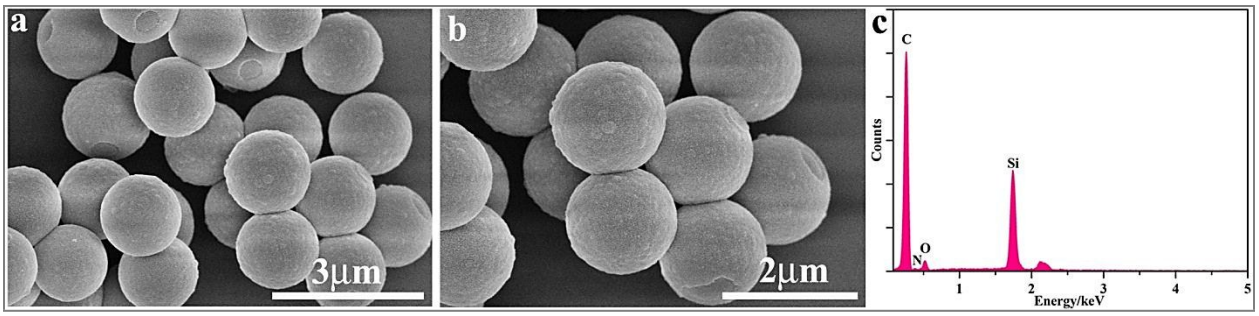

Fig.S4 Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images (a, b) and their corresponding energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra (c) of PS/PDA composite particles. SEM images in (b) show the typical PS/PDA composite particles from (a) at a high magnification.