Supplementary data

MBP MKIEEGKLVI	WINGDKGYNG	LAEVGKKFEK	DTGIKVTVEH	PDKLEEKFPQ	VAATGDGPDI	60
IFWAHDRFGG	YAQSGLLAEI	TPDKAFQDKL	YPFTWDAVRY	NGKLIAYPIA	VEALSLIYNK	120
DLLPNPPKTW	EEIPALDKEL	KAKGKSALMF	NLQEPYFTWP	LIAADGGYAF	KYENGKYDIK	180
DVGVDNAGAK	AGLTFLVDLI	KNKHMNADTD	YSIAEAAFNK	GETAMTINGP	WAWSNIDTSK	240
VNYGVTVLPT	FKGQPSKPFV	GVLSAGINAA	SPNKELAKEF	LENYLLTDEG	LEAVNKDKPL	300
GAVALKSYEE	ELVKDPRIAA	TMENAQKGEI	MPNIPQMSAF	WYAVRTAVIN	AASGRQTVDE	360
ALKDAQTNSS	SNNNNNNNN	NLGIEGRISE	FNGVFKYRPR	YYLYKHAYFY	PHLKRFPVQG	420
SSDSSEENGD	DSSEEEEEE	ETSNEGENNE	EDSNEDEDGG	HAP GSGGCMLPHH	GAC	473

Fig. S1. The amino acid sequence of recombinant protein (MBP)-BSP-HAP. Amino acid sequences of maltose binding protein (MBP), bone sialoprotein (BSP), and hydroxyapatite binding peptide (HAP) are highlighted with red, blue, and purple. Linking sequences are underlined.



Fig. S2. Changes of calcium ion concentration after calcium ions were absorbed by amylose resin.



Fig. S3 CD spectra of purified MBP, (MBP)-BSP, (MBP)-BSP-HAP, and HAP. CD measurement was based on reference 37 in an AVIV 60 CD spectrometer using 1 nm bandwidth and a scanning rate of 20nm min⁻¹.



Fig. S4. The ability of binding hydroxyapatite powder and collagen fibrils of 1 mg ml⁻¹ MBP. (a) and (c) show bright field microscopy images of hydroxyapatite powder and collagen fibrils incubated with 1FITC-labeled MBP; (b) and (d) show fluorescence microscopy images of hydroxyapatite powder and collagen fibrils incubated with FITC-labeled MBP.



Fig. S5. FTIR spectra of (a) mineralized collagen fibrils without any additive, (b) commercially available type I collagen, and (c) commercially available hydroxyapatite powder.



Fig. S6 Electron microscopy images of mineralized collagen fibrils in the presence of 2 µg ml⁻¹ (MBP)-BSP-HAP. (a) SEM image of mineralized collagen fibrils. (b) TEM image of an isolated collagen fibril.



Fig. S7 TEM images of mineralized collagen fibrils in the presence of 2 µg ml⁻¹ different fragment of (MBP)-BSP-HAP. (a) HAP, (b) MBP, (c) (MBP)-BSP, (d) (MBP)-BSP mixing with free HAP.



Fig. S8 TEM images of mineralized collagen fibrils in the presence of 100 µg ml⁻¹ polyacrylic acid (PAA) and 2 µg ml⁻¹ different fragment of (MBP)-BSP-HAP. (a) PAA mixing with HAP, (b) PAA mixing with MBP (scale bar in inset is 50 nm), (c) PAA mixing with (MBP)-BSP, (d) PAA mixing with (MBP)-BSP and free HAP.